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President's Message

Happy Holidays,
I am certainly amazed on how fast this year has gone by. It seems not so long ago we were celebrating the 4th of July and now here Christmas is upon us. Speaking of Christmas I wanted to mention that Santa will be making his special trip to Gold Bar Nature trails this year to check in on all the who may or may not be on his list.....

The Park Staff and Volunteers have been working very hard in preparation of the Christmas party at the ACH on 12/16/17 (Check out the webpage and our Member Facebook for more details) so please come on out for a good time for the kids as well as yourselves!

A special thank you to all those who participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner, since it would not be the event that it is without all that volunteer.

The Office Administration and Security staff has been very busy even with sometimes lower park occupancy. We may think that would not be the case but not true at all since there is plenty to do that not only keeps us safe but also helps us members with our vendor work and many other

services that we all use throughout the year.

As mentioned before the Maintenance team has switched to winter duties as well as continued on with the Electrical- Water and Low Voltage pathway Infrastructure upgrade.

This is very challenging work since the road and site surface is very hard and contains large rocks that are constantly overworking the equipment. In addition to that we have had our states annual rainfall by mid-October. So please be understanding as well as make every effort to accommodate the team by moving all site contents that impede their path of work. This allows the hardworking team to navigate more easily in and out of the site. It also decreases the wear and tear on the equipment. It is a very challenging task and we are fortunate to have this crew who works in the rain and snow. Please thank them if you happen to pass them by.

I have to also commend Chris our amazing ACH Cook extraordinary for making some very amazing breakfasts. I personally love the Pumpkin spice French toast and the price is

always well worth it!

As mentioned in the last newsletter the 2018 Budget has been voted on and approved by the Board of Directors so look for a copy in the Newsletter.

Please do not forget that the need for volunteers is always there and come **every February there is renewal as well as possible committee positions** for some of those volunteers to share braintrust, value and passion. Please inquire to myself or any of the Board of Directors if you have any interest and want to share.

As always I want to mention to watch out for the kitties in the park and if you have any cat food to share please feel free to drop it off at the office and you will be presented with a special "Kitty Kat Korner" Bumper sticker! Or you can make a donation and will also receive one. Also proceeds go to the kitties and the ladies appreciate all who help out! I look forward to another wonderful year as we end 2017 and begin 2018!

Donal Barnes, President



Vice-President's Message

How quickly this year has gone by! Seems like yesterday, we were all getting ready for the upcoming summer events. I hope this past year has been kind to all and the upcoming holidays are memorable as well.

I would like to send a special thanks to all the volunteers who were able to make this past year's events possible

Park Manager's Message

Happy Holiday's campers!

Yes, it's that time of the year. The park is getting ready for winter. This year's Thanksgiving dinner was the best so far, each sitting went past the 116 on the signup sheet. Around 240 members and guests enjoyed the most delicious dinner ever! There was a lot of socializing, meeting old and new members at GBNT. Best plan ahead for next year.

Did you hear Santa Claus is coming early to GBNT. December 16th we have made arrangements with him and his wife to even bring some elves with them. We will have a half day of arts, crafts and photos with good little boys and girls. Also, a separate photo shoot with dogs, all at the Adult club house. Check times on GBNT web site for start times. Fliers are available at the office or gate entry box. Lunch is available for a small cost. Merry Christmas everyone!!!

On to a little bit of what's happening in the park. Our main project is still moving along, the electrical upgrade from January 2017 to December 2017 we will have completed 121 new campsite hookups to 50AMP service.

and to all the employees who kept everything going so that we were all able to enjoy what the park has to offer. Just a reminder to all, please make sure your sites are ready for the winter months in preparation for the upcoming weather. If you do come and enjoy the winter months be sure to check for burn bans. There can be several days

That's over 16,000 feet of wire and conduit not to mention, each site received a new water standpipe that will be turned on when we reach the pump house. Currently we are just past the Youth Center on east two block, past blackberry heading to the pump house to connect with a 4 inch main line to feed all the new standpipes. Estimating in April 2018 then it will be back to maple and wanderer to connect the water line there and electrical down to Burlington by summer.

Approval for a new kid's playground for the ACH will be going in. A few trees will have to be removed to make room for it. We are getting it from the same company that we purchased the one at the YC 2 years ago it's going to look great. It will be geared for smaller kids 10 and under with room to expand in the future.

Maintenance still wants to remind everyone to winterize their RV along with your park standpipe replacement from frozen standpipes can get expensive. Cold temps are here.

Our security would also like you to check your locks and upgrade to cobalt steel locks and hasps for outbuildings

where fires are not allowed. The no fire light is at the front gate for all to see, and don't forget just because it's winter you still need to have a charged hose. Also, we still have activities during the winter months. Come and enjoy all that the park has to offer. Happy Holidays To All

and remove anything of value for winter months if you are not planning to do winter camping here. Report anyone on other members sites to the office or call the security phone, the more eyes the better this winter. If you haven't heard we will be accepting applications for a bookkeeper position, talk is still going on but our bookkeeper Perri Shelly who was traveling quite far from lake Stevens took a closer job to her home we wish her the best of luck and thank her for the years she worked here at GBNT I wish you well Perri.

If you haven't stopped at the office since this summer we have added a new office employee Sue Simpson. If you were around the YC she was in charge of that this last summer and did a wonderful job, now we are pleased to have her working in the office.

The dog park is open and being used by members. It is located under the powerlines near the old motorcycle exit gate, that's the east end of the powerlines. Don't forget to pick up after your pet. Thank you. Looking forward to a great new year at GBNT.

Steven Thaele, Park Manager



Membership

This year has been very busy with all of the new members we have had come into the Park. We had 17 new in October and 8 in November. It looks like we are finally slowing down. We have 6 pending members for December so far.

Thank you to the Committee for all of your hard work.

Reminder to all members!

Please make sure to winterize your standpipe for the winter. If it freezes and breaks the member will be responsible for the cost.

Classifieds
FREE shed now located
on 651 Homestake.
Call Cliff or Laura at
360-387-7961

Violations

- 17-49 Careless Driving = \$100 Fine
- 17-50 Drunk Driving = \$100 Fine
- 17-51 Speeding = \$50 Fine
- 17-52 Unattended Fire = \$250 Fine
- 17-53 No Charged Hose = \$150 Fine
- 17-54 Unsightly Campsite = Warning
- 17-55 Trespassing = Warning
- 17-56 Unregistered Guest = \$100 Fine
- 17-57 Guest Over 14 Days = \$100 Fine
- 17-58 Guest Bringing Guest = \$100 Fine
- 17-59 Enlarging Site = 30 Days to comply
- 17-60 Enlarging Site = 30 Days to comply
- 17-61 Unsightly Campsite = Warning

Welcome New Members!

October 2017

Bender, Alisha & Jeff	777
Richardson, Patrick & Kevin	537
Cox, Trevor	771
Brotten, Joel & Kacey	843
McHale, Kelly & Almaz, Michael	528
Butterfield, Jack & Paula	80
Gulit, Nadine	261
Schmitz, Diane & Stalder, William	144
Tuley, Kimberly & Paul	908
Grajczyk, Bruce	355
Carver, Kelly & David	427
Thomas, Scott & Susan	469
King, Erin	977
Seidel, Steve	511 1208
Congdon, Roark & Maloney, Audrey	780
Gray, Marilyn	122
Avera, Dale & Debi	441 442

November 2017

Spakowsky, Daphne	918
Anderson, Mara & Russell	643
Porter, Richard & Anita	369
Kramlich, Jeffrey & Cheryl	562
Chhun, Civy	990
Asbell, Brian & Michelle	422
Gulit, Jeff	876
Wood, Clifford & Laura	651

Administration

Administrative policies guide our operations in the park. Currently there are 42 policies. They cover topics such as fiscal policy, facility access, disposal of park property, election procedures, membership purchases & sales, loss of membership, violations, payment of dues, installation of satellite dishes, gravel delivery, the archery range and annual campsite inspections.

Policies can be added to or modified by a vote of the Board of Directors. New policies are required when a new facility is developed in the park such as the archery range. Rules governing its use must be developed.

Generally, the person(s) working on development of the area work with the board liaison to write the new policy. Existing policies can be modified either by a member suggesting a change or by a board member initiating the modification. Most often the change is suggested during a monthly workshop meeting where members can discuss the proposed changes. Changes may be due to a modification in the hours a facility is open or the amount of a fine for a specific violation.

For both new policies and changes to existing ones, the proposed policies are an agenda item at an open

board meeting. After the motion for the change is made there is discussion about the proposed changes, then the Board of Directors votes to accept and approve the new / revised policy.

Workshops are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am at the Adult Club House. If you have suggestions, concerns or are interested in learning more about Administration, Facilities & Safety or Activities please come to a workshop. All members are encouraged to participate.

Peggy Fitzwater, Liaison



nance staff will have to shut off the water to make the necessary repairs. Make sure you have extra water available to you in jugs or your RV on board fresh water tank. Make sure that your fresh water tank is heated in some way. Purchase a heat tape and install it on your water supply hose. Please do not leave you water dripping to prevent freezing.

Be ready. We are in that time of the year.

Ken Pratt

Secretary's Message

We usually experience a cold spell sometime in November, December and/or January. Sometimes it lasts for a couple of days, sometimes longer. We know this. Winterizing your sites and RV's is very important and yet, the cold spell occurs and a handful of members have their water lines or stand pipes freeze up and it becomes a panic situation because they don't have water. It happens every year. With extended cold spells, we can experience numerous breaks in the water lines in the Park. It is

caused by the heaving of the ground when freezing and then thawing occurs. The water lines are plastic and were installed 40 years ago when the Park was developed. Plastic becomes very brittle in cold weather. Many of the plastic pipes were just laid in trenches right in ground with none of the drainage gravel and other stuff that is routinely put underneath plastic pipes today for protection when they are buried. After long spells of cold weather there will be leaks and the Mainte-

MSA's M = Motion S = Second A = Approved

October 2017

MSA: to all the Corporate Secretary to post the monthly membership Workshop meeting minutes to our Facebook page and the GBNT web-site.

MSA: to approve the final 2018 GBNT Budget.

MSA: to have the Membership Committee research and report, in writing, to the Board of Directors their recommendations for improving and upgrading the current membership credit criteria by November 30, 2017

MSA: to have small photos of current employees with their first names and position posted at the entrance of the Adult Club House.

MSA: to enhance the outside lighting on the Adult Club House for Bingo and the playground area.

MSA: to use Flash Alert program with proper procedures defining use by December 15, 2017, to alert

members of incidents or information pertaining to the park on the member's private cell phones not to exceed \$500.00 per year from General Funds.

MSA: to add to the Violations Committee the following members: Connie Cathcart & Howard Musolf

MSA: to replace playground equipment at the Adult Club House to be funded with a \$20,000 donation from Bingo toward the purchase and installation with Activities paying the additional cost for a total cost not to exceed \$20,000. (The estimate is \$16,620 for design number 2631, \$1,172 freight and 8.9% sales tax for a total cost of \$19,375.99).

MSA: to replace existing surround sound system with new receiver and to additional speakers for the Adult Club House funded with \$900.00 from activities budget.

MSA: to allocate up to \$700.00 for the annual Thanksgiving dinner for

all park members at the Adult Club House, November 18, 2017.

MSA: to allocate up to \$250.00 for Christmas Tree decoration party at the Adult Club House, December 1, 2017. Lunch to be included.

MSA: to allocate up to \$800.00 for the annual Christmas Party for all members and children at the Adult Club House, December 16, 2017.

MSA: to accept the September 2017 GBNT Long Range Budget Plan for funding through 2018 not to exceed \$90,500 from Merrill Lynch Surplus, labor and materials to be tracked by Park Manager. Includes: Adult Clubhouse stairwell and kitchen door, remodel and make ADA compliant Ivy bathroom, build a wading pool at the family pool, new 20x20 shed with walk in freezer at ACH, new metal roof on ACH pool bathroom. After discussion and member input motion was passed.

Sales Office

The Sales Office is down to just 9 listings (6) are sites with RV's and (3) are empty sites. So if you have been contemplating putting your site up for sale - this is a great time to do it. Please contact the Sales Office if you need a site survey done and we will give you an idea of what we think your site will sell for. Site values vary depending on size of site itself, additions to site like gazebos, sheds, decks, privacy, greenbelts and of course location. The Sales Office has been utilizing many new avenues in social media to let your site be seen far and wide. We have a list of vendors

to help you with clean up and/or repairs to help your site looks its best.

During the first two quarters of 2017:

Average price for a site alone (sometimes they have decks or buildings etc.) was \$9,073.

Average price for a site with an RV (size, year and condition vary) was \$19,446

During the third quarter (July, August, September):

Average price for a site alone (sometimes they have decks or buildings etc.) was \$9,450

Average price for a site with an RV (size, year and condition vary) was \$21,686

October and up to November 18th.

Average price for a site alone (sometimes they have decks or buildings etc.) was \$11,839.

Average price for a site with an RV (size, year and condition vary) was \$22,700

These figures are for the sites listed through the Sales Office only and do not include private sales.

Kathleen Fussell (Sites #548 & #551)

Email: Sales@gbntone.org

Craig's List: Gold Bar Nature Trails

Facebook: GBNT Sales

2018 Budget

Gold Bar Nature Trails 2018 Budget	
INCOME	
Dues	\$ 1,047,293.28
Electricity (Reimbursed)	\$ 250,000.00
Electricity (Common Areas)	\$ 50,000.00
Interest	\$ 3,000.00
GBNT Membership Sales	\$ 26,000.00
Membership Commission Sales	\$ 75,000.00
**Other Income	\$ 59,325.00
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,510,618.28
Operating Expenses	
Administrative	\$ 40,600.00
Accounting Fees	\$ 25,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 2,500.00
Depreciation	\$ 101,354.00
Insurance	\$ 66,000.00
Park Repairs	\$ 50,000.00
Wages/Benefits/Taxes	\$ 844,600.00
R/M Bldgs & Facilities	\$ 65,800.00
R/M Equip & Vehicles	\$ 28,000.00
Supplies	\$ 25,250.00
Taxes	\$ 89,500.00
Electric	\$ 300,000.00
Utilities/Other	\$ 21,000.00
Capital Expenditures	\$ 65,000.00
Total Expense	\$ 1,724,604.00
Net Profit/Loss	\$ (213,985.72)
Depreciation Adjustment +	\$ 101,354.00
Budget Adjustment ML	\$ 112,631.72
CASH FLOW	\$ _____
** Depreciation Is Not An Actual Cash	

Key Cards	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer Fees	\$ 13,500.00
Gravel	\$ 1,000.00
Late Fees	\$ 10,000.00
Lot Rentals	\$ 2,250.00
Lot R/M	\$ 7,500.00
Violations & Fines	\$ 7,000.00
Wood	\$ 2,500.00
CC Fee	\$ 5,000.00
Credit Checks	\$ 3,500.00
WSP Checks	\$ 4,000.00
Other	\$ 2,075.00
	\$ 59,325.00

Advertising/Sales Office	\$ 500.00
Security System	\$ 300.00
Bank Charges	\$ 8,000.00
postage meter lease	\$ 2,800.00
Computer & Network R/M	\$ 2,750.00
Educational Classes	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00
Licenses & Permits	\$ 3,000.00
Lot R & M	\$ 4,000.00
Travel/Miles Reimb.	\$ 750.00
Newsletter & Printing	\$ 750.00
Postage & Delivery	\$ 5,000.00
Credit Checks	\$ 2,500.00
Background Checks	\$ 3,000.00
Outside Services	\$ 4,000.00
Sales Expenses	\$ 250.00
Total Admin. Expense	\$ 40,600.00





Activities

These past 2 months have flown by! We had the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for members. Fried chicken and all the fixings were enjoyed by all who attended. We had the Halloween party complete with pumpkin painting, lunch and trick or treating in the Park. We had about 45 kids who raced through the “candy in the straw” in record time.

Thanks to Mike Seitz who procured the pumpkins for us.

In November we had a Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the Friday night meal. The steaks were done perfectly and we had a chance to thank our members who served our country these past many years.

Thanksgiving was a huge event in the Park. We had a

turkey and ham dinner for about 250 members and guests. Chris McGuire, our cook and his helpers fed all of us in record time. Just the sheer volume of food needed for this event is astounding. December started out with a clubhouse decorating party, complete with a lasagna and garlic dinner for all who participated. We had some new faces join us and their help was most welcome. If you haven't been to the ACH lately, stop by and look at the winter wonderland. A “warm thank you” to Colleen Oke-son who shares her miniature village with us each year. The Christmas party, December 16th is in the works as this newsletter is printed so we will let you know how it turned out in the next newsletter.

January is a month of rest for Activities but we will start the new year in February with Super Bowl Sunday and with the Valentines Dinner. Details will be posted on Facebook and our web site as details are finalized. Make sure to check the white boards also for more information.

As always I want to thank everyone who volunteers, participates in or otherwise appears at the planned events. Without volunteers or participants none of these activities would have any meaning. Please feel free to call me or write me with any concerns, questions, or comments. I enjoy hearing from all of you.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

Kitty Korner w/cat tales



Winter is a hard time for the feral kitties. Mostly finding warm safe places to sleep.

The Park cats are doing well, thanks to your donations of food and money.

Thank you again!!!

Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats

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