

Newsletter

Gold Bar Nature Trails

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President's Message

Happy New Year and hello Winter 2019!

Here we are in 2019! I cannot believe it is already February. It seems like only a week or two ago I was writing the December Newsletter. Time does certainly go fast these days. I have no complaints really about that since the faster the Winter comes then the faster Spring and Summer come which are my favorite times of the year at Gold Bar Nature Trails.

We have had some snow which is pretty in the park however can be nasty for our systems so please check in on your trailers and out-buildings since little critters are looking for warm spots and insulation is a prized hotel. The park cats keep many of them at bay however it is a lot of acreage to cover.

It is also a great idea to get any work orders in early since the park maintenance staff has decreased and so things may take longer to get

to while Steven and Ray build the team back up again. Please help them out by being as patient as possible. There is a lot for them to do and they are hard at it outside all day, seven days a week!

Many things are coming up at the current workshops and your input is welcome at the Facilities and the Activities specific workshops. Please come to one if you would like to contribute so that when the Open Session Board of Directors meeting occurs your Chairperson or Liaison can read the minutes from that meeting to all attending members.

If you are interested in being on one of the active committee's then please notify the BOD who is either the Chairperson or the Liaison so that they may seek a Motion for your entry at the March Open Session (the term is 1 year).

I would like to Thank Ken Pratt for his service as an outstanding Board

of Director as well as Corporate Secretary. Ken has decided to step down to enjoy quality time with his wife Mia and we are grateful to Ken as well as to her for allowing us to have Ken support the park day and night over these last couple years. We are forever grateful for these wonderful people and we shall all miss seeing them regularly. I am sure they will still pop in time to time again and Ken likes Facebook! So reach out to him if you have the chance.

As always I want to always say a BIG Thank you to all of the Employees, Volunteers and Members for making 2018 a wonderful year at Gold Bar Nature Trails as well as the beginning of 2019! This could not have been done without all of you.

Thank you,

Donal Barnes, President

Vice-President's Message

Hello everyone,
What a crazy winter this year. Seems like just a few days ago we were almost 60 degrees and now we're trying to get to 30 degrees. It's been very cold at night and would be a good idea to check your site for the possibility of frozen pipes and hoses. Please remember to leave a small trickle

of water running in your trailer if you leave your stand pipe on. If you are having issues with your stand pipe please don't try to fix your self, contact the office first. We still have activities in the winter months so come on up and enjoy what your park has to offer. We have an opening for the GBNT Board of Directors. If you

would like to apply, please pick up a application at the front office. If you filled out a application in the past, you will still need to resubmit a new one. Applications must be turned into the office before the office closes March 15th.

Bill Ritchie, Vice-President

Park Manager's Message

Hello Campers!

This has been one hard winter with weeks of freezing temperatures to snow up to 24 inches we got hit hard. And still more on the way. We did have some warning it was coming. Some members took a preventative action to prepare for it while others did not. Each site has a water standpipe or a shared standpipe to use. Standpipes that are hooked up and left on to RV's are the responsibility of the member's to prevent the standpipe from freezing and breaking. Members who have neglected to properly insulate their standpipe and it freezes and breaks will be charged for parts and labor to replace and repair.

This snow storm produced a lot of very moist and heavy snow, as members found out, by the collapse of overhead tree tarps, popups and RV awnings left out are being ripped, torn and just a pile of bent metal on campsites.

With more snow to come please take the time to winterize your sites. Every year, put things in your out buildings, put up that popup, and secure that tree tarp because, as we've seen here the wind can come up and or snow. So, take time each year make a list on what to do. Also, don't forget to winterize your RV water lines as well. During this freeze we have seen a few RV's with water running out the doors.

Few things to keep in mind this year:

All hanging lighting is restricted to a maximum height of 12 feet and is required to be turned off when members leave the park this is effective Jan 1, 2019 (BOD 7/28/18)

When cleaning brush and limbs, if at all possible please take all debris to ballpark burn pile. But remember, NO lumber, furniture or garbage at all is allowed.

Secure all trash and food waist inside to not attract bears or other animals. You are responsible to remove all garbage from GBNT.

All vehicles and trailers including RV's etc., must have current tabs on them.

All RV's shall be maintained in a reasonable fashion to create a good aesthetic appearance. Please wash off your roofs and sides and remove all the algae and dirt.

No member shall arbitrarily place anything in the shared greenbelt to suggest, create or give the impression of a division of greenbelt.

Rows of rocks, fence or partitions are not allowed.

Let's keep improving GBNT each year.

Thank you.

Steven Thaele, Park Manager

ByLaws

The proposal process is how members can make changes to the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations. Now is a good time to start think-

ing of any changes you would like to see for future years. If the proposal requires spending of park funds, a cost estimate must be pro-

vided. Written proposals must be submitted in May. Additional details will be in the next newsletter.

Membership

Welcome to all of the new members in 2018. The committee had a very busy year. So far we have had no new members for January 2019 and 2 pending in February.

Welcome New Members!

December 2018

Schanck, Daniel & Trisha	602
Johnson, Bonnie	918
Grenier, Erich	853
McAllister, Joan	1138
Kukola, Tero	1110

Violations

19-01 Unattended Fire = \$250 Fine recommend to BOD to Bar for 6 months.

Youth Center

Upcoming Season activities:

Art gallery

We have a new section for displaying artwork and creative pieces! This season we would like to see more creative works displayed and would love to see your works up on the wall as inspiration to others! All age ranges welcome.

Rock Garden

Help us decorate and grow our Rock Garden! You don't have to be good at painting to join along either, you can decorate your rocks with more than just paint we have beads and creative supplies of all sorts.

Creative Hours

We have staff prepared crafts and activities, most of our activities are all ages but toddlers will need an adult present.

Painting, sewing, friendship bracelets, coloring, guided drawing lessons & much more!

Gaming

Console, board and card games are available to play! We also have staff guided swimming pool games such as alligator riding & duck collecting. A wide collection of outdoor activity equipment is able to be checked out too.

Movie Night!

Fresh popcorn and a movie on Thursday nights!

This coming season we would love to see new faces in the YC Staff!

We are looking for creative and enthusiastic individuals. We run lots of activities, creative

sessions and game nights we will need volunteers and staff to guide!

This will be season work, perfect for college students, teachers, or anyone coming out of winter seasonal work!

We operate from the weekend before Memorial Day to Labor Day 10am-10pm! Since the Youth Center is a great place to cool down and play games, our busiest times will be summer holidays. Employees will be working during these times, and we encourage volunteers to help out and bring their own unique skills to the center!

Contact the Office for more details on how to apply!

-Claudia

Administration

Thank you to Ken Pratt, who has been the corporate secretary on the board of directors. We will miss his hard work, knowledge of processes & great sense of humor. Best of everything in your coming adventures. As a result of Ken leaving, the board has an opening for a new member. This position

will be for corporate secretary and serve through September 2019. If you are interested please submit your application to the office by March 15th.

If you are interested in serving on a committee for the 2019 calendar year, please leave your name and contact information with the of-

fice or with the board liaison for the specific committee. The liaisons are listed on the back page of the newsletter. There are openings for bingo, bylaws, infrastructure, membership, sales & violations.

Peggy Fitzwater, Administration

Thank you for all of your patience during the snow storm. Our guys worked really hard getting people unstuck and thawing out frozen standpipes that were not winterized and replacing the ones that had burst from freezing.

The Pea Patch

Have you ordered your seeds yet? Burpee. Territorial. Gurney's. Park. Catalogs are coming. Are you ordering tomato seeds or waiting to buy a plant?

All important questions because April 15th is the deadline for securing the pea patch from last year, and requesting a patch for the first time. If you worked a patch last year, you are on the spread sheet for the same plots. Please confirm on the PeaPatch Facebook or call. Summer will be here before we know it.

The deadline for beginning visi-

ble work on your quarter is May 15th. Pots are available near the compost and will qualify to keep your space if you are not staying at GBNT before May 15th.

Members on our waiting list are eager to work a quarter patch. In all fairness we need to confirm that you will make use of your patch again. If you own more than one site, you qualify for more than one quarter patch.

Are you interested in soil delivered? Previously we ordered from Bailey Family Compost at \$30 cubic yard picked up at the

farm. A full-size pickup holds 2 yards, level full. One cubic yard covers 162 square feet, spread 2" deep.

They do not deliver to GBNT. We can request delivery of their excellent compost from Top Soil NW. Call Maxine Brink 425-830-5767 if you want to participate as a group.

Many thanks to:

Mike Seitz 425-765-1998 & Trish Kenagy 425-309-8099 for mapping the plots and workers. Call or leave a text on the PeaPatch Facebook.

MSA's

M = Motion S = Second A = Approved

October 2018

MSA: to allocate up to \$1000 for Thanksgiving dinners on November 17 from Activities fund.

MSA: to allocate up to \$300 for Christmas tree decoration dinner on November 18 from activities fund.

MSA: for \$1000 out of Activities fund for Christmas party.

December 2018

MSA: to add a yellow Dodge service truck to the fleet for \$3000 plus tax & license from the Capital Replacement Funds. 2001, one ton, Dodge,

service truck, gasoline engine, automatic transmission.

MSA: to purchase a 2005 Kenworth T300 bucket truck for \$24,995 plus tax and license from the Capital Replacement Funds. Will dispose of the current boom truck ASAP after appraisal.

January 2019

MSA to modify Funds Section A 2 GBNT Office modify the last sentence to increase the activities petty cash fund from \$200 to \$300.

MSA: to approve handout document for prospective sellers and buyers. Mike to revise and provide copy to the office..

MSA: To replace kitchen stove with a commercial Vulcan SX60-10BP-SX and fire suppression and exhaust system as needed not to exceed \$7500.00 from Activities.

MSA: to allocate up to \$1200.00 from Activities for the Valentine Day dinner

MSA: to allocate up to \$250.00 for Super Bowl Sunday snacks.

MSA: to revise Policy 2, Page 5, Long Range Planning committee deleting 'will be chaired by the Board Liaison and'. New sentence will be *'The committee will meet on a quarterly basis or as directed by the Board Liaison.'*

Kitty Korner w/Cat Tales



Thank you for all of your generous donations this year!! The kitties are well stocked with enough food for the winter and well into the spring!!

They are all looking to be very healthy and happy. Thanks again!!

Remember kitties are always welcome at GBNT

Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats

Secretary

There will be three (3) openings for Board of Directors this coming year. We are a community of members who care about the appearance and value of our park. Solid property values don't just happen. We need individuals to step up and make decisions that are best for the whole community. Budgets, liability, rules, by-laws, federal, local and state laws and regulations all play an important role in decision making. Please consider running for the Board of Directors.

If the Board of Directors is too much for you, consider appointment to one of several Committees that help the park maintain the rules and regulations, assist with membership, or help the Board make long range planning decisions. March is the month to be approved to participate in one of the many Committees that promote the safety and welfare of the members. The office staff can help with sign up.

As we approach Spring keep in mind that annual cleanup time is

just around the corner. Several storms this year have left memberships with limbs and debris on sites. No trailers appear to have been damaged by the winter storms but some sites will take time to clean up. Please put only nature debris in the designated pick up pile areas for your location in the park. No lumber or processed products.

Kenneth Pratt

A BIG Thank you to Kenneth Pratt for your time on the Board of Directors! Your presence will be missed.

Chapel

Come join us in the outdoor chapel for our Easter Sunrise Service.

April 21st @ 7:00am!

Regular Sunday services will resume from there on

throughout the summer months from April until August 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

No need to dress up. Come as you are.

Services proved by:

Sky Valley Church of the Nazarene

“The Church on the Hill”

Activities

The New Year seem to be starting off with a bang. We held our annual Super Bowl Sunday on February 3rd. We had a great group of campers turn out to watch a game. Many thanks to Marilyn and Bob Rowe who hosted the event for us. It started snowing during the game and by Monday morning we were a winter wonderland.

The Park is beautiful but it's really icy and very cold so be careful walking around the buildings. The

paths can be slippery. We are postponing the Valentine Dinner until February 16th due to weather.

March 2nd is a date to mark on your calendars! We will be opening the ACH for an indoor swap/flea market event. Sign up at the office for a spot and a copy of dos and don'ts for this event.

March 16th is our annual St. Patrick's dinner. Cost is \$7.00/person and a sign up sheet is available now in the office.

We have a Tentative Schedule of events for the entire year. It should be already posted on the web site but if you would like a copy, please contact me and I will see that you receive one. I will also have extra copies in the office.

AS ALWAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THESE EVENTS.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

In Loving Memory

**Daniel Donnelly, William Blessing
Frank Penter, Larry Myers, Darren Seitz,
Willy Sodja, Brian Green, Brian Fritts
Susan Metcalf, Eva Henson, Robert Ryan**

My apologies for anyone I have missed.

Treasurer

At the October 2018 open board meeting, the board voted to set dues at \$1,100 a year, which is an increase of \$25 a quarter. As dues are billed a quarter in advance, the statement due January 6, 2019 which covered dues for January - March 2019 should have included the increase. Unfortunately, this did not happen. In order to collect the correct amount of dues for

2019, the statements due April 6th will include a one-time charge of \$25 in addition to the quarterly dues of \$275. Thank you for your understanding.

As a reminder, you do not need to wait to receive your statement before making payments. Some members have found that making monthly payments works well for

budgeting purposes, such as \$100 or \$125 a month per site depending on your use of electricity. If you do this, you will owe a smaller balance when your statement arrives. To make posting of payments easier, please be sure to include your site number on the check.

Peggy Fitzwater

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