



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members,

Well the spring open season is almost upon us although we are not quite there as the April showers quickly remind us all. For many it means lots of fallen branches and leaves to clean up if you are getting ready to head up to your site and do the typical spring cleaning before the Open activity season begins where the park really comes alive!

I have already done a little bit of that myself and have seen the snow compressed the greenbelt foliage quite a bit as well as took down many branches so do not be surprised by that. Members may notice that the electrical and water upgrade is now moved off of the zone by the ACH and that is perfect timing for the

many hungry campers who will be partaking in the wonderful means prepared by Chris and the countless-loyal volunteers- Thank you all for the off season support!

The Restrooms are in good shape and hopefully we can all keep them looking tidy and orderly. The maintenance staff has had a full time job cleaning things up that should not happen in a private community however it still occurs. Out of a common courtesy please try to use the facilities as you would your own since it technically is.

Your support with this will be greatly appreciated by the staff.

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. This is the best way to have a voice and be heard.

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

Thank you,

Donal Barnes, President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone it's that time of the year to start planning your spring breaks and summer events. There are a lot of good ideas for events but we are still in need of plenty of volunteers, and ideas at

the monthly workshops. I know that Rita has lots of great ideas lined up but she is always in need of volunteers to keep things going. Bingo starts soon so come on up and meet with your

fellow campers and Win some Cash. Hopefully the weather will start to dry out some.

Enjoy your Summer

Bill Ritchie, Vice-President

PARK MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Our summer season is almost here. We've had a very busy winter and expect the same for the Spring and Summer. A few reminders:

Tarps need to come off your R.V.'s by Memorial Day weekend.

Annual site inspections will begin after Father's Day. A huge pre-thank you to the volunteers that help us do 1,200 inspections. What we are looking for can be found in the Rules and Regulations booklet Section 1:B, Campsite maintenance and improvements.

When clearing brush and limbs, if possible, please take natural debris to the burn pile at the ballpark. But remember, NO dimensional lumber, furniture or garbage at all is allowed. Violators will incur fines if caught, so please be conscious of this.

We need a copy of your R.V. registration each year. All cars, boats and cargo trailers that are in the park must be licensed and running.

All guests must be signed in to the park. This includes guests coming in your car or guest that have an annual guest pass. If you would like to give someone permission

to use one of your key cards you will need to fill out an annual guest pass and turn it into the office. Guests may be in the park for 14 days in a 30-day period. The 30 days begin the day they enter the Park.

It has been requested by many members that we remind dog owners to pick up after their pets.

If you have questions about anything please check with the office.

Now on to the fun stuff! Soon the pools will be opening, kids will be bicycling and the Shack will be opening for lunch. This is my favorite time of year. The Youth Center has some great crafts and games planned, Bingo is on Saturday nights, the kitchen will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 for breakfast, pickleball starts up again, smores and more. Our team will be working to get everything up and running by Memorial Day weekend. If you see them out in the park please wave and say hi to let them know how much we appreciate the work they do but please leave them to do the work. We have quite a list for them to accomplish in the next six weeks.

We are looking for seasonal team members to add to our staff. We have positions available in the Youth Center and Housekeeping.

We've recently made some changes and added new team members. Jacob and Riles joined our maintenance team. We moved Claudia from the night shift to housekeeping, and she will be supervising the Youth Center again this year. And we welcome Tom and Elizabeth to our night shift. Terre and Sue didn't go too far away after their retirement. Both of them have stepped in and helped us out when we needed a shift covered. We've brought Sue back as seasonal help in the office this summer. I'm proud of our team here at GBNT. One of our goals this year is the aesthetics of the park and I continuously see our team members putting in a little extra to make this one of the best darn camping places in Washington!!

Happy camping and see you around the park,

*Steven Thaete,
Park Manager*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to all of the new members. We have had a slow start to our season this year. We have 8 new members with 6 new waiting for approval in April.

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

Memorial Weekend is coming quickly. **Please pre-register all guests at least one week or more PRIOR to the weekend.** Put down anyone you think may come.

It is OK if they do not show up it is only good for that weekend. We only need their names. You can email them to gbntone@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

March 2019

Law, Shannon & John	482
Consiglieri, Tracie	1039
Albertson, Dina & Richard	973
Sherrow, David	210
Treloar, Todd & Erin	860
Vaughan, Rebecca	223
Holscher, Rory & Almaas, Kerri	1182
Linson, Sheryl & Relaford, Trudy	176
	579

VIOLATIONS

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| 19-02 Shooting Bow & Arrow at site = \$500 Fine | 19-09 Guest over 14 days on going = Bar guest 1 year |
| 19-03 Archery Rules = Bar for 2 years | 19-10 Guest not using key card = Bar guest 1 year |
| 19-04 thru 19-06 Guest rule = combined fine | 19-11 Guest over 14 days = \$100 Fine |
| 19-07 Unattended Fire = \$250 Fine | 19-12 Guest over 14 days 2nd offense = Bar guest 30 days |
| 19-08 No charged hose = \$50 Fine | |

Pea Patch

Remember the snow piles, finally melted? The excitement of another camping season in our GBNT Community is warming up as members drive in to their lots for cleanup and repair following winter. Staff and Volunteers are busy organizing activities for the summer. Thank you to our GBNT Member Volunteers who have been an integral part of our successful vacation times.

As Pea Patch participants weed and dig in compost, we remember a long-time volunteer, Barb Hansen with a memorial plot on 4D. She was known as a capable and willing volunteer when any job needed to be done. "A life force to be reckoned with." "I did it my way." She continually displayed her joy of living. The memorial encourages each of us to create a similar legacy.

Mike Seitz and Trish Kenagy have put in literally hours on our behalf identifying members, their lot number and a plot for everyone who wishes to join the Pea Patch Community. A copy of Trish's grid with names and plot assignments will be in the mail box for you to check. Please do not remove it. Five new members have been assigned a quarter plot thanks to Trish and Mike. (Plot 12 D is not yet assigned despite Mike's requests for identification.) At the April Workshop, future projects being discussed include a vegetable stand where the gardeners can share their produce with the park, trimming the walkways between the logs, hoses and a possible additional 4-plot section. Tools are always appreciated. Our discarded weeds and grass are currently being mixed with vegetable waste. We are discussing building new compost areas, but the gardeners will need to be disciplined not to mix weeds with the good stuff. Currently, some of us compost our plants in our own lot. **Date to keep in mind is first of all May 15** by which time our plots must show evidence of maintenance and use. If you can't get to the park before then, call Mike so he doesn't give away your plot. (12 D please call Mike.)

Following the Board Meeting **Saturday, June 25th** we will meet and greet our Pea Patch community. Any questions or comments can be brought up then. Our Pea Patch Face Book is also open to comments and questions. If you grew wonderful tomatoes, beans, squash and plan to use the heirloom or hybrid again, post the names and your source. If you got a bargain on seeds but can't use them all, offer them on PPFb.

Here's to a spectacular growing season in our Pea Patch Community. Mike Seitz 425 765 1998 Trish Kenagy 425-309-8099

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The park's finances are in good financial health. The Board of Directors, along with the Park Manager, develops an annual budget which is finalized during the October open board meeting. As Gold Bar Nature Trails is a not-for-profit business, the goal in developing a budget is to have income and expenses offset each other.

Members' annual dues of \$1,100 per membership account for almost 70% of the park's annual operating income. The \$100 increase in dues for 2019 was the first increase in more than 8 years.

BYLAWS

The proposal process is how members can make changes to the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations. The Board of Directors has the authority to make changes to Rules & Regulations during open board meetings but they must also follow the proposal process to make changes to Bylaws. Bylaws can be added to, amended or repealed by 2/3rd majority of all votes cast in the annual election.

The process for submitting proposals is outlined in the Bylaws and in Administrative Policy and must be followed in order to have proposals considered. The office has the necessary proposal forms or you can download them from the website. You will need 2 copies of the form, one for the

Very few other costs have remained the same for that many years.

Wages, benefits & employment taxes (social security, Medicare, unemployment, L&I, etc.) are a significant portion of our annual expenses. This is a normal cost of doing business – without our employees, we wouldn't have an office open 7 days a week, restrooms & buildings cleaned regularly, meals available for purchase, continual improvements to the park occurring, dead or dangerous trees removed, and our maintenance & rangers

(security) helping out members 24 hours a day.

In addition to the employees, we have many volunteers who put in numerous hours each week. Without the volunteers, our expenses would be significantly higher or there would be considerably less activities available for members to enjoy. Please consider volunteering your time & talents to help in making GBNT a great place to spend time with family & friends.

Peggy Fitzwater, Treasurer

proposal change and one for the required 30 member signatures. Check with the office staff if you have questions BEFORE the deadline.

- Written proposals must be submitted to the office by **May 30th at 4:30pm.**
- No member may submit more than four proposals to be voted on during the election process.
- Proposals must include a 'Reason(s) for'
- If the proposal requires spending of park (corporate) funds, a cost estimate must be attached.
- The proposal must be signed by the submitting member.
- Proposals require signa-

tures of 30 individual members in good standing before being sent to the membership for a vote; an individual with more than one membership may sign only once.

- Approved proposals take effect at 12:01am January 1, 2020 unless a specific effective date & time is specified in the proposal.
- Proposals that have been voted on and defeated by the membership within the past 3 years cannot be resubmitted until the 4th year.
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Peggy Fitzwater, Liaison

MSA'S M = MOTION S = SECOND A = APPROVED

February 2019

MSA to modify administrative policy #13 regarding Payment of Club Dues

MSA to modify administrative policy #14 regarding Repossession of Membership for Non-Payment of Dues

MSA to modify administrative policy #29 regarding Courtesy Camping Spaces

MSA to appoint the following members to the Membership Committee: Denny Casto, Sandi Welborn, Sue Proffit, Anita Wilson, Joan Lorentzen; alternates: Jodi Bedell & Wendy Cox-Seitz

MSA to appoint the following members to the Violations Committee: Judy Kittleson, Patty Casto, Connie Cathcart, Howard Musolf, Jerry Tuck, Mike Roper; alternates: Linda Peterson, Colleen Okeson

MSA to appoint the following members to the Sales Committee: Phyliss Duzell, Ginny Lemm, Linda Peterson, Dave Fitzwater, Scott Olsen, Barb Badda, Jerry Tuck, Sue Larra-
bee

MSA to appoint the following members to the Bingo committee: Jody Bedell, Becky Fredrickson, Dave Fitzwater, Sandi Welborn

MSA to allocate up to \$800 for St Patrick's dinner. Funds from Activities

MSA to appoint the following members to the Bylaws committee: Becki Clair, Colleen Okeson, Judy Kittelson, Becky Fredrickson, Bob Wilson

MSA to revise Rules & Regulations Section I A to add item 16 regarding barred members

MSA to appoint the following members to the Long-Range

Planning Committee: Jack Welborn, Mike Fredrickson, Bob Wilson, Carl Bern, Ben Goodwin

March 2019

MSA to accept Connie Cathcart for the open board position.

MSA to appoint the following individuals to the Violations Committee: Wendy Cox, Catrina Hamlin, Renee Nelson and Sammie Santimaw (alternate)

MSA to appoint Todd Hamlin, Pat Leach and James Santimaw to the Infrastructure Committee.

MSA to appoint Hank Waibel and Tom Lybarger to the Long-Range Planning Committee.

MSA to consolidate the Merrill Lynch Electrical and Water funds into one fund named Infrastructure fund

ADMINISTRATION

Do you have an interest in how the park is being run? Are you willing to commit your time and energy into making the park a positive environment for all campers? Are you open-minded and committed to following the Bylaws and Rules of the park? Finally, will you have been a member for at least one year by the middle of August, have not been employed by the park in the past year, and have no outstanding viola-

tions or fines? If you think this describes you, please consider running for the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors consists of 9 members. Directors are elected for 3 year terms and may serve two consecutive terms plus any years of appointment.

Members who are considering running for the board of directors are encouraged to attend monthly open board meetings (4th Saturdays of the

month) and workshops (2nd Saturdays of the month) so they can better understand Board responsibilities and time commitments. Being on the Board of Directors is a commitment of both time and energy but if you are interested in helping shape the direction for the park, it is a worthwhile experience.

Peggy Fitzwater, Liaison

FACILITIES, SAFETY & SECURITY

Hello fellow members, our favorite time of the year is here. Don't we all wonder what our lots are going to look like on our first trip to the Camp this year. We have four lots all together so it's always a good day's worth of raking up what has fallen over the winter.

The upgrade project is nearing being 30% done. I sat in on their committee meeting mid-April and it was interesting to hear from the project supervisor what they are finding as they dig to lay the conduit and water lines. He said one rock was about three times the size of a clubhouse table. Those, they go around. As many of us know from digging (I've dug a few holes for 4x4 fence posts) it's a lot of rock and hard pan. The current upgrade location is in the monthly minutes and I also posted it on our Facebook Page as to where

they are and where they are going. It was suggested that everyone with a water tank have it filled as a backup when they have to cut the water to join the new lines.

Now, Memorial Day weekend stuff. Please, we need more volunteers for this and the other two holiday weekends. You can email or call the office to sign up. It's a lot of fun talking to the members and guests as they come through and when there are 3 or more volunteers, we can have a MEMBER (keycard line) and Guest line to keep it moving. Another really important thing, please be sure to register your guests as early as possible in the office ON LINE by email to gbntone@gmail.com, kids included and your Member name and lot number. It really holds up the lines when they arrive and are not already in the book and the

member has to be called. Parking is really limited. Be sure all guests are listed under the MEMBERS name, because, that's how they look them up.

Please be super cautious with fires and make sure you have your charged hose nearby that reaches the fire pit and monitor it at all times. It is supposed to be an above normal warm summer and less than normal rainfall. Drive always with caution watching for kids running into the street.

Finally, feel free to email me with any concerns, things that need to be repaired, road hazards, Security issues etc. Enjoy the summer, it's going to be a great one!

Don Abeles, Liaison

YOUTH CENTER 2019 SUMMER CRAFT SESSION & ACTIVITIES

All staff run activities will be held from 3:30pm-4:30pm! Be sure to be there within the first 15 minutes for craft days, as some projects take longer than others.

Every Day: The BBQ Shack open 11:00am-3:00pm

Mondays: Coloring page challenges! Every week a new theme for the coloring challenge, hang

your art up on the wall in the art gallery.

Wednesdays: Card & Board games, come sit down and enjoy a game with friends!

Thursdays: Alternating between Mario Party & Movie Nights with free freshly made popcorn, staff will bring in a movie of their own or you may choose from the se-

lection already in the Youth Center

Fridays: Every Friday come paint rocks to add to our rock garden, no skill needed!

Saturdays: Alternating between crafts and movie nights!

Sundays: Alternating between staff choice for the day and crafts!

Every Day	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
The BBQ Shack open 11:00am-3:00pm	Coloring page challenges	Card & Board games	Mario Party & Movie Nights	Rock Painting	Crafts or Movie Nights	Crafts or staff choice

ACTIVITIES

Can't believe it's summer time already, seems like we were just shoveling snow out of our driveways, wishing the sun would melt all our cold stuff. We finally got some respite in March and had a great St Patrick's dinner with Chris McGuire our cook turning out a splendid meal for about 85 people.

April is now upon us and we just had our Welcome to Spring Dinner (previously known as the Valentine's Dinner) on April 6th. Had a good turnout and steaks were awesome. We are gearing up for our Easter Egg Hunt with 20 volunteers stuffing Easter Eggs for our hunts on Saturday the 20th.

For all of you who have not had a chance to enjoy some great cooking and a chance to meet other members,

please try to make it to one of our dinners. It's an easy way to meet and get to know your fellow members. These events are some of the stuff that make the best memories for your family.

Memorial Day!!! Coming before you know it!! So far, we have a Friday night spaghetti feed at the ACH, Poker Runs, Saturday evening ribs, and music by the County Kings at the Ball Park. Also, pickleball and pool tournaments, something with the golf carts – beach ball challenge course, walking tacos, Sales in the Woods and indoor swap meet. Youth Center and BBO shack grand opening, other things still in the works.....we are trying some new things this season so we are needing volunteers to help out. It only takes a few hours out of your

week end to make these events happen. AND – if you have ideas about things for the 4th of July or other week-ends, please come to the workshops on the 2nd. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Volunteer and have a chance to try out our new Activities red aprons!

I truly want to thank all the volunteers who consistently step up to the plate for any calls for help. You are the rock stars of the Park. Without you, holidays would be just another week end.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

GATE DUTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers will let guests into the park for Memorial Weekend.

The shifts are 2 hours each and need 2 to 3 people per shift.

Please sign up at the office.

FYI

We will be testing the Emergency Siren on the Second Saturday of each month.

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