

# BIRCH BAY LEISURE PARK AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER



## General Manager's Report AUGUST 2016

Greetings to one and all!

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer holidays. The Fourth of July weekend was certainly a busy one around the Bay! It was great seeing our members enjoying time with their friends and family.

Birch Bay Water and Sewer voluntary watering schedule is in effect through Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. While the schedule is voluntary, we ask that BBLP members do their part and try to water accordingly. Birch Bay Leisure Park members should water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We would like to ask all of our members to try and be conscious of their water usage.

I would also like to let everyone know that our Park's water usage is down an average of \$8,000.00 this year compared to 2015. A big Thank You to everyone for helping out.

Coming up this month is the annual Birch Bay Discovery Days. Leisure Park will again be entering our pirate ship float in the parade. Kids from BBLP are encouraged to sign up in the office for a ride in the parade.

Birch Bay Leisure Park is here for its members. If anyone has any questions, any comments - good or bad, or if there's an idea that you would like to bring to our attention, please feel free to come in to the office and talk with us about it.

Also, a reminder to everyone; please come and pick up your propane tanks once they have been filled. It would be very helpful to our employees who fill the tanks as there is limited space, and overcrowding could be a safety issue.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the next couple of months. Remember 5 miles an hour around the park! Thank you.

See you around the park!

Don Brown, General Manager

## Voluntary Watering Schedule

Please help conserve water.

### Water Wisely Watering Schedule

The District, along with other Cities and Districts in Whatcom County, is implementing a voluntary watering schedule from June 1st through September 15th. During that time, residents with odd numbered street addresses are being asked to limit watering to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The watering days for even numbered street addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The District has designated Mondays as non-watering days to allow reservoir levels to recover after the weekend.

WATER WISELY WATERING SCHEDULE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ODD	No Watering	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

The watering schedule will help to reduce the impact of peak-use periods on District water supplies. During the summer, BirchBay experiences peak demands up to three times higher than the average demand during winter months. A chief concern during these peak-use periods is maintaining adequate water pressure for basic functions such as toilet flushing and providing water for firefighting. Outdoor water use accounts for 30 percent of the total average residential water consumption, with most of this usage going for watering lawns and gardens. Turf grass needs only one inch of water per week - including rainfall - to stay healthy and green, which means that a lot of lawns are getting more water than they actually need. Traditionally, utilities have built larger and more costly facilities to meet peak period demands. Ultimately, these costs show up in higher bills for ratepayers. By reducing the amount of drinking water used for landscape irrigation, the District can diminish the burden on its water supply and defer future facility costs.





This is a reminder for our  
parents in the park,  
**PLEASE** make sure  
your children are  
wearing helmets and

**PLEASE tell them to  
GO SLOW!**

We have had a few close calls  
with kids on bikes and electric  
scooters.

This can be terrifying for the  
drivers and your kids!

Also **PUT A TAG ON  
YOUR CHILDREN.** If  
your child is hurt security has  
no clue where to look for  
you(the parents).

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**LEISURE PARK GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th  
GRANDVIEW GOLF COURSE**

**THIS IS A FUN EVENT FOR GOLFERS AND THOSE WHO  
ARE NOT GOLFERS, BUT WHO LIKE TO HAVE FUN!**

**18 HOLES BEST BALL  
SHOTGUN START AT  
9:00am SHARP!**

**ENTRY INCLUDES GOLF (WITH CART) PLUS DINNER  
\$55.00 CND**

**AT ELM CENTER 6:00pm**

**EVERY GOLFER MUST BRING A \$15 PRIZE  
IN A BROWN PAPER BAG**

**JOIN AS A SINGLE, DOUBLE,FOURSOME OR.....**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRANTS TO REGISTER AND PAY BY  
AUGUST 5TH TO COORDINATORS WES & CAROL GMUR  
31-7**

**NON GOLF PARTICIPANTS MAY JOIN IN THE DINNER AT  
A COST OF \$15 PER PERSON PAYABLE BY AUGUST 5TH  
ALL PRICES IN CANADIAN**

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**Our first DIVE IN MOVIE went off  
amazing, we had over 70 teens  
show up and float for the event!**

I want to congratulate the teens on how  
amazing they all were!

To have so many in an area and it be so  
silent was very shocking!

**BBLP teen parents I tip my hats to you,  
they were all very well behaved!**

I wanted to thank one of our members  
and his daughter ( I forget their names)  
you will see them in the pictures below.

This member and daughter took the time

This member and daughter took the time  
to make 2 floating shark fins!  
Thank you for your enthusiasm!





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**A Message From  
Secretary/Treasurer**

The summer is coming to a close and time to get ready for the AGM. Please come out and have your voice heard. Make a difference and VOTE!

You will be receiving an AGM package; please read it carefully. A lot of thought, time and effort went into proposing these by-laws changes all for the betterment of the park.

**The Board is hosting an**

**ALL  
CANDIDATES MEETING  
August 28th at 1:30 at  
Brier!**

**Come out and see who  
is running for your  
board.**

A quick note regarding finances you will see a detailed statement in your AGM mail out.

We have done 2017 budget and are **hoping to pass** this budget at the AGM,

**There will be no  
increase in your dues  
for 2017 and we will be  
investing another \$100K  
into term deposits at  
the TD bank.**

**Hope to see you all August 28th and at the AGM.**

**Thank you  
Vicci Burnett  
Secretary/Treasurer**

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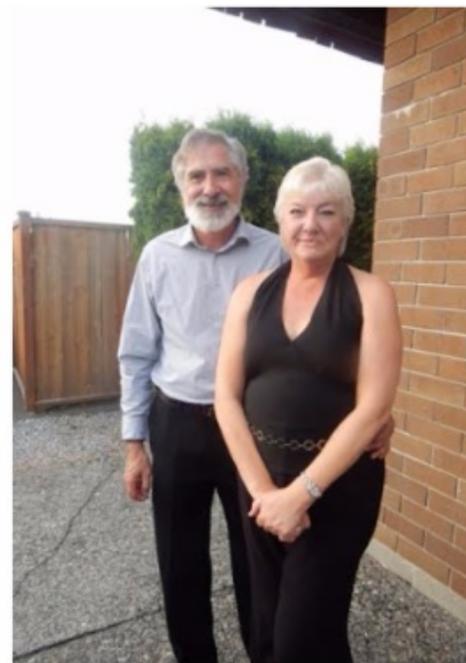
**We Would like to thank  
Dee Allen for putting on  
"The MoTown Dance"**

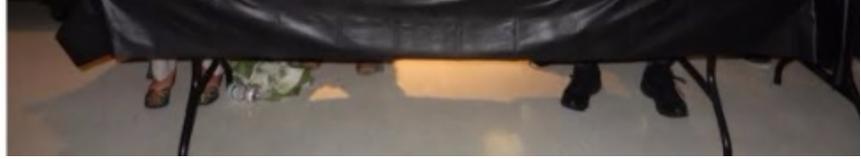
**It was such a huge  
success, fun was had by**

**all!**

**Riley did such an amazing job, we all hope to have him back!**

**Thanks Dee!**





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## ***2016 BOARD ELECTIONS***

**We are all very excited to be having an election in our**

**park.**

**We are including the candidates that have come forward so far. *We would like to remind our members, any members that is willing to put their name forward for election has until August 26th at 12 noon to run for the board.***

**To be fair to those candidates who have not yet decided but may run,**

**I will send out a second blast with their bios if we get more. We would also like to inform our BBLP members there is not a park sanctioned all candidates meeting called as of yet.**

**The dead line to run is not until AUGUST 26th 12 noon, any event prior to this date is bias and not put on by BBLP.**

**I would like to say good luck to all that are running and thank you for stepping up.**



**SUNDAY AUGUST 28th**

1:30

AT BRIER

come and meet your fellow members who are running for the board, enjoy a light snack and drink. The all candidates meeting is open to all members, see you all there.





## 2016 BOARD ELECTION

If you are thinking of tossing your hat in and running for the board (good for you) it is important to participate in our community. I encourage all members to participate.

Our nominating chair is Len Finnigan 50- 08, if you are going to run you must have handed in your nomination *in person* to one of the following **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 26 12:00 NOON:**

- The office
- Vicci Burnett 22-2
- Len Finnigan

The board would like to thank Len for stepping up and helping out the park and volunteering to take this position on!

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## Meet your Candidates So Far

RICHARD SHORE



## For Director



### Experience in Our Park:

- Circle Rep 47-5
- Member since 2012
- My parents were members from 1974 to 1998 so I am familiar with the evolution of the Park. Our children grew up in the Park and now our grand children will be enjoying the Park. My lovely wife Sil (of 43 years) and our dog "Kasi" enjoy the Park and look forward to being more engaged participants.

### Experience Outside Our Park:

- Retired from a 34 year career, the last 22 years as Director-Human Resources for the City of North Vancouver. Managed a Human Resources portfolio and made presentations and prepared reports to various Boards, Commissions, Government agencies and political bodies including City Council. Responsible for Union negotiations, mediation and various resolution processes.
- After retirement I was appointed for 2 three year terms to a Federal Government Administrative Tribunal called the Board of Referees which was the appeal process for claimants and employers to appeal decisions made by Employment Insurance. Researched relevant case law, held hearings, reviewed evidence, deliberated and decided as a board and then wrote up appeal decisions based on relevant case law.
- Treasurer/Director for 8 years for a 400 member BC Car club with an annual budget over \$100,000. This is a hobby as well as a passion.
- My other outside activities primarily involve our two sons, their spouses and 6 grand children, friends and time permitting learning how to golf less badly

### If elected I will work with other Board members to:

- re-establish a volunteer Finance Committee
- establish a volunteer Long Range Planning Committee
- establish a volunteer committee to review By-laws, Rules and Regulations and establish an appeal process independent of the Board for appeals of fines and violations
- work with Park staff to develop a web site and member forum independent of the Board and administered by Park staff
- confirm the requirement for at least one Town Hall meeting annually

DAVE McRAE

For Board Director



### **About Me**

My wife Roslynn and I purchased Site 2-12 and have been members of BBLP for 3 years. We spend a lot of time enjoying the Park, its facilities and activities, along with the beach front. Roz and I both enjoy treasure hunting at estate sales, garage sales, thrift shops and auctions (We believe it may actually be an addiction now). Our other love is gardening. We spend hours in our yard and love every moment. You will also see us riding our bikes around the Park once or twice a day. I have two married sons, each of whom have a son and a daughter; maybe more to come. I love being Grampa to these amazing kids... Roz has three children, a daughter and two sons; none married yet and no grand babies yet. In my spare time I still work for a living.

### **Community Involvement**

I have served on numerous boards and committees, ranging from church boards to soccer associations. I was president of the Comox Valley Soccer Association for many years and coached many successful teams. I currently serve as an executive of the Clan MacRae Society of Canada.

### **Work Background & Experience**

My current position is National Indigenous Lead with FPInnovations. FPInnovations is a not-for-profit world leader that specializes in the creation of scientific solutions in support of the Canadian forest sector's global competitiveness and responds to the priority needs of its industry members and government partners. I have also served on many professional boards and advisory committees.

I have over 30 years of upper management experience, leadership, and team building.

I love to teach and have taught at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and presented hundreds of seminars throughout Canada.

### **Vision for the Future**

Birch Bay Leisure Park is a community having many features of a small city. Like any small city, a sound financial foundation is needed together with short and long range plans for the maintenance of existing facilities and development of new facilities. I will bring to the board extensive experience in identifying solutions and working with interested parties to develop and implement plans and programs to ensure a sustainable Park. I am a very positive person who thrives on building relationships and working to find successful outcomes to challenges

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## **Elect Susan Stuart**

**B.Comm., AAT, P.Adm., FCIS, CPA,CMA**  
(Site 39-10)

### **for Director**

I have always volunteered my time to organizations that influence my life. As Director, I will work to protect the best interests of our park in order to maintain the park as a place everyone can enjoy. My vote will be in favour of a Finance Committee, a Long-Range Planning

Committee, a By-law and/or Rules & Regulations Committee, and any other appropriate Committee to support the good governance and administration of our Park. This includes the continued support of the Circle Rep meetings.

**PARK EXPERIENCE:**

Member since June 2005 (Family has been members since 1972)  
Board of Directors (Treasurer/Finance) 2006-2012  
Finance Committee Member 2005-2012

**EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE PARK:**

I've been a professional designated accountant for almost 20 years and bring over 30 years of progressive bookkeeping and accounting experience with small to medium sized companies, both private and publicly traded, and not for profit organizations.

**VOLUNTEER:**

**Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in Canada.** Director (2007 – present)

**BC Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in Canada.** Served in various director capacities including President and Treasurer (2002 – present)

**Cooper Boating.** Friday Night Racing Committee (2004 – 2010)

**BC Chapter of the American Marketing Association (BCAMA).** Treasurer (2000 – 2004)

**St. John the Apostle Parish.** Finance Committee (1997 to 2010)

**CMA Whistler 1998 National Conference.** Youth/Children Program Vice-Chair (1996 – 1998)

**Charlton Court Ltd.** Treasurer and Director (1993 – present)

**Latona Catholic Camp.** Board of Directors and numerous other Committees (1983 – 1996)

**EDUCATION:**

**The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in Canada.** (FCIS, '2008, ACIS '02; P.Admin. '02)

**British Columbia Ministry of Education.** Permanent Teacher Certificate (1997)

**Certified Management Accountants Society of British Columbia.** (CMA '96; AAT '94)

**Ministry of Health and Ministry Responsible for Seniors, BC**  
Sanitation Program for Food Handlers - FOOD SAFE basic (1993)

**Workers' Compensation Board, Richmond, BC**  
Occupational Safety and Health Program, Diploma (1989)

**University of British Columbia.** (B. Comm. '86)

For Director

## **RICK LIGHTHEART**

Dipl.T, FCPA, FCMA, CAE, P.Adm, FCIS



— **Experience in our park**

- Member since May 2001 (site 53-5)
- Circle Rep 2001 – 2003
- Bingo Coordinator 2002 – 2003
- Member of the 2003 Rules & Regulations Advisory Task Force
- Kid's Day at the Pool volunteer 2003, 2004, 2005
- Chair of the 2004 Bvlaws Task Force

- Park Director 2003 – 2007 (Entertainment & Recreation – 2004; Treasurer & Finance 2005 & 2006; Rules & Regulations 2007)
- Finance Committee member 2004-2015

### **Accomplishments**

- Oversaw the drafting of our legal contract and the financial controls on our parks \$1,728,130 electrical upgrade during 2005 - 2006

### **Experience outside our park**

- Certified Association Executive (CAE)
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in Canada (FCIS)
- Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (FCPA, FCMA)
- Employed by the Organization of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia as Vice President, CMA Regulation and Facilities until my retirement June 30, 2016
- Director, BC Branch Council & Member, Canadian Division Admissions Committee of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in Canada
- Past president of both the Clearbrook Lions Club and the Abbotsford Lions Club

### **With your support I will**

- Vote to maintain Birch Bay Leisure Park as a first class facility on a pay-as-you-go basis
- Vote to establish sub-committees for Finance, Long-Range Planning, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, etc. to provide the opportunity for other park members to also participate in the governance of their park
- Vote to allow non-board members the opportunity to chair each sub-committee of the board

### **Bill Grant's Profile for BBLP Board of Directors**

I am very excited to be given the opportunity to run for a position on the Board of Directors at BBLP. My wife Wendy and I have been members since June 2012, at MRS3. We have enjoyed the use of the Park's facilities and activities that have been organized by members who have volunteered to help make BBLP the great place that it is.

Our 2-year-old grandson is now coming to the Park and when I talk to members who were here in their youth and hear about how they spent summers making friends with other children from all areas of the lower mainland and Washington State, I only hope that we continue the tradition.

It is now my turn to step up and offer my time and service to continue the management of this great facility.

When I walk around the park I think that what we really have here is a small city. There are streets, water & sewer systems, parks and buildings that need to be maintained and replaced when they come to the end of their life. We also have all of the HR responsibilities for the staff who support the Park.



All of this is where I think my work experience will be brought to the Board. This experience includes:

- Over 25 years as a consultant developing and implementing work and asset management systems for municipalities across Canada
- 12 years of working for two municipalities in the Lower Mainland
- Managing staff in both the private and public sectors

My volunteer activities include:

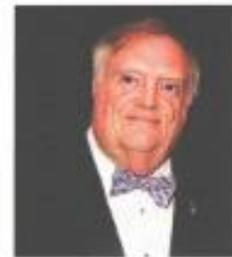
- Serving terms as Vice President, President and Past President of the Municipal Information Services Association of BC (MISA BC). This Association membership consists of all of the managers and staff of the IT departments of the municipalities in BC. I know how to work with volunteers who have a goal to making their Association the best it can be.
- An executive of MISA Canada which is the governing body of the 5 chapters covering all of the provinces and territories in Canada.
- Coach of minor hockey in the Semiahmoo Hockey Association in Surrey, BC.
- Vice President of the Newfoundland Rugby Union.

All of my working and volunteering experience will be brought to the Board of Directors at BBLP.

I am asking for your support in voting for me and I am available at any time to meet with you to answer any questions you have and how I can help maintain BBLP as the best recreational facility in northwest Washington.

## SYD HUGHES

### Running for Director



My family has been members of Birch Bay Leisure Park since its inception purchasing a lot Circle 7 Lot 5 in July 1971. I took over ownership of the family membership in 2005.

#### **Park Experience**

Circle Rep for Circle 7 since 2012

Rules and Regulations revision committee in 2012 and 2014

#### **Volunteer Experience**

Member of the Skate Canada - British Columbia/Yukon Board of Directors since 1984.

Director of Finance, Skate Canada -BC/YT for the past 24 years.

Member Skate Canada - BC/YT Rules, Regulation and Bylaw Committee since 2010.

Canadian Level Judge - Skate Canada

Provincial Level Technical Official and Referee - Skate Canada

Skate Canada National Volunteer of the Year in 2012 and 2014  
BC Figure Skating Volunteer of the Year 1996, 2012 and 2014  
Member, Skate Canada's Finance & Enterprise Risk Management Committee 2016-2017.

### **Other Interests**

Genealogy with experience in ancestor research in Canada, England, Wales, Scotland and the USA.

### **Vision for the Park**

If elected to the Leisure Park Board of Directors I will work actively in the interest of all park members. I firmly believe in the need to re-establish a working Finance Committee, the creation of a Long Range Planning Committee and a Rule, Regulation and Bylaws Revision Committee. I believe that these committees need to involve members of the park in general and as such will push for applications from interested Park members to sit on these important committees once the Chair has been selected by the Board of Directors. I also believe that there should be a Board Policy and Procedure Manual created as a "living document" to ensure consistent governance in the park for the ongoing future.

## **BBLP POOL RULES**

**We would like to remind our fellow member's to please follow our posted rules for our pool and those that are on our website. These rules reflect Whatcom County Health Codes and Regulations.**

**This is just a friendly reminder**

**- Be respectful and polite to our pool attendants.**

**- If your child is younger than 13 they must have an adult with them on the pool deck.**

**- If you are between 13 and 17 you must have at least one other person in this age range or older with you. Swim with a buddy!**

**- Children 4 years and younger must wear a swim diaper.**

**- Take a cleansing shower if you are going in the water. No one wants to swim in other people's bath water**



**- No food or drinks other than water in a plastic container is allowed on the pool deck.**

**- Do not argue with the pool attendants. (They have the final say)**

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# TEEN SWIM

Do not forget if you have a teen we have teen swim every night from 9:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Its a great way for our teens to meet and socialize!

Most night they have been enjoying volleyball in the pool! We set the nets up for them and they have a great time! So do not miss out!

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## **GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT - August 2016**

Hello Members!

As you are all aware, we have a large weed problem in the park.

As your director for Grounds & Maintenance, I believe I have come up with a solution to the problem.

Starting immediately, you can sign up at the office for a service now being offered by Don and the Staff that, for a reasonable fee, will give you a chance to get on top of your site's weed problem. I have discussed this solution with Don Brown, our General Manager and he is in full agreement.

Step 1 - If you have live weeds/grass on your driveway, you can have them sprayed for \$50.00 US which will be charged to your account.

Step 2 - Once you have had your driveway sprayed, two members of our Staff will return to your site about a week later and do a "Controlled Burn". This will be billed at an hourly rate of \$25.00 US/hour to your site account.

OR

If your weeds/grass are dead and dry already, two members of our Staff will come to your site and do a "Controlled Burn". This will be billed at an hourly rate of \$25.00 US/hour to your site account.

The controlled burn will stay a safe distance from any fences, shrubs, trees, etc. so you may need to pull a few weeds that are left in these areas.

**REMEMBER, no member has permission to use a tiger torch.**

Once this has been completed, we recommend that you spread rock salt on your gravel to prevent further growth. You should start with 3 bags for a full driveway (being careful not to spread the salt too close to trees, shrubs or flowerbeds) and follow up with 2-3 bags a few times a year. I recommend salting in early Spring, early Summer and early Fall to stop weeds/grass from having a chance to start coming up again.

## **BBWARM Assessment**

Dennis Hansen, Ruth Brown and I are measuring any permeable (grass and garden) areas on your sites and throughout the park for our BBWARM assessment. As of July 31st we have measured Circles 1 - 54 and all of Timberline, Meadow Road up to MR-45 with a total so far of 283,657.7 square feet, which divided by 4,000 square feet and times 104.50 dollars per 4,000 square feet equals a potential savings of 7,410.53 dollars on the parks assessment per year!

## **Site Visits**

Site visits have been completed (unless something was missed) and the majority of the e-mails/letters were sent out between July 15

<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Letters were sent out for for compliance to our Rules & Regulations for;

- Trailer Exteriors (washing, painting, etc.)
- Fences (maintenance, replacement )
- Hedges (trimming down, height)
  
- Landscaping (grass cutting, weeds, etc.)
- Boat (oversized or more than one)
- Vehicle (unlicensed, inoperative, etc.)
- Tarps (color, condition, etc.)
- Woodpiles (in view from road)
- Shed (condition, color, size, utilities, etc.)
- Other (anything else that does not adhere to our rules)

If you have any questions regarding a site compliance letter you have received, please contact the office when you are in the park to make an appointment with Don Brown for clarification.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Patti Austin  
Grounds & Maintenance

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## **AROUND THE BAY IN AUGUST**

*August 27 - 28*

### **37th annual Discovery Days & Crab Fest**

It includes the parade on Birch Bay Drive , arts & crafts fair, food vendors, beer garden, crab Derby & Boil, Duck derby and lots of live music.

*August 13 - 14*

### **Cruising Car Show**

This event includes food & craft vendors and lots of live music!  
And a ton of amazing cars!

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***BBLP administration is very pleased to announce that all of our RV, Boat and Trailer storage spaces have been rented by our members!***

***If you are still interested in renting an RV storage space for your RV, trailer, or boat, the administration office is maintaining a waiting list for any spaces that become available.***

***Spaces are rented on a First-Come, First-Served basis, so don't delay!***

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THE AMAZING  
RACE

**AUGUST 7th**

**12:00**

*This is going to be so much fun for the whole park to watch!*

*The kids will be moving all over the park having to find clues and doing challenges! So please look out for them! They will have team numbers on.*

*This events is full, if for some reason you have registered a child that is not coming we do have a wait list of potential players! So please let us know asap!*

*The race will start at the park at circle 17, but it will end up at the elm with food for the children.*

*Also parents this is an event for the children we ask you let them work as a team and you do not shadow them!*

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**SATURDAY AUGUST  
27TH  
1:00 - 4:00**



**MOSEY ON DOWN TO CIRCLE 17 BRING THE FAMILY AND DRESS FOR THE OCCASION!  
ENJOY THE MUSIC, DO A LITTLE KARAOKE AND A LITTLE DANCING. MINGLE WITH FRIENDS  
AND FELLOW MEMBERS!  
BYOB & SNACKS  
YEHAAAAAAA**

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NEW COMER & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY!

ALL OF OUR NEW BBLP MEMBERS AND OUR  
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO  
THIS EVENT  
THERE WILL BE WINE, BEER, SNACKS AND  
MORE!

Saturday August 20th  
1:00pm @ Brier

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Thank you coordinators, volunteers and members for the successful July events, they were a good mix for all ages - Pancake breakfast, bingo night, kids day at the pool (50 kids).



Dive In Movie Night brought out more than 70 well behaved teens floating watching "JAWS".

The Motown Dance, a sold out event was a fun and memorable evening. Congratulation to all those who helped and participated.

August will be another eventful month of activities.  
Do not miss out on the events that require pre-registration!

~ PATIO SALE - JULY 30 ~



The Patio Sale went very well, with just over 30 people participating. I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Linda Cholette for organizing the sale and to all the volunteers who helped hand out balloons on the morning of the sale. -Daryl Vyse, Entertainment Director

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

When I crossed the border into Canada, the guard asked where my place was in Birch Bay. I told him it was the Birch Bay Leisure Park. He asked me how long we had owned there, and I replied "11 years". He said "most owners in the Leisure Park have been there a long time". How true this is! Many owners are second or third generation, and 30+ year members are common. This trend for long term ownership is a testimony to a well maintained and well managed park. It is also a testament to the constant renewal process that occurs when members bring in new park models or trailers, and to the continued respect for the park's established rules and standards. Our park will never gain a run-down appearance or be considered to be past its prime. This is also why it is important to spend money every year on new plants and to have dedicated staff that work hard to maintain the common grounds, and our beautiful entrance way. This is also why the board has stepped-up enforcement of site maintenance requirements. Thanks to all members who maintaining their sites in good condition, and if you are unable to do work on your site at this time, please let the park office know.



I am pleased to report that our water usage from May 14 to July 14 was down from 434,800 cu. ft. in 2015 to 248,500 cu. ft. this year, reducing the water bill from \$40,901 to \$32,784, a savings of \$8,117. If we can continue to reduce our water usage through to September 14, we can save enough on water alone, to pay for the new electrical service cable installation in September. Thanks to everyone for being careful with water usage. (The cool weather helped too!) Please do not wash cars, or pressure wash concrete until after September 14. Sprinklers should be used for 15 minutes only and during the early morning or late evening hours, on allowable days. Any sprinklers seen running unattended will be turned off by park staff. Watering lawns and gardens by hand is the best way. If you need to wash the sides of your trailer, you may do so, but please use water sparingly. The County has requested that we restrict water use on Mondays as this is the day they fill the reservoir. I apologise for the cancellation of the car show. We did not have enough registrations to proceed with the event.

Enjoy summer - see you at the beach!

Mike van Geyn

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 13th**

**7:30 Elm  
center**

I would like to take a moment to say  
Thank you to Dean & Judy  
McKinnon for their service to BBLP  
Dean & Judy have been hosting  
Bingo for many years!  
Thank you!



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### BUBBLE SNAKES





Cut the bottom off of an empty water or soda bottle  
Use a rubber band to secure a washcloth, dish towel or old sock to the cut off end of the bottle  
Dip into a bubble mixture and make bubble snakes!

**Basic Homemade Bubbles Recipe:**

1 Cup water

1 Tablespoon dishwashing liquid.

*How to make bubbles:* Combine the water and dishwashing liquid in a cup, bottle or dish. Stir gently and thoroughly to combine. Dip your bubble wand and get started!

**Deluxe Bubbles Recipe**

1 quart (4 cups) warm water

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup dishwashing liquid

*How to make bubbles:* Combine the sugar and the warm water. Stir until the sugar is fully dissolved.

Add the dishwashing liquid and stir again. Store in an airtight container.

**Crazy Deluxe Bubbles Recipe**

1 cup warm water

2 tablespoons liquid dish or laundry detergent

1 tablespoon glycerin

1 teaspoon white sugar

*How to make bubbles:* Gently stir all ingredients together and store in a airtight container. These bubbles have staying power! Given the right conditions you might lose sight of your bubbles before they pop!

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**Birch Bay Leisure Park is also trapping the occasional skunk and two (so far!) wily raccoons to be re-released into the wild forest lands near Deming, WA.**

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### Homemade Candy

Carmel Apples - Fudge - Peanut Brittle - Carmelcorn - Divinity  
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### Homemade Specialties

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## Security Report August 2016

Site inspection letters have been sent out to the Birch Bay Leisure Park Membership. Members who received a site inspection letter will have two weeks to address any issues outlined in their letter. Please remember that any work that involves building - new fences, decks, awnings, sheds or concrete work - requires an approved building permit; available for free at the administration office.

BBLP security staff would like to remind everyone that our park's rules and regulations are readily available to view on our website; as well, printed copies are available at the administration office, free of charge.

We would also like to remind everyone that members are fully responsible for the actions of their guests and visitors. Do try to remind your guests to be on their best behaviors when they visit.

*Some things to remember: excerpts from the BBLP Rules and Regulations:*

- All guest vehicles must be registered at the Administration Office or Security. (Do not use your gate card to let in your visitors)
- Pets are not allowed in any park building.
- Bicycles must be equipped with a headlight and reflectors if used in the park after dusk.
- Drying of bathing suits, towels and laundry must not be done in public view.
- Bird feeders must be taken down this year.

Failure to comply with any Regulation shall be subject to fines as listed.

### July Citations:

There were 6 citations issued in July to speeders in the Park, half of which were to Members  
7 Citations have been issued to one group of young people engaged in an unauthorized bon-fire party

Remember, the Birch Bay Leisure Park Security Staff is here to help insure the health, safety, and security of all our members. If you, your family, your guests, your friends or your neighbors need assistance for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact any member of Park Staff.

- Front Gate Sign-Ins for June = 531 (Actual)      July = 1296 (Est.)



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## **POOL NEWS**

**The pool will be open full time starting Saturday,  
June 4th.**

- 8:00am - 9:00am lap swim only \* (no attendant)
- 9:00am - 10:00am aqua size \*\* (no attendant)
- 10:00am - 12:00pm free swim
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm adult swim
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm free swim
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm adult swim
- 5:00pm- 9:00pm free swim
- 9:00pm - 10:00pm teen swim 13 - 19 years of age only



*\*Lap swim hour is for adults and also for children that are in competitive swimming training, for laps only. Any child 12 years of age and under must be supervised at all times by an adult 18 years of age or older as there will be no pool attendant on duty at this time. There is one "lane rope" available if required, anyone using the rope is responsible for installing it and removing it before 9:00 am. The pool must be cleared by 9:00 am. The rope will not be allowed for the remainder of the day. This is your time to get your laps in unimpeded!*

*\*\*Aquasize is now 1 hour long and is for adults 18 years of age and older. No attendant will be on duty at this time.*

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## **Do you need assistance?**

Contractors, Handymen, Landscapers, Cleaners, Plumbing and Electrical, Tree Removal and much, much more! The Birch Bay Leisure Park Administration Office can help you find the right people for your job. Stop by the office and pick up a free list of local businesses and licensed individuals who can get your job done right!

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## TIGER TORCHES

**Use of Tiger Torches to remove weeds is not allowed in Birch Bay Leisure Park. They were disallowed in Sept of 2013. We have had incidents that have started fires and have caused property damage.**

if you are caught using one you will receive a **citation and a fine.**

Please think of your fellow members, these instruments can cause serious damage, especially in the dry conditions of summer.



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## August 2016 Tide Chart

# USHARBORS

WASHINGTON

Blaine, Drayton Harbor Tides - Aug/2016



48°60'N 122°46'W

DATE	HIGH				LOW						MOON
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	RISE	SET	
1 Mon	3:22	9.0	6:26	9.4	10:54	-1.8	11:22	5.9	5:44	8:50	
2 Tue	4:16	8.8	7:03	9.6	11:37	-1.7			5:45	8:48	
3 Wed	5:08	8.6	7:36	9.6	12:12	5.5	12:19	-1.4	5:47	8:47	
4 Thu	5:58	8.2	8:08	9.5	12:59	5.0	12:59	-0.8	5:48	8:45	
5 Fri	6:49	7.8	8:37	9.4	1:46	4.6	1:39	-0.1	5:49	8:43	
6 Sat	7:40	7.4	9:05	9.3	2:34	4.1	2:20	0.8	5:51	8:42	
7 Sun	8:35	6.9	9:33	9.1	3:23	3.6	3:01	1.8	5:52	8:40	
8 Mon	9:35	6.5	10:02	8.9	4:13	3.1	3:43	2.9	5:54	8:38	
9 Tue	10:47	6.2	10:34	8.7	5:05	2.6	4:30	4.0	5:55	8:37	
10 Wed			12:34 11:09	6.1 8.5	5:58	2.1	5:26	4.9	5:56	8:35	
11 Thu			2:50 11:48	6.6 8.3	6:52	1.7	6:37	5.7	5:58	8:33	
12 Fri			4:00	7.3	7:45	1.2	7:55	6.2	5:59	8:32	
13 Sat	12:33	8.1	4:44	7.8	8:34	0.7	9:04	6.4	6:01	8:30	
14 Sun	1:23	8.1	5:17	8.3	9:19	0.1	9:56	6.3	6:02	8:28	
15 Mon	2:16	8.1	5:44	8.6	10:01	-0.3	10:36	6.1	6:03	8:26	
16 Tue	3:10	8.3	6:09	8.8	10:41	-0.8	11:12	5.7	6:05	8:24	
17 Wed	4:02	8.4	6:33	9.0	11:20	-1.0	11:50	5.2	6:06	8:22	
18 Thu	4:54	8.5	7:00	9.2			12:00	-1.0	6:08	8:20	
19 Fri	5:47	8.4	7:29	9.4	12:30	4.5	12:40	-0.7	6:09	8:19	
20 Sat	6:42	8.3	8:01	9.5	1:14	3.7	1:22	-0.1	6:11	8:17	
21 Sun	7:42	8.0	8:34	9.6	2:01	2.9	2:05	0.8	6:12	8:15	
22 Mon	8:46	7.7	9:10	9.5	2:53	2.1	2:51	1.9	6:13	8:13	
23 Tue	9:57	7.3	9:48	9.4	3:47	1.4	3:41	3.1	6:15	8:11	
24 Wed	11:21	7.1	10:30	9.2	4:46	0.8	4:38	4.3	6:16	8:09	
25 Thu			1:03 11:18	7.3 8.9	5:49	0.3	5:48	5.3	6:18	8:07	

26	Fri			2:38	7.8	6:55	-0.0	7:10	5.9	6:19	8:05	
27	Sat	12:15	8.6	3:45	8.4	8:00	-0.3	8:33	6.0	6:21	8:03	
28	Sun	1:19	8.4	4:35	8.9	8:59	-0.5	9:43	5.7	6:22	8:01	
29	Mon	2:28	8.3	5:16	9.2	9:53	-0.5	10:37	5.3	6:23	7:59	
30	Tue	3:32	8.3	5:52	9.3	10:39	-0.4	11:20	4.8	6:25	7:57	
31	Wed	4:29	8.3	6:23	9.3	11:21	-0.1	11:59	4.2	6:26	7:55	

Local Time

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Tidal Data Source: Bane, Semiahmoo Bay (9449679)

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER

### Propane Tanks

We fill your small propane tank at the Admin Center. Located between the recycling bins and the dirt is the propane filling station. Tanks left on the "EMPTY" side by 4:00 PM will be ready for pick up by 4:30 PM and placed on the "FULL" side. Please be sure that your tank is clearly marked with your site number and last name for easy identification.

### Topsoil & Gravel

We offer 4-way topsoil, crushed limestone or chipped rock for purchase at the Administration Office. You may purchase these commodities by 5-gallon bucket or wheelbarrow full (you fill). We keep a limited supply of these materials on hand, so if you need more than a yard or two we will be happy to put you in touch with a wholesale supplier.

### Brush Bins

Each bath house has a fenced area for small loads of yard waste ONLY. All yard waste should be bagged or bundled for easy removal by park staff. Compost bags are available at the office, five for \$2.00.

### Garbage

furniture, etc.) stop by the office to purchase a \$20 dump permit.

### Recycling

Please recycle. Aluminum cans (preferably crushed) go in the recycling shed. Newspapers, mixed paper, cans and jars go in bins in front of the shed at the front. Please flatten plastic jugs. Cardboard goes in the bin inside the recycling shed at the front. Please flatten. Additional recycling locations are: Bathhouse #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10 – Brier Center and Elm Center. Further details about recycling are available at the Administration Office.

### Laundry

Bathhouses 3, 4, 8, & 9 have coin operated washers and dryers. (\$2.25 US to wash and \$1.00 US to dry) Machines take U.S. QUARTERS ONLY.

### Utilities

We respond to your water, power and sewer problems. If it's a park problem we fix it. If not, we can point you towards a solution. Please be aware of the delicate disposition of our sewer system. Sewage is pumped out of the park and our pumps choke on the smallest of things; a dish rag, that

sewer tank to make repairs, costing the park time and money.

### Compressed Air

Outside the Maintenance Shop door we provide compressed air for your tires.

### Construction / Maintenance Permits

All construction requires a permit. Permit applications are available at the Administration Center and only take a moment to fill out. Office staff are also on hand to assist with the process.

### Mail & Parcels

Please stop by the Administration Center to pick up your mail and parcels to make room for more.

### Volunteers

Birch Bay Leisure Park is always looking for volunteers to help out with our Park events. If you are interested in lending a hand, come by the Office and sign up!

The Administration Office would like to remind everyone to please check on your account balance the next time you are at the office.

Be safe. Have fun. Be kind to each other.

BBLP Administration

Please place bagged household garbage in the dumpsters located at the bath houses and at the front of the park. To dispose of larger items (carpet, mattresses,

messy diaper (even a supposedly disposable diaper), a potted plant with its roots, a knife, etc. When these things reach the pump, it plugs. We then have to hire a contractor to go down into the

Shelly Pettit  
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#### DOG OWNERS PLEASE NOTE

"Doggie Walks" are provided on Mainline & Meadow Roads. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off your site. The fine for failing to clean up after your pet is \$50.



#### OFFICE HOURS

May 23rd – Sept 30th 7 days/wk 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Oct 1st – May 22nd 7 days/wk 10:00 am to 4:00pm

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Leisure Park Administration Center	(360) 371-7122
U.S. Douglas Border	(360) 332-8661
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#### POOL HOURS

POOL OPENS:	May 1st Friday – Sunday (Monday Holidays)
POOL OPENS DAILY:	June 6 <sup>th</sup> 8 am to 10 pm
POOL LAPPERS:	8 am to 9 am
AQUASIZE:	9:00 am to 10:00 am
ALL SWIM	10:00 am to Noon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
ADULT SWIM:	Noon to 1:00 pm 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
TEEN SWIM:	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm

The Pool Attendants are not lifeguards. Pool tags, bathhouse key and showers are required for entry to pool. Adults must accompany children under 13 years of age into the pool to ensure their safety.



STAY CONNECTED:

