

BIRCH BAY LEISURE PARK SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2016

Hello everyone,

It's almost time for every parent's favorite holiday - Back to School! The official end of the summer

holidays. Happy September everyone!

Birch Bay Water and Sewer's voluntary watering schedule is still in effect through Sept 15th. 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. You've all been doing a great job conserving water this summer. Our Park's water usage is noticeably lower than last year. A great big Thank You to everyone for helping out.

Leisure Park is offering a new service to our members. Anyone who is interested may sign up to have their weeds sprayed and/or burned from their property. To have your site sprayed for weeds will cost a flat rate of \$50.00 USD. Weed burning carries a cost of \$25.00 USD per hour. These amounts may be charged to your member account. If you would like to sign up for this service, please contact the administration office during business hours (9am - 5pm) to put your name on the list.

The annual Birch Bay Discovery Days Parade was a big hit. The Leisure Park pirate ship sailed majestically down Birch Bay drive; her enthusiastic pirate crew at the ready with smiles, waving arms, and candy for the masses. I would like to extend my thanks to Sarah Mawdsley for volunteering to coordinate the Leisure Park pirate ship float again this year and to Kirk Pickering for piloting the BBLP pirates on their journey beside the bay. Great job Sarah and Kirk!

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.

I look forward to seeing everyone return for the next summer holiday. Be safe, have fun, and remember to drive 5 miles an hour around the park! Thank you.

See you around the park!

Don Brown, General Manager

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.



We would like to thank BBLP staff and the friends we have made over our 41 years for our good times and great memories. Our best to all, especially the Wagners that purchased our beach home. -John & Sharon Fraser



With heavy hearts and best wishes, Birch Bay Leisure Park would like to announce the departure of our head groundskeeper, Danny Hankins.

Danny has been with Leisure Park for 13 years and, during that time, has been responsible for our yearly floral displays in and around the Park. Danny's efforts have earned Leisure Park more than twenty awards for our artful displays and colorful arrangements. His hard work has been a shining achievement in the constant beautification of Leisure Park.

Danny and his wife DeLaina, who is also a seasonal Leisure Park employee, have plans to leave the Pacific Northwest and do some traveling before settling and starting their new adventures in the mid-west.

From all of us – from all the members who know and love you, and from everyone on staff at Leisure Park – we wish you all the best in your new endeavors. Our hearts and our thoughts go with you as you journey on toward new beginnings. You will be missed.

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President's Report

As the board year comes to a close, I write my last report as president. This has been an experience, for sure! It has tested my executive skills to the max, and my ability to hold my tongue. I found out that it takes a huge time commitment, on average 2 to 3 hours each day for 11 months. This also takes a toll on the family, as every weekend in the park was interrupted in some way with board/staff business, and I thank my wife Mary, and my two sons Alex and Christian for their patience and understanding. If I did not work from home as a consultant, it would be difficult to keep up with all of the emails and correspondence.

In my tenure I discovered a few things about the park;

- I learned that we have a fine crew of employees working for us. These are good, honest people that are dedicated to making your park experience the best it can be. We are very lucky in this regard. I thank them for their hard work and service.
- The board - both elected and volunteered also worked very hard and did their level best in each of their portfolios. I am very grateful to them for their support and assistance.
- There are differing views and opinions among the membership, but a significant number of members are not able to talk about or resolve these differences in an open and respectful manner. For a minority, the rumour mill is the preferred source of park information, and the basis for their opinions.
- Members that are happy with the board's work don't take time to speak out or come to meetings, while those that are unhappy participate in full force. This creates an imbalance at meetings, and makes it difficult for the board to make decisions that are based on a majority viewpoint. I hope in future that those that are pleased with the board make an effort to come out in support, or at

least send an email or facebook post once in a while to let the board members know that they are appreciated.

- A vast majority of members come to the park to enjoy their time in the park, and do not want to get involved with "park stuff". Yet there is a strong crew of volunteers that put in time year after year coordinating or assisting with park events and helping the board. We are very thankful for these dedicated volunteers.

This is a good time to review our accomplishments as a board. The board's primary purpose is to ensure that the services are working (lights are on, the water running, sewer works, drainage works and security is in place), that the community lifestyle is maintained by holding events, that the rules and regulations are enforced fairly, that the financial resources are protected, and that operating costs are kept under control (with-in budget). We did accomplish these basics, but additionally the following;

- Discontinued any form of compensation to board volunteers
- Discontinued the practice of cancelling member fines by park staff or individual board members. Some fines were reversed by decision by the board as a group, in cooperation with park staff.
- We believed that members should be treated like members, hence we strove to provide a quick response to emails and communications, due consideration of concerns, and to not to be punitive with rule enforcement or for being a day late on dues, especially if it is a first occurrence or if there are extenuating circumstances.
- We allowed full member participation in debate at open board meetings, and received valuable feedback in so doing.
- Provided more options for paying dues, by accepting cheques at the office or by mail, rather than bank payment being the only option.
- Increased the number of events held, and in particular family oriented events, thanks to the creativity and amazing energy of director Taryn Bell.
- Extended pool hours and the pool season by two months.
- Expanded security staff and added a security vehicle
- Removed former manager's residence at no cost to the park members, thanks to the Don Brown, Park Manager for finding a party to remove it at their cost.
- Established a new park web site host service with an email system that would carry forward from one board member to the next so that continuity would be maintained with board personnel changes.
- Provided allowance for sick days (PTO days) for permanent park staff for the first time in the park's history, and the opportunity for vacation time during the summer on a limited basis, also for the first time.
- Created the opportunity for the membership as a whole to decide on how their dues are to be set, and how their money will be spent, by virtue of proposed by-law changes, where the annual budget proposed by the board can be voted on at the AGM.
- Made improvements to the rules and regulations.
- Worked to obtain a reduction in the BBWarm assessment to reduce the park's tax burden for the next several years.
- Moved from a primarily complaint based enforcement to a direct enforcement basis for the rules and regulations, as we felt that there is no point in having rules and regulations if they are not being followed.
- Increased the reserve fund term deposits by \$100,000 to 2.104 million US Dollars.

One of the candidates running for a position on the board claims that our board is the "least qualified in the history of the park". I let our record speak for itself.

I would like to talk about reserve funds, and infra-structure replacement funding, as there is a lot of controversy surrounding this issue. The park infrastructure consists of the electrical system, potable water piping system, the PVC pipe sewer system with pump stations, drainage piping, buildings, and paved roads. In the case of the electrical system, it was an "all or nothing" type of repair due to the aluminum wiring and need for increased capacity. This upgrade required a lot of money over a short period of time. The remaining infrastructure is different. For example, the roads can be re-paved a section at a time, so replacement costs are spread out over several years, on a pay-as-you-go basis. Sewer, potable water or drainage piping can be repaired where issues occur, as the system capacity is not an issue. Bath house roofs can be done over a three year period, and so on. We can replace our infrastructure as needed without necessarily spending a large amount all at once. If a large expense is needed, we can finance this in many ways, one being to collect the money in advance over several years, the other is to borrow money and then pay it off over several years, and the third is to use some of the reserve fund and also pay as you go with additional assessments. Regardless of how the financing is done it is always money out of your pocket. It is best to build reserves when the Canadian dollar VS US dollar value is high, as otherwise the reserve fund can cost Canadian members \$1.25 or more for every dollar saved. Also, the reserve fund is depreciating by the rate of inflation every year (currently at 2%), while interest earned is just over ½% per year. I believe that the best choice for funding infrastructure is a balance of three financing methods, 1. By having cash in reserve, 2. By making repair and upgrades every year on a budget amount per year, and 3. By adding some money each year to the reserve funds. I don't see the need for fear mongering about the possibility of sudden failure of our aging infrastructure.

The board entered into a volatile political environment. The previous board wanted to retain control of the park, but the membership chose instead to elect new faces. This result was apparently unacceptable for two of the three remaining board members as they resigned immediately. The group of former board members and their close friends (including several members of the finance committee) remained as a cohesive group, and with the use of a non-sanctioned web site strove from the beginning to discredit the newly elected board. "Let them bury themselves" stated one of the former board members in an email. There was no hand-off of information from one board to the next, no cooperation of any kind. The continual board bashing by this group of members wasted much of our time, and reduced our ability to accomplish many of our goals.

What does the internet say about you? To find out, Google your name and see what comes up. As an independent consultant, my expertise and reputation is what I use to earn a living. I got a call one day from a customer in London Ontario. He said I checked the internet to confirm your number and I saw this stuff about your "body language". What is that all about? I said, "I am the President of the Leisure Park Association, and just ignore that information. It is just sour grapes from a few disgruntled members".

Here's what the "members forum" says about me today;
"From day one when you nominated yourself as president to the latest act of appointing a replacement Vice President we see a dominating, single minded, demanding individual".

This was written by someone I had never met or spoken to, and does not know me at all. This is internet slander, "cyber bullying" pure and simple, and I hope you agree with me that this behaviour does not belong in the Birch Bay Leisure Park Association. "Freedom of speech" is not an excuse for unacceptable behaviour of one member towards another. An astute reader will see that the simple phrase "thank-you" does not appear anywhere in the dozens of pages on this web site. In speaking with many members about this issue it surprised me that there were so many strong opinions presented by members that had never actually gone to the site and read the actual content. As per our rebuttal document, the board is not opposed to any opinions or criticism presented in a respectful manner. To be respectful requires that the author shall be identified, and also the author shall allow a response from the board.

I believe that our association is at a cross-roads point in its history, and the membership needs to take a hard look at our experience over the last 11 months and decide exactly what type of organization we will **be** moving forward. Will it be a "free for all" for members to say and do as they please, or will respect and fairness have a high priority? This decision belongs to each and every one of us, when we decide to either be silent, support, or speak out against individual behaviours. I hope that like me, you favor working out differences of opinion by direct face to face communication, and not by using anonymity and the internet.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow board members for their fellowship, hard work and dedication, all of the volunteers, and those members that supported us. I look forward to serving the membership to the best of my ability for the final year of my term on the board.

Respectfully,
Mike van Geyn

Meet the Candidates for your 2016/2017 Board of Directors

Patti Austin for BBLP Board of Directors



Incumbent Director of BBLP

- Vice President and Grounds & Maintenance Portfolio Nov. 2015 - to date
- I have spent many days with Dennis & Ruth measuring for the BBWARM Refund Project
- I have spent countless hours working with Don Brown and staff on our Site Compliance Project
- I have been in Birch Bay Leisure Park since September 1997 (19 years)
- I have volunteered throughout the years for "Kids Day at the Pool" and "Sports Day"
- I am the primary instructor of the Aquacise class in our park for the past 10 years and I have organized an "End of Season" luncheon for the group for the past 7 years
- I am the Administrator of the Facebook "Birch Bay LP Members Page"
- I am the "official photographer" of Breakfast with Santa 2016, Easter Egg Hunt 2016, Easter Pot Luck Dinner 2016 and the New Members & Volunteer Luncheon 2016
- I was one of the two organisers of the 2015 End of Summer Staff Appreciation Party

Work History

- I have been retired since January 2011 after a full time career at BC Tel/TELUS for 35 years which spanned Consumer & Business Customer Service, Business Help Team, Web Publishing & Technical Writing and also Large Business Accounts
- During my career I also organised many Christmas Lunches & Dinners, Going Away Parties, Boat Cruises as well as Baby & Wedding Showers and endless Special Occasion Lunches!
- I served lunch at the Salvation Army and the Union Gospel Mission through the TELUS "Give Where We Live" Program

Volunteer Positions

- Girl Guides of Canada Leader for 7 years, Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Path Finders
- Baseball Team Manager & Soccer Team Manager for 2 teams over several years
- Volunteered at the Fraser Health Free Clinic for 2 years

My mandate as a Director of BBLP is to work in the best interests of the membership and to treat all members equally and with respect while encouraging compliance to our Rules & Regulations.

TARYN BELL

I have been in Leisure Park since I was a small child: I am the 3rd generation of my family to own in BBLP. I now enjoy the park with my own family, my husband Adam and my two daughters Cassandra 13 and Bianca 8; they are the 4th generation of our family in BBLP. We love the park, we come year round and explore the area and spend lots of time down on the beach. We try very hard to participate in BBLP park events, as this is our community.

The park has always been a place for my family to decompress from the busy day to day grind; it brings us closer as life is simpler here.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I have served on many boards and strata councils, at this stage my times goes where my family does. Both of my daughters schools require parent involvement of 30 hour each semester at each school, this keeps me very busy as does our church, swim club, diving club, gymnastics, school sports and fundraisers.

WORK BACKGROUND

I currently work for myself and have done so for over a decade, I own and over see western Canada's largest oncology store, we specialize in mastectomy and chemotherapy products as well as fitting women for prosthesis (of which I am a medically trained). Prior to this I was a flight attendant for 10 years, flying all over Canada and the U.S.A. As an in charge on a plane you manage your crew, passengers, the chain of command on the plane, in flight service, as well as being the lead in medical and emergency situations. I was trained in dealing with unruly passengers (learning to deescalating situations). I have attended Douglas Collage and studied mostly criminology and law. Prior to this I worked for the U.S.A military (military police Ft. McClellan Alabama) and A.A.F.E.S (Army Air forces Exchange Services Europe) Munich Germany. In my late teens I worked as a life guard, and taught swimming to kids.

MY PARK EXPERIENCE

I have volunteered in the park at the children's events since we bought 13 years ago. Currently I have been on the board for the last 2 years, I feel I have accomplished a lot for my role as communications director.

- Italian dinner (with no power) sold out
- The new park web site, I help design and build
- All news blasts for the board and the events in the park
- Breakfast with Santa, I was the coordinator and planner, (sold out) wait listed
- All pictures and updating of the website of the park events
- The new patio furniture was the result of the Italian dinner
- The monthly news letter
- Easter Egg Hunt I coordinated and planned (wait listed)
- Easter Pot luck I coordinated and planned (wait listed)
- Dive In Movie Jaws & Finding Nemo I coordinated both events
- Volunteer kids day at the pool
- Amazing Race I coordinated and planned
- Movie Night in the park I coordinated and planned
- Family New Years Eve 2016 at Brier (I will coordinate)
- picking the colors for the new Brier

MY VISION FOR OUR PARKS FUTURE

Birch Bay Leisure Park needs to be brought back to the amazing FAMILY COMMUNITY that made us all buy here. I believe there needs to be large choices of events, activates and fairness for all members. Events create community and expose us all to the huge diversity of generations and people which makes everyone interact and get to know each other (creating community). There are many financial decisions that need to be made for our long range planning and protecting of our assets and park facilities.



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 MR53. 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.

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 Bylaws 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

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

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
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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 '86; 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)

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 and make a difference and vote! You have received an AGM package please read it carefully. A lot of thought and time and effort went into proposing these by-law changes all for the betterment of our Park. You don't have to be an accountant to realize what this board is proposing is to put the financial decisions back to the members who pay the bills.

For any of you that have specific questions to our accountant she will be in attendance at the AGM however, we are limiting her questions to 20 minutes. Therefore, to ensure your accountant questions are answered it would be helpful to send myself or the office an email to expedite the process and ensure all questions can be answered.

Hope to see you all at the AGM September 4th!

GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT - September 2016

Hello Members!

BBWARM Assessment

The measuring is now complete and Don Brown is working out the totals. We are hoping to have a reduction of between 8 to 10 thousand dollars on the parks assessment per year!

Site Visits

The parking is looking better than it has in years and we have had a lot of positive feedback from happy members! The follow-up of the Site visits letters is ongoing.

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 for your cooperation.

Patti Austin
Grounds & Maintenance

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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Entertainment & Recreation Report



Wes and I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the 2016 season of events. We want to thank everyone who dedicated their time volunteering, as well as members who supported the events. A special thank you to our dedicated staff who were always available to lend a helping hand when needed.

Wes will not be continuing as a director of entertainment & recreation next year, but plans to continue as a coordinator of events along with his wife, Carol, their amazing family and many friends.

I am now looking forward to 2017 and asking members to think about getting together with your circle of friends to organize an event. As a group you could have a fun and rewarding experience, as well as giving back to the park.

Next year I would like to bring back to the park some events as per member requests... Sports Day, Bike Parade, Music Night and/or Dance Night for Adults, as well as continuing with popular events that have taken place this year.

Have a great fall and winter!

Wes Gmur/Daryl Vyse

Entertainment & Recreation



COMMUNICATIONS

Taryn Bell

I have had a very busy year defining the role of communications director, as there was nothing set out to follow in this role from past directors or boards.

So far this year I have done the following:

- designed and created a new park website
- pictures of the park for our members during the park flooding
- new news letter format including having it emailed to all members, plus Fall, Winter and Spring issues on what is

happening in the park.

- sending out all of the blasts to the members of our park dealing with board issues and up coming events.
- purchase of the patio furniture from the Italian dinner
- introduced the office to a new e-mail program to make their life (and mine) easier

I also took the time to be an event coordinator this year. I put on many family friendly events

- **breakfast with Santa,**
- Easter egg hunt
- Pot luck Easter dinner
- 2 dive in movies Jaws & Finding Nemo
- movie in the park Jurassic World
- New years eve family party (to come)

I have enjoyed some of my time on the

board but I have to admit that part of me is very sad by the behavior and venom of some of our fellow park members.

The time and energy they have spent trying to discredit their own neighbors with out seeking fact is shocking. My own children have even had comments about them made at meetings and comments to them, they are 8 and 13!

If you read Mike's report he is 100% correct.

On a happy note I have met some very nice people who helped me with the events. I thank each of you, I had a blast spending time with you, you made my year.

To my fellow board members, you have done a great job! You worked very hard giving up your time with your family and friends. I would like to thank the spouses and families for

their patients this year.

Thank you,

Taryn Bell

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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

4th

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SEPTEMBER

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For all of you wonderful people who went above and beyond to help clean the messes left in the Bath Houses this summer - my whole-hearted gratitude and respect to you! Thank you, thank you, thank you ALL, for stepping up and doing one of the world's nastiest jobs just because it needed to be done.

Now that the crisis has passed, hopefully we can all look back on this and laugh. And, if not, perhaps we can all laugh at this.

-Ruth Brown, BBLP Staff

Recommended Bathroom Reading:

Rusty Bedsprings by *I. P. Nightly*

Where's the Toilet by *Ivona Tinkle*

To the Outhouse by *Willie Maket*, Illustrated by *Betty Wont*

The Yellow River by *I. P. Daily*

Gotta GO Again by *D. I. Aria*

Magical Bed Wettings by *Peter Pants*

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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And More

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Security Report for September 2016

Summer is officially coming to a close. It's been a good season for Leisure Park. Members and guests alike have come and spent good, quality time together here in Birch Bay. It's been great to see so many people enjoying time with friends, family and neighbors.

Whatcom County has issued a burn ban. No outdoor burning will be allowed. Fire pits or similar enclosures with grates are NOT considered bar-b-ques and will not be allowed. Charcoal or propane

bar-b-ques are allowed, as long as there is either a charged water hose or 5 gallon bucket of water on hand.

Work on the site inspections continues. We would like to thank our members for all of your hard work in making our park one of the most beautiful locations in Birch Bay.

Please remember that if you are planning on doing 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.

August Citations:

August saw 4 speeding citations, written to guests of members.

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 July = 1401 (Actual) Aug = 1080 (Est.)
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ELM CENTER



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.

SEPTEMBER 2016 TIDE CHART

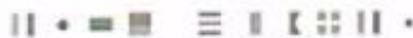
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2 Fri	6:08	8.1	7:16	9.0	12:35	3.7	12:38	1.0	6:29	7:50	🌒
3 Sat	6:55	8.0	7:39	8.9	1:13	3.1	1:16	1.7	6:31	7:48	🌓
4 Sun	7:43	7.8	8:04	8.8	1:51	2.6	1:55	2.5	6:32	7:46	🌔
5 Mon	8:33	7.6	8:31	8.6	2:30	2.2	2:36	3.3	6:33	7:44	🌕
6 Tue	9:27	7.4	9:01	8.4	3:12	1.9	3:19	4.2	6:35	7:42	🌖
7 Wed	10:30	7.2	9:35	8.2	3:57	1.7	4:10	5.0	6:36	7:40	🌗
8 Thu	11:51	7.2	10:13	7.9	4:47	1.6	5:12	5.7	6:38	7:38	🌘
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14 Wed	3:03	7.8	5:09	8.8	10:09	0.2	10:48	4.4	6:46	7:25	🌞
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22 Thu	11:25	8.4	9:51	8.6	4:09	-0.4	4:40	5.5	6:58	7:08	🌗
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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

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,

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 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

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

Shelly Pettit

Jennifer Timmreck

Betty Troup



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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

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POOL HOURS

POOL OPENS:	May 1st Friday – Sunday (Monday Holidays)
POOL OPENS DAILY:	June 6 th 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.