

## Bayview Community Council News

### A Gem of a Getaway

by Sheryl Puckett

Looking for a romantic getaway? Want a unique experience that's intimate, cozy, and charming? Looking to escape your cabin fever? Log Spirit Bed & Breakfast in Athol can offer a relaxing over night stay-cation.

Joe and Julia Hardcastle purchased Log Spirit in 2018. They were just looking to buy a house with acreage. "I was not impressed with any of the houses we looked at, especially the kitchens. We saw the Log Spirit sign and stopped by to rent a room for our son. Robin McKellar, the previous owner said, 'Oh, the lodge is for sale', we took a tour and made an offer the same day."

Log Spirit Bed & Breakfast has no employees. Therefore, you can expect a highly personal level of service that you won't soon forget.

Julia added, "I was truly afraid that we were moving to another state and I would be losing my friends in Southern Oregon that I'd had for over 40 years. Buying the B&B was my way of making new friends and not being bored." Being a people person with a passion for cooking, Julia experiments with new recipes constantly which keeps her from being bored and her guest well fed.

The couple moved here from Eagle Point, Oregon. Julia's background is in escrow as a Senior Escrow Officer, with over 40 years in the Real Estate industry. Joe owns a business in Southern Oregon with his brother and is the CFO and handles all the bookkeeping via the computer."

Like most new owners, they made some upgrades: replacing the kitchen appliances with stainless steel and new countertops. The outside logs have all been pressure washed and re-stained, which was no small feat. They have added personal artwork in the hall and some of the rooms, but bought the lodge mostly furnished, so it's very much the same on the inside.

According to Julia, she has already experienced several returning guests who have been to the lodge before. The lodge is really set up for couples. "I truly would like to be the destination for anniversaries and birthday celebrations for couples. In the summer of course, we get many families wanting to stay because we are so close to Silverwood Theme Park. The lodge has one queen size bed in the downstairs rooms and a king in the 'honeymoon' suite called Midnight Dream." Altogether there are a total of five rooms.

What sets B&B's apart from hotels is a home cooked (CONTINUED)

morning meal that's bound to be scrumptious. Julia calls her guests prior to arrival to make sure of any dietary restrictions. She also asks about personal preferences regarding specific menu items and then bases her breakfast around their answers. No, brussels sprouts for breakfast! Julia makes a lot of overnight casseroles and utilizes the fresh eggs from their own chickens. The guests can pick a time for breakfast between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. "I am very flexible especially when guests have plans or travel times," says Julia

"Children are welcome, however there is a limit of two children per room. Parents have to realize they will be on the floor with mats. We can only accommodate children in the rooms called 'Summer' and 'Autumn' since they have floor space. I prefer not to have children upstairs in the honeymoon suite because of the stairs and I also want to keep the noise level down for the other downstairs guests," she added.

"This last year has been pretty crazy because of Covid 19. Many of my guests are from Washington, Oregon and Montana who are escaping the lockdowns in their state. Covid knocked the heck out of our business in May by causing all my reservations for the summer to be cancelled due to events being cancelled in our area. I returned reservation deposits and did not charge a fee as I felt none of this was the fault of the potential guest. Then in June I started getting calls mostly because both Silverwood and Farragut State Park opened up. We were pleasantly busy and did not suffer a financial loss."

While Julia provides first class accommodations, you'll still find small town Idaho values and no big city attitudes. Julia concludes, "We love it just the way it is. We do not want to change Idaho."

To contact Julia: phone number 208-683-4722, cell phone for texting 541-301-7973, or email: [juliah@logspirit.com](mailto:juliah@logspirit.com) View the charming accommodations on their website: <https://www.logspirit.com> Log Spirit Lake Bed & Breakfast is located at 31328 N. Tiara Lane, 1.8 miles up Howard Road off of Hwy 54. Look for her blue Log Spirit B&B signs to guide you.



### Job Opening:

Part time position, 2 days per week, available at Bayview Water & Sewer. Salary is between \$12.50 to \$13.00 an hour. You can download the application on the BWS District website and send it along with your resume by email, parcel post mail or dropping it off at the office. Their email is: [bwsd637@gmail.com](mailto:bwsd637@gmail.com)  
This could be a great opportunity for someone. Below is only an excerpt from the official job description. For the full description go to the BWS District website: <https://bayviewwaterandsewer.com>

### Customer Service Representative / General Office Clerk

16 hours per week - Monday and Wednesday  
8:00 am - 4 pm

### Education and Experience

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- High School diploma/ GED required (Associate degree in a business-related field)
- Ability to remain professional and courteous with customers at all times
- Must be available to work occasional nights, holidays and weekends
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Computer training or related experience or any equivalent combination of education and experience required

## Kudos to Colleen Dahlseid

by Sheryl Puckett

Bayview owes Colleen Dahlseid a debt of gratitude. Bayview Water & Sewer District (BWS District) is in great hands having her on the board. Colleen has worked tirelessly on our bond requirements, resolutions and ordinances. This is a huge undertaking and Colleen is committed to sticking with it to the end.

Countless hours and effort go into this and Colleen is definitely burning the candle on both ends. Her background as Chief Operating Officer of a financial institution gave her lots of experience working with legal counsels and certified public accountants. Experience in underwriting and issuing mortgage backed securities enables her to understand government processes.



I recall a meeting with the district's accountant where Colleen asked a very pointed question and the accountant replying that not many folks would show such attention to detail and how impressed with Colleen she was. I was sold then on Colleen's ability.

Understanding the system and how critical it is to get it where it needs to be is important to Colleen. She is doing everything humanly possible to get us in a position to have what we need to meet IDEQ requirements and at the same time work with the district's attorney on creating new resolutions that will make our district's rate structure fair to all of us. Not only does Colleen take this seriously, but you can take it to the bank that she has the ratepayers best interest at heart.

The District recently hired a new company, Innovate, to perform GIS mapping of our system which includes identifying all the ER's. Also a Rate Study, an IDEQ necessity, is being done. It is Colleen's position that finally getting both these items done will positively impact the long term financial viability of the District.

Besides carefully scrutinizing old ordinances, Colleen is working with the District's secretary to set up a new checking account. While most of us are relaxing and enjoying our weekends, you can be sure you'll find Colleen busy working on Bayview Water & Sewer biddings.

We all need to work together to make Bayview a better place, but in the case of the BWS board, it obvious that some people take their community responsibility above and beyond the call of duty.

## Lakeland School District Interesting Facts

4,600 students

11 schools

700+ employees

3,100 bus miles a day

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NEW YEAR



Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire Hansen family. The communities condolences are with you at this time.