

## Bayview Community Council News

### 2020 Communitarian

Excerpts by Francie Miller

**Marlys Blagden** was one of the founders of the **Bayview Community Council** and has continued to play an integral role since its start. She has been an important liaison between the Bayview community and the Lakeland School District where she's been the Administrative Assistant for 25+ years.



According to Bayview resident, Francie Miller, who nominated Marlys, "As a new person to the community, Marlys offered me a warm and sincere welcome." Volunteers such as Marlys are the glue that holds community organizations together.

You'll find Marlys present and usually helping with every community event. She has been the cashier at our community wide yard sales and Oktoberfest fundraiser, and the grill cook for many years during our Bayview Daze fundraiser booth. Last year she took on the daunting task of making potato salad for sixty people and it was "spot on". The pressure was on her since she was following in another's footsteps. Everyone raved about it.

Whenever you see a poster or a well decorated announcement, you can bet it's Marlys' handiwork.

Marlys is currently a Council board member serving as the Communication Director's position. Prior to this she was secretary.

Any teacher will tell you the keystone at an elementary school is the Administrative Assistant. The one person who has the pulse of the entire organization. You could say the same for the Bayview Community Council where Marlys has often kept us on track.

Marlys epitomizes the motto "Lead By Example". She is universally admired at Athol Elementary where she works, the church she attends, and at the Community Council where she has unflinchingly committed her time, hard work, and support for the last 15 years.

Marlys' name will be added to a plaque that is displayed in the Bayview Community Center. Congratulations, Marlys!

### Two Teds

Huge thanks to Ted Bare and Ted Gallegos for sanding and re-staining the Bayview Welcome sign. It's now like new again. Way to go!

### Farragut Blocks Bayview

by Sheryl Puckett

When I first saw that the East gate entrance to Farragut Park was closed, I was probably like others who thought it was a temporary closure due to Covid, which caused an influx in park visitors.

On a whim, I decided to call the park assistant manager, Erin McKindree and ask her about it. After playing phone tag, Ms. McKindree sent me an email letting me know, "At this point in time the earliest that the East End will open back up will be winter access when the South Road closes for Cross Country ski and Snow Shoe trails."



Reading this, I only had more questions for Ms. McKindree since the East Gate entrance is always closed to motor traffic in the winter.

After several more back and forth attempts the official policy became clear. The East Gate Entrance is slated to be closed permanently. "The park has been planning to transition to a single entrance to the park to better serve park users and manage opportunities and resources," stated Erin McKindree in a letter dated June 18, 2020.

I couldn't help think about all the campers, boaters, disc golf and Tree to Tree Adventure users whom may want to come to Bayview for a meal, drink, or supplies. Now they would have to exit on the South Entrance Road which is almost at Park Headquarters. Would they return in the direction they just came from or go to Athol since they are now close to the park exit? Can this be good for Bayview businesses?

As for those of us who regularly use the park, how inconvenient is this? It's extremely inconvenient. As a frequent park user, I now have to drive an extra ten minutes toward the park Headquarters to go back in the same direction where I just came from and then an extra ten minutes when I leave the park.

Twenty extra minutes total to go to Beaver Bay, Sunrise Picnic area, or the public boat launch. An unnecessary waste of time and gas. It's like closing the front door to your home and making you go around to the back door.

At the June 23 Council Annual Meeting, members voted to initiate an online petition in the hope of convincing the park powers that be, that closing the East gate is not in anyone's best interest. Please sign our petition by going to [change.org](#) and typing in the word "Farragut". You'll find our petition. There is no fee for signing.

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This may not seem like a big deal, but imagine taking your kids to the swim area or park's playground, squeezing in some quality time and having to spend so much of the time of it driving up and back for no reason but to satisfy some bureaucrats need to control.

If you would like a copy of Erin McKindree's letter, email [sherylpp@gmail.com](mailto:sherylpp@gmail.com)

## Bayview Water & Sewer Map

On the Bayview Water & Sewer District's website there is a link to a **GIS MAP** which allows you to familiarize yourself with our water system. This handy tool provides a look at our transmission lines throughout town and the Cape Horn Road. The different sizes of the transmission lines are colored coded making identifying 2" 4" 8" or 12" lines quite easy. To view the engineering firm's map go to:

<https://gatewaymapping.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=affeb3c3e12745b2957847c1f046d9f2>

## Drink More Water

At the June 18, 2020 Bayview Water & Sewer public meeting, System Operator, Bob Kuchenski, reported that we have excellent water quality. In fact, we meet and exceed all requirements. Bob states, "We look for constituents (ingredients, elements, components), even bottle water has some constituents, we are way down there (with our numbers), not only can you drink from our faucets but bottled water doesn't have as stringent constituent regulations as our drinking water". The Water Quality Report is on the BWSD website. Drink Up!

## An Afternoon Cup of Tea



Council board members have planned a fun trip to **La Tea Da** in Post Falls, Wednesday, July 29, 11 a.m.

Experience an hour and half 4 course high tea experience. Cost per person \$25. To view their web page: <https://www.lateada.org/tea-parties-d040n>

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If you're interested in attending, and we hope you do, contact Ali Spahn: [alispahn@yahoo.com](mailto:alispahn@yahoo.com)

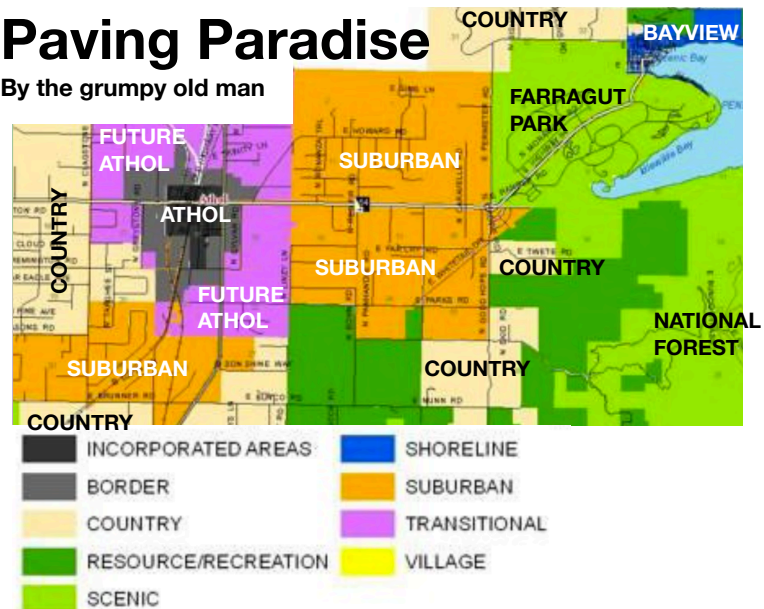
## Reading Endorsement

Children can earn a **FREE Farragut State Park** location **Tree to Tree Adventure Park** Pass by reading. "For every 8 hours of reading, you'll reach the next level and earn cool prizes along the way." Parents, there's a form to complete on Idaho Tree to Tree Adventure Park website, then send it to: [info@treetotreeidaho.com](mailto:info@treetotreeidaho.com)

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## Paving Paradise

By the grumpy old man



You just had to know they didn't build that freeway for nothing. Athol is about to become the little town that could. Those of us old enough to have witnessed what used to be called the "Californication" of the West knew it was just a matter of time, and this map speaks for itself.

This **Future Land Use Map** is from the Kootenai County Comprehensive Plan. I like to call it, "The end of the world as we know it."

Athol may grow to be ten times larger. With the area that stretches from the new and improved Athol to Farragut State Park becoming "Suburban" whose ". . . primary purpose is to promote the development of vacant or underused parcels . . ."

So who is going to pay for all the water, sewer and other infrastructure? Poor little Athol is about to enter the big leagues, build it and they will come. Good thing you passed that water bond. What next?

Even the light tan areas named "Country" allow subdivisions. **So much for the country!** Once North Kootenai County dreamed of retaining its rural character. Well, wake up and smell the traffic.

This is progress in all its glory. On the bright side, there should be plenty of construction jobs. It makes me sympathetic to the real native peoples who had to watch as their version of paradise was "civilized." I just don't think that is the right word for what has happened to the world.

I appreciate irony as much as the next guy but labeling the Comprehensive Plan "Keeping Kootenai" might better be labeled "Loosing Kootenai".

## Silverwood July Event

July 14 & 21, the driver of any Toyota gets in FREE when they bring an admission coupon from any Inland Empire regional Toyota Dealer. Coupon must be validated at Silverwood by a parking attendant.