

Bayview Community Council News

2020 Scholarship Recipient

by Sheryl Puckett

The Bayview Community Council is pleased to announce their 2020 Scholarship Recipient, Jazlynn Billingsley. Jazlynn will receive a \$500 college scholarship.



Bayview is in Jazlynn's blood. You might say she's as close to being a Bayview-ite as anyone can get. Her mother, Sylvia, grew up in Bayview. Her grandfather, Dave Vig, grew up in Careywood where his parents bought a place in 1970. Her grandmother, Bev Vig, works at the Bayview Mercantile.

Jazlynn, along with her two brothers, are being raised by a single mom. Their mom modeled for her children the human art of being extraordinary and reaching for the stars. Our 2018 scholarship recipient was Jazlynn's mother which surely demonstrates the importance of education and resolve in their family lives.

For two summers, Jazlynn worked at Joshua Tree Physical Therapy and according to Emily Fowler, lead technician, "I loved working with Jazlynn and have no doubts about her taking her dreams and college degree to the highest level."

Kevin Sgroi, PT, who hired Jazlynn at Joshua Tree Physical Therapy had this to say about her, "Jazlynn is exceptionally gifted at making others feel comfortable and always maintaining a positive attitude."

Jazlynn previously managed Timberlake High School wrestling for three years. She graduates Timberlake High this year and plans to pursue a career in anesthesiology becoming a nurse anesthetist.

The Council's Scholarship Committee (Marlys Blagden, Ski Wilkuski, Alyssa McWilliams, and Sheryl Puckett) had two exceptional applicants apply. It was a difficult decision. Applicants are judged from a scoring criteria system which included: leadership skills, community service, financial need, family life, special interest, and application presentation. After tallying points from each category, judges were able to achieve an unbiased and "blind" decision.

The Community Council marks their seventh year helping students meet their goals. Past awardees are: 2013 Gabriel Theander, 2014 Leila Riley, 2015 Cryeen Patton, 2016 Alyssa McWilliams, 2017 no applicant, 2018 Sylvia Billingsley & Alyssa McWilliams, 2019 Madison Salois, and 2020 Jazlynn Billsingley.

Congratulations, Jazlynn, We wish you a bright future.

Community Council Events

This will be the 7th year that the Bayview Community Council has sponsored their **Community Wide Yard Sale**. The decision to sponsor the event this year wasn't as easy as years' past.

We decided to hold the yard sale on **August 29**, a Saturday. This is a tentative date at this time but we are hopeful the event can take place then. Please save your items to sell or donate. Thanks.

The Governor has ordered a 4 Phase approach for lifting the Covid 19 ban therefore **Bayview Pickle ball** will begin **May 18, Monday, 4 p.m.** It will continue twice weekly, Monday and Thursdays. Everyone will take the necessary precautions to sanitize their hands, paddle and the ball, however, all will be playing at their own risk.

The **Bayview Phone Directory** is printed and available for pick up at Ralph's Coffee House. Be sure to stop and pick one up. It's really the closest thing to a business phone book.

Rosemary Brennan has volunteered for the Council **Vice Chair position** and **Fundraising Director**. Rosemary has shared with the Board members some great fundraising ideas. Margaret Nelson would like to move from Vice Chair to Health & Outreach Director. Elections are held at the June meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the Community Council, please attend the May 26, 7 p.m. public meeting. We welcome everyone to participate in planning Council events and fun activities.

Bayview Community Council is planning a drive-by **"WE MISS YOU" Parade** on **May 15th!** When you hear the music and car horns, pop your head out your door and we will deliver a sweet "WE CARE" package. Parade begins 11 a.m. from the Center parking lot. Stay tuned for more details!

Honey Do Dreams Come True

Local hard working young man, Zac Zabawa, is available for general yard clean up and hauling. He has his own truck and is ready to help you get your job done.

Perhaps you recognize his name? His parents, Tim and Deb, own the Bayview Mercantile.

His rate is \$20/hour. From my personal experience Zac is worth every penny and more. Pouring rain didn't stop him from working. He is a tribute to good parenting. Call: 208-500-9146.

What Colleen Brings to the Table

Colleen heard about Bayview through her son-in-law who knew she and her husband, Roger, were looking for a place to retire. They came here for the first time in June 2015 and fell in love with Bayview. When they returned, "We rounded the curve into Bayview on July 5 around 1 pm and were greeted with an explosion of smoke billowing over Cape Horn. The sheriff was evacuating the outdoor market and Bayview's residents. We had a reservation at MacDonalds and I sat by our cabin that night and watched the fire burn on the hill. I cried."



After returning home, Colleen found a house on the Cape in the multiple listings, but they couldn't return to Bayview since the Cape Horn Rd was closed for over a week. As soon as the sheriff let some traffic through, the owners met them and they were the first ones to view it. They sat at one of Ralph's outside tables with their realtor and wrote up the offer. "There is no place else I would rather be," says Colleen.

"I've been involved in Bayview Water and Sewer issues and operations for the past 3 years. I am familiar with the Water Facilities Plan as well as the financial and regulatory documentation and requirements. I attended the Water Facility planning meetings. Understanding the system and how critical it is to get it where it needs to be is important to me," says Colleen.

Colleen's 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.

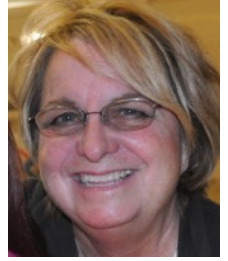
Colleen served on the board for the Chamber of Commerce's Bayview Daze committee. Being very detail oriented, Colleen made a management plan to organize all the tasks it takes to run Bayview Daze. She had separate divisions of individual action assignments that were to be accomplished which included a specific date it needed to be done by. If that is not bound and determined, I don't know what is.

According to Colleen, "I personally feel a great obligation to make wherever I am a better place and I think right now the most critical issue to Bayview is our water system. It's the biggest opportunity to do something for the Bayview community and hopefully we'll have a positive outcome."

The strengths Colleen brings to the district are many: she has studied Idaho codes that deal with water and sewer systems, understanding of regulatory requirements and the ability to work in group settings. Colleen admits to not dealing well with town politics and tries to stay very issue and fact oriented. This make her an excellent candidate for the position too.

What Ali Brings to the Table

What better place to live than Bayview especially if your passion is fishing. Ali and her husband, Gary, moved here three years ago. Before that, they traveled for five years in a RV until Gary was offered a job in Spokane. They had never heard of Bayview prior, until a realtor showed them their current home in town. In fact, they made the offer on the house without having set foot inside and couldn't be happier with their decision. Things have a way of working out. They recently purchased a pontoon boat and spend many weekends on the lake enjoying the surrounding beauty.



"On the Water & Sewer Board I can be a real asset at finding alternative funding, keeping things on track, and being strategic. I can accomplish the goals the Board wants to see get done and I'm excited to help out," says Ali Spahn.

Serving on Boards is not new to Ali. She has served on a broad spectrum of Boards which include: Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Crime Stoppers, and The Coalition for Urban Renewal Excellence just to name a few. Growing up, her family has always been involved in their community so it's natural for her to seek out ways to help.

One plan Ali would like to implement is to institute sub committees using locals to help the district. She sees this as a way to create "good will" from the community and at the same time provide a "pool" of people that the district could pull from if they need a new candidate. Ali states, "My ability to work in group settings is one of my strengths."

Her work experience is diversified, having had jobs at: AT&T Wireless, Home Warranty manager, Purchasing Manager, Retirement Community Relations Manager, Production Assistant/Writer, Purchasing Agent, and Assistant Activity Director.

Ali's hobbies are hiking and drawing. She helped organize this winter's newly formed Bayview Arts Guild.

As Chair Person for the Bayview Community Council, Ali understands the challenges and needs of the community. She realizes change is hard and many want their rural lifestyle to remain the same. Often Ali writes articles for the town newsletter, *Shore Lines*, where she addresses multiple subjects in a non-biased fashion.

The decision to run was not an easy one. However, Ali has been attending all the Bayview Water & Sewer public and special meetings for a long time. She is a year round resident and retired. Her focus will be looking out for everyone's best interest which makes her an excellent candidate for serving on the board.