

# SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News

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Events & Activities

## Honoring Ralph by Ali Spahn

The new proprietors of Ralph's Coffee House, Kevin Huff and Daveana Pleznac-Huff, have worked tirelessly this first year. They have added new dishes to the menu and done some remodeling and are planning an event this summer to celebrate their one-year reopening anniversary.



In case you don't know the new owners, here's a little scuttlebutt about them.

In 1970, Daveana's Mom brought her young family to visit their uncle in Bayview. While in Bayview, her mom decided to purchase the Captain's Wheel. After operating the restaurant for three years, she sold the place and purchased Fran's Landing. During this time, Daveana learned how to manage and cook at her mom's place and other local restaurants.

Daveana played base-guitar and performed in a band at the Captain's Wheel. Kevin Huff was hired as the drummer and the rest is history. For 25 years, Daveana and Kevin played in local bands such as: Burning Gods of Love, JW Hardin Band, Wyzer, 3's a Crowd and Caddwampass. During their time at the Captain's Wheel, Ralph Jones was the bartender and the three of them became close friends.

In 2006, Ralph founded Ralph's Coffee House. Working for Ralph was an easy choice for Daveana. "He always called our relationship symbiotic" she chuckled. She worked in the coffee house for 11 years until Ralph suddenly passed away in 2018. Losing such a good friend and mentor was difficult, however, Daveana and Kevin were determined to continue Ralph's legacy and became the new owners. After upgrading the kitchen, painting the interior and purchasing matching frames for many of Ralph's pictures, on June 15, 2018, Kevin and Daveana reopened Ralph's Coffee House much to the delight of the local residents. "We are very proud to be carrying on Ralph's tradition and the name will never change," stated Kevin. They've since added a few pictures painted by Daveana's mother. Soon a new front signage and banners will be in place too.

The winter months can be hard for any business in Bayview, however, Kevin and Daveana were determined to keep the coffee house open all year. "You just gotta know how to cut corners. We've even managed to keep our best employees, Markayla and Kasey, all through

the winter," said Daveana proudly. She needed a helping hand and a cheery disposition to welcome the patrons while she cooked, so they agreed Kevin would quit his daytime job. He enjoys working with the "boss."

The couple is committed to giving back to the community. Last Thanksgiving, they were preparing Thanksgiving Dinner at the coffee house when many of the local patrons started donating food for the event. They decided to open their doors to everyone and served a free Thanksgiving dinner to the community. "We even delivered dinners to those who could not make the trip to the coffee house," Kevin stated with pride.

Of course, Daveana loves cooking and creating new dishes. "We will always serve some of Ralph's signature dishes such as MacRalph's and Ralph's World Famous French Toast." Daveana has introduced signature dishes such as Lemon Shrimp. "We're very excited that we will soon be offering beer and wine," said Kevin.

Plans for a One Year Reopening Party on June 15 are in the works including a band performing in the parking lot. We will all be looking forward to that party.

## Vote Tim Meyer

*by Sheryl Puckett*

In April, there will be a **Kootenai Electric Cooperative** election. Bayview resident, Tim Meyer, currently serves as Vice Chair and our District 1 representative. Terry Laliberty is running against Tim.



Shore Lines always strives to present a non-biased, facts-only perspective on political issues, however, in this case, we are supporting Tim Meyer. We feel that it is beneficial having someone from our town, particularly someone so extensively qualified serving in this important position.

The election will be in April and Kootenai Electric is very good at sending its members information on the different options on how to cast your vote. You can vote online or by mail. Deadline to vote online is April 26.

KEC's 81st Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, Lake City Church in Coeur d'Alene. Registration begins 5 p.m. with the meeting starting 6 p.m.

To view Tim Meyer's credentials go to:

[http://www.bayviewcommunitycouncil.org/Shore\\_Lines\\_files/Tim%20Meyer%20credentials\\_1.pdf](http://www.bayviewcommunitycouncil.org/Shore_Lines_files/Tim%20Meyer%20credentials_1.pdf)

# Friends Of The Garden

by Jan Jones & Genette Gabica

This is a very big year for the Bayview Memorial Garden because it marks the 20th year since it was created by a robust and hardy group of early volunteers who wanted to make our small community more special and beautiful. 2019 is also the third year of the group known as Friends of The Garden (FOTG's). We are volunteers who have adopted sections of the Bayview Memorial Garden at the Community Center. We're planning a fun event this summer to celebrate our anniversary and we invite any and all members of the community to join us.

Friends of the Garden encourage all gardeners and/or weed pullers who would like to help with our volunteer group to assist the Bayview Memorial Garden. You do NOT need to be an experienced gardener, just a willing worker. Two years ago, our volunteers adopted sections of the garden to maintain for the season. That care amounted to several "weed pulling" days a month. We plan to continue our efforts this year. Our group is planning an open meeting On Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m. at the Community Center for all those who are interested in participating or just want more information..

We will have maps of the sections of the garden and information about our FOTG group and will be there to answer your questions. FOTG's from last year can sign up for the same section, or change to a different one at the meeting. (Call Jan or Genette if you're unable to attend.) There are sections that need more help or have yet to be adopted, so please come and join us. Our work will start once the weather warms up.

FOTG's can get involved in many ways during the months of April – October:

- Adopt a garden section (You can adopt a section with a friend or neighbor or group)
- Become a "secret weeder"
- Help out at the twice a year Garden clean up: April 18, and October 17, 2019.

You'll have fun, meet nice local folks, get some exercise and be outdoors.

The Garden is the hidden gem of Bayview. Help us preserve it.

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**BWSD meeting: April 17, 3 p.m.**

**Community Council meeting: April 23, 7 p.m.**

# Bayview, Inc. – OPINION

By Mike Kendel

Before the first article in this series was even published, just the rumor that it had been written caused me to receive a phone call from one of our more outspoken neighbors accusing me of "leading a drive to incorporate Bayview". After the articles were published I was also accused of leading the drive against incorporation. Talk about being bi-polar!

In truth, I worked very hard to keep these articles neutral and simply provide information on the process. However, as my opinion seems to be the subject of some debate, here it is straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak.

While I acknowledge a lot positives to being incorporated, I am currently against it for Bayview for the following reasons:

Firstly, Incorporation will always add to the tax burden and we all know that there are a lot of people here who really can't afford that. Remember most of that money comes from Property Taxes and we don't have an industrial base which would normally carry a lot of that burden so it will all fall on the town's homeowners and businesses.

Secondly, I don't think that we have the population base and people willing to manage things like Planning and Zoning properly so we would have to hire it done. (See the first item above.)

Thirdly, I think that it would become a bone of contention for the "warring tribes" in town to fight over and there is already enough of that.

Lastly, I don't see it making a material difference in the areas that seem to concern most of the folks that I've talked to. People are going to do what they want to do. And people with money are going to do more of it and faster than the rest of us. In the end, I don't see a way that the "city" government will be able to be more responsive to the needs of the town's citizens than the county is. More noise, yes, but more action, no.

So that's it... my opinion and clearly labelled as such. And now, this can of worms is officially closed as far as I am concerned. Have a great day, Bayview!

## Cell Tower Email Received

March 20, 2019 I received the following email from a Verizon Wireless Manager, "We are working all aspects of the site in Bayview. I cannot tell you what year the site will be constructed and put into service. There is a chance it could be constructed this year, and activated in 2020, or it could slip into the later part of 2020".

It doesn't appear that we are forgotten but whether this is good news, I'll let you decide.

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