

SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News

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Events &
Activities

Who Cares for Our Lake

by Mike Lee

Lake Pend Oreille has a long and storied history. It is our privilege to live here now. Our responsibility is to care for her for future generations.

Pend Oreille may seem too big to pollute, but through the aquifer, what ever goes in, we end up drinking shortly after. A little fuel or oil goes a long way as does herbicide, pesticide and fertilizer, keep them all away from water please.

If you are lucky enough to live on the shoreline you have a special responsibility to prevent runoff, pollution and erosion. Boats and houseboats are too obvious to even mention.

Several organizations are dedicated to keeping Pend Oreille healthy. I encourage you to show your appreciation: check out their web sites, become a member or make a donation of time or money. Even a simple thank you is appreciated.

The Clark Fork Coalition is dedicated to protecting and restoring the Clark Fork River basin. For three decades, the Clark Fork Coalition has worked to restore and sustain the Clark Fork and its tributaries, ensuring it can flow with clean, cold, and abundant waters for generations to come. <https://clarkfork.org>

The Rock Creek Alliance is a small, nonprofit organization with offices in western Montana and the panhandle of northern Idaho. Established in 1996, the organization works to protect the water quality of the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Watershed and the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness Area from the proposed Rock Creek Mine. <http://rockcreekalliance.org>

Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper (LPOW) is a non-profit organization located in Sandpoint, Idaho. LPOW's mission is to protect water quality in the Clark Fork/Pend Oreille Watershed so our magnificent waterways remain swimmable, fishable and drinkable for future generations. <http://www.lakependoreillewaterkeeper.org>

The Lake Pend Oreille Alliance is a focused group of business owners, lakeshore property owners, boaters, fishermen, outdoor enthusiasts, community leaders, and concerned citizens. We view the 2062.5 Pend Oreille lake level outlined in state and federal laws, as well as the specified application of those laws, as non-negotiable. <http://www.savependoreille.org>

Message from Council Chair

by Susan Meyer

Every July, at the Annual End of Year Party, the Council Chairperson reflects on the past year's accomplishments and looks ahead for changes to make.

The Council has had a very productive and fun year. We had three major speaking events that were well attended, a food drive that collected record numbers for the food locker, a Highway 54 roadside cleanup. We also helped pay for a downtown Bayview street light, had potlucks celebrating events such as Mardi Gras, Cinco de Mayo, and a Christmas Party at Log Spirit Bed & Breakfast.

Our Council Subcommittees were hard at work. Our pickleball committee is in its third year and our cell tower committee members attended two public hearings where they gave presentations. Lastly we sponsored the town Community Yard sale which has become an annual event.

This was also an outstanding first year for the Shore Lines publication with a special thanks to Sheryl Puckett.

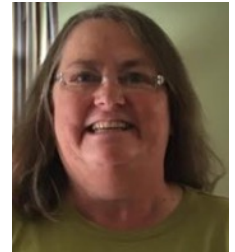
The Bayview Community Council organized several outings that included bowling, music and wine at Arbor Crest Winery, biking trips, a recent trip to Schweitzer Resort and a five day trip to Canada.

Also our adoption of a section of the Community garden and clean up participation has provided our members joyful camaraderie with other garden club members and smiles.

All of the above could not of happened without the help of our Board Members. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart: Jan, Laurie, Ray, Sally, Marlys, Sheryl, Bob, Sharon, and Connie. They do so much behind the scenes. Also, to all the volunteers that help set up, take down, and participate in our events this past year, a hearty thank you, too.

This last year has been filled with change. Our demographics changed. New residents moving in do not want to have monthly meetings and time commitments of taking on an office for a the year commitment. With that said, I am proposing the Council move forward and make some changes in our staffing and focus.

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1. Have a board committee which would allow short term participation and more flexibility for those who choose to serve and perhaps more input from members.

2. Emphasize speaker events, outings and community service and thereby do away with monthly meeting. We would communicate by email, mail, and phone communications when necessary.

Keep in mind the above is a trial run. Our August meeting will be conducted as usual and further discussion will be ongoing with a possible vote taken at the meeting. I'm excited for the next year and all the fun and memories to yet be made.



Huge thanks to Ski Wilkuski and Mike Donaldson for resurfacing and line painting the second pickle ball court. Awesome job!



Bayview Community Council Meeting
August 22, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Community Center

The Bayview Laundromat has new owners. CONGRATULATIONS to Charmaine Tijssen on her sale and Carl & Wendy Costello on their new purchase. Good luck to everyone.



SHOPPING LIST
BCC FOOD DRIVE
Saturday, August 26th
11:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
Bayview Community Council Members will be coming door to door for your donations.
If you are not at home that morning, you may leave them on your porch with a note. They will be picked up & delivered to the Athol Food Bank.
Monetary donations are always accepted & appreciated as well.
Any questions, please call Sally 683-3590 or Marlys 683-3295
Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please contact Sally Newcombe, 683-3590 or email: ssnewc@gmail.com
Any help is greatly appreciated.

ER's For Dummies

by Robyn Edwards and Sheryl Puckett

What is an ER?

ER stands for Equivalent Residency which, in our community, is related to your sewer connection. The \$26.00 monthly charge is for each ER.

Does every lot in Bayview have an ER? No, there are lots with no ER's. It depends on whether the owner(s) in the past paid for one when the system was built.

Is an ER important? Yes, it's very important since property values can depend on the number of ER's you have. It determines whether you can build a house or operate a particular kind of business on the property. For example, if you own two lots but only have one ER then you can build only on the lot that has the ER.

Can I put a mobile trailer type home, i.e. park model, on a town lot, hook it up to my existing sewer connection and use it as a guest house or rental? Maybe, but not if your park model has a toilet, bath, and kitchen. The current BWSD waste water rules would allow either toilet and bath facilities OR kitchen facilities but not both when attached to an existing connection utilizing a single ER. County land use regulations may not allow rental of such a unit. Water System rules may also limit such a proposal.

Can I turn my garage into a studio apartment? Only one residence is permitted per ER. If there is already a house/residence on a property with only one ER then No, the additional connection is not permitted.

I have property with two ER's and want to move an ER to the other property I own, can I? At one time BWSD allowed limited exchanges between lots or parcels belonging to the same owner but not between different owners. The Board however, voted years ago to disallow transferring ER's.

Can I currently purchase an ER? No, there currently is a moratorium on ER's.

Why is there a moratorium on ER's? The Bayview sewer system is at capacity. It was engineered to handle a specific amount of ER's and the pumps, pipes and spray fields volumes are at its operating capacity. BWSD can not exceed that limit without overloading the system and possibly causing equipment failure that would shut down the system's operation.

Can understanding ER's be difficult? Yes, there are rules that apply to different situations such as laundromats, restaurants, hotels, businesses, churches, etc. For example a restaurant must have one ER plus .17 x Number of Seats in excess of 6.

BWSD has a list that defines the requirements set by State agencies. If you have a question about an ER it's best to call them, 683-3948. It's also prudent to call the County to find out if your plans are in compliance.