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Building Codes In Kootenai County

By Deborah Rose

There is an effort in Kootenai County to eliminate mandatory building codes. Are they an intrusion upon the freedom of property owners or something else?

Codes did not begin because someone wanted to intrude upon or control their neighbor, but because there were failures, many of which led to significant property loss or loss of life. The great Chicago fire led to codes requiring setbacks between houses. The Long Beach earthquake of 1933 led to the elimination of unreinforced masonry structures. A hotel mezzanine collapse with significant loss of life led to improved testing and certification of the curing of cement. The collapse of roofs built to 40 pound snow-loads has led to a 70 pound snow-loads requirement.

Every structure should be built to code, otherwise we are ignoring the value of lessons previously learned. We need to learn from history. The arguments for "freedom", rooted in ideology, deny the value of these lessons. Are building codes a governmental intrusion into the "freedom" of property owners? With freedom comes responsibility.

The position of the County Commissioners at a recent public meeting was, if a house is built without code, which results in substandard construction, the builder should not be responsible, but the buyer: "buyer beware." This is not freedom, but license for the builder to avoid the responsibility for shoddy work. Hypocritically, some proponents of "freedom" ask the government to intervene and deny property owners the right to use their own property as they wish by requesting enforcement of easements on neighbors' properties. It is apparent that these proponents of "freedom" are really asking for license for their own benefit. We ask that construction conform to certain requirements so buildings and their occupants do not fall victim to the same problems as in the past. Allowing someone to repeat the errors of the past, and impose the cost upon another, is not freedom, but license.

What are the complaints voiced? Permits take too long, cost too much, and are too difficult to get for non-standard designs. Rarely does anyone voice an actual complaint concerning the code. Most complaints are actually about the process, not the code. Isn't it more logical to address the process than to eliminate the code?

Contact your County Commissioners, remind them not all people are ethical and to continue to make building codes mandatory in Kootenai County.

Interview with Athol's Crossing Developer, Alan Johnson

By Sheryl Puckett



Can you tell me something about Hughes Company and yourself?

I'm originally from Calgary and now a resident of Hayden and developed the WinCo shopping center in CDA. We have owned the land at Highway 95/54 for approximately 10 years.

When we purchased the land we had preliminary interest from Super 1 Foods. Obviously that interest turned into a reality and they will open their 57,000 foot store in late February or early March. The store will stock not only their full line of grocery offerings but also a pharmacy and an Ace Hardware department.

Super 1 Foods will employ more than 100 people.

How many retail businesses do you foresee going in? What will the sq. footage be?

It is difficult to determine the exact number of businesses and the size of their facilities as this type of development must maintain some flexibility. I will tell you that a financial institution and urgent care facility are very high on our priority list and we are having conversations with a few different operators in those categories. We were told in several different meetings that these types of businesses were needed. We are in negotiations also with several restaurant/food concepts, dental, and a gas station.

If someone has an interest in opening a business at Crossroads who should they contact?

For general leasing and sale info please contact my broker John Hillier at [509-939-8094](tel:509-939-8094).

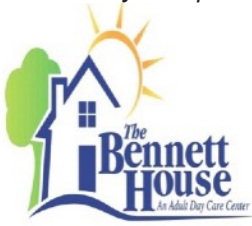
Since Athol has no sewage treatment plant what are you planning for your sewage treatment facility?

We have designed a sewage treatment system to serve the project that currently being processed with the DEQ.

For the Crossings Brochures please see the email attachment that came with the Shore Lines

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by Ali Spahn, Bayview Resident



Rick Bennett left his corporate job to care for his elderly mother, Marlene, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Even though he was committed in caring for his Mom, there were dark days when he felt isolated, depressed and alone due to the unknowns of the disease, the demanding challenges of her care and the ever growing responsibilities regarding her illness. Rick could not find any services that would provide assistance and relief for the caregiver. Rick just needed a little support and a break.

After Rick's Mom passed away in 2004, he embarked on an ambitious undertaking. He understood the mental and physical demand placed on adult children caring for their elderly loved one with memory loss was enormous; not to mention ultimately turning into a full time job. Rick wanted to create a place that was a safe environment and an alternative from placing parents in a nursing home full time. Ten years later in 2014, Rick founded the only privately owned adult day care center north of Boise in Coeur d'Alene, **The Bennett House**, and his business has been growing ever since. Rick was right; the need was there.

Rick said, "The challenge for a caregiver is burnout and a break can recharge your batteries and help you keep going on the journey ahead. The purpose of the adult day care center is to give the caregivers time off to run errands or work and to allow the seniors to stay socially, physically and mentally engaged. For a caregiver to be able to bring Mom or Dad to a safe place even for a couple a days a week is a huge blessing to them."

Currently, The Bennett House is licensed for 12 clients daily. However, after the recent closure of the Kootenai Health adult day care operations this year, Rick is hoping to expand that service to 25-30 clients daily by providing care for the former Kootenai Health clients and others. The Bennett House is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

However, Rick didn't stop there. Caring for an elderly parent with medical issues can be extremely challenging for a family member; especially if the caregiver has no prior experience. Rick became a Certified Dementia Practitioner and Dementia Coach to provide information on where to turn when a loved one has been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's. According to the website TheDementiaCoach.com, a Dementia Coach is "someone with knowledge of national & local resources as well as expertise in effective care-giving practices for people diagnosed with dementia and someone that recognizes and gives considerable attention to the needs of the caregiver."

(con't) There is a safe place for your Mom or Dad and relief for you. Just give Rick a call. He understands. Call: (208) 651-9060 Website: <http://www.bennetthouse.org/> or Email: info@bennetthouse.org Also for more info go to Facebook and search : TheBennett House.

Condolences to Frank and Diana Sizemore and family. Frank's mother, Avis Sizemore, 92 years passed away in December. Avis made her home in Bayview for 23 years, after selling their ranch on Bunco Road here she had lived since 1979. Remembrances can be sent to P.O. Box 204, Bayview, 83803.

MARDI GRAS

THE CAPTAIN'S WHEEL - Fat Tuesday Party at 6 p.m.
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

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- ★ Bring your favorite Cajun or creole dish to share at our potluck party
- ★ Wear your flashiest Mardi Gras costume
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- Are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited institution for the coming year
- Are looking for a means to help fund your education

You can obtain an application from our website at: www.bayviewcommunitycouncil.org, contact Sheryl Puckett at sherylpp@gmail.com or call Sharon at 683-2857 or Marlys at 683-3295

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