

SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News
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Events &
Activities

New Restaurant in Town

by Sheryl Puckett

Lake House Home & Grill (formerly The Patio) has new management and a brand new look. Natasha Medinger, her husband Greg and their two sons have spent the last five summers on a float home in Bayview. During that time, Natasha fell in love with the Patio Restaurant and negotiated a lease. She changed the name from The Patio to Lake House Home & Grill and wow! Just wait till you see what she has done with it. She has totally remodeled the inside with a full kitchen and it has a balcony where you can have a beer or wine and enjoy the fantastic view. Eventually they plan to have game tables in the back of the restaurant which will likely be a favorite place to hang out.

"High quality, exacting standards, and a family friendly homyness with flare" is Natasha's vision for **Lake House Home & Grill**. When you talk to Natasha you quickly learn that she is passionate about what she is doing and wants everything perfect. Several years experience in high end restaurants in Coeur d' Alene, including the CDA Resort, have "trained" her to have things looking their best.

Open 7 days a week, May to October season (but will stay open November, if there's demand). Hours are 11 to 8 p.m. weekly, 11 to 9 p.m. weekends, with bar opened later. Just to name a few of the menu items: salmon BLT, fresh meat hamburgers, chicken cordon bleu, Guinness beer brat, gyro, chef, caesar or steak salad. The menu is eclectic with something for everyone including a variety of beer and wine.

Natasha, a Coeur d' Alene Idaho native and Greg a Montana native, moved to Seattle 19 years ago. They started a family and a successful construction business there, but longed for an unhurried life and escaped the hustle and bustle of Seattle to become full time Idahoans. "Idaho is a perfect place for my family", says Natasha.

Their two boys are in heaven here on the docks and surrounding woodlands. They fit right in at Athol Elementary and their mom is assured of a quality education from the highly rated Lakeland School District.

Not only is Natasha opening a restaurant but plans to upgrade an old boat storage building into a Marine Store offering ice, soda, beer and fishing tackle.

Boats will be able to get gas and use the sewer pump out. There are future plans for renting kayaks, canoes and jet skis.

COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

Kootenai County Board of Commissioner's are conducting a Public Hearing, July 13, Thursday, 6 p.m., at 451 Government Way, (County Admin. Bldg. Room 1).

Developer Dennis Swartout's attorney, Scott Poorman, wants to change the wording in the current County ordinances that address zone changes. Why? This is an attempt to create an easy passage to huge, high density developments in our rural habitat. Fortunately, the Planning Commission has developed its own version of the changes that will be considered as well. The County Commissioners previously rejected his application to rezone 34 acres of rural land to restricted residential land. This rezone, near Ravenwood RV Park in Athol, would have made possible a much denser development than is currently allowed.

Athol Resident Clint Cord states, "We believe, however, that taken as a whole, (the Poorman) changes would at worst tie the hands of the Board of County Commissioners, preventing them from making decisions against questionable rezoning, and at best make rezoning in Kootenai County *too much* easier."

Another Athol resident, Madeline David comments in a letter to Members of the Kootenai County Planning Commission, "Many of the proposed changes requested by Mr. Poorman remove decision making power from the Board of County Commissioners and make land use decisions a matter of negotiated settlement. This was not the stabilizing intent of zoning."

Why should we care and how does it effect Bayview/ Athol residents? According to Deborah Rose, "More development means more people, fewer trees and more rooftops in their place. More people means more need for infrastructure, overcrowded schools, more requests for school bond and levy money, crowded roadways, medical facilities unable to meet the needs of our community, etc. Growth never pays for itself. We'll have to cover the costs for these added services, and be inconvenienced by overcrowding. We want responsible, well planned growth, not unfettered growth that seeks to put money into the pockets of a few land speculators and developers. We need to defend our home and our rural lifestyle from all outside assaults that are presented as harmless, but are otherwise."

If you're unable to attend, call Community Development ([208.446.1070](tel:208.446.1070)) to express opposition or send them an email: kford@kcgov.us Case #: ORA17-0001

You Don't Know What You Got Till It's Gone!

by Mike Lee

There are countless reasons to be thankful for living in and around Bayview. To list a few: Fresh Air, Clean Water, Endless Outdoors, Wildlife, Stunning Views and more often than not, an Uncanny, Peace and Quiet.

How long can Bayview remain so Amazing? The rumor mill is once again chattering: ***"Big Money has drawn a circle around the South end of Lake Pend Oreille. It's like a Bullseye with Bayview at the center!"***

This "Last Best Place" need not be lost to so-called "progress." Can we keep our area rural, our towns small, and quiet drives down peaceful backroads through farms, ranches and forests not just a thing of the past?

Our neighbors on the Bunco rallied and stopped a sewage disposal dump, a huge golf course development on the side of Bernard Peak and an entire new town at Silverwood. In a win/win deal, a massive thousands of homes development near Kelso Lake became a public wildlife, forest and recreation area.

Bayview itself has a long and storied history of resistance. Scores of battles have been fought over decades trying to preserve and protect what we all love about this place.

A new dialog needs to start. Talking about where we want to go as a Community. What is our Vision for Bayview? Who Controls our Destiny? This Conversation needs to include Everyone. It must be honest and direct.

The Shorelines hopes to address these issues and opportunities. We want to hear from you. Tell us what you love about the Bayview area and what you hope for our future.

Because:

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Forest Owners Field Day

The Forest Owners Field Day is for everyone who has trees on their property and wants to spend a day learning more about taking care of them and the resources available to help them do so.

This is a family event with programs for children. This year it is in our own back yard just off Bunco Road, so it is an opportunity not to be missed. The event is held at Al and Daryl Kyle's Cedar Mountain Farm on Saturday, July 15th from 8:00am until 4:30pm. idahoforestowners.org

No Bayview Community Council
Meeting in July

On The Road North

by Ray Newcombe

Several times a year, The Bayview Community Council plans trips and everyone is invited. In June a caravan of Bayview Council members took a 5 day trip through interior British Columbia. The itinerary included several Canadian National Parks and scenic roadways between the Purcell and Rocky Mountains. Day one included: Creston, Kootenay Pass, Castlegar, Slocan Lake and Valhalla Provincial Park ending at the scenic town of Nakusp, located on Arrow Lake. Sadly, the Nakusp Hot Springs was closed. Heading farther northeast, we took the free ferry at Galena Bay crossing Upper Arrow Lake to Revelstoke. The Three Valley Gap museum and a hydro-electric generation facility rounded up the day.

The Trans-Canadian Highway then led us through

Glacier NP, Yoho NP, parts of Banff NP, and Kootenay NP. Sightseeing stops included: the town of Field, in Yoho, Emerald Lake, Natural Bridges, Spiral Train Tunnels, Bow Lake, Lake Louise, and Radium

Hot Springs. The last vehicle to drive through Kootenay Park even saw a grizzly bear.

The final night of the trip was spent at the town of Radium Hot Springs. Early the next morning multiple big horn sheep bade us a fond farewell. It was a great trip, worth repeating. If you like to travel and see spectacular mountains, rushing rivers, waterfalls, emerald colored lakes, and wild animals, we strongly recommend heading north this summer.



In June the Council sponsored a day trip to Schweitzer Mountain for a free chair lift ride to Sky House, the new ski lodge. Some took in the views while six others walked the hour and twenty minute down the mountain.

Ideas or questions and comments for Shorelines? Please send them to sherylpp@gmail.com
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