

SHORE LINES

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2018 Scholarship Winners

The Bayview Community Council is pleased to announce our 2018 Scholarship winners: Alyssa McWilliams and Sylvia Billingsley.

This year's scholarship receipts couldn't be more deserving. Both of these young women live in Bayview, and are single moms and hard workers. They deserve community support to fulfill their educational goals.



Sylvia is working ambitiously towards her associate degree of applied science through North Idaho College. She intends to continue her education to obtain a Medical Coding Certificate. Sylvia is currently works as a Billing Manager at Joshua Tree Physical Therapy. When not working or studying Sylvia spends her time coaching or organizing a softball team. With three children active in sports her free time is spent attending games.

Alyssa McWilliams plans to use her scholarship money towards her master's degree in psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology. She takes online classes from Southern New Hampshire. Alyssa's goal is to become a victims advocate.

Currently Alyssa owns a successful small cleaning business in Bayview. This business supports her son, education and living expenses. It's common to see Alyssa out running along Highway 54 where she practices for competitive races. Congratulations to both.

BW&S Wants Your Opinion

At the Bayview Water & Sewer meeting May 17, 7 p.m. the Board will offer 4 options for a range of maintenance upgrades that they say need to be considered. Please attend to learn about our water system's issues and hear the facts for yourself.

Up to a \$2.8 million bond could be one of four options along with "Do Nothing." There could be a rate increase. This is one meeting that you don't want to miss. It will affect us all, owners and renters since both will vote in the Bond election.

Boulders Lurking Over Bayview

by Mike Lee & Sheryl Puckett

As the Cape Horn fire fades into memory, its legacy extends far beyond that frightening blaze. Loss of vegetation on the steep rocky slope has left the hillside prone to potentially deadly rock and mudslides awaiting a heavy rain event. While only minor slides and washouts have occurred, one obvious hazard discovered during the fire has been left to chance.



Boulder cabled to dead tree

Two local citizens, Chris Hansen and Bob Simpson raised red flags calling for action over what has been characterized as a "hazard boulder." It is held in place by cables to a now fire killed tree and teeters ominously over mostly unsuspecting residents. If you live on Choppunish, Bannock or North Shore Lane or for that matter drive Cape Horn Road, you may have cause for concern.

After investigating the boulder we have determined that indeed it is directly uphill from several homes. Back in 2015 there were two cables holding the boulder. Now only one remains!

The boulder is located off Cherokee Road in Kootenai County. Its size is estimated to be 6x4x4 and held in place by a 1/4" or 3/8" vinyl coated cable.

Shorelines has contacted agencies from the county, state and federal government for assistance and we're happy to say the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is looking into the issue.

But this is not the only "Hazard Boulder." Erratic boulders litter the side of Cape Horn. Many are the legacy of the great ice age floods which helped carve the majestic cliffs we all admire around Lake Pend Oreille. The downside being unstable land forms that now threaten new development as well as existing homes and structures.



Above Cherokee Rd

While scouting for our bad boy boulder, we discovered two more precarious giants which appear prone to mischief. These boulders on steep slopes require costly and careful engineering to prevent calamity.

(Con't). This is something the NRCS may be able to help with. We hope this call to action leads to a solution. At the very least we need to identify the threats we face.

The Cape Horn area will forever face the prospect of another slide cutting off its precarious roadway. With the loss of so many trees, it would be nice if we could at least get an assessment of the potential dangers. An ounce of prevention could avert a minor catastrophe.

If you share our concerns or have any further information about potential hazards, please contact the **Shorelines**.

A Work of Art Coming

by Jan Jones

The entrance of the Community Garden at the Community Center will soon be getting a specially designed arbor to replace the current wood structure. This new work of art is being designed and constructed by Alex Robinson, son of Judy and Bruce Robinson of Bayview. Alex has been an artistic blacksmith for over 20 years in the greater Spokane area. He is the principle designer and blacksmith as well as the owner of his firm, The Collective, in Valleyford, Washington.

The arbor will be constructed of steel and heavy rebar. Weighing over 1,000 pounds, it's being built in his shop in sections and will be assembled on site, as it will. Through his skillful work with the rebar, the design will reflect waves of water, reminiscent of our beautiful Lake Pend Oreille. The arbor will be embedded in a foundation of concrete and will have vines growing on it. As the rebar rusts over time, it will take on a unique patina that will last for years and years.

We are so lucky to have Alex designing and constructing this Arbor. Alex, a true artist and craftsman, was born and raised in Spokane Valley. He received his associate degree of applied science in Machine Shop Technology from Spokane Valley Community College. He honed his artistic and metal working abilities by working in various jobs in the area, taking away new skills and expanding existing ones from each unique experience.

The arbor is partially funded by the Community Center and initial donations at this point. Additional donations from the Community will be gratefully accepted. Just contact the Center office to donate specifically to the Arbor Fund. The arbor should be complete and installed this spring and an event will be held to commemorate the wonderful new addition to our garden and our community. Stay tuned.

Next Council Meeting May 22: Voting for 2018 Communitarian and next year's budget approval.

Thank you to Bayview resident, Marian McComb, for answering to call to help an elderly lady in need of a bed.

Hostess with the Mostess

Natasha Meidlinger returns to work her magic, making everyone feel welcome at the Lake House Bar & Grill (formerly The Patio). "May 23 is our goal to open" says Natasha "I'm Excited for the summer!". She continues to offer an upscale down-home waterfront experience.

Save The Date

The Community Council will celebrate the year with a Year End meeting party at Cape Horn Marina, June 26, 6 p.m. Susan Meyer, Council Chair, will present her yearly summary message and announce the 2018 Communitarian. The new Communitarian has his or her name added to a plaque that hangs in the Community Center. The Council Directors give a short report also.

The evening kicks off with a short meeting followed by snacks, drinks and party. This year marks 12 years since the conception of the Bayview Community Council. The Council has endured, not because of one person, but because of a team of people.

Come and join us in commemorating the year. No July meeting. See you in August.

Spring Roadside Cleanup

by Ray Newcombe

Notice the clean road sides when driving into Bayview? The Bayview Community Council's April 20 roadside cleanup was a great success. The bi-annual springtime chore began with a hearty breakfast at Brunches, followed by 25 enthusiastic volunteers tidying up Highway 54 on a sunny day.

Unfortunately the unsightly litter will soon pop up again, so the Council's Board of Directors has decided to add a third cleanup day in late July or early August, most likely on a Friday. We still plan to continue the fall cleanup, probably in October. For those of you who are willing to get involved, please contact Ray Newcombe at 208-683-3590. Thank you volunteers!



Keep It Clean

Bayview is blessed with remarkably clean water and fresh air. We all need to do our part to keep it that way. If you must burn, make sure your pile is dry and includes only natural wood, no garbage or treated material. Burning on the lake shore and letting high water clean up after you is a no no! Consider alternatives to burning such as hauling, chipping and composting. Keep it clean out there. Our lungs thank you.