

# SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News

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Events & Activities

## BW&S Water Bond Fails

by Sheryl Puckett

Kootenai County unofficial election results for the water bond are 112 Yes and 191 No votes.

It is this author's opinion that the Board holds off on increasing rates, returns in May 2019 for the primary election and offers the community an acceptable option to fix what is broken and approve a bond with less debt.

I believe everyone is in agreement on fixing the pipes in Farragut that are causing leaks. Option C might have passed easily and hopefully DEQ will offer the same loan terms and if this goes back on a ballot it will sail through.

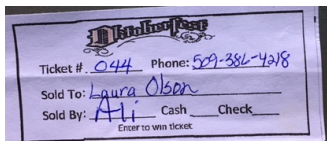
Athol passed their water bond with 132 yes, 74 no.

## Some Nights Make Memories

It's difficult to name any one thing that contributed to making the Council's Oktoberfest event such a success. A record crowd of 77 showed up, including Kootenai County Commissioner Chris Fillios and several candidates running for office. They heartily joined in the making of a video recording of the "Bayview Needs a Cell Tower" plea that brought down the house! I personally think the answer lies in the fact that Oktoberfest has gained a reputation as being a fun party and the brats are out of this world.

Lucky Laura Olsen won the Council's \$500 raffle drawing.

Ali Spahn sold the winning ticket during her kettlebell class. Laura and her husband, Steve are now full time RVers and while in Bayview reside at Lakeland RV Park, which they call their "home base" May through September. They spend winters in warmer climates but love Bayview!



The Community Council made \$630 from the raffle sale and the proceeds go towards the 2019 Scholarship Fund. A huge thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and please know your purchase went for a good cause.

## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 11 Veteran's Appreciation Day, Captain's Wheel
- Nov. 17 Christmas Fair, Bonner County Fairgrounds
- Nov. 23 Holiday Parade, fireworks, 5 p.m. Downtown Cda
- Dec. 1 BAB's Holiday Faire 11-4 p. m. Community Center

## THANKS FOR GIVING

Many businesses contributed to our Oktoberfest raffle making it a big success. We greatly appreciated your donations and would like to acknowledge the following businesses:

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| Ralph's Coffee Shop        | Captain's Wheel |
| C&L Auto Repair            | Country Boy     |
| Annie's Restaurant         | Clyde's Auto    |
| Little Town Market         | Robin's Salon   |
| Bayview Mercantile         | Super 1 Foods   |
| Northwood Vet              | Miller's Food   |
| Small Engine Repair        |                 |
| Keen Word Processing       |                 |
| Charmaine at Robin's Salon |                 |



## Tree of Sharing

By Sally Newcombe

The ABC Food Bank in Athol, through the leadership of director Charlotte Hooper, will once again be organizing the Tree of Sharing for the holiday season.

In the past, this program has helped as many as 200 local children receive wrapped gifts, children who might not otherwise have anything under the tree on Christmas morning. Individuals and groups will choose tags with the "wishes" of each child, purchase those items, wrap the gifts, and return them to the Bayview contact person. Tags will be available in November.

The contact person and organizer of this year's Tree of Sharing will be Debbie Hernandez. Debbie resides in Farragut Village.

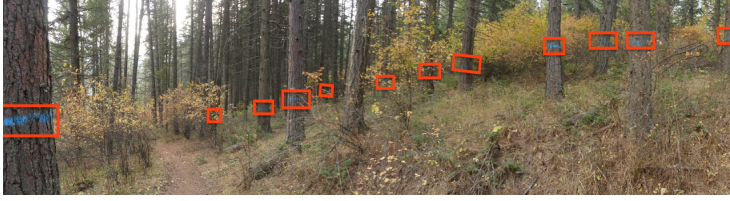
If you're interested in helping with this community wide need, please contact Debbie at [shoreskimmer15@gmail.com](mailto:shoreskimmer15@gmail.com) or 208-661-1900. She will be working with Charlotte in distribution of Christmas tags for the children in November.

## Crosswalk in the Works

The Lakes Highway District is considering plans for a crosswalk either at the Community Center or at the Post Office. This summer the district began to study traffic counts on Perimeter Road. The crosswalk has to be ADA (American with Disabilities Act) approved.

# Shore Line Trail Logging

by Mike Lee



## Hundreds of Douglas Fir Along Shoreline Marked to Cut

Say goodbye to the last stretch of wild forest along the Shoreline Trail in Farragut State Park. This once cool summer walk along moss covered trails canopied by flowering waves of ocean spray, syringa and wild roses beneath a majestic forest of 100 year old trees will be cut this winter, then burned.

Giant Douglas fir, Grand fir and Ponderosa Pine share this forest, the last children of the great forests that once surrounded Lake Pend Oreille. But somehow in their infinite wisdom the state of Idaho has decided that only Ponderosa Pine shall stand along the shoreline.

Unfortunately, and ironically, local pine beetles have something else in mind. While the state is busily mowing down perfectly healthy stands of fir, the pine are dying en masse. This conundrum seems to have no effect on our trusty officials who are bound and determined to *slash and burn the entire park* for its own good.

You may say, "They must know what they are doing," but in fact they are ignoring every: rule, regulation, guideline, standard, law and common sense itself to get the cut out. By law the parks in Idaho must be managed through a master planning process that respects cultural, historic, recreational, scientific, and wildlife while promoting quality "Park Values." The state has systematically ignored the requirements of the planning process and are logging the entire park while turning the rest of it into a big KOA .

Their true motivation can be found in a letter to the Parks Dept. from Boise that clearly states, "You agreed to log Farragut to help pay for your new headquarters in Coeur d Alene." So now under the guise of "Resource Management" our wonderful park, a green jewel among increasing development must fall to the axe.



# Same Faces, Different Titles

The Bayview Water & Sewer board decided to rotate responsibilities and as such Rich Doney gave up his chair position to Sharon Meyers. In the same vein Robyn Edwards assumed the role of Vice Chair. Thanks Richard for your time spent as Chair.

# Dinners Available at Ralph's

Starting November 2, Daveana, Ralph's Cafe owner, began serving dinners Fridays and Saturdays while staying open to 7 p.m.

If you haven't tried Daveana's dinner you're missing out on a tasty home cooked meal which comes with dessert. Her chicken parmesan is super yummy.

By the way, Ralph's Cafe will be open Thanksgiving Day serving a holiday meal and if you don't want to venture outside, you can have the meal delivered to your house.

Daveana is hoping to have her beer and wine license soon.

# Reconciliation

Like every town, large or small, Bayview has faced many challenges and controversies. An exception to this is when we installed the sewer system. The community overwhelmingly came together. It was a unique moment.

It's always sad when issues divide friends and families. Regardless of how you voted let's try to move forward. You might find that someone you disagree with now becomes your ally in the future. We crossed this bridge, let's not burn it.

# Fish & Game Plans

Fish & Game has plans for building a 700 sq. ft. building with showers, toilets, and two bedrooms centrally located to ten camping pads. The site will be one acre or less on property F&G owns near Bayview. The exact location has yet to be determined. After they get the final projects approval from General Services Administration (GSA), F&G plans to hold a town meeting to get the public's input.

F&G representatives met with BWSD board members on October 23 at a Special Meeting. F&G Regional Wildlife Habitat Biologist, Dave Leptich offered suggestions on how Bayview Water & Sewer might pay for using their easement to run the water lines down their property. Robyn Edwards, BWSD board member, said, "It would be premature to make exchanges of value". Leptich asked if there is a way to grant a waiver on a sewer hook up (there's currently a moratorium on ER's).

Fish & Game hopes to put the campground in by next year. To view a video excerpt from the October 23 meeting go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRkwyhJJ9dY>