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## Message From Timberlake Fire Chief Bill Steele

Well, summer is winding down. Your Fire District faired fairly well with no major wildland fires this season. I would like to give a big thank you to all for recognizing and obeying outdoor burning regulations. Next is political elections season for many political subdivisions, including your Fire District. The Fire District has three Fire Commissioner positions open.



As of County elections filing closing date, it is my understanding that we have candidates who qualified and filed for all three positions. I strongly believe that having interested District citizens running for elections is healthy for the District and citizens.

So what's my take on the challenges facing your Fire District over the next few years? High on my list is future planning relating to everything from funding options, managing growth, staffing options and facilities. Speaking of growth, the District is processing approximately 40 new residential building permits each month on average, which equals a lot of new citizens each year. New citizens equal increasing numbers of calls for service which equals increased budget impacts. I believe planning requires a commitment of the Board and citizens to get and stay involved.

Related to staffing, my message to the Board since I've been here is responder safety and depth of service for our citizens. As you may or may not know, the District staffs only two firefighter/EMT each day as part of the Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services contract and additionally we attempt to staff one additional firefighter/EMT during the day most days of the week. Therefore, when the ambulance crew transports, the District may have one or no resources in the District for the next emergency. We are very blessed to have a very active volunteer firefighter program and nearby very supportive mutual aid resources, which we call on quite often.

So my message to our Commissioner candidates is to come by almost anytime and let's discuss your thoughts one on one. I don't have any hidden agendas and believe I am open to any and all ideas, as long as they are legal, moral and ethical. Fire Chief, 208-683-3333

## Meet Cherie Mensching

A familiar proverb most people agree with is that the only things that are certain are death and taxes. Well, any homeowner will tell you that you can be certain that your home will need occasional repainting. If that is true then we're in luck. Bayview has a new painter! Cherie Mensching began painting when she was 19 years old and now has more than 30 years' experience. Cherie was raised in Dalton Gardens, spent the last three decades traveling and living in several states before slowly making her way back to the Pacific Northwest. She now calls Bayview's Cape Horn Estates home where she resides and assists in her mother's care.



Cherie is self-employed and licensed in Idaho as a painting contractor. Her business, Cherie Mensching Painting, LLC, offers interior and exterior painting, sheet rock repair, custom staining, basic drywall and mudding, and seals stains from old leaks, and provides color consults. She can also offer fancier paint finishes such as marbling, faxing (ragging/sponging and pickling paints), and custom marbles.

Cherie just finished her painting contracts in Oregon and is ready to develop a clientele here in Bayview and surrounding areas.

"No job too small" says Cherie. Call 208-561-5187 for a free estimate.

## Veteran's Day Saturday, November 11

The Captain's Wheel Staff, along with our patrons, would like to recognize, honor, and show our thanks and appreciation to the men and women who have served and still serve our wonderful country.

With the donations received by many, our veterans will eat for FREE all day, with proof of service.



Remaining money from the donations will go to a veteran's charity.

## Candidate Deborah Rose Fire Commissioner, Position #5

Allow me to introduce myself briefly. I am running for Timberlake Fire Protection District Commissioner. I am concerned about the quality of representation Timberlake's residents receive from our Commissioners for decisions regarding the health and safety of our District's residents and the financial welfare of our Fire District. The job of the Fire Commission includes approving the annual budget; hiring, firing and setting pay scales for employees; and enforcing the fire code. My qualifications include a career in management, accounting, and teaching. I have been a Director and Officer on two different Homeowners' Association Boards, utilizing management and budgeting skills.



Because we live in a rural area, we have a higher risk of mortality from medical emergencies. I will work to improve our emergency medical service survival rates in every way that I can. We have budget problems in the District. I understand budgeting and will address the issues to promote accountability and transparency in the District. We live in a wildland/urban interface. Fire prevention and suppression are paramount. I will work with the Chief to implement programs to protect lives and property.

To me, leadership as a Fire Commissioner means putting the safety of the residents first, efficient use of resources and responsible use of taxpayers' monies. I will be accessible and will apply thoughtful solutions while serving you, our community and district staff as your Fire Commissioner.

Thank you for considering me to be one of your commissioners.

Vote Deborah Rose For Fire Commissioner, Nov. 7  
Visit [www.DebForTimberlake.com](http://www.DebForTimberlake.com)

**OktoberFish 2017 Winners are:  
Doug Sheldon 17.66lb, Dan Whitney 16.84lb  
and Nelly Bell 16.48lb Great job everyone!**

**Next Council Meeting  
October 24, 7 p.m. at the Center  
Speaker: Kerry Costigan-Galdes:  
Graphic, Web Designer, Tutor**

## Candidate Sam Conner Fire Commissioner, Position #5

My name is Sam Conner, running for Fire Commissioner of Timberlake Fire Protection District - Zone 5. I am the current commissioner for Zone 5, holding the position until January.



I moved to Idaho after my military service in Vietnam. We moved to Athol in 2004, to enjoy a more rural lifestyle. I am a former business owner; a long-haul, owner/operator and I worked road construction.

Currently, I am also a "support service volunteer" for Timberlake Fire. My time spent there has enabled me to see the needs of our community from both perspectives - first as a citizen, and more intimately through the department, seeing needs I might not otherwise be aware.

Especially important to me is the safety of our citizens. It is my goal to keep our community as safe as possible with a top notch fire department, determining sensible use of funds in order to keep it at its best. My concerns are also with the safety of our first responders, who sacrifice daily for their community. I believe I have the qualifications to work toward this goal, orchestrating smooth transitions of operations and offering advice on many issues.

I appreciate your vote November 7th.  
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### **We Had Small Houses When Small Houses Weren't Cool**

*By Mike Lee*

Bayview joined the small house revolution in 1946 with the decommissioning of Farragut Naval Training Center (now Farragut State Park). Many of the smaller buildings on the base were moved to Bayview and converted to private houses. They fit perfectly on the uncommonly small 25 foot wide lots found throughout town.

Many of these recycled houses are getting the loving kindness they deserve through restoration. With the popularity of small houses booming it seems for once Bayview was ahead of the curve. When you drive through town keep an eye out for these veterans of WW II. To view some of these small homes go to the Council's Facebook page at: [https://www.facebook.com/bayviewcommunitycouncil/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/bayviewcommunitycouncil/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)