

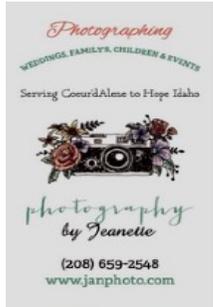
# SHORE LINES Local News & Events

## Bayview Community Council

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#### Say Cheese by Sheryl Puckett



Sometimes, the most unexpected road trips bring you exactly where we belong. For **Jeanette Brown**, owner of **Photography by Jeanette**, that journey began with a Harley ride from California to Montana in the summer of 2014, a trip intended for visiting family, but one that ended up changing her life.

“My husband and I knew we wanted to leave California,” Jeanette recalls, “but

didn’t expect to fall so hard for Idaho.” After that first trip, they returned soon after to look at homes. Their search was filled with unforgettable moments like the time their realtor opened the door to a house only to be greeted by a very large pit bull staring silently from the doorway. “We didn’t know whether to run or freeze,” Jeanette laughs. “It scared the living daylights out of us!” Another time, they tiptoed out of a showing after accidentally waking someone who had forgotten about the scheduled visit.

It was when their realtor brought them to Bayview that everything clicked. “He stopped the truck at the dock, and I stepped out. I was so overwhelmed by the beauty of the lake, I cried. I knew this was where we were meant to be.”

Jeanette has always worn more than one hat, but photography has been her life’s passion. With a strong entrepreneurial spirit, she’s worked for herself most of her life, photographing more than 500 weddings and countless family portraits, senior photos, and events. “I never want to disappoint my clients. I work hard to bring their vision to life.”

During her career Jeanette managed a portrait studio, leading a team of ten and working six days a week. But her career truly took off after meeting other professional photographers who encouraged her to chase her dreams.

“I worked under a master photographer and this was an honor to me. We photographed at the most prestigious venues and had the best back drops of landscape imaginable at these spectacular events.”

Beach weddings, she admits, are the most challenging. “Sand and camera lenses don’t mix,” she laughs. “And yes, I’ve got a few embarrassing moments too.”

Her shoots are always thoughtfully selected with backdrops in mind. “Location is everything. I pick



places that offer variety. It helps keep the energy flowing and gives clients a lot of options.”

Jeanette loves capturing life’s most meaningful moments. One testimonial from her website states

“Jeanette puts her heart into the photos. I cannot say enough about how special she made our ceremony. She felt like a part of our family. We could not have been any happier!”

For engagements, family photos, maternity, graduating senior sessions and head shots Jeanette offers complementary clothing and color coordination suggestions to create a selection of stunning portraits. “Your photo shoot will be a fun adventure for everyone. And your images can be delivered within 7 days or sooner.”

Jeanette explains, “I am not one for a lot of words myself, I suppose that is why I am a photographer, I am a visual, heartfelt and sentimental person. And for this I am thankful.”

Planning a wedding or graduation? To book Jeanette email her [janweddingphoto@gmail.com](mailto:janweddingphoto@gmail.com) or go to her website: <https://janphoto.com/>

#### Flavorful Scoops by Sheryl Puckett

There’s a new reason to smile in Bayview this summer and it comes in a cone. Meet **Colby Clement**, the face behind **Fishhook Creamery**, a brand new ice cream shop that opened its doors here in Bayview on May 23rd.

Originally from Tahoe and fresh from completing his studies in Southern Utah he says, “I’ve always loved creating spaces that bring people together. Opening an ice cream shop by the lake felt like the perfect way to do that.”

Colby previously ran a small event rental company during college but Fishhook Creamery is his first try into the world of ice cream. With family nearby in Sandpoint and a passion for lakeside living, Bayview was a natural fit.

His location is what locals refer to as the old ‘Dog House’ on Main Street. Open Monday to Saturday, 11 to 9 p.m., Fishhook Creamery plans to be a seasonal business.

What makes this shop even more exciting? CONT.

CONT. The “Catch of the Week” is a rotating lineup of special flavors. While you’ll find tried and true favorites like vanilla and chocolate, Colby’s planning to mix in small batch of adventurous flavors to keep things interesting.

So mark your calendars to stop by and welcome Colby to town. Because nothing says summer like an ice cream cone by the lake and now Bayview has just the place for it.

## Stupid Human Tricks

*Editorial by Grumpy Old Man*

To stand on the viewpoint in Farragut is to bear witness to the idiocy that burned both Bernard and Cape Horn Peaks. It makes me wonder, do we have to burn Bayview as well to wake up and say NO MORE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS. Enough moronic displays of stupidity masquerading as patriotism!

How about it Bayview Daze Committee? At least a statement. And Sheriff Norris, I know how you feel. How about backing it up with some enforcement? The docks are tinder, the float homes kindling and the boat sheds a catastrophe waiting for stupid to happen. Knock it off.

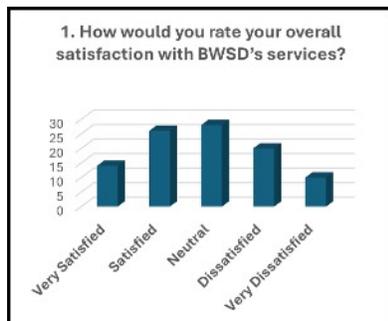
## Survey Results *by Ali Spahn*

Bayview Community Council’s five directors voted to survey the community on Bayview Water and Sewer District (BWSD) to better understand community concerns and priorities.

A survey was sent out on multiple platforms to Bayview residents. Only those residents connected to Bayview Water and Sewer District’s service were asked to respond and were counted.

A well-executed survey can provide a wealth of information about customers and their needs. A good maximum sample size is usually around 10% of the population surveyed. Since BWSD currently has approximately 800 Bayview residents on their system, 98 responses are considered a favorable sample response.

According to a study by Rutgers University, smaller cities and towns are engaging eight out of 10 people using Facebook regularly. The platform can increase residents’ participation in local decision-making, enhancing the public’s perception of the town, its’ BWSDs board members and staff.



As a matter of fact, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, North Kootenai Water & Sewer District and Hayden Lake Irrigation District have Facebook pages and manage to effectively use the tool to receive feedback and disseminate critical information to their customers in real time. BWSD should consider implementing this tool.

One resident simply commented, “My overall satisfaction is neutral. The communication is fair. Yes, other means should be explored before raising rates. I’m not aware of illegal sewer hookups. Yes, legal action should be taken for illegal sewer hookups.”

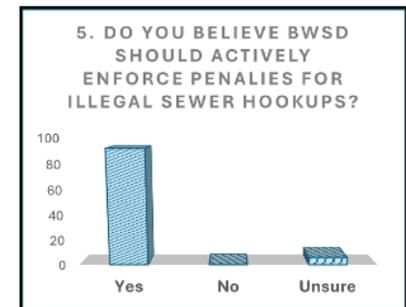
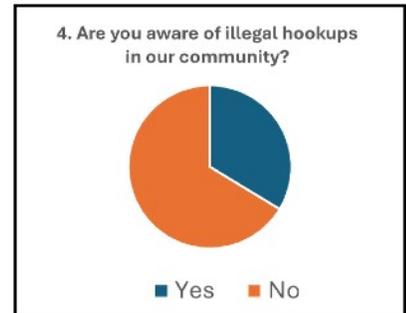
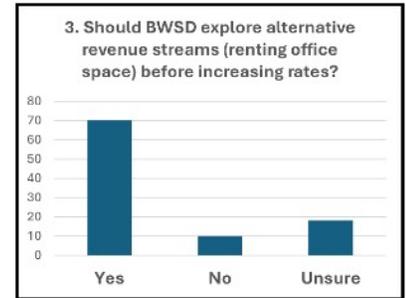
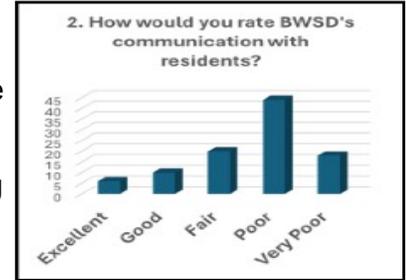
We hope this survey will provide the BWSD Board with the necessary information to better serve their customers and take appropriate action against illegal hookups.

However, communication is not only a responsibility of the BWSD Board. Attending a meeting is generally better than relying on hearsay. In person or on a Zoom call, meetings offer direct communication, allow for clarification, and enable participation, all of which are crucial for accurate information and effective decision-making.

Be engaged and support the Board. Join BWSD Zoom Meeting on Thursday, June 19th at 3:30 pm.

Go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7977383830?omn=88110763578>

Meeting ID: 797 738 3830



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