



## Foraging Prohibited in Idaho State Parks *By Sheryl Puckett*

A routine September fall outing at **Farragut State Park** turned into a lesson in state regulations when a Bayview couple were picking apples. They were stopped by a park ranger and informed that foraging is prohibited in Idaho State Parks.

The visitors, who had been picking fruit from a tree near the "Tree to Tree Idaho Adventure Park" area, were surprised to learn that even apples are off limits.

An email to Farragut State Park Manager, Liz Palfini, resulted in this reply: 'No foraging of any kind is allowed in State Parks. It's hard for us to stop it all together but it all falls under the IDAPA 26.01.20.175.09. Everything in State Parks is protected. Mushroom hunters are also told they are not allowed if we catch them. Firewood collectors, pine tree harvesters, metal detectors, you name it we do not allow foraging of any kind.'

Several Bayview residents who were contacted about this matter, all said they were unaware of such a restriction.

A call was placed to David White, Northern Region Bureau Chief of Idaho Parks & Rec. When reached, White defended the no picking park apple enforcement policy, citing historic preservation of the grounds and the need to protect park resources from overuse.

He explained that increased visitation has led to more violations, forcing managers to apply the regulations more aggressively. The encounter leaves lingering questions for Idaho residents:

- If the parks belong to the public, should visitors be allowed to pick fruit from non native trees?
- When were the rules formally adopted and why aren't they more clearly communicated?
- Should there be a distinction between natural resources like mushrooms and historic plantings such as apple trees?
- Since arrow hunting is allowed one has to ask is there a hypocrisy? Both are natural resources but are treated differently?

For now, park officials maintain their stance: foraging of any kind is prohibited in Idaho State Parks including Farragut. For some folks this will come as quite the surprise. The times they are a changing rings out and unfortunately not better for the mushroom hunters.

## United By Water *By Sheryl Puckett*

Bayview's floating homes aren't just unique, they're part of Bayview's community, history



and charm. In the early 1900's they started as fishing shacks and today these homes are attracting visitors and adding character. Maintaining and preserving them requires teamwork, commitment and one strong voice.

That's where **Bayview Float Home Association** comes in. This group exists to protect the rights of float home owners, address concerns with agencies, lawmakers and keep members informed about issues that affect float homes.

Concerns about rent increases and possible eviction led to the formation of the Floating Homes Association in 1995. In 1998, the Idaho Legislature passed the Floating Homes Residency Act (Title 55, Chapter 27), which protects homeowners by ensuring their rents stay reasonable, based on tier levels that are set according to the marina and the specific site where the home is located.

Currently the association's dues are \$50 yearly. These dues contribute to website fees, a street light, fireworks, legal fees, stickers that display you're a member of the association, to name a few.

On August 2nd, at the yearly association's meeting, nominations for officers were held. The results were: President: Mic Hess, Vice President: Bill Hansen, Secretary: Lesley Von Eschen, Treasurer: Karen Renner, Member at Large: Pat Wynne.

Whether it's staying on top of regulations, sharing maintenance tips or organizing social events, the Association is here for all the float home owners.

By joining the Float Home Association, you strengthen your collective voice. The more members they have, the more effectively they can advocate for the interests of all float home owners. The saying "strength in numbers" can not be truer.

It's in every float home owner's best interest to join the Float Home Association.

To join contact the current treasurer Karen Renner at [kkrenner49@gmail.com](mailto:kkrenner49@gmail.com)  
To view their website: [bayviewfloatinghomes.com](http://bayviewfloatinghomes.com)

# Oven Fresh *By Sheryl Puckett*

This summer at the Athol Farmers Market, one booth that drew a crowd with the smell of fresh baked pies was **Farm Girl Bakery**, the dream of Deanna “Dee” Ross.



The name Farm Girl Bakery comes straight from Dee’s roots. Born and raised on dairy farms in the Midwest, Dee has always considered herself a farm girl at heart. She once dreamed of starting a coffee trailer called Farm Girl Brew. While that dream shifted, the name “Farm Girl” never left her plans and now it perfectly represents her bakery business.

While Dee bakes a wide variety of treats, her pies and her grandma’s carrot cake cupcakes are the runaway favorites. Customers rave about her flaky, oil based crusts, which are both unique and irresistibly delicious. “I’ve had people tell me they’re not pie people until they try mine,” Dee shared.



As for her personal favorites, Dee loves making custards and her tart yet creamy sour cream lemon pie. She also delights in experimenting with flavors, offering everything from lemon huckleberry bars to brown butter Rice Krispie treats. Much of her creativity comes from a cherished memory: flipping through baking magazines with her grandmother, picking recipes and always adding their own twist.

She loved selling at the Athol Farmers Market. “It was fun to see my regulars and hear about their week,” she said.

“The hardest part of selling at a market type venue is guessing how much to bake each week and ensuring it’s all as fresh as possible.” Dee uses local ingredients whenever possible, often picking fruit herself. One day she hopes to open her own shop where people can enjoy sweet and savory pies, coffee and the cozy Farm Girl atmosphere she envisions.

If you’re wondering what to try first, Dee doesn’t hesitate: her Salted Caramel Apple Crumble Cheesecake. “It’s drool worthy,” she promises, with layers of creamy cheesecake, spiced apples, and a drizzle of salty-sweet caramel.

For now, you can place an order directly with Dee. Whether it’s a pie, cupcake, or cheesecake, every treat is baked with the same heart and passion that started in her Grandma’s kitchen. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and nothing completes the meal like one of Dee’s pies. Place your orders soon!

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# A BWSD Update:

The Bayview Water & Sewer District (BWSD) Board discussed the need to enforce its existing rules and update their fines and penalties at the 10/16/25 meeting.

President Jeanna Hofmeister emphasized the importance of taking action, stating, “If we don’t start somewhere saying, ‘You’re not going to get away with it anymore,’ then we might as well pack up here.”

Vice President, Mark Lewis, noted that community members are supportive of stronger enforcement. “The survey that was put out shows the public wants us to do something,” he said. He was referring to the Bayview Community Council survey.

The board agreed that the penalties will apply to both sewer and water services.

Amending the ordinances requires a public hearing, which the board included on the October 29, Budget hearing agenda.

After the October 16 public meeting, Ted Bare resigned from the BWSD board leaving available a new opening to anyone who would like to serve. Contact the BWSD office to inquire on the director position.

Trusts	Wills
Arrangement where a third party, the trust, holds assets	Legal document that says who gets what after death
During life or after death	Only after death
Only assets transferred into the trust	The assets in your name after death
Does not include guardianship	Designates guardianship for minors
No, trusts do not go through probate	Typically, yes, wills go to probate court
Much harder to contest	Easier to challenge
No, it always remains private	Becomes public record after probate
More complex to set up	Simpler to create
Most effective when used with a will	Use with a trust if you over \$100k in assets



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