

Paradise Service Associates (PSA) Newsletter

October 2018

Welcome Fall 2018!

Fall is now upon us and near the end of our summer activities at the park. We were fortunate, here at Paradise, to enjoy a wonderful summer with many nice days to picnic, swim, boat and fish. As a reminder, the park closes on October 31st and re-opens on April 1st, 2019. All boats and personal watercraft must be out of the marina by October 31st.

Meeting Notices: The next PSA Board of Directors meeting will be held at **Mason Benson Community Center on Saturday, November 17th at 10:00am**. All members, in good standing (water and dues paid up to date), are welcome to attend. Please sign in when you arrive. As always, board and committee meetings are posted on the Community bulletin board.

PSA Board of Directors (BOD): At the September 15 board meeting, Larry Pazaski was voted on to the PSA board, by majority vote, to fill the position vacated by Rick Galvin. Larry's term ends in 2021. If you are interested in serving on the PSA board of directors, please send a letter of interest and a short description of how you can contribute to our association as a PSA director to Velindab123@gmail.com or mail to 261 E Shore Dr., Grapeview, 98546. Board members serve a 3 year term.

Park News: Dean Graves, current caretaker, will remain at the park during the off season beginning Nov 1st to March 31, 2019. Dean will not be a salaried employee but will keep a watch full eye on our park for us.

2019 Homeowner Dues: Invoices for the 2019 PSA Homeowners dues will be sent by December 1st and are due by January 31st, 2019. Dues remain \$265 per lot. Late fees will apply starting February 1st.

Ferrill Gas Co-op: Paradise Shores members are invited to join, contact Jacob Behrens 360-509-7645. Co-op can get reduced propane gas rates, need 5 member minimum, 10 or more is best variable rate. Current leased tanks with other vendors can be exchanged at no cost. Member will have to make arrangement for tank pick up.

Dates to Remember (events will be posted on the community bulletin board):

2nd Annual Polar Plunge/Breakfast will be held on January 1st at the Hut. Breakfast will begin at 10 am followed by the Plunge at Noon. Breakfast donation is \$5, Plunge is FREE. T shirts and Hoodies will be available for purchase.

Paradise at Mason Lake Hoodies: (Hoodies \$35-\$40)/t shirts (\$15) We still have some on hand (excellent gifts) and have pre-paid order forms if we don't have what you want. (Many of you had asked about children's sizes. Contact Jan Moon, 360-426-1557 or Tina Simms @simmsfab4@msn.com if you have questions.

Webpage: All newsletters, board minutes, committee meeting minutes, and financials are posted on the PSA website. Please share the newsletter with your co-owners, family, guests, and **tenants**. This will enhance their experience visiting our community and the park. Web page address is paradise_service_associates.org. We now have a PSA Facebook page "Paradise at Mason Lake" that you can join for additional information pertaining to Paradise Shores. Also, check out the Belfair Community Network site.

Committee Activities: Committee reports are posted on the PSA website once they are approved. If you would like to volunteer your time (project supplies are also needed) for any of the PSA committees, let any of the board members or committee chairs know. *We could use more involvement on the committees so that the same members are not doing all the work. Chairman contact info is at the end of the newsletter.*

Bylaws/Rules Committee News: Committee has reviewed Bylaws and Rule/Guidelines. The committee has found several rules that need to be clarified. Since the PSA board are authorized to adopt rules changes, the committee will be submitting rule changes for board approval in the very near future. Since Bylaw changes must be approved by the members, those will be submitted at a later date.

Facilities Committee News: The Facilities Committee met several times in September. At the last facilities meeting, Will James was elected Facilities chair and Jan Moon was elected Co-chair. Highlights of the meetings were: Members, family and guests are not checking in with the caretaker as required by park rules so there will be a large sandwich board, at the entrance of the park, reminding people to check in whether walking or driving in. Hopefully, this will help to avoid any confrontations. The No smoking ban in the park except in designated area has been pretty successful. We will continue plantings on the marina side of the peninsula this fall to avoid erosion. See Saw in the play area has been broken due to older kids playing on it and has had to be welded several times this summer. A large beam on the swim dock had to be repaired by Jesfield construction. Surface boards are also being replaced on the swim dock.

Finance Committee News: Brenda Bamford provided financial information to the board members at the September 15 board meeting, presented by Velinda in her absence. The report included balance sheet, variance report, and profit and loss. Belfair Tax has filed all delinquent IRS returns. The finance committee will be meeting in November to prepare the dues invoices for mailing. 2019 dues should be mailed to PSA at POB 1345, Belfair, WA. 98528.

Marina Committee News:

Moorage Loyalty Program: At the September BOD meeting, the marina committee proposed starting a Loyalty Program that would allow current 2018 slip renters to pay and secure the **same slip** for 2019. The program was approved by the board. The **completed** moorage applications and full payment for the 2019 summer season will be accepted from November 1 to December 1st. If you wish to participate in this new program, mail your applications with payment to PSA 261 E Shore Dr., Grapeview, WA 98546. If the application is not complete, it will be returned. The cost for slips will remain at the 2018 rate (\$200 single/\$400 oversized). Forms are available from Jan Moon or on our PSA website. Paradise_Service_Associates.org. If you choose not to participate in the Loyalty Program, moorage applications and fees will be accepted on March 15th, 2019, on a first come first served basis.

The marina committee will be purchasing 2 kayak/paddle board storage racks for the 2019 season. More information will be provided once rates and rental specifics are determined.

Marina Upgrade: Plans for the marina and launch configuration have been selected, with 61 slips available. The next step is to file for all permits to the agencies involved. Blair Harter has volunteered to prepare the permits and hopes to have them completed by end of November.

Water System Committee News: The water system committee lead by Tom Moore, have been diligently working to secure monitoring software equipment to the water system to warn us of pump failure. Other projects are pumping the storage tanks, flushing fire hydrants, and protecting water system bollards that are located throughout Paradise Shores.

Safety/Security: If you see any activity that seems suspicious, please call the Sheriff's office at 350- 275-4467 Ext 313.

Reckless driving though the Paradise neighborhoods

A PSA member reported to the BOD that they observed reckless and dangerous operation of a golf cart in our neighborhood. Also, several members have complained that people are driving too fast throughout our associations, especially around the park.

The PSA BOD has contacted the Sheriff's office and the Mason County Public Works Department. The Public Works department is unable to install speed humps/bumps due to the remote location and cost. The BOD request that if you see people traveling at excessive and dangerous speeds please note the make and model of the vehicle, location and time of the occurrence. Please report this information to either Velinda Brown, PSA President or William James, PSA Secretary. (Contact information is below,) We will compile the information and report it to the Sherriff's office and they will make extra patrols based on that information.

Golf Cart Operation

A PSA member reported to the BOD that they observed reckless and dangerous operation of a golf cart in our neighborhood. A minor child, less than 16 years old, was operating a golf cart with 7 other children aboard. Children were standing on the side platforms and the back while hanging on to the top. The golf cart was heading down hill at excessive speed. While the BOD has no authority to regulate any travel on the county roads, we strongly encourage parents to discuss with their children in the proper use of a golf cart, and to properly supervise them in the use of a golf cart if they allow it. It would have been tragic if the cart turned sharply and hit another car head on or rolled over with all of those children onboard. Paradise Shore Estates is not designated as a Golf Cart Zone by the county commission. Discussions with the Sherriff's office indicated that if they had to respond to a golf cart accident or a report of reckless operation of a golf cart, they would following the below law (even though we do not currently have a golf cart zone):

RCW **46.08.175** Golf cart zones.

(1) The legislative authority of a city or county may by ordinance or resolution create a golf cart zone, for the purposes of permitting the incidental operation of golf carts, as defined in RCW **46.04.1945**, upon a street or highway of this state having a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

(2) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this section is granted all rights and is subject to all duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle under chapter **46.61** RCW.

(3) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this section must be at least sixteen years of age and must have completed a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a licensed driver.

(4) A person who has a revoked license under RCW **46.20.285** may not operate a golf cart as authorized under this section.

(5) The legislative authority of a city or county may prohibit any person from operating a golf cart as authorized under this section at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.

(6) The legislative authority of a city or county may require a decal or other identifying device to be displayed on golf carts authorized on the streets and highways of this state under this section. The city or county may charge a fee for the decal or other identifying device.

(7) The legislative authority of a city or county may prohibit the operation of golf carts in designated bicycle lanes that are within a golf cart zone.

(8) Golf carts must be equipped with reflectors, seat belts, and rearview mirrors when operated upon streets and highways as authorized under this section.

(9) A city or county that creates a golf cart zone under this section must clearly identify the zone by placing signage at the beginning and end of the golf cart zone on a street or road that is part of the golf cart zone. The signage must be in compliance with the department of transportation's manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways.

(10) Accidents that involve golf carts operated upon streets and highways as authorized under this section must be recorded and tracked in compliance with chapter 46.52 RCW. The accident report must indicate that a golf cart operating within a golf cart zone is involved in the accident.

[2010 c 217 § 4.]

Huge thanks to all the directors and volunteers that devote many hours to serve on committees, show up at work parties, and donate materials and labor to PSA. We all benefit from these dedicated folks.

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