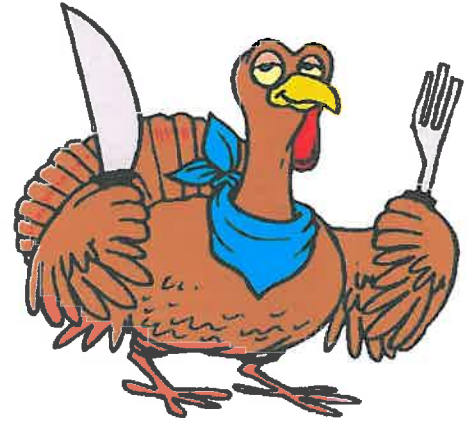


Latitude 49 Resort Park Association

Fall 2017 President's Letter



The year is almost over and time has come to wind down and hunker down for the winter. The summer was great and, so far, the early October weather has been likewise. I don't remember seeing the bay so calm this late in the season. Hopefully this isn't the calm before the storm. Weather is nice so there is still time to prepare your property for the winter. Bushes should have been trimmed so you could have disposed of the trimmings in our seasonal dumpster. Weeds are a real pain, especially in early spring so now is the time to treat your rocks/gravel areas with a pre-emergence product to keep spring sprouting to a minimum. My favorite is a product called Casoron 4G and it can be purchased at most big box hardware stores. Application can be done with a hand held whirly bird applicator.

Speaking of weeds, we do park inspections on a regular basis and note those properties with heavy weed growth and notify them via a post card. If no action is taken, the card is followed up with a letter telling of a possible fine if the situation isn't corrected. If nothing is heard from the owner and the communications are ignored, a final letter imposing a fine is then sent. This usually is replied to with the explanation that the first two notices were never received! Interesting how our mail system works.

This summer was extra warm which resulted in the pool becoming infected with the mustard/yellow algae. The algae can be transmitted to the pool by infected bathing suits, pool toys, and pool equipment. Our pool equipment supplier, Koala-T Pool and Spa Service, told us the bay was loaded with it and if someone went swimming in the bay, or another infected pool, and didn't wash their suit before coming into our pool – our pool would now become infected. That is why it is important to shower before entering the pool. During this episode, the county pool inspector paid us a visit and luckily we had the pool closed [being vigilant and pro-active], otherwise it would have cost us \$250 for him to come re-inspect before we could reopen. He told us that there were over 35 pools in the area that were infected by the algae. Just to dispel some of the talk around the park, the pumps were never shut down. Our pumps run 24 hours a day during pool operation as do the spa pumps. To the rumor that our maintenance personnel don't know what they are doing: this was a false rumor and have received on the job training from Koala-T.

The ping pong table has been fixed again. Twice this year it suffered vandalism/damage, once pulling some stiffeners off the sides and secondly, by bending some support brackets. Ken and Henry fixed the stiffeners and Greg repaired the brackets. A sign has now been placed on the bottom giving instructions on how to set it up. If you still have problems, let us know and we will be happy to give you some help/instruction.

There have been a number of altercations in the park this year where owners have been verbally harassed/assaulted by another owner. Complaints have been filed with the Board; however, we are not in a position to remedy the situation as we are not a police force. If an altercation happens between Park Residents with which you are not comfortable, you should immediately call 911. For non-emergency complaints such as noise, you can call dispatch at 360-676-6911. In all cases you must be willing to be contacted by a deputy to give relevant information which will be kept anonymous. If you feel that a wellness check should be performed, you can contact Adult Protective Services at 206-341-7652 and give them a report. APS will do a follow up with the resident.

Last year, during the snow storm, Integra received calls inquiring as to when the roads were going to be plowed. Most of these calls were when there was less than four inches of snow on the ground. We do have a snow removal contract that will be utilized only when it is absolutely necessary to do so as it is very expensive. Board member Gary Hall drove around in the park surveying the situation and found that all roads in the complex were completely drivable when you drove at a reasonable speed. The problem we had was that the county plowed Birch Bay Lynden Road and left a berm of snow and ice blocking our entrance and exit gates. Ice melt will be applied to walkways within the complex so that you can pick up your mail and access the laundry. Watch the weather, and stock up on supplies so that you don't have to go out during a snow/ice storm. If there is an emergency when you absolutely, positively have to go out, call the dispatch number listed above for assistance.

Future projects:

We are in the process of replacing the short main fence on the Birch Bay Lynden Road side with a seven (7) foot tall fence. This project is being done in sections to spread out the initial cost of almost \$40,000. Ken is working on bids to replace the main gates with taller ones to deter gate jumpers.

We will be applying a seal coat to the roads in the entire park. This will happen during the summer of 2018, probably August, and will have an effect on everyone. The park will be split into nine sections to be worked on in such a manner that you will not be able to drive right up to your lot but will be able to park on adjacent streets within a short walk.

The coated area has to cure for 24 hours before being driven on so cooperation from everyone will be necessary. All of the street signage will be reapplied after the seal coat. Another letter will be sent before the work begins to explain the process and give a time line.

I would like to thank all those that made it possible to have some fun events this year. It takes an effort to put on an event and help is always appreciated, especially with the cleanup. If you do bring a dish to share, please bring it already proportioned and ready to serve. Those working in the kitchen truly appreciate when your dish is brought in – all ready for serving. It makes their job so much easier!

For the latest happenings in the park, you can find them listed in the mail room or find them on the website at www.Latitude49resortpark.com. The activities calendar is kept up to date thanks to Patricia and to Robin who insures the information makes it onto our Latitude 49 website. Activities conduct a monthly meeting - all are encouraged to attend and bring your ideas for something new to add to the events calendar.

SAVE THE DATE for the owner's Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 in the Clubhouse. The candidate's forum will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

A Few Reminders:

- The speed in the park is **still** 10MPH
- Only bagged household garbage in the compactor. Depositing other material will result in an immediate \$250 fine.
- County permits are required for some projects. Consult the Architectural Committee if you are not sure.
- Make sure your contact information is up to date with Integra [address/phone/email]
- Turn your water off at the curb to prevent a broken pipe from flooding your unit.
- Please pick up your packages ASAP from the mail room to prevent possible theft.

From Ken, Lynn, Gary, Henry and myself, ***we wish all of you a safe and prosperous Holiday season. For those that go south for the winter, safe travels and we will await your return.***

Don Schleuse
Board President