



Birch Bay Village

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER

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This Board of Directors Newsletter describes important issues of the community and actions recently taken by the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Birch Bay Village meeting will be held on November 2nd at the Blaine High School Performing Arts Center Blaine, WA. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Open Forum begins at 7:30 p.m. The voting results on the budget for 2008 will be announced.
- The Solar System for the BBVCC Pool has been installed and was used during the 2007 Pool Season.

ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER 2007:

ARCHITECTURAL: Committee Chairman: Bruce Walasek

- Changes to the AR&R's
 - **3.3.2: Garages and Carports:** Garages must match existing house in style, material and color. Carports are not allowed except in Divisions 7 and 12M.

Garages/Carports in Divisions 7 and 12M must be permanent type structures that comply with the following:

1. Have a hard surface floor such as concrete or compacted stone.
 2. Utilize permanent ground attachment such as concrete reinforced footings and stem wall.
 3. Roofs, walls and doors made from fabric, plastic sheet panels or similar materials are prohibited.
 4. No Quonset Huts or buildings of a temporary nature are allowed in BBV.
- **3.6** Changed to read "No building or part of a building (*except roof overhangs of 18 inches*) such assetback."

ROADS AND DRAINAGE:

Completed:

- Snohomish Road project.
- Chehalis crossing
- Salish Drainage
- Bus parking area Nootka Loop.

Pending:

- Drainage work continuing in the Common Area in Division 12M & 7.

MARINA: Committee Chairman: Gordon Mitchell

- This year all 4-marina docks were power washed for cleaning.
- 60 new pieces of floatation were installed under the docks to keep them stable. More floatation will be added next year.

- Docks A & B had the aging electric boxes and lighting replaced with new electric boxes, which also contain a dock light in each box. This new lighting illuminates the entire dock hence providing better lighting than before.
- We plan to add more pilings in 2007 to improve the dock strengths, and are currently waiting for the permit to be approved. We will also add pilings to extend C dock.

GOLF - Committee Chairman: Chuck Pagani

Highlights for 2007 include:

- **Golf Course Open House** – A golf course open house was held August 18, 2007. A first event of its kind at BBV, attended by 13 very appreciated guests. Guests received golf cart tours of the course by members, received information handouts, talked with members and enjoyed wine, soda and light appetizers.
- **Youth Golf Program** – Up to 32 BBV youth, from age 10+ through 17 years old, signed up for the inaugural year of the BBV Youth Golf Program. Golf clubs, balls, and other golf equipment were provided to those who needed them at no cost. Dedicated golf club members provided twice a week instruction and practice sessions throughout the summer. As participating youth achieved the knowledge of the game, course etiquette, and basic skill levels, they “graduated” and were permitted to play independently on the course.
- **Annual Golf Fund Raiser** – The golfing community and businesses supported the Annual Golf Fund Raiser event. The July 14-15 tournament, hole sponsorships and dinner, game and auction activities raised funds to support this year’s and future BBV Youth Golf Program, course safety/improvement/play enhancement.
- **Significant Course Improvement Projects** – All golf cart paths are now either gravel reinforced or concreted. It is anticipated that an additional fairway cart path (#4) will be concreted before the end of the season. Other path sections have been gravel upgraded as needed, ensuring cart users can ride the course this coming winter.
- **Club Champions Crowned** – Congratulations to the following club champions: Dan Harrell (Men’s Champion), Ellie Willis (Ladies’ Champion), and Ryan Wallen (Youth Champion).
- **Hole-in-One!** – Congratulations to Charles Husel for a hole-in-one on hole #14 (#5, blue tee)!

LAKES: Committee Chairman: George Emmett

- **April:**
 - Pre-season experimental application of blue dye to Thunderbird and Kwann Lakes (by Aquatechnex) to delay and subdue algae emergence. (Successful)
- **May:**
 - Committee meeting May 10. Research on fish stocking of lakes presented.
 - BBV maintenance staff enlisted in EPA 3-day license course in herbicide application. Purpose: to provide alternative should Aquatechnex become unavailable or prohibitively expensive.
 - Mark Dornan, WA Fish & Wildlife local rep, invited to survey our water assets and make recommendations. He will try to expedite our fish permit requests through the labyrinthine F&W puzzle maze.
 - BBV staff enhanced soundproofing measures at the Thunderbird aeration control site.
 - Fish suppliers researched, contacted.
- **June:**
 - First seasonal application of Cutrine to lakes and ponds for algae control (Aquatechnex).
 - Aquatechnex called out to clear and adjust clogged aeration pods.
 - Committee members replaced faulty compressor fan on Thunderbird and further enhanced soundproofing. Fan supplied under warranty.
 - Additional requested details supplied to Fish & Wildlife for fish stocking permit.

- Committee met June 26. Discussion and planning re: sudden upsurge in pondweeds. Decision to try again for an affordable water quality-testing program by Western Washington University.
- **July:**
 - 1-year contract negotiated with Western Washington University for semi-monthly lake water quality sampling.
 - Diquat applied to lakes and ponds to combat resurgent noxious weeds (Aquatechnex)
 - Shoreline erosion noted on lakes and ponds. Suggested remedies to be included in budget.
 - Committee meeting July 18 re: above.
- **August:**
 - Coordinated with BBV maintenance for Village boat readied for water sampling.
 - Fish & Wildlife permit finally approved for stocking bluegill and perch for insect control
 - First of 6 contracted lake sampling trips concluded smoothly.
 - Second (final) Cutrine application to subdue re-emerging algae.
 - Committee meeting called for August 29.

SECURITY - Committee Chairman: John Ellis

- Speeding continues to be a concern so a 2nd radar unit has been purchased for the guards – report speeders to the guards.
- New Stop signs are being installed at key intersections throughout the Village – watch for the Orange Flags.
- Pedestrians should walk on the left.
- All motorcycles need to be registered at the Office and should enter the Village in the Visitor’s lane. No barcodes will be issued for Motorcycles.
- Bicyclists need to wear helmets and abide by the rules of the road.
- Golf Carts must be driven by a licensed driver when on the roads and remember to obey the rules of the road.
- With expansion and improvement, there are now 26 parking spaces at the Lower School Bus gate.
- 3 new Pet Stations have been added.
- Changes to the General Rules & Regulations –
 - 6 Vehicle Storage/Parking: “ Personal vehicle, recreational vehicles,.....may be parked or stored only within an appropriate designated and *properly maintained gravel or paved* area on the owner’s lot.....”
 - 6.3 Unlicensed and *inoperable* vehicles shall be considered abandoned and not allowed on any Lot, Track or Parcel of said land in Birch Bay Village unless permitted by BBVCC Management

BLOCKWATCH - Chairman: Larry McKinney

- Blockwatch in the Village is a communication network, to not only watch out for one another, but also advise one another of crimes. We have 34 Blockwatch areas in the Village, each with a representative (except in a few areas). We need volunteers to fill these vacant positions and to help the representatives. A phone tree network is a good way to get the word out. It’s a great way to meet your neighbors. Contact the office if you would like to help. The office can tell you which area you live in, and who the representative is.
- In addition to watching out for neighbors, it’s your responsibility to watch out for inappropriate activity, vandalism, etc. in our common area, including the golf course. Call security immediately if you observe this type of behavior. Our security has a roving patrol vehicle 24/7. They also carry in the vehicle a defibrillator, and are trained in the use of it. The Social Club donated this defibrillator to the Village.

The Board of Directors will continue to work hard to keep Birch Bay Village a beautiful and pleasant place for all.