



BUSINESS NEWS

"Creating a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy"

April 2015

Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce



Citizen of the Year – Last year's winner Debbi Lester presents the award to this year's winner Diane Landry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

See inside for winners, winner bios, more pictures and details... pg 5.

WEST SOUND HOME & GARDEN MAGAZINE - 2015 BEST OF WEST SOUND READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Bainbridge Island Chamber Members:

- Best Wine Tasting Room – Eleven Winery
- Best Hospital – Harrison Medical Center
- Best Used-Car Dealer – Liberty Bay Auto
- Best Remodeler – A Kitchen That Works
- Best Paint Store – Peninsula Paint Co.
- Best Bookstore – Eagle Harbor Book Company
- Best Realtor – Eileen Black, John L. Scott, Bainbridge Island
- Best Real Estate Office – Windermere Real Estate
- Best Computer Repair/Networking – Bainbridge Technology Solutions
- Best Hotel – Suquamish Clearwater Casino & Resort
- Best Bank – Kitsap Bank
- Best Credit Union – Kitsap Credit Union
- Best Place to Take a Family – Battle Point Park, Bainbridge Island

RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR BAINBRIDGE ISLAND NON PROFIT EMPLOYEES

Housing Resources Bainbridge has expanded its rental assistance program to include Bainbridge non-profits.

How Does It Work?

The Non-Profit Rental Assistance Program provides monthly rental assistance to non-profit employees on Bainbridge Island who also rent housing on Bainbridge Island. The purpose of the program is to assist those who work in the non-profit community, helping to make housing affordable to them so that they may focus on their careers helping others.

The rental assistance will cover the gap between 30% of the recipient's gross household income and the actual rent paid or the average market rent, minus utility allowance (as determined by HRB) for this area, whichever is less. Assistance is awarded for 12 months and is paid directly to the landlord. Recipients may reapply for assistance annually, if needed.

Eligibility Requirements –

- Be employed full time (30+ hours per week) by a One Call For All organization.
- Live and work on Bainbridge Island (Off-island organizations are not available).
- Have an annual household income of less than \$45,000 (1-2 person household) or \$85,000 (3+ person)
- Be under a written lease agreement for a rental room, or apartment on Bainbridge Island.

To Learn more about the Non-Profit Rental Assistance Program or about HRB, visit us online at www.housingresources-bi.org or contact Phedra Elliott at 206-842-1909 7#.

THE FLUFFY RUFF WINS THREE AWARDS

Congratulations to **The Fluffy Ruff Groomers** who attended a National Grooming Competition in Pasadena, California, with international competitors and judges. Tasha Smith won a first place in the Sporting Division with Cara the English Cocker, and Julia Sklar won a first place in Intermediate All Other Purebreds with Bold the Irish Water Spaniel. Julia also won First Place in the Rescue Roundup, where groomers drew numbers to groom shelter pets to make them more adoptable. The Fluffy Ruff was entered in four competitions and returned with three First Place trophies and \$1,175 in winnings. Sprite the Bichon was debuted in Creative Grooming with her **"Garden of the Chinese Dragon"** design. You may see her about town in the bright yellow and red motifs as they tweak and refine it for another contest in seven weeks.



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

APRIL BREAKFAST

FRI. APR 24, 7:30-9:00 AM

Chad Pearson on Employment Security's Shared Work Program. The public is welcome. Sign up online by midnight Wed., Apr. 22, and save \$5.00. At IslandWood, 4450 Blakely Ave NE. Current Members \$18, Future Members \$23. At the Door Current Members \$23, Future Members \$28.

Program: It can happen to any business. Demand for your product or service slips. Maybe the market goes in the tank. All you know is your business is in a fix, and you've got hard decisions to make. You don't want to lay off your skilled employees, but what else can you do to cut costs? Employment Security has an alternative called the "Shared Work Program." Learn why more than 96% of enrolled employers would recommend it to other businesses.

APRIL AFTER HOURS

THURS., APR 23, 5:30-7:00 PM

Hosted this month by **the Bloedel Reserve**, 7571 NE Dolphin Dr. What better time of year to come to the Reserve! View the exhibits for National Poetry Month and enjoy wine and other refreshments in the newly remodeled Japanese guest house and garden. A free event, no reservations necessary. The public is welcome.

BAINBRIDGE BUSINESS WOMEN GATHERING

See BainbridgeBusinessWomen.com

2014 BI KIWANIS SHREDFEST

Sat., Apr. 25, 9 AM-4 PM

Bring your old tax information and personal information in grocery bags or banker's boxes to be shredded. The shredding truck will do the rest!

All donations go to the Bainbridge Island Kiwanis high school student scholarship. Columbia Bank, 208 High School Rd NE.

START BRAINSTORMING FOR THE GRAND OLD FOURTH OF JULY!

Once Again This Year - The Ellis-Buxton Most Humorous Parade Entry Award. Win \$1,000 for the non-profit of your choice!

Start brainstorming now. Parade applications will be available in APRIL.



Cleaning / Consulting / Managing / Organizing
Sabine Straight

www.sabineslifestyle.com • (360) 649-3294
info@sabineslifestyle.com • Bonded, Licensed & Insured

OFFICEXPATS TUESDAY@NOON

Understanding the Elephant: Growing Professionally with LinkedIn

To register: <http://www.officexpats.com/understanding-the-elephant-growing-professionally-with-linkedin/>

We're calling the course "Understanding the Elephant" because it is hard to wrap our brains around all that can be done with this platform. Topics will cover both the free and the "Pro" versions. There's so much potential in both, and you should know what is in the paid version even if you choose not to use it. All four sessions, on each Tuesday in April, are offered as a package at a huge discount. Normally valued at \$180, only 20 seats are being offered, and for only \$79. No discounts given for classes not attended. OfficeXpats members are free, and a few seats may be available at the door to replace no-shows. Presented by Charlie King.

Weekly topics at a glance:

- April 7: Leveraging LinkedIn Basics: Identity, Search, Connect, Learn, Participate
- April 14: New Rules Apply: Reinventing the Old Boy network for finding a job
- April 21: Grow & Thrive: Professional Development and Becoming an Influencer in your Field
- April 28: Explore the new gold rush; Prospecting for clients on LinkedIn

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY LECTURE SERIES

April 10: "Perspectives on Impact Investing" (Bainbridge Library) - With Pinchot University alums Natasha Lamb of Arjuna Capital; Rachel Maxwell of Community Sourced Capital; and David Bangs of Energy Friendly Ventures. The panel will be moderated by Pinchot Finance faculty member Adam Seitchik.

NEW CLASS ON WOOD STAND UP PADDLE BOARD CONSTRUCTION IN APRIL

Bainbridge Island Outfitters is a new business on the island. They offer camping & outdoor gear rentals, survival kits, electric bikes, and more. They are excited to announce a special **4 day class on Wood SUP Board Construction** on April 11th, 12th, 18th, & 19th. They'll teach you **how to build your own Stand Up Paddle Board** while building one together as a class. \$299. Email or call to register: info@bainbridge-outfitters.com. 206.317.6282. Please visit the website for more information at bainbridgeoutfitters.com. Hope to see you soon!



BAINBRIDGE BUSINESS CONNECTION

The BBC meets weekly on **Friday mornings** at **OfficeXpats**, upstairs in the Pavilion, 403 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge. More info: 206-780-2177, info@officexpats.com
Fri. Agenda: 7:30-8:00 – coffee, visiting, informal networking
8:00-8:30 – Group Discussion (topics announced)
8:30-9:00 – more networking, sharing, visiting

A free event. Info: www.bainbridgebusinessconnection.com

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Bainbridge Heating and Cooling

Curt Carlisle
5910 Rose Loop NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
206-780-6850
info@bainbridgeheating.com
www.bainbridgeheating.com



I'm Curt Carlisle, the owner of Bainbridge Heating and Air— Bainbridge Island's only local heating company. As a long time island resident, I worked at Puget Sound Energy for nearly two decades. During my time there, I realized our unique community requires unique heating solutions.

Efficient heat saves you money and helps reduce overall energy consumption, whether on Bainbridge or in Kitsap County, and helps delay or prevent construction of another substation.

Conservation is smart for you and good for the community. With new rebates, promotions, and service options it's never been easier to save immediately and in the long run.

I'm happy to help you explore your options. My experience with PSE allowed me to examine the energy usage of thousands of homes, providing me with energy consumption expertise you can benefit from.

Call to schedule a free consultation of products and services to help you start saving. I look forward to helping you improve the efficiency and comfort of your home.

Bainbridge Beeswax Works

Lucille Fox
PO Box 10515
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
email: biwaxworks@gmail.com
www.biwaxworks.com



https://www.facebook.com/biwax-works

We at Bainbridge Beeswax Works are delighted to now be part of the Chamber. We handcraft and sell 100% pure beeswax candles and skin care products. Our Beeswax candles are all hand-made here on the Island, using only 100% pure locally sourced beeswax and all cotton wicks to ensure the cleanest, longest burning candle we could put together.

The flame of a burning beeswax candle burns on the same light spectrum as sunlight, creating a gorgeous ambient glow. They are naturally honey scented and have a deep rich yellow hue – Always beautiful, always elegant.

Candles made from 100% pure beeswax are naturally hypo-allergenic and create an ion exchange when they are burned, which cleans impurities from the air. We also craft all natural beeswax based skin products that are deeply moisturizing, soothing, and healing for dry chapped skin.

Our candles are a wonderful, locally crafted gift idea and make excellent corporate and thank you gifts when you are looking for that impressive, and thoughtful presentation.

Please contact us a Blwaxworks@gmail.com to discuss your corporate gifting needs or visit our web page at www.Blwax-works.com to check out our amazing range of products.

"The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it." Neil DeGrasse Tyson

Bainbridge Youth Services

PO Box 11173
9330 High School Road
Bainbridge Island, WA 98100
www.bainbridgeyouthservices.org
www.askBYS.org
www.bihealthyyouth.org
www.BIFunRun.com



The mission of BYS is to promote the social and emotional well being of all community adolescents through counseling and diverse outreach programs and services. We offer free & confidential counseling to youth and their families and last year our four counselors clocked 1,367 hours listening to the issues facing teens and their families. In 2014 BYS launched a website, askBYS.org, where our counselors and physicians answer emotional and medical questions. In the first nine months of the site, there were over 4,700 site visits.

BYS is a founding member of the BI Healthy Youth Alliance and we are hosting the 4th annual Healthy Youth Summit on Saturday, April 25th at BHS Commons.

For the past 36 years, BYS has offered a job board for youth and organized the Fun Run on July 4. Last summer BYS, in collaboration with businesses, non-profits and BISSD sponsored 15 interns for the first Summer Internship Program. Buoyed by the successful experience, we are expanding our Summer Internship Program this year and are looking for 20-40 interested companies on Bainbridge Island.

Give the gift of Island Jams!



Your purchase helps support free counseling services for Island teens. We have three varieties of jam, as well as jam gift packs.

Call Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) at 206-842-9675

Look for these winner buttons on our website



Visitors to our website looking for businesses can easily identify the winners of the Bainbridge Chamber Membership Awards. Winners and Nominees are identified by a **Winner or Nominee Button** displayed alongside their listing. Check it out!

MEMBER NEWS

DALE CARNEGIE COURSE IS COMING TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Chamber member Clark Construction is sponsoring a Dale Carnegie course this spring, focusing on enhancing important business skills:

- Learn to strengthen interpersonal relationships, manage stress and handle fast-changing workplace conditions
- Develop more effective communication skills and be better equipped to perform as a persuasive communicator, problem-solver and focused leader.
- Develop a take-charge attitude initiated with confidence and enthusiasm.

A free preview of the course will be presented on Bainbridge Island on April 13th. If you would like more information please contact Adrienne Crowley @ (206) 842-5450 or RSVP at http://washington.dalecarnegie.com/events/dale_carnegie_course_free_session/

WORKSHOP AT LIVING WELL PAIN CENTER

Spring cleansing of the kitchen, bathroom and body! **Free** workshop at Living Well April 7th! More info and reserve a spot at 206-842-4929.

WEST SOUND ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

West Sound Academy is hosting an Open House for prospective students and parents on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7 to 9 p.m.** West Sound Academy, 16571 Creative Drive NE, Poulsbo, is an International Baccalaureate World School offering college preparatory education for grades 6-12 in Poulsbo. More info: Lisa Gsellman at lgsellman@westsoundacademy.org. For a map and driving directions to West Sound Academy, please visit <http://www.westsoundacademy.org/component/content/article/307>

KELLY DEIS EARNS EXIT PLANNING CREDENTIAL

Soundpoint Consulting is pleased to announce that Kelly Deis has successfully completed the certification process to earn the Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) credential from the Exit Planning Institute.

Soundpoint Consulting's current offerings include business valuations and value-driven strategy and operations consulting services for privately-held companies in the Puget Sound region. With the CEPA designation, services will expand to more fully assist business owners grow, preserve, and transition business wealth during an ownership transition.

HOW LONG SHOULD I KEEP RECORDS?

The length of time you should keep a document depends on the action, expense, or event the document records. Generally, you must keep your records that support an item of income or deductions on a tax return until the period of limitation for that return runs out.

The period of limitations is the period of time in which you can amend your tax return to claim a credit or refund, or that the IRS can assess additional tax.	
1. You owe additional tax and situations (2), (3), and (4), below, do not apply to you;	3 years
2. You do not report income that you should report, and it is more than 25% of the gross income shown on your return;	6 years
3. You file a fraudulent return;	Keep records indefinitely
4. You do not file a return;	Keep records indefinitely.
5. You file a claim for credit or refund* after you file your return;	Keep records for 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later.
6. You file a claim for a loss from worthless securities or bad debt deduction;	7 years.
7. Keep all employment tax records:	Keep at least 4 years after the date that the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is late



Bainbridge Island Kiwanis 2015

Shredfest

Bring your old tax information and personal information to be shredded in grocery bags or banker's boxes. The shredding truck will do the rest!

All donations go to the Bainbridge Island Kiwanis high school student scholarship. Columbia Bank, 208 High School Rd NE.

Saturday, Apr 25, 9 AM-4 PM

**Columbia Bank
208 High School Rd. NE**

More information at <http://www.bikiwanis.org/>

(Chart at right was adapted from: <http://www.irs.gov/business/small/article/0,,id=98513,00.html>)

2014 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS WINNERS PRESENTED MARCH 7, 2015



Co-owners Jason Omens and Leslie Schneider

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR OFFICEXPATS

OfficeXpats actively contributes to economic development on the island as a co-working space for entrepreneurs, “solopreneurs”, consultants and remote workers, providing desk space, Wi-Fi and dependable Internet service, printers and copiers, video conferencing and tech support. It is also a meeting venue, hosting networking and collaboration meetings, business skills classes and workshops, and special events such as TED Talks and Ignite Bainbridge.

For the past three years they have been a business support community, sustainability innovation incubator, home for many Island entrepreneurs and business start-ups, and a generous partner of the Bainbridge Island Chamber and a dozen or so other organizations by providing meeting space and event support. Just one example is the free meeting space and coffee service provided for the Friday morning meetings of Bainbridge Business Connection for three years.

OfficeXpats has offered more than 120 workshops for free or very low cost, one of the few alternatives for regular single-session business skills classes in Kitsap County. The workshops are given by members of the community who have an expertise they are happy to share.



Medium Business - Bainbridge Island Brewing Company – Russell and Chuck Everett and MC Matt Albee.

MEDIUM BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BAINBRIDGE ISLAND BREWING

Bainbridge Island Brewing, the island’s new craft brewery, was established in June 2012 by father and son duo, Chuck and Russell Everett. As local islanders for the past 12 years, they have worked hard to make the new craft brewery an integral part of our island community. In addition to a quality product they have been conscientious about conservation and sustainability. The spent grain by-product of brewing is recycled and reused as livestock feed and compost. Water is conserved and waste water is carefully screened and filtered. And the brewery has also worked with Puget Sound Energy to help reduce energy use.

Bainbridge Island Brewing joined the BI Chamber of Commerce in 2011. Russell Everett, Brewmaster and Co-owner, joined the Chamber’s Board of Directors and has actively participated on the Board and its committees, including helping get the initial island-wide bus service going. Chuck and Russell have participated in various After Hour events that included one hosted at the brewery. In 2014 they also contributed to the Chamber’s Grand Old Fourth celebration by running the event’s Beer Garden which raised money for the Chamber. For this event, they donated personal and staff time and various products.

In addition to the Chamber, Bainbridge Island Brewing has also supported several other local non-profit groups and community activities. Chuck or Russell are members of the Bainbridge Island Downtown Association, Bainbridge Island Rotary Club, and the Bainbridge Island Historical Society.

Over the past four years, the brewery has supported more than 60 charities and non-profits. Employee time contributed was more than 300 hours and the estimated cost of brewery products and services donated was more than \$4,700.



Large Business - PHC Construction – L-R: Roger Wagner, PHC Construction, MC Matt Albee, and last year’s winner Larry Barrett of Sage/Far Bank Enterprises.

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR PHC CONSTRUCTION

PHC Construction is dedicated to building sustainable projects that enhance the life in our community and support our local economy.

PHC completed two local projects in 2014 - Island Gateway, an addition to the community that includes the Art Museum, Ki-DiMu, Avalara and other local businesses, and Phase I of the



Sustainable Business: Coates Design Architects – Matthew Coates with MC Matt Albee

Grow Community, a nationally recognized sustainable residential community.

In 2014 Grow Community and PHC were given the prestigious Platinum Award by the National Association of Home Builders in the 2014 Best of American Living contest.

PHC's community involvement includes support for the Frog Auction, purchase of holiday lighting for Winslow and installation of the sun dial for the Ritchie Observatory at Battle Point Park. In addition they provide on-going volunteer support to the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art. Annual financial contributions are made to Bainbridge Performing Arts, Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Friends of the Farms, Bloedel Reserve, Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and One Call for All.

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR COATES DESIGN ARCHITECTS

Coates Design is founded on Matthew Coates' vision of Responsible Architecture. The core values of the firm are based on simple principles: do the right thing, take the long term view, and create designs that benefit the environment, the economy and the community. Matthew opened an office on Bainbridge after winning the prestigious international Cradle to Cradle Design Competition that challenged entrants to create the most sustainable home of the future. He continues to practice sustainable architecture from his home base on Bainbridge while working for clients worldwide. In 2016 Coates Design Architects will celebrate their 10th Anniversary.

Their design projects on Bainbridge Island include:

Harrison Bainbridge Medical Center 24/7 Urgent Care Facility; Fort Ward Community Hall Renovation; planning and design services for the relocation of West Sound Wildlife Shelter; Bainbridge Island Museum of Art – targeted to be the first LEED Gold art museum in Washington State; Kids Discovery Museum (KiDiMu) – LEED Silver certified; Ellis Residence – First LEED Platinum home on Bainbridge and one of the first in the state.

Coates Design gives in excess of \$10,000 annually to Bainbridge Island non-profit organizations through cash contributions. The firm also participates in the One Percent Solution Program that contributes one percent of profits to socially conscious organizations.

NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR HOUSING RESOURCES BAINBRIDGE

For more than 25 years Housing Resources Bainbridge has worked to preserve the diversity and vitality of Bainbridge Island by providing housing that individuals and families who are vital to the health of our community can afford. They have advocated for housing policy and programs to support workforce housing.

HRB contributes to the community by supporting affordable housing initiatives, offering independent living solutions, managing emergency rental assistance and facilitating Community Land Trust homeownership. They manage 90 small and medium sized apartments rented below market value. Their HomeShare/ HomeFinder program helps match those looking for lower cost housing with folks with extra room in their homes. Their Independent Living program makes modifications to existing living units to remove health and accessibility barriers, allowing people to remain safely in their homes.



Non-Profit - Housing Resources Bainbridge (HRB) – L to R: Linda Lincoln of HRB board; Christy Givens, last year's winner Bainbridge Public Library; Charlie Wenzlau of HRB Board, and MC Matt Albee.



Rex Oliver, Chamber President and CEO starts the evening off.



State Senator Christine Rolfes conducts the installation of the 2015 Chamber Board.

Photos by Doug and Vicki Rauh



Citizen of the Year – Last year’s winner Debbi Lester presents the award to this year’s winner Diane Landry.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR DIANE LANDRY

Diane Landry is a founding member and the principle force behind the Zero Waste Initiative of Sustainable Bainbridge. She is a known and respected counselor to school officials, business leaders, restaurant and catering owners, government officials, and event planners.

Thanks to Diane and her ZW partners and volunteers, most of the major events on Bainbridge have “waste stations” to manage recyclable and compostable materials. These events include the weekly Farmers’ Markets, Bluegrass Festival, Harvest Fair, the Rotary Auction, the July 3rd Street Dance, and the biggest of all – the Grand Old Fourth of July, produced by the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce.

For the past five years Diane and her team and the Chamber have worked with Grand Old Fourth vendors to encourage at first and now require the use of compostable or recyclable plates, dishes, cups and utensils and to help the public put items in the proper containers. And over those five years, the total amount of non-recyclable garbage for the event has been reduced by two-thirds.

This year, Diane’s going to need a few more volunteers to cover the time she’s featured in the parade – as the Grand Marshall.



Reception with wine contributed by Bainbridge Vineyards, Eleven Winery and Rolling Bay Winery.



2015 Chamber Board Officers from left to right: Chair Arnie Sturham, Treehouse Café; Treasurer Linda Lincoln, Home-Street Bank; Secretary Claire Chavanu, Kitsap Bank. Not Pictured: Chair Elect Kelly Muldrow, Windermere Commercial Real Estate; Past Chair Jeff Waite, Harbour Public House.



Metro Market Catering catered the event, which was held at The Island School.



2015 Chamber Board of Directors from left to right: Matt Albee, Eleven Winery; Larry Barrett, Sage/Far Bank Enterprises, Rhonda Brown, Harrison Medical Centers; Cheryle Elmquist, Elmquist Real Estate Services, Russell Everett, Bainbridge Island Brewing Co., Bryan McConaughy, Puget Sound Energy; Ed Moydell, Bloedel Reserve; Rick Pedersen, Town & Country Market. Not pictured: Damien Lawson, DARO Creative; Clayton Hallum, Fairbank Construction/New-Line Striping; Laura Harris, The Property Group; Robert Moore, Robert Moore Architect.

2014 MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES

Small Business

Island Cool
OfficeXpats
Sears and Associates, Inc.
Spider Lily Web Design
Steven Fey Photography
Dr. Mark Soltys

Non-Profit

Bloedel Reserve
Housing Resources Bainbridge
Bainbridge Is. Historical Museum
Rotary Club of Bainbridge

Sustainable Business

Coates Design Architects
Grounds For Change

Medium Business

Bainbridge Disposal
Bainbridge Island Brewing
Company
Hill Moving Services, Inc.
Modern Collision Rebuild
& Services

Large Business

Avalara, Inc.
PHC Construction
Harrison Bainbridge

Citizen of the Year

Diane Landry

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP AWARDS, CONTINUED



Arnie Sturham, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bainbridge Island Chamber, announces the Chairman's Choice award.



Matt Albee of Eleven Winery was MC at the Awards Ceremony.

Winners were chosen in a blind judging system by a panel of local business people and citizens. Judges do not judge their own award category, do not know who the other judges are nor the outcome of the overall judging until the winners are announced. Criteria for selection was involvement, participation, or contributions to the community, community organizations or the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce.

The event was held at the Island School on Bainbridge Island. Dinner was provided by Metro Market Catering. Wine was contributed by Bainbridge Vineyards, Eleven Winery and Rolling Bay Winery. Lighting, sound and visual media were provided by Flamingo Audio. Major sponsors of the event were Treehouse Café, Elmquist Real Estate Services, Harrison Bainbridge, Kitsap Bank and Puget Sound Energy.

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE AWARD – BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

On August 29, 2015 the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District will celebrate 50 years of service to the community through its stewardship of parks, and by providing recreational and cultural programs to Islanders of all ages.

The District manages and maintains over 1500 acres, of which more than 90% is protected open space.

There are 30 miles of trails that are maintained by the district in partnership with the Trails Advisory Committee and the Trail Steward Program. An amazing effort has been made in the past 10 year to network existing parks with multiple-use trails.

More than 1 1/2 miles of our island's shoreline is accessible through various parks. This shoreline is not only set aside for beach combing and swimming but without it, kayak launching and trailered boat launching would be much more of a challenge for islanders, disconnecting us from the Puget Sound.

The PD maintains and manages the Aquatic Center, Camp Yeomalt, the Eagledale Pottery Studio, Island Center Hall, the Trans-

mitter Bldg @ Battle Point Park, the Teen Center @ BHS and the Waterfront Park Community Center to name just a few.

The Community Programs provided by the PD target all ages of our population from Preschool Nature Camps to seasonal family events such as Easter Egg Hunts and a Halloween Haunted House. There are year round sports & fitness programs offered, not to mention outdoor classes such as hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and sailing. Other courses include arts and culture, music and dance, travel and foreign languages.

All of this is provided, managed and maintained meticulously by a staff of less than 40 employees who coordinate with an amazing volunteer base. The Park District also works in partnership with non-profit agencies such as the Bainbridge Island Land Trust and the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation.

For the past 12 years, the Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District has been under the guidance of its Executive Director, Terry Lande. Some of his many accomplishments include the artificial soccer fields at Battle Point, the acquisition of the two State Parks (Fay Bainbridge & Fort Ward) and the recent passage of the Sakai Property bond.



Chairman's Choice Award - Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation. L-R – Last year's winner Larry Nakata, Parks Director Terry Lande, Park board Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard, and Ken DeWitt.

Chairman's Circle

Platinum



Gold

Avalara • Fairbank Construction • HomeStreet Bank
Sears & Associates • Town & Country Market

Silver

Ace Hardware • Bainbridge Disposal • Liberty Bay Auto • Living Well Pain Center
SpiderLily Web Design

Bronze

AGS Stainless Inc. • Bainbridge Lending Group, LLC • Columbia Bank • Carney-Cargill, Inc.
Cook Family Funeral Home • The Doctors Clinic • Hill Moving Services • Kitsap Physical Therapy Sage/Far Bank • Suquamish Clearwater Casino • Umpqua Bank • Wells Fargo Bank
Windermere Real Estate

Media Sponsors

Bainbridge Island Review • Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal



Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce

Creating a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

- Representing the Interests of Business with Government
- Promoting Sustainable Business Practices
- Providing Networking Opportunities
- Promoting the Community

BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

Chairman:

Arnie Sturham 842-2369

Chair Elect:

Kelly Muldrow 945-3420

Secretary:

Claire Chavanu 842-6637

Treasurer:

Linda Lincoln 658-4010

Past Chair

Jeff Waite 842-0969

Directors:

Matt Albee 780-0905

Larry Barrett 780-8783

Rhonda Brown 360-744-6934

Cheryle Elmquist 780-5007

Russell Everett 451-4646

Clayton Hallum 842-9217

Laura Harris 855-1131

Damien Lawson 206-451-4989

Bob Moore 206-371-5191

Bryan McConaughy 360-688-4091

Edward Moydell 206-618-9466

Rick Pedersen 206-406-0478

CHAMBER STAFF...

President/CEO

Rex Oliver

Licensing Supervisor

Kris Rothert

Director of Operations

Betsy Leger

Director of Marketing & Tourism

Mickey Molnaire

Visitor Specialists: Kathy Ball, Joanne Bergen, Frances Burress, May Chan-Stan, Janice Etzold, Shannon Foti, Sean Gabriel, Bill Galvani, Mike Gormley, Elizabeth Lemoine, Lorens Mulholland, Anna Oeste, Steve Parsons, Evellyn Reed, Jonah Rapp, Matt Rothe, Patricia Webber, Pamela Williams.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Business card-sized ad \$40/month

Newsletter inserts \$75 email PDF to the Chamber

See deadlines below.

More info: betsy@bainbridgechamber.com

Article Submissions: Chamber members: We are looking for content about your industry that would be interesting to others. If you would like to contribute an article of 150 to 500 words about important news happening in your field, or share knowledge that would be of benefit to the membership and community, please contact Betsy Leger, betsy@bainbridgechamber.com. Our editorial board will review all submissions. We reserve the right to edit articles and to schedule them according to the needs of the publication.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

395 Winslow Way East, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Phone: 206-842-3700/Fax: 206-842-3713

Email: info@bainbridgechamber.com

Website: www.bainbridgechamber.com

©2015 Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce
All rights reserved.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: Business News is published monthly by the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce. Ads are available to Chamber members.

Deadlines for May Business News: For ads, articles and press

releases: Tues. Apr. 14. For inserts: Fri. Apr. 24. Call to reserve space. For inserts we will need a PDF copy emailed to us, and to have payment here by the deadline. Submit articles in text format. Questions? Contact editor Betsy Leger at the Chamber, 206-842-3700, or betsy@bainbridgechamber.com.