

Facilities Managers Report

2017 Annual Meeting

As I gain experience in this position, I have learned that some things are to be expected:

- Things always tend to break at the most inopportune times.
- Weeds never stop growing.
- My work list is never ending, and there is always something important left un-done.
- You sometime test my patience, but I learn from this, and grow from each experience.

What I have also learned is that I can depend on you. By working together, we can pool our efforts for the common good, and everyone benefits. Together, we can quickly accomplish a project, be it the staining of the pool fence, planting new plants, measuring a lot or moving something heavy. Together we can come up with answers to the most difficult of questions. Every interaction connects us, and reminds me that it truly does take a Village.

Our community could not function without the numerous people who volunteer their time. I feel especially indebted to the ALRC volunteers. Everything they accomplish would fall directly on my plate if they were not willing to donate their time to review rules and building requests. In reality, if none of our committees existed, all of the many hours of work they currently do would fall directly on the shoulders of your employees. So thank you so much to everyone who contributes by

sitting on a committee! I know it is not easy, and you often feel unappreciated, but your efforts keep this community functioning. I cannot express enough how much I appreciate what you give.

There are a couple of women who help me directly and really make my life easier. I would like to recognize them:

Kelly Gorley: Kelly has a really crappy job. She faithfully fills the doggie poop bags at all the stations and empties the cans for pick up. She also does a wonderful job of maintaining our pet memorial garden. She does a much better job of controlling weeds than I could ever hope to achieve. She has done these tasks for many years and I really appreciate her service to the park.

Gail Young: You might often see Gail sitting on a lawn mower. The time she donates greatly relieves Dave and my work load by mowing areas that we cannot get to. This frees us up to complete other projects in the park. Her efforts are what helps to keep DBR looking nice and I really appreciate what she does to help me.

There are so many people to thank for their contributions and donations over the past year, I am hesitant to attempt to list them as I am sure I will forget someone. I do want to mention those that contributed to the purchase of our Kubota tractor. We haven't used Big Orange much this summer, but it was in constant use over the winter. This is such a great asset for the park and I am so thankful that you saw my vision and contributed to make this dream a reality. I have not forgotten about the money you donated to dig holes. I had hoped to

schedule it this past week, but my schedule was too full to fit this in. Hole digging will be scheduled in the near future!

I could not do my job without the support of Melinda and Dave. Melinda helps me in so many ways. I constantly throw requests to her like sending broadcasts, ordering supplies, researching things and running errands in Sequim, and she can immediately provide me with answer to any financial question. When you tell me how nice the park looks, I typically respond that it is Dave that accomplished it. I may write the work list, but he is the one doing the majority of the work to makes our home look tidy. He goes above and beyond and always exceeds my expectations. If you can get him to stop working for a second, please tell him how much you appreciate what he does for us.

I do want to especially thank this BOD for hiring me and giving me a chance to prove that I am a good fit for this job. This BOD has been a great support to me and have always been open to hearing my concerns and sometimes outlandish opinions. I thank you for your patience and professionalism, and I honestly, truly value your support, and know that I can always come to you for good advice and direction.

I want to thank all the Leaseholders for your continued support. Your kind words really mean a lot to me, even though I feel they are sometimes not fully deserved, as there are many projects typically left un-done. This is when your words mean the most, as I know they are given in honest support. I really love this job and working for you is truly fulfilling for me.

I have one last personal thought to share: I've reflected a lot about how every person at DBR contributes in some way, whether they realize it or not. Some share time and skills, some have very valuable knowledge and others know our history. Many watch out for their neighbors, everyone offers a friendly wave as they pass on the street and others go above and beyond to create peace.

Many contribute without even knowing, like when I heard wonderful piano music coming from Radcliffe the other day. I was tired at the end of a very long day and stressed after discovering another very untimely broken thing. The broken thing will be repaired and forgotten, but I will remember the positive impact of that music... and those that happened to pass by and immediately stepped in to assist me.

Everyone here shares something of real importance, sometimes unknowingly and usually, just by being kind. It doesn't really matter how large or small the contribution, as it is the sum of these positive experiences that makes us whole.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this amazing and unique community and am honored to be able to serve you and to share this with you.

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