



# Bills Island Association

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## President's message

Welcome to Bills Island. The calendar says that it's spring. The snow on the island is all gone, the reservoir is all thawed out, the grass and everything is green, but the Memorial Day weekend was wet and cold.

We have put down several loads of gravel on the roads and graded and packed them. Walter had them in good shape but with the rain and snow they are all muddy again. As soon as it dries a little, we can get them graded again for the coming summer. The gate is working well. We put up the new gate poles last fall and placed a new sign. It looks nice. We look for-

ward to a great summer and hope you will join us for our annual activities to celebrate Independence Day. Our activities will be on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. (See the attached flyer)

We hope you have a wonderful, safe, and memorable summer with your family and friends. The board works hard to make Bills Island a wonderful place to bring your friends and family for your summer vacation. Please remember there are more people on the island and we ask that you respect the speed limits and other rules while on the island. Please help us keep the island clean and safe by abiding by the rules and



regulations of your association. Respect other people's property and be careful at the gate. It will go down after every vehicle. Remind your guests of this. The new shop is a blessing to have, especially during winter, to park our equipment inside and work on it. Thanks for supporting us to get it built. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you, Brent Call

## Celebration News

With the 4th of July falling on a Wednesday this year, the board had to decide when it will hold the annual meeting and activities. After consulting with several families, they determined that the activities will be held the weekend prior to the 4th. **June 30th** will be the day we hold our annual meeting and sponsor the parade and dinner. We hope that you will try to attend the festivities.

(see attached flyer)

Parade: 9:30  
Meeting: 12:30  
Dinner: 5:30

**FIREWORKS REPORT:**  
With new ownership at Lakeside Resort, the firework display has not been solidified. They are working on raising the funds necessary to hold the fireworks. They are also trying to find someone who is licensed to light them. The BIA has donated some money to this display and we are hoping that other area businesses will help

them in this endeavor. It is a real highlight for the celebration. If they can get everything in place, they will hold them on Wednesday, **JULY 4th**.

The **BOAT REGATTA** will precede the fireworks. Line up in the Welling Cove at 8:00 pm with your decorated boat. You can follow the Sheriff's boat around the island and end up at Lakeside ready for the fireworks. Grand prize is a kayak. They will award a second and third prize too.

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### Fire Drill Dates and Places

- *July 7th at 10 am at the Boat dock by the causeway*
- *August 4th at 10 am at the Welling Boat Dock*
- *September 1st at 10 am at the Rexburg Boat Club dock*

### BIA Dues:

Improved Lot: \$500

Unimproved Lot: \$450

Dues are invoiced July 1st of each year. If you want to use the phone entry system for the gate, you must be current with your dues.

Please submit your dues to:

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## A Note from the Vice President....Con Haycock



Hello to everyone. It has been a short winter in Island park. It's my hope that we can have some nice weather this summer so we can enjoy time at

our cabins. Just a few notes on the gate and phone system.

The phone system is working GREAT. I hope all of you are satisfied with the system and the way it serves your needs and provides easy access for you and your guests. The phone usage rules apply the same to everyone. They are:  
1. You must be current on your dues.  
2. Only property owner's and spouse's numbers are allowed. In some cases, the first generation children's phone numbers can be added. No contractor or property manager allowed on property owner's list.  
3. Contractors or businesses can pay a \$50 a year fee and provide a business license and proof of insurance to the BIA, then be allowed 2 numbers on the system.

I want to thank all of you for respecting my time by keeping phone number changes to a minimum this past year. One problem that keeps occurring is property owners are misplacing their gate cards. They are calling saying they can't find their cards or they gave them to a contractor and never got them back, or just lost them. We are also hearing that when properties are sold the new owner does not receive all 5 cards from the previous owner. All property owners receive 5 cards per lot. We do have very good records of the cards and we have the ability to cancel and replace lost cards. We have blocked some lost cards and replaced them for the property owner (for a fee) only to find someone trying to use them and can't access the gate because we have blocked that card. We put a \$200 per card replacement fee and that didn't go over very well but it stopped the reporting of lost cards. You must keep track of your cards. Should you sell your property, the 5 cards should be transferred to the new owners.

We encourage you to take a look at the association website. The web camera shows the cove across from the gate. The picture shows the date, time, and temperature. We are working on the temperature portion of the display. For some reason it is off. A special thanks goes out to Dave Hume for designing and managing the web page. If you have any comments or suggestions for the website let us know. The address for the website is [billsislandassociation.org](http://billsislandassociation.org)

Thank you, Con



## Entry Gate update

At last year's annual meeting, the board presented some ideas to improve the entrance at the gate. When the plans were presented to the US Forest Service, they informed the association that our gate and fence are not actually on the property line. We are in negotiations with them to perhaps trade

property so that these improvements can be made. Once this issue is resolved, the plans and costs will be presented to the membership for approval. We would like to express appreciation to BIA member Ken Penney and his company for donating their time and expertise in

designing and engineering the new entry.

