



## 2017 End of Year Report

San Juan Island Park and Recreation District (locally known as Island Rec) established in 1984 as a junior taxing district for San Juan Island is governed by an elected board of five commissioners. Serving during 2017 were Commissioners Adam Eltinge (chair), Scott Zehner (reelected), Jacquelyn Reiff (reelected), Bill Cumming and Shannon Miniken, who was appointed and elected in 2017.

It is the purpose of San Juan Island Park and Recreation District to enhance the quality of life on San Juan Island by:

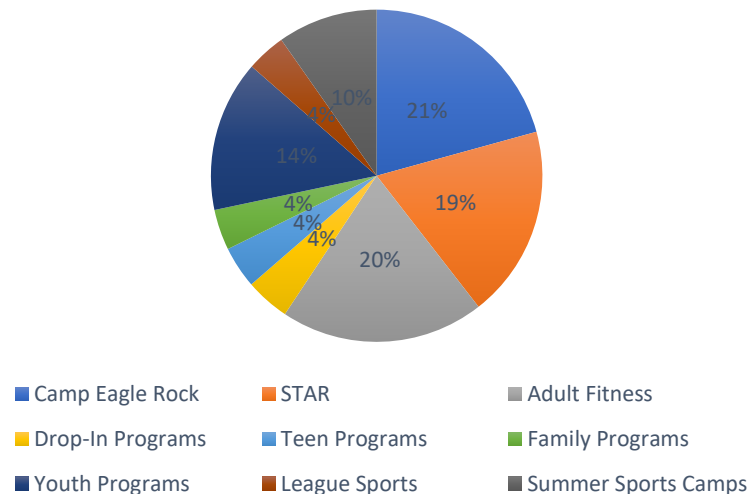
- Offering the widest variety of leisure and recreational activities to all island residents
- Acquiring, developing, maintaining, preserving and protecting recreational resources
- Ensuring that recreational activities and facilities are accessible and affordable to all residents.

### Administration

2017 was the second year of the 38.5 cent levy passed in April of 2015 and the second year of a new inter-local agreement with the school district. Island Rec utilizes 18.5 cents of this levy, school sports are funded with 12 cents of this levy and eight cents of this levy is used for the maintenance and operations of John O. Linde Community Park, which the school district owns. The operating expenses totaled \$1,152,057 with 22% allocated for school sports and 21% allocated towards the maintenance and operations of Linde Park. The budget expenditures specific to Island Rec totaled \$652,802 for staff, programs, trails and parks (excluding John O. Linde Community Park).

Tax dollars paid 62% (\$404,006) of the budget specific to Island Rec's staffing, programs, trails and parks. Program revenue in 2017 paid 30% (\$198,889) of all budget expenses and revenue generated by other fees, grants and sponsorships accounts for 8% (\$49,945).

### 2017 Recreation Program Revenue



In 2014 San Juan County Assessor notified Island Rec of an error made when setting Island Rec's tax rate collection. The result of this error required Island Rec to pay back \$377,000 over three years. In 2017, the third and final payment of \$125,731 was made.

FANS, Families and Neighbors Support Island Rec, a 501c3 created in 2012 for the purpose of expanding Island Rec's level of service and keeping it thriving, contributed \$12,100 and a grant from the Honeywell Charitable Foundation for the playground at John O. Linde Community for \$28,989.00. The total contribution from FANS was \$41,089. FANS continued to provide funds for Movies in the Park, Music on the Lawn, Children's Festival, program scholarships, doggie waste bags and the 8.8k Race. FANS continued to offer concessions at all the Music on the Lawn nights. Additionally, FANS provided 135 swim lessons and prizes for events, staff and volunteer recognition awards.

In 2017, Island Rec provided \$34,213 in scholarships, a 16% decrease from 2016. FANS provided \$1,282 in additional scholarships for families that did not meet the requirements of other scholarships.

Harbor Rentals, Kings Market, Islanders Bank, Islanders Insurance, Roche Harbor Resort, Vinny's Ristorante, Soroptimists, Larry's Autobody, Petro San Juan, PeaceHealth and Xtreme Fitness were key sponsors of Island Rec events and programs.

Island Rec's Director Maddie Ovenell completed her second year in May. Lowell Jons, the Youth and Family Recreation Specialist completed his third year. Morgan Johnston, the Sports Recreation Specialist completed her fifth year. Christy Haase resigned in August and Courtney Leake was hired in September as the School's Out Program Manager. Heidi White completed her first year of service in April as the Administrative Assistant since returning to the organization in 2016. Tracy Roberson, the Park Maintenance Superintendent completed her first year. Mike Erikson was hired as a Park Maintenance Lead in March. Island Rec employed 26 seasonal and part-time employees working Camp Eagle Rock, Sailing Classes, STAR, Open Gym, Open Fair Building and other specialty programs.

Through the Recreation Department at Western Washington University, Alicia Christianson joined our team from May-September as our summer intern. She was instrumental in providing program support for all of our programs and events in the summer and she assisted with leading Teen Adventure Camps with staff. Additionally, she secured a \$1000 sponsorship from Peace Health in order to create a successful new fall program, Step Into Health, which started in October 2017.

Administratively, there were several important advancements in 2017. This included updating the program guide design from a tri-fold design to a booklet format for the Winter/Spring and Fall/Winter guides. This allowed for more space to share details about the programs offered each season. Another important update was the upgrade to Windows 10 for all staff computers in addition to purchasing several new computers replacing older machines that were still in use. Additionally, in February of 2017, the 3-year State Audit was successfully completed with no findings for 2013-2015.

### **Parks, Trails and Open Space**

Island Rec operates five parks: The Family Park and Skate Park at the Fairgrounds, Eddie & Friends Dog Park, Lafarge (Gravel Pit) Open space and John O. Linde Community Park as of January 1, 2016.

Expenses for all parks (excluding John O. Linde Community Park) and the Trails Committee account for 8% of Island Rec's budget with 12% of tax dollars collected financing them. Regular trash pick-up and general maintenance occurs for these parks daily during spring, summer and fall, and adjusted in the winter based on usage.

The operations and maintenance of John O. Linde Community Park is a multi-phase process. Friday Harbor Athletic Association (FHAA) is responsible for the development of the property. In July 2017, Island Rec assumed responsibility for the multi-purpose field once development was complete. In the fall of 2017, it was announced by FHAA that funding for the baseball field was not available and the development side of the facility was on hold until further notice.

In September of 2017, an official park dedication ceremony was hosted by Island Rec to honor the Linde family and unveil the new sign for John O. Linde Community Park.

## **Programs**

The cornerstone of Island Rec is its year-round broad recreation programming. It operates in three distinct seasons, offering special events and on-going activities for people of all ages. The majority of Island Rec resources are dedicated to recreation programs.

### **Highlights of the 2017 recreation program were:**

- Adult Fitness programs saw a 41% increase over 2016 in participation and program revenue.
- Due to the increase in Adult Fitness needs, Gentle Yoga was added as a standard program we offer, and 132 participants signed up during 2017.
- The Resolution Run was moved from Roche Harbor Resort to start and finish at Jackson Beach and included a 'Salish Sea Splash' at the end. Participation increased this year and this location will be used in future years.
- The Trails Committee, in partnership with Island Rec staff, offered a free Shaw Island Family Bike Ride for beginning riders to learn more about safe riding on public roads.
- This year we developed a new partnership with Friday Harbor Football Club to offer several new soccer camps during the summer. This partnership included a technical training camp, a soccer camp for coaches and a new camp that allowed participants to work with the Western Washington University Women's Soccer team.

Partnerships are vital to Island Rec's success and to serving the San Juan Island community effectively. Partnerships and cooperative programming avoids duplication of services and utilizes existing resources to deliver a better service. Island Rec continued its ongoing partnerships with:

- FANS
- San Juan Island School District
- San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce
- San Juan Island Sailing Foundation
- San Juan Island Fitness Club
- SJI Farmer's Market
- San Juan Island Prevention Coalition
- San Juan Island Family Resource Center
- Port of Friday Harbor
- San Juan Nature Institute
- Village at the Harbour
- San Juan Island Library
- San Juan Island Historical Museum
- Friday Harbor Athletic Association
- Town of Friday Harbor
- Spring Street School

- San Juan County Fairgrounds
- San Juan County Health and Community Services
- YMCA Camp Orkila
- San Juan Island National Historic Park
- Friday Harbor Football Club
- Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Peace Health: Peace Island Medical Center

Since 2008 Island Rec's Board has recognized individuals, businesses and organizations with its Shining Star Awards and Volunteer Appreciation. Island Rec had the support of 83 volunteers who contributed more than 1220 hours providing park and recreation programs and services for San Juan Islanders. Award recipients for 2017 were:

### **Community Spirit Award**

Selfless giving of goods, services and or financial support

#### **San Juan County Amateur Radio Society**

Providing many years of invaluable support to the 8.8k Run.

### **Partnership Award**

Commitment to providing recreational opportunities through cooperative efforts

#### **Town of Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor Resort**

Partnership in supporting Island Rec programs.

### **Outstanding Volunteer Service**

#### **Bill Cumming**

Twenty years of service serving on the Board of Commissioners for Island Rec

### **Recognition of 5 years of Volunteer Service**

Paul Hopkins

Deanna Eltinge

Jackie Reiff

Roger Paul

Dave Stegman

Yolanda Stegman

Theresa Simendinger

Ryan Parker

### **Recognition of 10 years of Volunteer Service**

Linn Motko