



Bustins Island Village Corporation
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Spring 2019

Dear Islanders,

Summer is on the way and island officials are finishing preparations for the 2019 season. We are pleased that all island personnel from last year will be returning to their posts, including Crawford and Candy, Abe, Matthew and Dan (the father).

The Boat Advisory Committee (BAC) has released the 2019 Schedule and Fares for the *Lilly B*. The first off-season voyage, pending installation of the public float (confirm by checking BIVC.net), will set sail on May 17 while regular season trips begin June 14. New to the regular season is a 1:00 PM trip to the island on Saturdays, along with a 1:40 PM return. Anyone that has ever been delayed in traffic and wound up missing Saturday's 11:00 AM trip will appreciate no longer having to wait until 3:00 PM. With that in mind, the captains will be reminded to leave no more than 10 minutes late when requested by a tardy passenger. Costs have increased a bit, so a couple of fares have been increased as well. Regular fares are unchanged but the ten-trip books for adults will now cost \$110.00. That is still a bargain over the \$14.00 regular fare. The charge for specials outside the regular schedule has increased as well. Such specials are costly as they require bringing in a captain and a crew member who by law, must each be paid for a minimum of four hours. The BAC has not yet completed updating the policy on freight; it will be posted on BIVC.net soon. Regular baggage such as groceries and luggage will continue to be fee-free.

After several years of planning, the replacement of the crumbling landing ramp at the Golf Course beach has been completed. A state grant helped make the expensive project affordable for the island. Serving as the primary access point for vehicles, road gravel, building supplies, propane, etc., it was a much-needed repair that should serve the island well for many years.

Installation of the new playground equipment has been delayed while it waits for necessary permitting. The equipment was purchased through donations and given to the BIVC. A Conditional Use Permit hearing has been scheduled for June 29. Once approved, it will be placed next to the existing swing set (replacing the volleyball court).

Trash pickup on the island is always challenging and it is occasionally useful to remind islanders of what is involved and the necessary guidelines. While most of the community is diligent, the number of "infractions" has risen during recent summers. So we would like to remind islanders of the trash pickup guidelines, and note that trash left out on non-pickup days will be taken care of by the superintendent and the property owner will be billed. See <http://bivc.net/docs/Other/T%20-%20Household%20Trash%20Pickup%20Guideines%202019%20.pdf> for guidelines. We also want to remind islanders to compost food waste as much as possible. Besides reducing trash to be collected, the compost is great for gardening. Several years ago, a state composting expert visited the island and was amused that the island paid to have food waste taken off the island while some islanders bought gardening soil and paid to have it brought on the island. We have purchased ten Earth Machine composters that are available to islanders to purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$60.00/unit, which is a savings over the retail price of \$100.00. If you don't care to actually make compost, simply putting food scraps in the composter keeps the weight of the food out of the trash stream. The pile settles by itself over time. If interested in purchasing one, please call Crawford at (207) 522-7850.

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After reviewing the email broadcast policy with island counsel, the Board of Overseers has decided to restrict future email broadcasts to official BIVC announcements only. We are hopeful another group of islanders will take on the task of emailing general island news such as social events, obituaries and cottages that become available for purchase. Islanders currently receiving Bustins Broadcasts will be emailed a survey allowing them to choose to receive either or both types of emails going forward.

We also received some direction from the island's attorney on voter eligibility. Many island families have taken advantage of various legal ownership arrangements to preserve their island real estate for future generations to enjoy. Such arrangements include: corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs), partnerships and trusts. Islanders considering such arrangements should be aware that they can impact the eligibility to vote at the Annual Meeting, as well as serve on the Board of Overseers, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (all of which require being an eligible voter). The island's by-laws restrict eligible voters to **persons** of legal age owning property on Bustins. Corporations, LLCs and partnerships are legal entities that own the property. Not being natural persons, **corporations, LLCs and partnerships are ineligible to vote**. Real estate trusts on the other hand are legal agreements in which ownership is retained by the trustees. A trustee being a person is eligible to vote. There are other factors that can also impact voter eligibility and anyone interested can see the complete BIVC policy at <http://bivc.net/docs/Policies/106%20Voting%20Eligibility%20Policy%20v2.2.pdf>

To maintain an accurate record of legal voters and know who is to receive any legal mailings, please remember to email any changes in ownership or trustees to bivc.clerk@gmail.com

In lieu of attachments we provide you the following links:

2019 Ferry Schedule & Fares <http://bivc.net/docs/Seasonal/Ferry%20Schedule.pdf>

2019 Household Trash Pickup Guidelines <http://bivc.net/docs/Other/T%20-%20Household%20Trash%20Pickup%20Guideines%202019%20.pdf>

2019 Wells Schedule <http://bivc.net/docs/Seasonal/Well%20Schedule.pdf>

Meetings of the Board of Overseers, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals are listed on BIVC.net under announcements. As meeting schedules and such can change for a variety of reasons, please check BIVC.net as well as postings on the Store and Community House for up-to-date information.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

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