## City of Oak Harbor Clean Water Facility Project





### **Congratulations** to our splash park naming contest winners:

### Mrs Fakkema's fourth grade class at Hillcrest Elementary

Thank you to everyone who submitted wonderful ideas for the splash park. We enjoyed reading all the thoughtful entries and it was a tough decision.

We hope to see you on June 29 at Shipwreck Shores Splash Pad!

### Windjammer Park opens June 29, 2019

We know you are eagerly anticipating the grand opening of the new Windjammer Park and we are too! Our crews have been hard at work over the past year to bring new park elements to life. Some of the more interesting construction activities included:

- Masons installing basalt stone exteriors (cool large bricks!) on the new outdoor kitchens and Gateway Pavilion
- Installing "purple pipe" irrigation lines throughout the park which carry treated water from the Clean Water Facility to keep our lawns and native plants healthy
- Building play boulders, logs, a tree stump, and a shipwreck in the splash park and the nature play area out of concrete (that's right, all concrete! We had help from some master crafts people on this project)
- Planting over 30 new varieties of native plants around the park, including shrubs, grasses, and ground cover for natural drainage areas
- Creating new and improved accessible parking areas, curbs, sidewalks, and paths through the park

Thank you for your patience throughout construction. We can't wait to share the new park with you!



### Clean Water Facility: Protecting our waters

Our state-of-the-art Clean Water Facility has been operational since November 2018 serving the nearly 24,000 Oak Harbor residents and ratepayers. Our facility technicians have been monitoring

> effluent (treated water) from the facility that gets released into Oak Harbor Bay. We're proud

DIFFERENT ANIMALS call Windjammer Park home, including

**Great Blue Herons** 

and seals!

to report that it exceeds Washington State Department of Ecology standards for low nutrient levels. By keeping our effluent nutrient levels low, we are helping to improve water quality in Oak Harbor, and protecting our precious local wildlife in Puget Sound, including Southern Resident Orca Wales.

# Windjammer Park through the years

Over generations the City of Oak Harbor has built Windjammer Park into the beloved center for recreation and wildlife it is today. Learn more about the history of the park below.



### 1920s: Maylor Brother's merchandise dock

Before we had Deception Pass Bridge, we had the Maylor Brother's dock, bringing people, goods, and livestock (imagine that!) onto the island. The dock remained a prominent feature of the area until the 1960s.



### 1950s: SE Pioneer Way

A river ran near SE Pioneer Way until the 1960s. It was a popular swimming destination for many Oak Harbor residents. The first building on SE City Beach St, shown in the photo, was the original wastewater treatment facility built in 1957.



# Meet your new park!

Take a stroll through Windjammer Park and we'll introduce you to new park elements along the way.





#### 1970s: Windjammer Park

Families have enjoyed our Park for years! The iconic Windmill was damaged by years on the waterfront and had to be taken down. Phase 2 park planning will be coming soon. Visit our website to learn more.

Waterfront Trail

with information about the City and Clean Water Facility is opening in 2020.

Take your time walking down the Waterfront Trail. Enjoy the trees, looking for wildlife, and resting on new seating with protection from the elements. Keep your eyes peeled for one of our new statues... a chinook salmon and an Orca whale made by a local artist.

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Continue through the park, past the eas kitchen to *Bailey's Playground*. The playground was rebuilt in partnership with the community after years of ocean spray and salt aged the play structures.



## **Oak Harbor Clean Water Facility**

### What's inside?

- Details on Windjammer Park's grand opening
- Learn about how our Clean Water Facility is protecting local waters
- Meet your new Windjammer Park
- · Get Windjammer Park fun facts to share with your friends

### Want more project information?

Email us at treatmentplant@oakharbor.org or call 360-914-7000 to join our email list and receive weekly construction updates.

**30 VARIETIES** of native shrubs, grasses, and groundcover have

been planted at the park.

# YOU'RE **INVITED!**

Come explore your new park

### Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - Splash Park Ribbon Cutting

11:00 a.m. - Water to the Splash Park turned on!

2:00 p.m. - Story walk with Sno-Isle Library





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