



PRESS RELEASE

Key Pen Parks announces season opening of Horseshoe Lake County Park

Partnership with Kitsap County keeps swimming, playground open daily through summer.

LAKEBAY, Wash., May 13, 2015 – Key Pen Parks and Kitsap County Parks & Recreation Department announce the continuation of their partnership to provide public access to Horseshoe Lake County Park seven days a week during the 2015 late-spring and summer season.

Opening day will be Friday, May 15, and the park will remain open every day during daylight hours through September 30, 2015.

The two park agencies, with financial assistance from PenMet Parks in Gig Harbor proper, created the partnership in 2012 after the park became a victim of budget reductions in 2010, restricting the park opening to Fridays and weekends during the warmer months. An effort at that time by Kitsap County to secure volunteers to help keep the park open additional days did not come to fruition.

The successful partnership between Key Pen Parks and Kitsap County calls for each agency to share in daily maintenance responsibilities at the park to ensure all visitors have a safe, clean and enjoyable experience.

“We do this to support what is currently the closest park to the north end of the Key Peninsula, where the largest pool of our population lives,” said Key Pen Parks Executive Director Scott Gallacher. “Over the past three years, this arrangement has run quite smoothly and has benefitted many, many visitors.”

The popular 39-acre Horseshoe Lake County Park sits right on the county line between north Key Peninsula in Pierce County and south Kitsap County, about four miles from the Purdy bridge. It features lake access, a swimming area, walking trails, picnic areas, barbecues, playgrounds, a baseball field, restrooms and life jackets.

Citizens who wish to stay abreast of any water quality concerns with Horseshoe Lake or another Kitsap County public water access area can visit the Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD) water quality web page for the latest notifications. Find the direct at www.keypenparks.com/parks.html (scroll down). You can also subscribe for electronic notifications.

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