



Celebration Edition GAZETTE

July 1, 2021 Edition



Celebration Edition!

This week commemorates two major holidays in our Multi-National Blue Haven Family. July 1st is Canada Day and July 4th is Independence Day. We have a LOT of things happening that give us a reason to CELEBRATE! (Like we really need a reason to party here at Blue Haven). While we can't celebrate together again this year, let's each raise our glasses to ANY reason to celebrate.

Happy Birthday We would like to wish very Special Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

- 7/1: Avi Karnofski
- 7/1: Gloria Foglietta
- 7/1: Dave Bechard
- 7/1: Gloria Foglietta
- 7/1: John Maduro
- 7/2: Sara Seguin
- 7/4: Lynda Martin
- 7/7: Decklyn Parsons



Happy Anniversary Happy Anniversary this week to the following:

- 7/1: Dale & Lisa Cardin - 35 years
- 7/4: Ed & Judy Combs

Celebrating Unity and Independence within our respective countries.

Canada Day - (French: Fête du Canada), formerly Dominion Day (French: Le Jour de la Confédération), is Canada's national day, a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country, which was in turn composed of four provinces. Canada Day observances take place throughout Canada as well as internationally.



Independence Day

Commonly known as "The Fourth of July" is a holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.



Birth Announcements

- **Logan John Patel** - John & Sharon Momot proudly announce the arrival of their latest Grandson born to their daughter and Son-in-Law Megan & Erik Patel.
- **Colton Alexander Spuck** - David and Donna Bechard proudly announce the arrival of their grandson born to their daughter and sun-in-law Megan & Corey Spuck on June 24th, 2021. Weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces and 19.5" long.
- **Braydon David Bechard** - David and Donna Bechard proudly announce the arrival of their grandson born to their son and daughter-in-law Josh & Danielle Bechard on June 28th, 2021. Weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces and 20.5" long.



Weekend Forecast

- **Friday** - Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High 63F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.
- **Friday Night** - A few showers in the evening, then clouds lingering overnight. Low 53F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.
- **Saturday** - Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 68F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.
- **Saturday Night** - A few clouds. Low 54F. Winds light and variable.
- **Sunday** - Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Slight chance of an afternoon shower. High 74F. Winds light and variable.
- **Sunday Night** - A few clouds from time to time. Low 57F. Winds light and variable.

Activities for this Week

- **Friday 7pm Horseshoes** - Meet at the North end of the clubhouse for an evening of fun and good competition!
- **Friday 7pm Texas Hold'em** - in the Clubhouse - Anyone 18 years of age and older is welcome to play. There is a \$20 buy in. Everyone is welcome to come try your luck and show off your poker face!
- **Saturday Morning 50/50** - The 50/50 sellers will be going around. The proceeds fund our activities throughout the season.
- **Saturday 10am SHARP! - Kids Bingo** - at the Clubhouse! See you then!
- **Saturday 1-3pm** - Scavenger Hunt at the South Ball Field - see flyer for more details.
- **Saturday at 7pm - Hayride:** The Hayride will take place each week (unless posted otherwise) throughout the summer (weather permitting)! Meet at the office. Parents are encouraged to join the fun with your children. Masks required to ride.
- **Sunday 6pm Darts** - Come join in on the fun at the Clubhouse each Sunday evening! Please register at 5:45 so we can start promptly at 6pm. It will cost \$1 to play.
- **Tuesday 7pm Horseshoes** - Meet at the North end of the clubhouse for an evening of fun and good competition!

URGENT FIREWORKS REMINDER: Even though certain fireworks are legal this time of year, **FIREWORKS ARE FORBIDDEN IN THE CAMPGROUND.** We would hate to see anyone of our guest injured or property get damaged. Offenders will be asked to leave the park without refund and risk prosecution.

Don't Get
BURNED!
FIREWORKS ARE BANNED



We are Hiring If you or someone you know has experience or interest in these positions, please contact us in the office.

- Night Watchperson
- Lifeguards. Candidates must be Certified and have a valid CPR certification.



Update for our Canadian Families!

WE STILL MISS YOU! We have now received several of the Inactive Benefit Agreements from our Canadian guests. If you have not turned yours in, please return it to the office as soon as possible. Time is running out to qualify yourself and this is NOT automatic - we need to know your intentions. In order to qualify, you must be paid to 50% of your contracted amount AND have a signed agreement to us. This DOES NOT commit you to being inactive for the remainder of the season. We can ALWAYS switch this back if the border opens and you choose to come camping. Once the border opens, there will be another announcement about how this will happen. Our recommendation is to sign this now - you can always revert back to the standard contract at any time.



Upcoming Activities: Here is a preliminary list of upcoming activities, with more details coming in future newsletters:

- **July 17** - Kid's BINGO
- **July 17th** - Archery Fun Match - Two age groups: 11-16 & 17+ - more info to follow
- **July 19** - Adult Bingo starts on Mondays
- **July 24** - Christmas in July / Cart Parade
- **August 14** - Kid's BINGO
- **August 14** - Halloween
- **August 21** - Biathlon - Three age groups: 12-16, 17-40, and 40+ - more info to follow
- **September 4** - Kids Super Bingo
- **September 4** - Labor Day Fest
- **September 5** - Labor Day Dance 7pm - 11pm with the Band Just-Us
- We also now have the calendar updated and live on our website at:

<https://www.plattsburghrvstore.com/blue-haven-campground/events>

Facebook Pages for Information:

- Our very own Blue Haven Family Campground and Resort Facebook page is managed by our staff and offers a place to share updates within the park as well as offer information for the general public.
- There is also another page entitled "Blue Haven Campers" that is managed by one of our guests within the park and is used to allow guests a place to share articles and photos related to camping as well as the campground itself.



Holding Tank Tips & Tricks

What is a Grey Water Tank and a Black Water Tank? Your camper has a grey water holding tank and a black water holding tank. These tanks join into one main outlet used to empty them.

- The grey water holding tank collects dirty water from the kitchen sink, bathroom sink, and shower.
- The black water holding tank is for the toilet.

Each Time You Empty your Black Water Tank

- After each time this tank is emptied, the first step is to add enough water to the toilet to completely cover the bottom of the tank. Four or five toilet bowls full should be enough depending on the size of your black tank. Water will assist a great deal with controlling holding tank odors. You always want the contents of the tank to be covered by water.
- Next, fill the toilet bowl, add the proper amount of holding tank treatment, and then flush the toilet. Refer to the instructions on your chosen toilet chemical, remembering that MOST holding tanks are 40 gallons. Repeat this procedure every time you empty the black water holding tank

When should I Empty my Waste Tanks?

- One golden rule for holding tanks is to never empty the black water tank until it is at least two thirds full. You want the tank nearly full so the weight and the gravity will force the contents of the tank to drain properly. There is a monitor panel located on the inside of the camper to check the status of the holding tanks.
- Another golden rule is to never leave the black tank valve open and expect the toilet to drain or flush like the toilet in your home. It won't work and WILL create problems.
- When the tanks are full, or nearly full always empty the black tank first, followed by the grey tank. The grey water tank should also be at least two thirds full. Emptying the grey water tank last will help to flush out the sewer hose.
- Every time you empty the black tank you need to treat it with holding tank treatment to assist in controlling odors and to break down solids.

Helpful Tips

- When you're at the campground for an extended period of time you can leave the grey tank valve partially open so it drains as you use it, but remember to NEVER do this with the black tank. If it's time to leave the campground and your holding tanks aren't full you can finish filling them with water and then empty them.
- Never use your drinking water hose for holding tank maintenance or cleaning purposes. RV drinking hoses are normally white or blue. Take a different color hose (grey, black or green) for other uses so you can distinguish the difference.
- After you empty the tanks, you need to thoroughly flush the tanks out. Some RVs have a built-in system for flushing the tanks. If not, there are other ways to do it. You can use a tank wand designed for cleaning and flushing the black tank.
- You should always use toilet paper designed for use in RVs. This toilet paper breaks down and dissolves in the holding tank treatments preventing potential problems with the holding tank, the RV sewer system and the dump station septic system.
- False holding tank readings on your monitor panel are caused by the holding tank probes being covered by toilet tissue or other debris. Proper holding tank chemicals will also keep the holding tank probes clean.
- Eventually, grease and residue will build up in the grey water tank and causes a foul odor, not to mention how it affects the tank and valve assembly. Periodically treat the grey water tank with holding tank treatments to avoid odors from the tank. When the tank is empty you can also add some dish washing liquid down the sink drains to help break-down grease and residue build-up.
- Always use plenty of water in the black water holding tank as this will not only help reduce odors, but also help your system operate as designed.
- Every time you empty the black water holding tank you need to treat it with a holding tank treatment to assist in controlling odors and to help breakdown solids.
- Use only the amount of holding tank chemicals recommended for the size holding tank you have.

Following these simple holding tank tips can prevent problems and provide you with long lasting trouble-free holding tanks. This is one problem we can all do without!

4 STEPS TO CLEAN AN RV BLACK WATER TANK

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STEP 1 DRAIN TANK

Dump the black tank when it's 2/3 full, and always dump the black before the gray!



STEP 2 REMOVE BUILDUP

Remove buildup in the tank with a macerator, flush valve, or tank rinser.



STEP 3 ADD WATER

Fill your toilet with water and flush until the bottom of the waste tank is covered.



STEP 4 ADD TREATMENT

Prevent odors and clogs with a commercial or DIY treatment for RV sewer systems.

Kids Scavenger Hunt
July 3rd starts at 1pm until 3pm
On the South Ball Field



We are excited to be hosting our scavenger hunt this year.

For kids ages 4 - 12

Feel free to join the fun.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the office.

Volunteers are welcomed to sign up as well.

We are asking all our camping community to be aware of the kids in the roadways during this time and to use extra caution while driving.

There will be a list of small items that the children may ask you for, as this is part of the game.

(Only if they use their manners!!!!)

Please feel free to take photos of the children as they are going by to share with the Facebook page!

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Blue Haven Campground Policy Reminders:

We have a lot of new families in the park this season. We want to remind everyone of a few of our policies here within the park. These guidelines have been set to ensure the **SAFETY** and **ENJOYMENT** of **ALL** of our guests while at Blue Haven. We all need to follow them and here are just a few reminders:

GOLF CART POLICY

Operating Golf Carts in the Campground is a PRIVILEGE.

- Absolutely no gas powered golf carts, only electric powered are permitted.
- One cart is allowed per site and it must be registered with the Campground.
- You will be assigned a cart number and you are required to display that number as follows:
 - Numbers must be at least 3" high in a contrasting color
 - Displayed on two opposite sides (front/back OR side/side)
- There is a \$45 annual registration fee.
- **NO SPEEDING** - The speed limit is 5mph for EVERY vehicle within the park.
- Golf Carts **MUST** be limited to the number of passengers the cart is designed to carry.
- **NO ONE UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE ARE ALLOWED TO DRIVE THE CART**
- Golf Cart Chargers draw a significant amount of power, so please unplug your chargers when not in use, and especially in high electric use times.
- Golf Carts **MUST** have headlights and tail lights to operate at night.



There will be consequences for those who do not follow the guidelines above.

We will take the following action(s) when necessary:

- 1st Offense: A warning will be issued.
- 2nd Offense: The Golf Cart will be grounded to your site for one (1) month.
- 3rd Offense: The Golf Cart will need to be removed from the Campground.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Our team will be making sure that everyone is following the rules.

For more information, please refer to page 22 of the Policy Handbook.

SPEED LIMIT:

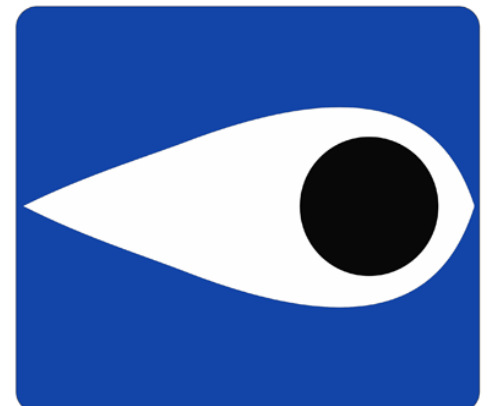
- Speed limit throughout the park is 5MPH
- This applies to all vehicles, automobiles, golf carts, and bicycles
- This is for everyone's safety

Neighborhood Site Watch:

We are fortunate that this is NOT simply a campground, but a thriving Community. Please keep in mind some of the following and **PLEASE** share these with your younger Community Members:

- Please be respectful to other camper's sites:
 - Do not pass through someone else's site while walking, biking, with a golf cart.
 - Do not park on other's sites
- Please help out by keeping an eye on other sites and campers for other families while they are not here. If you see anything unusual around their site such as an open door, window, or storage shed, Please let the office know.
- If you see someone around a site you feel shouldn't be there, call the office so we can handle the issue.
- If you see something - Say ay something. This will only strengthen our Community while making families know they are safe while they are in the park and that their belongings are safe when they are not here.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

Site Payments are PAST DUE

With June 1st behind us, we still have a considerable amount of guests that have not paid for their sites in full for 2021. Please make arrangements to get this caught up. It is not fair to the others that pay on time, not to mention there is added interest charges. Just as a reminder, here is a snip of the relevant payment information from the Policy Handbook outlining our site payment policy:



Late Fees

- All site rent is **to be paid in full by June 1st**. This applies to all payment plans. If the site is NOT paid in full by June 1st, a late fee will apply, along with our standard missed payment fees/interest.
- Anyone who does NOT pay their site rent in full by June 1st for TWO (2) consecutive seasons, will see an increase in their seasonal site rent until paid on time.
- 2% interest of the unpaid site balance, will be charged to your account, on all contracts not paid by June 1st. Contracts and fees will continue to accrue interest monthly until the account is current.

Newsletter Content

Have an interesting story to tell? Do you have a recent or soon to be Graduate to celebrate? Any Birthdays? E-mail tm@plattsburghrvstore.com to have it included in future editions!

Spring Electric Bills are Due

Just a friendly reminder that the May power bills have been out for a month now, and the July reading is just a few weeks away. We do not want you to fall too far behind, so please get these taken care of as soon as possible.



ELECTRIC METERS & REIMBURSEMENT

Electric Meters

Meters will be read and bills will be prepared three times per season as follows:

- **Opening Reading** - Usually read in early May which covers any usage from the previous Closing Reading
- **Summer Reading** - Usually read mid-July which covers any usage from the Opening Reading through this Summer Reading - minimum charges apply.
- **Closing Reading** - Usually read mid to early September which covers any usage from the Summer Reading through this Closing Reading - minimum charges apply.
- Power bills will not be mailed, please stop at the Camp store to pay them.



Give respect Get respect

Respect Other Campers in the Park

- Please do not park on other lots - even if empty!
- Do not cross other's lots on foot or with a cart
- Respect the quiet hours as follows:
 - Weekdays 10PM to 9AM
 - Weekends and holidays 11PM to 10AM
- Register your guests: Guests, extended family, and friends must register at the Camp store. There is NO CHARGE to register prior or upon arrival. If they pass and have to be asked to register there will be a charge.

Air Conditioners:

- We do not guarantee that every site will be able to run Air Conditioning. Although we have never permitted the use of A/C in some areas, we are working toward upgrading those electrical systems to handle them.
- All installations must receive written approval from the Camp office.

Propane Gas (LP) We Sell Propane!:

Propane can be ordered at the Camp store during business hours. Delivery and hook up is available for an additional fee:

- Are typically done around 12PM and 3PM
- Delivery fees include hooking up the tank and performing a leak check at that connection.

To get a tank filled:

- For tanks smaller than 100#, first bring the tank to the Camp Store to have the tank verified that it can legally be filled. There are several new laws currently in place that are posted in the office.
- Pay for the propane at the Camp store.
- Bring tag and bottle to the Shop located near the Camp store and have them filled.
- It will be filled by 12:00PM and 3:00PM.
- The 100# tanks provided by the campground are property of our propane supplier and may NOT be removed from the park.

URGENT ELECTRICAL REQUEST

When we are expecting some HOT and HUMID weather, it is important to abide by the following guidelines:

- **PLEASE** run your water heater on propane.
- **PLEASE** run your refrigerator on propane.
- **PLEASE CHARGE CARTS AT NIGHT.**