

# DECEPTION PARK VIEW ASSOCIATION

---

P.O. Box 2446, OAK HARBOR, WA 98277

## PLAYGROUND LOT CLEARING REPORT OCTOBER 20, 2018

The excavator was delivered to the Johnson's residence on Friday, October 19, by Jet City Equipment Rental. A 3-day burn permit was acquired on October 11th.

Friday night we posted on Facebook that the lot clearing start time was postponed until 8 am because it was too dark at 7 am.

The following residents were present on Saturday, October 20th: Greg & Kathleen Johnson, Scott & Paula Lynch, KJ Johnson, Christopher Fox & son, Josh Blee, Cody Crosby, Bob VanDyk, Diane Campbell, Bryan & Crystal Burn and Scott Pyke. Guests who were also present: Ron Moser (Greg Johnson's stepdad), Christopher Fox's father-in-law and his friend Josh & his son, and Diane Campbell's son.

Ron Moser began clearing the lots at approximately 8 am, entering the lots on the north side.

Scott Pyke came by to take pictures and a video to post on the website. Kathleen and Paula took pictures and videos, which have been posted on Facebook.

All evergreen trees except maybe two were left standing. All but three alders were taken down. A grouping of birch trees was also left to preserve the forest-like environment. All blackberry bushes on the property were removed except those too close to evergreens at the northeast end. A 10'x10' burn pile was created to burn all the blackberries and brush. All cut down trees were cut up for firewood and placed on Christopher's ditch line, which is directly across the street.

A potluck lunch was provided at the Johnson's residence at approximately 12 pm, which included hamburgers, hotdogs, green salad, potato salad and beans.

Because PSE didn't correctly mark all their access points, the excavator crushed a large plastic electrical box but no damage was done to the electrical connections. Greg called PSE on Monday, October 22, to report the damage and to complain that it was not properly marked as requested.

Late Saturday afternoon (about 3-3:30 pm) the hydraulic hose popped off the excavator and everyone was sent home. Greg purchased and replaced the hose. Scott and Paula purchased hydraulic fluid. About half the blackberry bushes still remained but all the trees were cleared.

On Sunday, October 21, Ron Moser returned to finish clearing the blackberry bushes and to manage/feed the burn pile. Greg & Kathleen Johnson, Scott & Paula Lynch and Nick Johnson (Greg & Kathleen's son) were also present to help take down and cut trees plus manage the burn pile.

According to Jet City's invoice, we used the excavator for 13.1 hours at \$68.75/hour and we damaged the hydraulic and gas cap. Total charge was \$1219.66 for the excavator, which includes a \$200 deliver/pick up charge.