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Hello Greenbank Farm Tenants, Volunteers and Friends,

Quite a bit has happened at the Farm since we last sent out a communication..

- The Port has a new maintenance person! Yes, this is in addition to Paul!! His name is Jeff Dalton and he brings a wealth of skills and knowledge. Jeff's skills complement Paul's skills wonderfully. They work great as a team and already they have made an incredible difference in getting things done at Port properties!
- The newly built gate (thanks Paul!) has been painted (thanks Jeff) and will be installed soon between barns B and C.
- Keep an eye on the sign at 525, the sign as well as the decorative barrels on each side are getting a much needed facelift!
- Barn A has a new back door with a new crash bar and lock! We have also added a deadbolt to the north double doors providing more security and easier lock up procedures. Next in line are new double doors on the south side of Barn A. In the winter/spring those wooden doors swell to the point that we have a hard time opening and closing them. The new composite doors will not swell like the wooden ones, and they are 6 lite like the windows and will be a better aesthetic match.
- The small playground is complete with two new pieces of equipment. The border on the large playground section should be ordered soon and we may need one more load of mulch to get it up to safety standards. The plan is to paint the swing set and then the Farm will have a brand-new playground - thanks to the hard work of volunteers and staff!!
- More than 22 33-gallon bags of noxious weeds have been removed so far on the Farm, our plan will be expanded next year and hopefully include more hands to help with removal. Educational workshops and volunteer parties are being organized over the winter to create a new program for next year.
- Our beehive did not survive and will not be coming back to the Farm. Hopefully we can create a new hive in a desired location next year.
- The Farm is PACKED with events every weekend until October 8th. Whew!!!
- More security cameras will be installed on Wednesday next week between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. We are working with Whidbey Tel to determine the access they need and will update those affected as soon as we know.
- Finally, it looks like the heaters in Barn A are getting repaired and replaced - finding a vendor for these repairs was a nightmare. The repairs are slated to be complete before the cold weather hits - which on Whidbey could be any day now!
- The remaining three light poles were installed this week. If you heard jackhammering it is Jeff and Paul preparing bolsters to keep cars from knocking over the light poles - that is how we lost the last ones. Next in line are the unsteady stadium lights in the field.
- Salty Acres and the Dahlia farm are in full bloom - if you haven't taken a stroll up the hill, you should and enjoy the fruits of their labor!

I will not be seeing you next week, today is my last day with the Port. I will miss the Port and all of you so very much. Best of luck.

Onward

Kelly

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