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 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 Whales.

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!

MANY DIFFERENT ANIMALS call Windjammer Park home, including Great Blue Herons and seals!
Meet your new park!

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

Gateway Pavilion

Start by parking in the brand-new west parking lot and taking in the view. Walk through the Gateway Pavilion and check out the handiwork on those stone bricks.

West kitchen

Walk south to the west kitchen. It’s the perfect spot for parties and has shaded seating, sinks, counters, and a service window.

Nature play area

Our kitchens were designed to take advantage of views while protecting from wind, rain, and sun.

Clean water facility and public plaza

Arrive at the new Shipwreck Shores Splash Pad and nature play area. The water will flow at the splash pad in the summer, but the area was designed with all seasons in mind and can be used as a play area year-round!

Bailey’s Playground

In front of the new Clean Water Facility is a public plaza to hold city-wide events like the car show, public markets, and art events.

Continue through the park, past the east 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.

Waterfront Trail

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.

Interpretive Center

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

200 new trees are being planted in the park, including 24 Garry Oaks.

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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.

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

30 VARIETIES of native shrubs, grasses, and groundcover have been planted at the park.