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COMMUNITY MEMBERS ORGANIZE 'DINNER ON THE STO'

- Saturday, August 4 from 5-7 p.m. along the Sound to Olympics Trail
- Bring your own picnic— pack it in, pack it out
- No cost to attend, but you must reserve a table (8 seats per table)

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (July, 2018) It's usually a trail for bicyclists, runners and pedestrians, but for one night in August the Sound to Olympics Trail, located along HWY 305 between Winslow Way and High School Road, will be the gathering place for a community dinner. The Dinner on the STO was an idea by five Bainbridge Island residents who want to bring the community together— to celebrate our love of Bainbridge.

In June, the City of Bainbridge Island awarded a \$500 grant to the best community project idea presented at the 'For the Love of Bainbridge' workshop. The event was led by Peter Kageyama, author of *For the Love of Cities*, who has spoken all over the world about community development and the people who are making change happen.

During the event, about 50 people were separated into small groups to work on community-building activities. During the final activity, Kageyama posed a question to each group: "If you had \$500 to make Bainbridge Island a better, more loveable place, what would you do?" Some groups suggested benches around the Island, a flag project and a penny fundraiser. Ultimately, the attendees voted their favorite idea was Dinner on the STO, so the team started planning!

"When we were considering what could be a fun event for our community, we felt it needed to be something that appeared to be as spontaneous as possible, in the nature of a pop-up event. We wanted it to be as inclusive as possible," said the community organizers. "We also wanted to honor the beauty of the new segment of the Sound to Olympics Trail where it passes alongside the ravine—a view that was hidden before the trail was built. And we wanted more people to experience the new STO trail, even if they don't normally bike or walk along it."

Details: This is a "bring your own picnic" event—you provide the tablecloth, dishes, beverages and food for yourself and your guests (please leave dogs at home). The table and chairs will be provided – tables, which will seat eight people, will begin near High School Road.

There is no cost to attend, but you must [reserve tickets](#). Guests can reserve up to two tables (for a total of 16 guests).

Parking is available in the commercial areas at either end of the trail.

Please take home anything you need to dispose of– pack it in, pack it out.

“The idea of dinner on the STO is a great way to build community in a fun yet simple way,” said City Manager Doug Schulze. “I hope to see many Islanders at the event enjoying a great summer evening.”

For any questions about the event, please contact: info@sustainablebainbridge.org

Hyperlink included in the press release:

-Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-on-the-sto-tickets-47892946091>

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