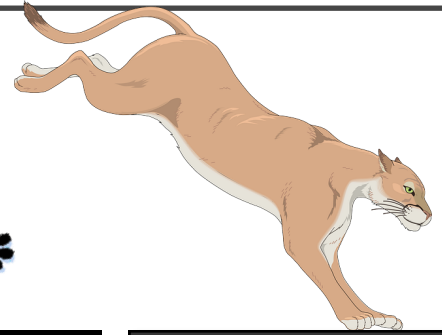


# The Cougar KITTEN

Supporting the Sam Rodius Memorial Parkway Association (SRMPA)



## Cinco de Bingo

Cinco de bingo is a spinoff of Cinco de mayo, or the **5th of May**. The event goes from **5-7 PM**. There will be an authentic Mexican dinner, Bingo, and elections for the community board. The dinner is free, and Bingo is \$10 a card. Prizes will be awarded for winners!

The Elections, featured on page five, have several open positions, President and Vice president and odd-numbered directors.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the date of which the Mexican army had victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican war, in 1862. It's a minor holiday in Mexico, but in the USA, it's a commemoration of Mexican culture.

**May 5 is also the date this year for flower basket pickups, 2-5pm at the Hall.**

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## Valentine Craft

The Valentine Craft day had many fun crafts, like decorating candles and painting trees. The food provided was very delicious, and the people there were phenomenal! A lively crowd arrived, and there was fun to be had all around!



## Cougar Gulch History: The Fire of 1910

On March 2, 1990, Lucia Rodius Harrington Saunders wrote an essay called "I Remember the 1910 Fire." In it she writes every detail she could remember of the fire.

The people of cougar gulch were at the Meadowbrook School for a harvest dance, when they noticed a red sky, a fire coming for them. The only thing the people could do was go back home and get ready. In their hurry, one family called the Millers threw bed sheets on the floor and filled them with the contents of drawers and closets into them, tying the sides of the sheets. Lucia went home, and when she woke up the following morning, there was a house full of people. They had all been driven out by the fire. Lucia's father and a bachelor patrolled the area for fire caused by the hand-sized embers floating about. The other men went out the next morning to try and stop the fire above a lumber mill. Lucia, and a women who was staying at her house, made sandwiches to bring up to the men, who were fighting the fire. "[We] drove through smoke so thick we had to let the horse find the way to the fire line to feed our men," Lucia writes. The next day the wind had turned and drove the fire toward Post Falls. Many people lost their homes.

## Upcoming Community Events

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### SRMPA Elections

Elections are May 5, during Cinco de Bingo. The elections will be for the SRMPA board. Current SRMPA members are eligible to vote. All current hall members are eligible to run, so if you are interested in a SRMPA position, come to the Cinco de Bingo evening to get a chance!

If anybody has ideas for what type of articles you would like to see in the Kitten, please email [cougargulchcommunity@yahoo.com](mailto:cougargulchcommunity@yahoo.com).

The writer is trying out many new types of articles, so if you have any comments, don't hesitate to suggest them. Thank You!

~Rachel

### Mother's Day Flower Basket Pick Up

These Flower Baskets are perfect for Mother's Day! Pick-ups are on May 5th from 2-5 pm, at the Meadowbrook Hall.



## Taxing district elections

District elections will be held on **May 21st, 2019**, at the **Meadowbrook hall**. For more information, go to [www.kcgov.us](http://www.kcgov.us), and click on elections.



## DONATION STATION: Making 2019 Our Strongest Year Ever

Your SRMPA board of trustees continues to work on options to allow residents, neighbors and other interested parties to help raise enough money to insulate and re-side our community Hall. This project is a multi-year long commitment to collect donations and we have come up with a few ways to help people donate easily. REMEMBER: Your donations are tax deductible.

### Amazon Prime (Amazon Smile)

People who use Amazon or Amazon Prime to order items can log into [amazon smile.com](http://amazon.smile.com) and designate a charity. You can see I am supporting Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association. It also tells me how many orders I have had since I started supporting SRMPA and my total impact. It's easy and doesn't cost anything. And, .05% of the total order goes to the charity you choose to support. You can see my portion is just over \$14 but with others who have designated SRMPA as their charity, we have over \$111. Every little bit helps!

The screenshot shows the Amazon Smile interface. At the top, it says 'amazon smile prime' and 'Supporting: Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association'. Below this, it shows 'Your AmazonSmile impact' and 'Your orders that have supported charity' with a note: 'Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com (not www.amazon.com or the mobile app) support charity.' It displays 'Your total orders' as 76 orders. Under 'Every little bit counts', it shows 'You have generated \$14.16 as of April 02, 2019' and 'Your current charity Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association has received \$111.23 as of February 2019'.

Check out our website at :  
[www.cougargulchcommunity.com](http://www.cougargulchcommunity.com)

- Click on the  
**SUPPORT** tab inside the website and access Amazon Smile—OR—  
GoFundMe links for easy giving access.

# Donate

## Need a charitable donation receipt?

The image shows a 'RECEIPT' form with the number 123456. It has fields for DATE, FROM, and TO. There are checkboxes for 'CASH', 'CHECK', 'MONEY ORDER', and 'CREDIT CARD'. It also has a section for 'DONOR RENT' and 'DONOR'.

For all members of the community who would like a receipt for donations made to the Sam Rodius Memorial Parkway Association-SRMPA go to: [www.cougargulchcommunity.com/our-board-of-trustees](http://www.cougargulchcommunity.com/our-board-of-trustees), and fill out the Donate By Mail form. Be sure to include your full name. During events, if you donate in cash and want a receipt, please indicate so at the time and we will be happy to email it to you. Your generosity is critical to keep our community center strong.

**THANK YOU!**





## SRMPA Elections-May 21



Taken in February 1968, these six people were the first SRPMA board members

Elections are May 5, during Cinco de Bingo at the Hall. The election will be for positions on the SRMPA board.

The positions running are:

President

Vice president

Director Board members 1, 3, 5, 7

Any current SRMPA Hall member is eligible to run, so if you are interested in joining the SRMPA Board, come to the Cinco de Bingo evening to get a chance! Also to

note, the SRMPA by-laws have been revised and are our [cougargulchcommunity.com](http://cougargulchcommunity.com) website.

## Cougar Gulch Animal Spotlight



Cougar tracks on a log here in Cougar Gulch,

Cougars like to prey on deer, though they also eat smaller animals such as coyotes, porcupines, and raccoons. They usually hunt at night or during the gloaming hours of dawn and dusk. These gigantic cats employ a blend of stealth and power, stalking their prey until an opportunity arrives to pounce, then going for the back of the neck with a fatal bite. They will hide large carcasses and feed on them for several days.

## YOUR Community Board



Your volunteer board of trustees holds monthly meetings at 6:00 pm, the first Thursday of each month, September through June. These people are leaders in YOUR community and give their time generously so we all might all benefit. They attend meetings, encourage membership, host and manage community events, rent the Hall, and keep your donations and membership dollars in good order and according to our bylaws. They also write this newsletter and monthly community updates, sponsor Nextdoor.com, manage our 4H club and our website: [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com). They also keep the Hall in good repair and ensure it is clean and stocked for rentals. Make sure to say thank you to them when you can.

Barbara Snarr,	President	408-646-2228, Nextdoor Lead Vice Pres.
Courtney Beebe,	Treasurer	208-447-8159, Nextdoor Lead
Julie King	Secretary	208-771-0071, Events
David Foster	Director	Events, Signage
Jason Shanley	Director	Events
Dawn Myers	Director	Events,
Becky Karvonen	Director	Webmaster, Events
Diana Nottage	Director	Hall Rentals, Events
Julia Mangan	Director	Events

The board welcomes all community members who would like to drop in to a meeting, listen to the proceedings and provide ideas. We also encourage anyone who would like to join the board to please contact **Barbara Snarr** for more information. Let's make 2018 our strongest year ever!

## GOT VOLUNTEERS???

Your community board continues to look for residents and members of the local area who would like to donate some of their time and talents to support our neighborhood.

We need auxiliary board members to help augment our community effort over time. Auxiliary board members do not need to attend board meetings or help at every event. Auxiliary board members can choose how and when to participate. Here are some things auxiliary board members can do to help:

- ◇ Help at a community event such as Hall set up, clean up, decorating, or cooking.
- ◇ Help by providing person-power to clean the Hall on occasion or help take care of the outside landscaping.

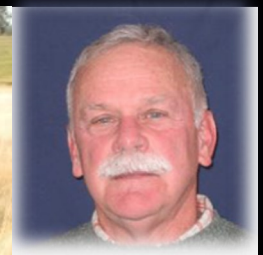
Please contact any board member for more information. We would love to see more volunteers!



## Farewell Article



*WORLEY  
HIGHWAY  
DISTRICT*



Jim Mangan will retire from Worley Highway District on June 30, after nearly 20 years service as Highway District Commissioner. Phil Cooper has stepped up to be his replacement. No challengers filed to run against him, therefore the Highway District election scheduled for May 21 will be canceled, and Phil will be seated as Commissioner for Sub Unit 1 (mainly Cougar Gulch/Meadowbrook). Jim left this parting message, "It has been an honor and privilege to have served as Worley Highway District Commissioner. I would like to thank all residents of Cougar Gulch/Meadowbrook who support the District's efforts to improve and maintain our roads."

Thank you Jim Mangan for your years of dedicated service to the Cougar Gulch Community. You have left big shoes to fill!

*Thank You Jim Mangan!*

## Recipe

Here is a timely spring recipe from the [Cougar Gulch Cookbook](#), on page 18. Submitted by the Johnson Family.

### **Nettle Soup**

-2 quarts Nettles   -2 cups water   -1 1/2 TBS Flour

-1 1/4 quarts pork stock and vegetable water from nettles

-1 TBS Butter   -Salt   -White Pepper

Wash Nettles and drain. Cook in slightly salted water for 10 minutes, or until tender. Strain, reserving water. Chop nettles finely or pass through a sieve. Melt butter, add flour and stir until well blended. Add stock, still stirring, and simmer 10 minutes. Add nettle puree and season. Serve with poached eggs or hard boiled eggs cut in halves or sections.

\* Stinging Nettles can hurt you if you touch them, but cooking makes them safe to eat. Wear gloves while harvesting!\*



Stinging Nettle Plants

The Nettle plant is thought to be one of the most popular and beneficial medicinal herbs in history. It has many health giving properties. It is found all over North Idaho, and is plentiful along creek banks. The plant may leave a burning sensation and a rash on your skin, so wear gloves when gathering. Nettle tea or soup is known as a "Spring Tonic".

## Photo Spotlight

## **Meadowbrook Hall for Rent**



Our community Hall is a great place to gather with friends, family or work groups. The Hall has a large main room with tables and chairs for up to 80. There is a full kitchen and a wood burning fireplace. There is also a piano, a screen with projector, and audio equipment available too!

The Hall has lots of parking for events and is ready to host your next get-together. Think: baby shower, weddings, birthday parties, family reunions or club events. Please visit our

website at [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com) for all of the particulars and to download a copy of the rental agreement. And, feel free to contact one of the board members listed below if you have questions. We will be happy to help make your next family or business gathering memorable at an affordable price.

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[Diana.nottage@gmail.com](mailto:Diana.nottage@gmail.com)

Courtney Beebe  
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## Do You Read the Cougar KITTEN?



The Cougar KITTEN has been faithfully produced in this format for over 5 years. Writers and contributors do their best to inform, enlighten and entertain the residents in and surrounding the Cougar Gulch area and we would like to know what you think.

- ◆ Are we hitting the mark?
- ◆ Are the articles of interest to you?
- ◆ What do you like best?
- ◆ What would you like to see more of or less of?

Email your answers to [CougarGulchCommunity@Yahoo.com](mailto:CougarGulchCommunity@Yahoo.com).

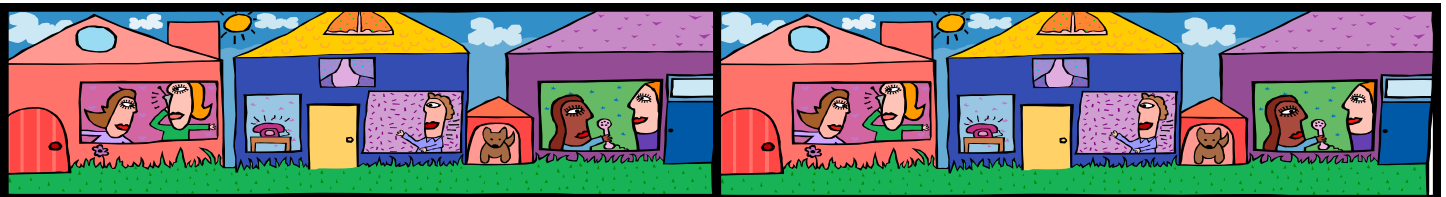
The Kitten has a new writer and editor, so things might be a little different. If anyone has ideas (or concerns) about the latest

Articles, please do not hesitate to contact us! Also, the next Kitten, we are looking for ideas for a new column. Two ideas in the mix currently, are a "Neighbor Spotlight" or a column about the history of the gulch. Please email the above email address to share your opinions about this, or if you have any other ideas you'd like to share.



## YA-HOO—HERE IT IS!! Cougar Gulch Membership Application—2019

Annual membership is generally due the first quarter of each new year, however, we are always open to new member applications (valid through the end of each year) and donations. Your dues help maintain the Hall and provide for community events that take place all year.



### 2019 Cougar Gulch Community Membership Application

#### Tax Deductible Registration Form

**\*You can either fill out this form or (preferred) go to [cougargulchcommunity.com](http://cougargulchcommunity.com) and pay there with a credit card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \$30 (Apr-Dec). Please make check payable to SRMPA.

Additional Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to have the Cougar KITTEN sent to my personal email.

Please mail this registration and your dues to:

SRMPA

6637 West Meadowbrook , Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814