

# The Cougar KITTEN



## Winter Pancake Feed & Fundraiser

A pancake feed and building fundraiser was held at the community Hall on Saturday, February 20th from 9 am to 11 am. Residents were treated to pancakes and sausage, sweet rolls, juice, coffee and fruit. This event also included the first live opportunity to donate to our building fund. Pancake chefs **David Foster** and **Julie Schmidt** cooked and served for those who attended.



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Your community board is undertaking a plan to raise the money necessary to insulate the Hall and re-side the outside of the building (see details in the January-March edition of the KITTEN online at [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com)) to save, preserve and restore the community center for generations to come.

During this event, the board introduced a fundraiser game called 50-50. Attendees paid \$5 for six tickets. After the event, a single ticket is selected and the winner shares the proceed from this game. Half goes to the winner and half goes into our building fund. Our first 50-50 winner was **Amber Hosking** who generously donated her share back into the building fund. Look for more opportunities to participate in 50-50 games at future community events.

## Community Hall for RENT

Our community Hall can be rented by any local neighbor or resident of the Gulch. It is also available to social and organized groups or companies. It is a perfect place for a country wedding, a music recital, dances, parties or club gatherings.

The Hall, located at 8088 W. Meadowbrook Loop has a stocked kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, stove and oven, crock pot, food warmers and a variety of bowls, cooking utensils, pots, pans and baking sheets. Your rental also includes coffee, tea, and paper products for your event including paper plates, napkins, disposal hot and cold cups and plastic silverware.

There is a stage in the main room and tables and chairs to seat up to 80 people comfortably. There is a piano and handicapped access. The Hall also has an upper parking lot for large events.

Cougar Gulch residents with a yearly paid membership can rent the Hall for \$75 per day for personal

use. Companies, organizations, social clubs and individuals who live outside the Gulch can rent the Hall for \$200 per day.

Contact **Julie Schmidt** at 425-319-0915 or email at [julielinez1951@gmail.com](mailto:julielinez1951@gmail.com) for more information. All renters will be provided a rental agreement to fill out prior to renting and a renter checklist for ensuring the Hall is clean at the end of each event.

Consider booking your private or social event soon. Fall and winter days—especially weekends fill up very fast and are usually booked by the end of summer.





## March Spaghetti Feed, Egg Hunt and BINGO Event



On Saturday, March 19th the community came together for a variety of Spring events. Hosted by the Cougar Gulch Hilanders was our first annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Photos.

The 4H club hosted the egg hunt on the grounds of the Hall from 4—5 pm in perfect spring weather. During this time, the club also hosted a “photo booth” where egg hunters and their families could pose with bunnies and get their pictures taken. Proceeds for pictures support the 4H Club and the Community Hall building fund. The club also collected canned food on this day to support our local food bank. Dozens and dozens of children of all ages

attended this great event. It was a wonderful sight to see such fun, organized chaos inside and out during these activities.

Immediately after, your volunteer board hosted a Spaghetti feed for the community. Spaghetti with homemade sauce, garlic French bread and fresh spring salad were provided to party goers. The meal was topped off with cakes, cookies and other sweet bites and washed down with juice and coffee.



And if that wasn't enough fun, the crowd played BINGO directly after dinner for several exciting rounds. Each game had a different winning pattern and each game had at least one cash winner. All in all, the events and activities held at the Hall this day were a huge success and offered something for everyone. Below are the pictures to prove it!







## YOUR Volunteer Board



Your elected community board of trustees holds monthly meetings at 6:30 pm, the first Thursday of each month, from Sept. through June.

Julie Schmidt, President	425-319-0915
Julia Mangan, Vice President	208-661-5375
Courtney Beebe, Treasurer	208-447-8159
Karen Thurston, Secretary	208-660-1359
David Foster	Director
Jason Shanley	Director
Dawn Myers	Director
Debbie Mott	Director
Diana Nottage	Director
OPEN	Director

The board welcomes all community members who would like to drop in to a meeting, listen to the proceedings and provide ideas. We also encourages anyone who would like to join the board to please contact **Julie Schmidt** for more information and meeting locations.

## County Leash Law Reminder



A friendly reminder—now that spring is here and more people are out on our community trails, paths and roadways—about unrestrained dogs. Coeur d'Alene has a leash law. Help keep your pets safe and protect the safety of your neighbors by following the county ordinances. Below is a portion of the ordinance requirements for Idaho State Animal Codes. You can access the information at: [http://www.animal-lawyer.com/html/id\\_state\\_animal\\_codes.html](http://www.animal-lawyer.com/html/id_state_animal_codes.html). Look under Title 6, Animals, chapter 6.15.080. In part it states:

It is unlawful for the owner or custodian of any animal, except domestic cats, to allow such animal to run at large. The owner or person charged with responsibility for an animal found running at large shall be strictly liable regardless of the precautions taken to prevent the escape of the animal and regardless of whether or not he/she knows that the animal is running at large. Animals are considered running at large if they:

- A. Leave their residential property unrestrained or not on a leash no longer than ten feet (10') in length, of sufficient strength to restrain the animal, and in control of a person of sufficient age and physically able to restrain and control such animal;
- B. Are allowed to trespass upon the property of another by way of damage or destruction of a mutual fence line;
- C. Are left unattended in a vehicle in a manner that allows any part of the animal to hinder the public's use of or access to any place that the public may lawfully be;
- E. Are chained, staked out, or otherwise tethered on or attached to any public property, sign, or structure or in a manner that allows the animal to go beyond the owner's property line or onto public right of way.

## 2016 Summer Lunch Bunch Gathering

Warmer days are coming our way. Gulchers are beginning to drag out the lawn furniture and think about planting late spring flowers. As we begin to shed our warm clothes and dig out the sandals, it's also a great time to think about reconnecting with friends and neighbors in the community.

All women of the Gulch and surrounding areas are cordially invited to the Cougar Gulch Summer Ladies Lunch Bunch event for 2016. This gathering will be held at the home of Julie Schmidt on Saturday, June 25th starting at noon.

Bring your daughters, your mothers, your girlfriends and neighbors to celebrate the beginning of our long, lovely summer season, reconnect as women of the Gulch, and savor some delectable dishes. Never attended? Now is a great time to join! Always attend? Great—we can't wait to see you again!

Please mark your calendar now for this fun opportunity. Each attendee brings a main dish, a salad or a dessert. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Julie at [julielinez1951@gmail.com](mailto:julielinez1951@gmail.com) or call 425-319-0915.

**All women are welcome! Come for the cuisine, enjoy the conversations and revel in the comradery.**



September, 2015 gathering.

## Contribute to our Building Fundraiser through Smile.Amazon.com



**You shop. Amazon gives.**

Your community board of trustees is faced with the daunting task of raising enough money to insulate and re-side the Hall. One easy way we came up with for everyone in the community to participate was through **Amazon Smile**! For those of you that make purchases from your computer or iPad, .5% of each purchase can be donated to SRMPA (Sam Rodius Memoria Park Association). It's easy and everyone wins! Here's how:

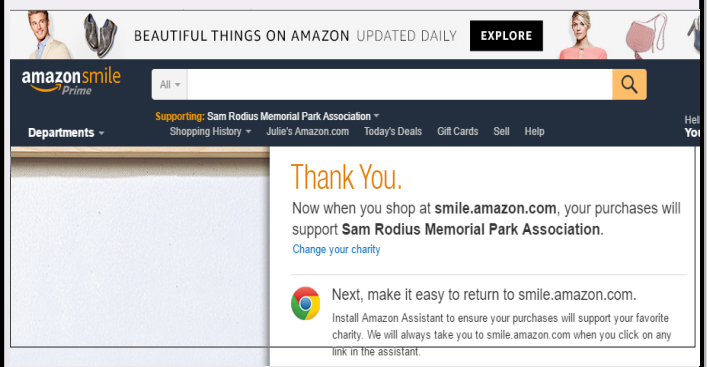
From you computer or iPad, access Amazon through your regular browser (Internet Explorer, Safari, Google Chrome, etc.).

- ◆ Type [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) into your browser address bar and press enter.
- ◆ This will take you to the page that looks similar to the regular Amazon.com page but is slightly different.
- ◆ Log into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) with your regular Amazon.com user name and password. No new account or password is needed!
- ◆ Save this page to your "favorites" using your tool bar favorites buttons so that you can return to shop any time.
- ◆ On the right of the screen you will see a search box titled "Or pick your own charitable organization."
- ◆ Type "**Sam Rodius Memorial Park**" in the search box.
- ◆ Click the yellow "select" button next to the Sam Rodius Memorial Park name in the list.

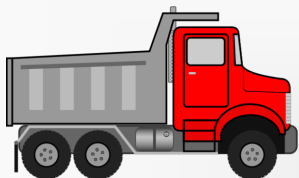
- ◆ OR, you might see an orange "Supporting" sign under the search bar. Click the "Supporting" link to change your charity and type in Sam Rodius Memorial Park.
- ◆ You will receive a confirmation email about the selection.
- ◆ BEGIN SHOPPING! You can shop all of Amazon's products and .5% of each of your purchases will be donated to SRMPA.

Unfortunately, there is no [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) application for smartphone users. Purchases made on smartphones using the Amazon.com app will not apply to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

Think of us every time you purchase items online from Amazon. Or, if you have not done so yet, sign up for an Amazon account and give it a try! We are grateful for all donations to help us save our community building.



## Worley Highway District Notes



The snowplows have been put away, spring is here, and that means dusty roads. Beginning the last week of April, the district will apply magnesium-chloride solution to gravel roads. The purpose is to stabilize the roads, thereby reducing wash boarding and potholes. A nice additional benefit is a major reduction in dust thrown up by passing vehicles.

The process starts in the southern part of the district, because the roads there dry first, and works its way north to finish in the Cougar Gulch-Meadowbrook area. Expect to see the magnesium-chloride operation about the third week in May (weather permitting and tank cars arriving on time). As you probably remember, the road becomes a little sloppy for two or three days after the application so we strongly recommend slowing way down during this time.

After the mag operation and during June, the district will apply asphalt overlays on poor stretches of pavement. This will be done on roads scheduled for chip sealing in 2017. Then, following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July break, roadwork will be done as follows:

### CHIP SEAL

Cougar Gulch Rd.	3.880 miles
Meadowbrook Acres Rd	0.644 miles
Meadowbrook Lp.	2.820 miles
Cougar Estates Rd.	0.360 miles
Greensferry Rd.	3.160 miles
Clemetson Rd.	0.500 miles
Stach Rd.	1.800 mile

### FOG SEAL

Ciellovie Circle	1.800 miles
Espinazo Dr.	1.160 miles
Krishelle Lane	0.040 miles

### Asphalt

Clemetson Rd.	0.500 miles
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With the sun's welcome appearance, more people will be using the roads. Road maintenance will, at times, cost you a few minutes. Drivers, leave early and drive safely.

Please drive slowly when in a work zones.

Jim Mangan, Commissioner, Sub District 1, 208-660-7956

## Members—Advertise FREE!

*Send us your business card!*

Send us your business card and we will place it in the next KITTEN and also put it online at our website, [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com) through all of 2016.

All residents with paid memberships can advertise for free! Non-members are also welcome—\$25 for a year of business card advertising.

- ◆ Would you like the KITTEN to showcase your business?
- ◆ Would you like to showcase your business on the community website?
- ◆ We would love to write an article about your business!

Contact Julie Schmidt at 425-319-0915 or by email at [julielinez1951@gmail.com](mailto:julielinez1951@gmail.com)

## 4H in 2016



The Hilanders 4H club has twenty-two active members this year. Members started 2016 strong by hosting a spring celebration with an egg hunt and photographs with 4H rabbits at the Community Hall just prior to the Spring Spaghetti Feed and

Bingo event.

The club also collected eighty-one pounds of non-perishable food for the Second Harvest food bank in the past month.

4H volunteers include Cloverbud with Christine Sheppard, Archery with John Sheppard, Non-Horse with Janell Hersey, Cooking with Julia Mangan and Rabbit, Dog and Photography with Dawn Myers. On April 23 members will compete in County Oral Presentation and our next club meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 4pm at the Hall.

A club contest was held for a logo and the logo shown above will be adopted this year.

Please visit the 4H page at our website: [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com) for more information about the club.

## Wanted: Cut & Split Wood Donations for the Hall



The Meadowbrook Community Hall depends on donations from residents and neighbors to help supply wood to keep people warm during events in the colder months. There is a great place to stack and store the wood at the back of the Hall. Once filled, it lasts an entire cold season.

We would love to fill up our wood storage section to get ready for next winter and would greatly appreciate residents who can help out. If you have extra wood, cut into 2 foot lengths and split, that can be delivered to the Hall, we can gather a team to unload and stack. Please contact Julie at [julielinez1951@gmail.com](mailto:julielinez1951@gmail.com) or call 425-319-0915. We appreciate the generosity of our community neighbors

## Random acts of kindness.....

Last veteran's day, Cougar Gulch resident Matt Johnson rented the Meadowbrook Community Hall and planned, cooked and served a dinner to local veterans. Matt did this out of the goodness of his heart, his own pocket, and a desire to honor veterans. Matt is renting the Hall on May 11th—half way to Veteran's Day—to again gather and honor local vets. Matt pays to rent the Hall, purchases and cooks the food, and puts the entire event on largely by himself. If you are interested in helping or in donating food or dollars to this worthy cause,

**THEY SERVE OUR  
COUNTRY.  
SO WE'RE SERVING  
THEM A FREE DINNER.**



## Upcoming Community Events



### SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 6 PM

Cinco de BINGO! Dinner from 6—7pm. BINGO starts at 7 pm. Dinner is \$5 per person, children 10 and under are FREE. BINGO cards are \$10 per person and there is one cash winner for each game played. Look for additional details in the May Community Update.



### SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 10 AM—BBQ, 12:30 PM

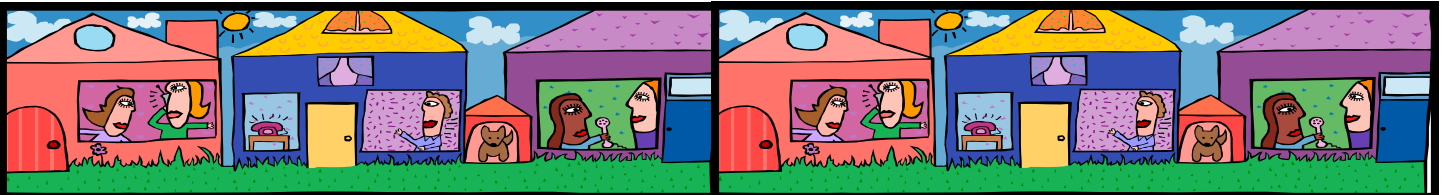
Join us at the Community Hall on Saturday June 11th. Litter pick-up bags will be provided and signs posted by the Highway Department will alert drivers in our area of this event. Choose a location for litter clean up with a family or friends. Bring your litter bags to the Hall. Stay for the community BBQ—FREE for litter patrol teams! All other community members are invited and pay \$5 per person. Come provide some community service, meet with friends, get some exercise, and eat BBQ!! Look for additional details in the June Community Update.

## And the Winner IS.....

The winner of our early-bird membership drive for 2016 has elected to stay anonymous. "Ron" was selected from all of the neighbors who paid their 2016 membership dues by March 31st. His name was drawn at random during a regular board meeting in April. "Ron" asked that the proceeds of his winning be donated back to the Hall.

## Cougar Gulch Membership Application

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.



### 2016 Cougar Gulch Community Membership Application

#### Tax Deductible Registration Form

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

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

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

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

Annual Dues: \$25. Please make check payable to SRMPA.

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

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

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

Please mail this registration and your dues to:

SRMPA Treasurer

6637 W. Meadowbrook Loop Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814