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Community Litter Pick-Up a Clean Sweep

Our community owes a BIG THANK YOU to a hardy group of Cougar Gulch neighbors who took part in the annual Litter Pick-Up event. Friends, families and neighbors gathered at the Hall on Saturday morning, June 21st, to participate in this effort. Pictured at right are some of the selfless people who volunteered their time to help keep our neighborhood litter-free.

The results were a heaping mound of garbage—enough to fill the entire bed of a large pick-up truck. Helpers included:

- ◇ Hendrik & Deborah (Reese) Tenty—Meadowbrook Loop from Clemetson Road to Cougar Gulch Road, east.
- ◇ Jason & Jennifer Shanley—Meadowbrook Loop from Clemetson Road to Cougar Gulch Road, west.
- ◇ Gail & John Carlson—Cougar Gulch Road from Stach Rd. to the SRMPA Hall.
- ◇ Debbie DeSalliers & Kristen—From the SRMPA Hall half-way down Cougar Gulch road toward Highway 95.
- ◇ John & Meg Rude—Greensferry Road to Kindred Trail.
- ◇ Candy Gardner & Tom Bacon—Stach Road to Greensferry Road.
- ◇ David Foster & Ben Thayard—Second half of Cougar Gulch Road to Highway 95.
- ◇ Jane and Kids—Stach Road to Mahogany Road.
- ◇ Tom Buckingham and Robert—Miller Road to Cougar Gulch Road.
- ◇ Karen Thurston—Clemetson Road.
- ◇ Tom & Karen Wambolt and Jim & Julia Mangan—Thompson Road



The crews covered a lot of territory inside Cougar Gulch and picked up a lot of trash. We really appreciate what they did, and look forward to an even more beautiful neighborhood. Please help keep our roads litter free. THANKS!



Sizzling Summer Cook-Out at the Hall



Phil Cooper cooking for the crowd.

Friends and neighbors celebrated the start of summer with a community cookout at the Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 21st. Grill master, Phil Cooper, manned the grill for a group of hungry and appreciative Gulch residents, cooking up hamburgers and brats.

The fare also included all of the trimmings and potluck items to fill even the hungriest plate. It was a great way to meet new people and enjoy the company of our neighbors and friends.

Understanding the Reserved Water Right Claims filed in the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication

If you filed a water right claim on your property in Cougar Gulch, chances are you received information from the Department of Water Resources Adjudication Bureau in Boise, Idaho last April. The information was titled "Notice of Filing Federal Reserved Water Right Claims in the CDA-Spokane River Basin Adjudication". It indicated that reserved water right claims had been filed by Avista, the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The purpose of the mailing was to give water right owners a chance to review the federal reserve claims for any possible impact to their personal water right claims. While the mailing may have caused some initial confusion, according to Bob Haynes, long time Cougar Gulch resident and long term employee of the Department of Water Resources (retired), water use in Cougar Gulch is, for the most part, not impacted by these claims. The mailing included a list of federal reserved claim numbers that cover domestic, commercial, municipal and industrial claims; in-stream flows for fish habitat claims; irrigated agriculture claims; springs/seeps claims, and wetland claims. Of the 447 overall claims, 70 fall within Basin 95 where Cougar Gulch is also located. If you are interested in reviewing any of these individual claims listed on the mailing, you can do so by searching Water Right Records and Adjudication Claim Records as follows:

1. Go to IDWR Home page at: www.idwr.idaho.gov.
2. Click on the icon on the right side of the home page titled "Search Water Rights".
3. Read the water right research terms and conditions and click on the "I Agree to the Terms of Use".
4. On the next page select item "Adjudication, Water Right & Basin or Transfer" and click the option that states "Search for a specific basin, right or transfer number".

- 5.
6. Click in the box next to Claim/Water Right/Basin. This opens the fields below.
7. Type in basin number (95).
8. Type in sequence number you wish to review (refer to your list of federal reserved claim numbers included with your April mailing for these numbers).
9. Click the **SAVE SEARCH PARAMETER** icon.
10. Click the **START SEARCH** icon.
11. At the bottom of the search screen your results for that sequence number will be listed:

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12. Click the "**Details**" link for "**Claim**". Here you can read the details of that particular owner, the source of the right, the uses of

Current Board of Trustees

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

Tom Wambolt, President	208-664-7705
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Julie Schmidt, Secretary	425-319-0915
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David Foster	Board Position 2
Mavis Tysdal	Board Position 3
Jason Shanley	Board Position 4
OPEN	Board Position 5

The board welcomes all community members who would like to drop in to a meeting, listen to the proceedings and provide ideas. For more information and meeting locations

Part-time Volunteer?

Maybe you would like to help out but cannot commit to monthly meetings. Here are some other ways you can help your board and your community:

- ⇒ Attend community events and help set up or clean up.
- ⇒ Volunteer your time and talents to our renewed 4-H club.
- ⇒ Help with Hall projects such as repairing the front entry, providing firewood for the Hall (as it is the main source of our heat!)
- ⇒ Can you roof? Remove Snow? Paint? Write? We would be thrilled to use your time and talents that best fit your needs and ours too.

GET INVOLVED—VOLUNTEER

New Board Members Needed



PLEASE consider volunteering to participate on YOUR community board of trustees. This group meets once a month from September through May for approximately 2 hours each time. The meetings are generally rotated to different board member's homes and a typical agenda includes determining things such as community events to hold at the Hall, stuffing envelopes for our annual mailing, approving monies for Hall projects such as upgrades and replacements, as well as planning and approving projects such as Hall heating or purchasing furniture for storage.

Board members typically help during community events which can add some additional volunteer time, but the rewards are well worth it. Get to know your neighbors, find out what's going on in your community, participate in helping to shape community decisions for the Hall. We are looking to fill the following positions:

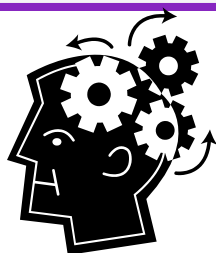
President: Sets agendas, runs the monthly meetings, volunteers at community events, helps ensure the Hall is maintained through paid, skilled labor or volunteers. Approximate time per month: 3-4 hours.

Treasurer: Receives annual membership dues from Cougar Gulch residents, keeps track of monies coming into the non-profit account and details all expenditures on behalf of the Hall. Provides a financial status report to the board monthly. Helps with community events. Approximate time per month: 3-4 hours.

Board Member: Attend once-a-month board meetings (September—May), participate in the decision making of agenda items, and possibly host a board meeting at your home. Board members also participate in and help with community events. Approximate time per month: 2—3 hours.

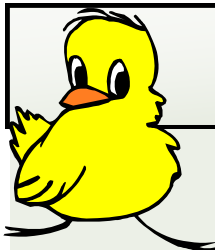
Our community can NEVER have too many volunteers. Please contact Tom Wambolt, Karen Thompson, or Julie Schmidt for additional information. Consider attending a board meeting this fall and give us a "test-drive"! We know lots of good people are out there. We just need you to help us find you!

It's time to give some of our current board members a well-deserved break. Many have been involved with the community for several years, and need to take time to focus on other things in their busy lives too.



- Did you know 11% of people are left handed?
- Did you know August has the highest percentage of births?
- Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib?

- Did you know the average speed of a skydiver is 124mph?
- Did you know the average human brain contains around 78% water?
- Did you know an average person will spend 25 years asleep?



The Cougar Chick: An Interview with Judi Horton

Contributed by Karen Thurston - Welcome to The Cougar Chick, a column dedicated to agricultural pursuits in Cougar Gulch. You'll find information about grower and livestock practices as we feature neighbors involved in farming and related activities, either for commercial sales or personal enjoyment and consumption.

I paid a visit to Judi Horton on the last day of spring and toured her lovely vegetable garden which was already well established to take advantage of our short growing season in north Idaho. Judi starts her bedding plants indoors, mostly from seed, and says:

I've found that raising from seed is fun, less expensive (after the purchase of lights, anyway) and quite fulfilling. The herbs I grow (parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil, chives & dill) are all slow to germinate & slow to grow into a bedding plant that's ready for outdoors, so they should be planted 4 - 6 weeks before warm weather plants like tomatoes, peppers, squash & tomatillos, which I planted this year 2nd week in April. Peas, green beans & potatoes are all direct seeded. Corn usually is too, but this year I grew mine in the larger Jiffy pellets so I could place and space them more easily.

Judi does not have a greenhouse, but she does, however, use a product called "Wall O' Water", which she advises are available from any garden store. When filled with water and stood up around young plants, sunshine is converted to stored heat, which is released at night. Plants are protected from direct exposure to cold and pests, and get a dose of heat as the water releases that heat during the night. (When filled half way, the top stays closed for added protection.)



This photo at left is from the Wall O' Water website (<http://www.wall-o-water.com>):

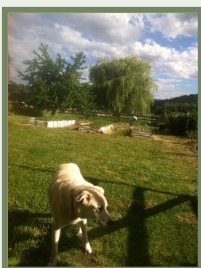
Judi also uses the 5-gallon water jugs available from water

providers such as Culligan. Cutting the bottom off these jugs makes an individual green house for each of your plants. These jugs are available at the corner of Best Ave. and 9th St. (991 Best Ave) in Coeur d'Alene, and are usually set beside the dumpster for first takers. Milk cartons with the bottoms cut off also work well, but don't let in as much light.

She irrigates daily for about an hour with soaker hoses that run underneath the top layers of mulch. Her rows are elevated, so the chance of over-watering is greatly reduced.

Judi also has two friendly dogs who helped themselves to some of her garden while I was visiting, but no doubt also keep some of the birds away.

Mulching with newspaper covered with grass clippings keeps weeds to a minimum



without using herbicide. It's easy to see the difference between unfinished and mulched areas in the low areas between the rows.

The prior owners of Judi's home left these raised beds, made from metal siding. She has amended the soil a bit each year for seven years now, and



has had success growing onion, carrots, and strawberries. In late fall she cuts back the strawberry foliage to within a few inches of the ground, and the roots stay cozy over the winter under a layer of straw.

Judi has entered her vegetables in the Kootenai

County fair and was curious why her carrot entries would only be accepted if they still had dirt as well as the tops attached. Answer: "Store bought carrots are never sold with the dirt." Draw your own conclusions!

For those of us who have never grown onions, be sure to 'cure' your onions prior to storing. With roots and foliage, dry in the sun until the tops are shriveled and limp. Then cut off the foliage—leaving about 2 inches attached—and finish drying in the sun or a warm, dry spot inside until the last green color is gone from the stem. In the fall, the sun's heat is not intense enough to spoil or 'cook' the onions, but will dry them so they can be stored for future use. Judi grows 'Red Bull' and 'Candy' varieties, if not purchased locally at Northwest Seed and Pet, she orders from Gurney's, (www.Gurneys.com).

Triple Crown blackberries, nearly the size of small plums (the Gurney's catalog did not exaggerate their description of these berries as being 'really big') cascade against t-posts along the full length of the garden—almost 40 feet. The t-posts are not strung with any fencing, but are spaced close enough together to keep the canes from invading the garden walkway.



Two very mature fruit trees, a cherry and an apple already provide large harvests, and an additional 4 trees will soon bear fruit: Patterson Peach, apricot and Honey Crisp (**all from Lowe's nursery in Coeur d'Alene**). Judi's trick for worm free cherries is to spray early as soon as the tree is done blooming, then regularly throughout the growing season. She uses a Bonide mixture insecticide and fungicide. For detailed information about cherry tree care, the University of Washington extensions has a chart here:

http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/pc/data/spray_cherries.pdf.

Which herb crops are most prolific in Judi's experience? Parsley and chives—in fact, the chives came back all over the garden after tilling last fall. Some dill plants also volunteered in many unexpected places, and to this writer's delight, several are now transplanted and will hopefully survive

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Cougar Chick, continued

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with a less experienced gardener. Some days I wonder why I keep trying. Judi sums it up nicely:

Basically gardening is too hard, certainly physically and maybe psychologically as well, if all you get out of it is pretty flowers and veggies. If that's it then stay clean and rested and go to the store. There has to be another gratification, fulfillment, feeding a need to nurture and grow and watch things mature, to make it worthwhile. There's nothing like going out in the yard and picking dinner.

Here's a detailed list of what grows in Judi's garden: Strawberries, carrots ("Sweetness" -- getting hard to find but really nicely shaped for canning & freezing and *really* sweet), onions ("Red Bull" and "Candy"), hybrid tomatoes, ("Big Mama" and "Super Sauce", bred for canning and drying, planted near dill for its natural pest repellent qualities), peppers, herbs (dill, chives, parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme), corn ("Trinity", recommended by Elmer Mundt, local long-time farmer), bush beans ("Burpee Blue Lake 47"), bush peas ("Green Arrow", for the large number of peas per pod), potatoes ("Red Pontiac", planted in 10" trench periodically filled as leaves emerge until the trench is even with the surrounding ground), asparagus, blackberries, fruit trees hollyhock and sunflowers for cutting. She purchases many of her seeds locally at Northwest Seed and Pet in Spokane Valley, on Sprague Ave. near the Altamont exit on I-90.

Many of you know Judi as 'The Bread Lady' of Meadowbrook Loop. The aroma wafting from her kitchen guaranteed that I wasn't going to say goodbye without taking home several of her delicious baked goods. The Potato Rolls, Sticky Buns, and Oat-meal Molasses Loaf didn't last long at my house.

Thank you to Judi for sharing her knowledge with us.

A few of our neighbors have expressed an interest in a neighborhood farmers market style gathering in the summer and/or early fall where neighbors could bring surplus crops for sale or trade. Some of you already donate your surplus to local food banks, and this is another option. Another idea is a neighbors-only farm and garden tour/open house day. Please contact me by email if you have an interest in participating in these or other activities you might suggest, or if you would like to have your farm or other agricultural or food-oriented venture featured in *The Cougar Chick*.

Karen Thurston and her husband John and two children have lived in the Meadowbrook Loop area of Cougar Gulch for about 10 years and have operated Thurston Family Farm since 2007. They raise laying hens for commercial egg production, spring lambs through their Community Supported Agriculture program, and a variety of herbs, vegetables, and fruit, currently for their personal consumption. You can reach Karen by email at Karen@ThurstonFamilyFarm.com



Worley Highway District Summer Update



This article provided by Jim Mangan, Commissioner, Sub District 1, Worley Highway District. Jim can be reached at 208-660-7956.

Clemetson Road

We've had surveyors out on Clemetson Road pinning down right-of-way location. This is preparation for work beginning late summer or early fall to improve the road's surface. This will be done over a 3-year period by squeezing it into our regular year-round maintenance schedule. We expect paving will occur in 2016. This is a relatively small project, requiring only a small amount of engineering support, and can be constructed by our own people and equipment. Our capital improvement plan, which looks out 20 years, has 29 projects, including 8 minor projects. Examples of other minor projects: improving site distance at the intersection of Tall Pines and Loffs Bay roads, raising a section of Burton Road to eliminate annual flooding, and vertical realignment of Dower road. We can only do one minor project at a time, so it's a long wait in line.



Road Maintenance

Crews have been laying down hot-mix patches on sections of road that will be chip sealed next year. After the 4th of July holiday, crews will switch to chip sealing roads that were patched last year. This includes Kidd Island, Valhalla, and Tall Pines roads, about 12 miles in all. A chip seal is a combination of gravel chips and binding oil. It must be done every 6 to 7 years to prevent the road from wearing away. The chips come from our gravel pits. The oil is delivered by rail car (about 16 cars) to Worley and Sutter. Chip sealing works best in hot weather. If you see crews working on a chip sealing operation, you know they're feeling the heat. This operation requires a lot of people and equipment—more people and equipment than we have in the district—so we get reinforcements from other highway districts for this effort, and then we return the favor. The four highway districts in Kootenai County have a long history of working together and sharing resources.



Summer Season

As I write this it has been raining all day without cease. But dry, warm weather is coming, probably already here as you read this, and so there will be increased road use by walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and others. Please drive safely and give everyone some room. As always, start your trip early, slow it down, and enjoy the ride.

-Jim

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WANTED: Reliable snow plow person to plow Reynolds Road in the Cougar Gulch area for the 2014-2015 winter season. Must have sanding or de-icing (preferably de-icing) capabilities and must be able to plow early in the morning. We also have several residents that might require your services. Our road is 1 ½ miles long with many switchbacks winding up to the top of a mountain. If interested or know of anyone that might be interested, please call Donna Orey at **(208) 765-0901**.

Keep Cougar Gulch Clean, Place Your BUTTS in Your Ashtray!



Cougar Gulch Neighbor Spotlight

The purpose of the spotlight article is to help us learn more about the interesting people that live in the Gulch.

The Cougar KITTEN is pleased to throw its spotlight on our Cougar Gulch neighbors Zach and Katie Bane. This dynamic duo has lived in our neighborhood since 2004 after building their beautiful, custom home just off Meadowbrook Loop.



Zach hailed from Texas and Oklahoma in his formative years and moved to Moscow to attend the University of Idaho where he graduated with a degree in Rangeland Management. Katie hails from the eastern Washington area and started college at Lake Tahoe with an eye toward Ski Area Management. She later decided to transfer to the University of Idaho midway through her studies to complete her education in Business with a Marketing major, and this is where Zach and Katie first met. They were married in 1993 and moved to the Coeur d'Alene area once they graduated to be near family.

New to the area at the time, Zach headed into construction since there was a hiring freeze on at the time for available jobs in his field of study. As it turns out, Zach had a clear knack for the construction business. The building challenges kept him interested in the growing construction trade from apprentice positions where he started through construction project management where he handled multiple building projects at once. Over time, as opportunities grew,



Zach decided to start his own general contracting business specializing in residential custom homes with a flair for rustic

elegance. Katie says what sets Zach apart in this business is his experience coming up through the business and really understanding not only the principles of building – plumb,

level & square – but his strong business management expertise where he takes the time to understand each of his client's individual desires and tastes. His business is **Bane Built Construction, Co.** For more information, please feel free to visit their website at www.BaneBuilt.com, or give Zach a call at 208-659-3787.

As for Katie, she literally “fell” into real estate, when toward the end of her studies at the U of I, she took an elective course on Real Estate Practices. That course clicked for her and once they were settled in the Coeur d'Alene area, she earned her real estate license and has been successful in the business now for almost 20 years. In December, 2012, after working for several companies in the area, Katie and her business partners started their own company. Katie says the driving force behind starting her own business was to create a strong, high-producing, fun work environment with the same common ethics and goals as her two partners. She specializes in residential and residential with acreage properties, especially horse properties. “It comes natural to my business” says Katie, “as our family is so active in the equine community including 4H, Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen, and the CDA fairgrounds.” She comes across a lot of horse folks and properties and possesses the knowledge and understanding to get those types of homes and property sold. Katie can be reached through her company, **Northwest Realty Group** at 208-661-6753, or feel free to email her at Katie@nwidaho.com

The Banes are the proud parents of a graduating high school senior, Cassidy, who will be heading to Montana State University later this year. For fun, the Banes like to go back-country packing and hunting with their 4 horses. Along with the horses, ranging in ages from 3 years old to 17 years old, they have 2 dogs and 2 barn kitties. Additionally, Zach is on the CDA Fair Board and chairs the Rodeo Committee while Katie holds a spot on the Fair Foundation board. Both Zach and Katie agree that some of the best things about living in the Gulch are the topography– nice rolling hills, mountains, and open areas with diverse vegetation – great neighbors, and being close to the lake and town. They especially love the fact that the neighbors are quick to wave when passing on the road and always willing to lend a hand for a neighbor in need.

Do you have a “super scout”, or a family member with talent? Know anyone with a unique hobby or business? Does someone you know volunteer or have an interesting story? Let's work on getting our next neighbor in the SPOTLIGHT! Please email Julie at: julielinez1951@gmail.com or call me at 425-319-0915.

We do the work—you provide the story!

Wildlife Newborns in the Gulch

A wildlife population explosion takes place around this time every year.

Wild bird and mammal species typically produce young in the spring and early summer. This allows the young to have time to gain the strength and size needed to survive the challenges of winter, or the rigors and dangers of fall migration.



Deer, elk and moose are giving birth to fawns and calves. Some of these newborns will make it through the perilous first few days and weeks...and others will not. Fortunately, reproductive potential is high for most wild animal species and despite losses of individuals, populations carry on.



The first few days of life are the most crucial to long term survival. Wild animal newborns are vulnerable to predators until they are able to run or fly well enough to escape predation.

Predators, in the first few weeks, can include wild animals such as wolves, mountain lions, bears, bobcats, and eagles. Raccoons, skunks, weasels, and other species need to eat to survive, and newborn birds and mammals are frequent meals for them.



When allowed to run loose, domesticated animals such as dogs and cats can also cause mortality of young wildlife. Pet owners can reduce wildlife injury or death by keeping pets confined. Although pets may have plenty of food available, their predatory instincts can take over when allowed to run at large.



In the next few weeks, Idaho Fish and Game regional offices will receive several calls a day about deer fawns that people see, where no doe is visible in the surrounding area. Callers are often convinced that the fawn has been "injured", "abandoned", or "orphaned".



While fawns are occasionally injured or orphaned, they are never abandoned. An adult doe has extremely strong parenting instincts and will not abandon a fawn.

Most offspring of wild animals are raised by one parent. It is not unusual that a person will observe a young wild animal alone several times in the course of a day. At the mo-

ment you see a young wild animal alone, the adult may be away in search of food to meet their own nutritional requirements; or gathering nourishment for their offspring.

A mammalian mother may be nearby but not visible while foraging for food that is essential to her ability to nurse her young. A more likely scenario is that the adult has detected your presence and is hiding nearby, keeping a distance away from their young to hide them and to protect themselves from danger.

Wildlife parents are very devoted to the care of their young. A person should never assume abandonment of a fawn has occurred! A person, standing watch over a deer fawn or elk calf will cause the parent to remain hiding. IDFG has had fawns brought in by people who say, "I stayed there and watched it all day, and the doe never came back." Without realizing it, the presence of a person likely kept the doe in hiding.



If you find a seriously injured animal; or, in those extremely rare instances where you know with certainty that a wild animal has lost its parent, intervention may be appropriate. Contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for instructions on the next step.



Do not plan on raising wild animals on your own. Young wildlife require special care and feeding that is beyond what the average household is prepared to manage. Additionally, possession of most species of wildlife taken from the wild is illegal in Idaho. Attempting to make household or backyard pets out of wild animals is a losing proposition. Fuzzy, cute, cuddly raccoons, rabbits, fawns, etc. become adults. They will become a burden or a danger to people.

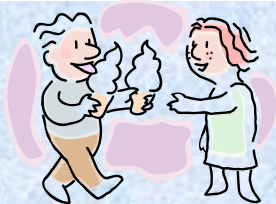
In the spring and early summer when wildlife reproduction is at its peak, you may have the good fortune to observe a nest of birds or a litter of young mammals with no adult in sight. Enjoy the sight but if nothing is obviously amiss, it is best to leave things alone.

Phil Cooper, Wildlife Conservation Educator
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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2014 Cougar Gulch Community Events



August Date TBD **Ice Cream Social & Board Member Voting**

Join us at the Hall for an old fashion Ice Cream Social and a chance to nominate and vote for community board members to serve on the SRMPA non-profit board for 2014-2015. More info soon!



August 14th—NOON **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

The Ladies Summer Lunch Bunch gathering will be held at the home of Tiffani Lewis. Mark your calendars for this delicious event! Details will be forthcoming in the July and August community updates.



October Date TBD **Oktoberfest & BINGO**

Meet at the Hall to celebrate Oktoberfest! German food and drink and BINGO to boot! Can't ask for more than that for a rousing good time! Details will be forthcoming in future community updates.



December Date TBD **December Holiday Dinner**

Our annual holiday dinner/potluck will be held at the Hall in December to celebrate the season. Stay tuned for details in an upcoming issue of the KITTEN.

4-H Returning to the Gulch!

Cougar Gulch resident and neighbor Dawn Myers has taken the lead on helping to rekindle the **Cougar Gulch Highlanders 4-H Club**. Dawn spoke with the 4-H office recently and the club can be reinstated this coming fall. She has secured the necessary paperwork and is willing to be the general leader, but in order to make the club successful, we need project leaders and members for the 2014-2015 year.

Dawn has led many 4-H projects over the last 16 years with her daughters including horse, cat, rabbit, sewing, cake decorating, wildlife, forestry, fine arts, leather craft, photography, finance and independent study. She is currently a dog leader. Dawn is willing to help promote membership and projects at the fair this year and at member recruit night this fall on behalf of the Cougar Gulch Highlanders. The club can hold meetings at the Hall with the understanding that 4-H members would help with events and community service projects and youth events sanctioned by the community.

To be a project leader, you simply need to have interest in youth members. A background check and 3 hours of training is provided by 4H in relation to your project.

Projects require 8 meetings before fair displays or showings, and some paperwork is done by project leaders. There are meetings held by the 4-H general assembly too, which include such things as community service, fundraising and social events, and these can be folded in as part of the 8 project meetings as well.

Help spark the interest in our youth and try something new by leading and guiding our young people to shared experiences that will last a lifetime. Please contact dawnmyersid@gmail.com or call her at 208-667-4044.



Community Crime Info Revisited



This information is being published again as a community service and by reader request. Both of these articles have been published previously in the KITTEN.

s.rivercrime@outlook.com is an email address that has been developed to receive descriptions of suspicious vehicles in our area. If you, a resident on the south side of the Spokane River from US 95 to the State Line and south to and including the Cougar Gulch area, observe a suspicious vehicle, parked along the side of the road, occupied or unoccupied, please get as accurate of a description as possible of the vehicle. Anything observed that can be sent to the email address would help. The information will be monitored daily. If multiple reports of the same vehicle in numerous locations are documented, then residents will be notified through their provided email address to watch for the vehicle and report its location. If a crime occurs in an area where the vehicle was observed, then the Sheriff's Office will be notified of its description and other pertinent information to assist in their investigation.

If you are interested to track crime activity in the Cougar Gulch area and have internet access, there is an informative website, *CrimeReports*TM.

Here, users can get local crime information that is sponsored by the Kootenai County Sheriff's department. Visit: www.crimereports.com and enter a location.

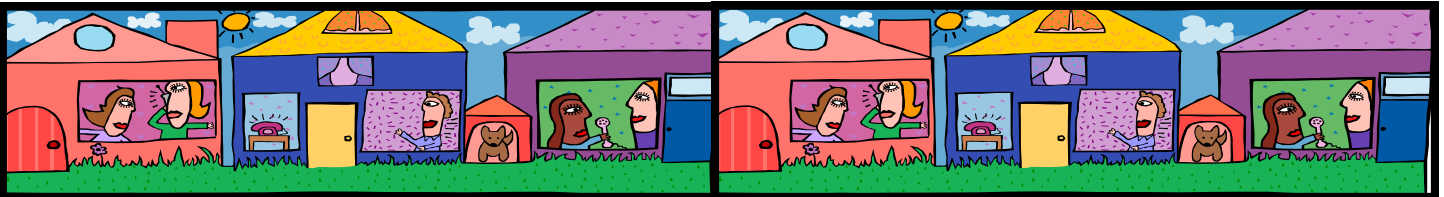


Users can also create a Crime Alert Report that can be sent to you electronically on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. These crime reports allow you to choose the type of crimes you are interested in by customizing them to your specifications. The report lists the type of crimes for the time period chosen and lists the number of incidences in the categories you select at the location you specified. You can view a local map showing the parameters you have set and see where the crimes occurred.

The map portion of a crime alert report shows the actual locations of incidents based on the parameters you set. The information is a good way to stay informed and up to date with crime activity in our neighborhoods. Take a look! Be informed!

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.



2014 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

10988 W. Thompson Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814