

The Cougar KITTEN



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Cinco de Bingo—2016 Gala Event

The food was wonderful, the crowd was large, the payouts were awesome and the fun was everywhere! Neighbors and friends gathered at the community Hall for the annual Cinco de Bingo event held in May. Along with dinner and Bingo, the Community Board sponsored a 50

-50 raffle to support the Hall building fund. Event goers purchased 6 tickets for \$5 and the total proceeds were split 50-50 between one lucky person and the building fund. Attendees feasted on make-your-own tacos, rice, beans, salad and several delicious desserts. BINGO produced several cash winners and everyone when home full and happy! Our next BINGO event will be this fall. Stay tuned for details.



NEW Hall Monitor in the Gulch



Board member **Diana Nottage** has assumed the duties of Hall Monitor. This means Diana will manage the Hall and take care of the rentals for the community going forward. Please give her a call at 208-661-3663 or email her at diana.nottage@gmail.com to rent the Hall.

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 also rent the Hall for \$200 per day. The extra fee goes to support our Building Fund.

Annual Road Clean-up and Hot Dog Feed

On Saturday, June 11th a hardy bunch of community minded neighbors met at the Hall, determined target areas for clean-up, got their litter bags and headed out to help keep Cougar Gulch clean and litter free.



A huge thank you goes out to **Mike and Suzy Denney** who coordinated the litter pick up for the neighborhood.

Their enthusiasm and organization helped make the event very successful. The volunteers collected enough roadside trash to fill the beds of two pick-ups! WOW!

The afternoon was capped with a free Hot Dog lunch for clean-up volunteers who worked up big appetites working hard on behalf of all of us. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for

helping. You have made a difference! PLEASE remember to use your ashtray, and a litter bag. Throw trash away in a trash bin and be responsible to help keep our neighborhood clean and litter free.



There were 15 families who participated including the following families: **Gray, Beebe, Mangan, Holland, Blough, Snarr, Denney, Shanley, Nelson, Hersey, Karvonen, Thornock, Rude and Christensen.** We realize litter control is a year-round effort and we are glad to call attention to the issue and provide a means for neighbors to come together and help with the awareness. Special thanks to the Worley Highway district for the road signs and the litter bags.

Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report January—June, 2016



The Sam Rodius Memorial Parkway Association (SRMPA) appreciates its members' interest and support in maintaining the Meadowbrook Community Hall. Thank you to everyone who has paid membership dues, made donations, or rented the Meadowbrook Community Hall this past year.

The SRMPA Board just produced its first "Semi-Annual Treasurer's Report," and wanted to share with our members our fundraising and expense information for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 22, 2016.

Membership & Donations

Fifty eight Cougar Gulch / Meadowbrook households participated in the SRMPA by paying membership dues totaling \$1,450.00. SRMPA members donated additional funds totaling \$619.00. The SRMPA Meadowbrook Community Hall events raised \$1,238.00. Members and Non-Members frequently rented the Meadowbrook Community Hall, resulting in \$1,600.00 in rental income.

Most importantly, the residents of Cougar Gulch / Meadowbrook have contributed through various means to raise \$2,722.00 towards our building fund which will be used to improve the Meadowbrook Community Hall siding and insulation. The SRMPA recognizes that the members and families of the Highlanders 4-H Club were instrumental in the success of the Meadowbrook Community Hall events.

Most importantly, the SRMPA also received time and materials donations from its members which assisted in maintenance of the Meadowbrook Community Hall and reduced expenses.

Where Does the Money Go?

The income has been used pay the Meadowbrook Community Hall's necessary expenses: \$561.00 to Kootenai Electric Cooperative for electricity; \$184.40 to North Idaho Propane; \$1,542.89 for supplies, repairs, and maintenance; and \$156.35 for non-exempt special assessment property taxes. The funds received were also used to pay the expenses of Meadowbrook Community Hall events, totaling \$590.04.

In August, the SRMPA will need to again insure the Meadowbrook Community Hall at an expense of \$500.00. This fall, the SRMPA will need to replace the propane stove in the main room of the hall at an expense of approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000.

How Can YOU Help?

There are approximately 300 Cougar Gulch / Meadowbrook households and the SRMPA encourages its members to spread the word to neighbors and friends about Meadowbrook Community Hall events, membership benefits, and rental opportunities. Also, the SRMPA is always willing to work with Cougar Gulch / Meadowbrook residents who wish to donate time, materials, or funds to the maintenance and improvement of the Meadowbrook Community Hall.

Yearly family memberships are accepted at any time of year, as are donations to our building fund. And don't forget, your monetary donations and membership fees are tax deductible! Thank you everyone for your contributions and continued support!

YOUR Volunteer Board



Your volunteer board of trustees holds monthly meetings at 6:30 pm, the first Thursday of each month, from September 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
Becky Karvonen	Director
Diana Nottage	Director
OPEN	Director

These people are leaders in YOUR community and give their time generously so we 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 and sponsor Nextdoor.com and at our website: 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. They really deserve a hand!

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.

2016 Summer Lunch Bunch Gathering

On a warm summer day, the last weekend in June, 25 women and girls of the Gulch came together at the community Hall for high cuisine, female camaraderie and lively conversation. Attendees brought delicious main dishes, salads and desserts designed to please the palate and satisfy the soul. Each women told her story and everyone was entertained by the recollections of Louise (Mooney) Feely and her stories about the Hall, 75 years ago, when she was a girl in the Gulch.



Virginia Johnson & Louise Feely



Contributing to the Cougar Gulch Building Fund

Your community 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 the 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—all of your donations are tax deductible.

Through AmazonSmile.com

One easy way for everyone in the community to participate is 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!

Unfortunately, there is no smile.amazon.com application for smartphone users. Purchases made on smartphones using the Amazon.com app will not apply to 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.



During Community Events

During community events such as BINGO dinner nights, you will notice a donation board that helps track our donations. There is a great little yellow "Hall" replica, built by our Hi-landers 4H group. The purpose of this replica is to have a place for event-goers to place donations during events.



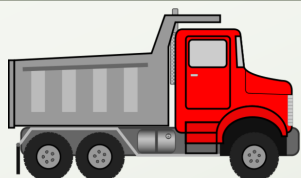
Also during community events, we hold our 50-50 raffle. This is where attendees can purchase 6 tickets for \$5. At the end of the event, one winning ticket is drawn and the winner shares the proceeds with the building fund. A win-win situation

for sure!

At Fund Raiser Events—NEW

The board will be hosting targeted fundraiser events over time starting with a local History lecture featuring a prominent area historian this September. Stay tuned for more details on this and other fundraiser events coming your way in the near future.

Worley Highway District Notes



The district is halfway through the annual maintenance cycle. Two months ago, Mag-Chloride was applied to unpaved roads. This mixture does a good job of holding gravel roads together during the summer. To the relief of adjacent residents, it also significantly reduces dust caused by traffic. This job is done to all gravel roads every year.

Next up will be seal coating on selected paved roads in Cougar Gulch. It's been a few years since this was last done. Mag-Chloride applications are good for only one year, if that; seal coat are good for several years. For example, Cougar Gulch road was last seal coated in 2011, and Meadowbrook Loop in 2010. In preparation for the seal coating operation, the district recently applied asphalt overlays on poor stretches of pavement. Following the 4th 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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Road maintenance will, at times, cost you a few minutes. Drivers—please leave early and drive safely. Please drive slowly when in a work zone and keep you and the crew safe.

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, CougarGulch-Community.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

Member Spotlight



Photographs have been a passion of mine for over 20 years says Andrea Jensen, paid member since 2016.

Andrea feels that capturing the timeless moments of simple looks, laughs and love is priceless. With the help of her three daughters and wonderful husband, she strives to create quality photographs to fit everyone's budget.



Andrea Jensen Photography is a local Coeur d'Alene business specializing in portrait, boudoir, maternity, family and senior photography. We encourage you to visit her website and look at all of the wonderful photos displayed in her Portfolio Tab. Visit her at andrea-jensen-photography.zenfolio.com.



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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 or call 425 -319-0915. We appreciate the generosity of our community neighbors.

What's Been Happening at the Hall??

FLOORS:



We are getting ready to clean, seal and polish the wood floors in the main room of the Hall. This will

be a July project. Special thanks to Diana Nottage and her crew for taking on this project! Our goal is to clean and restore the floors each year.



MAIN ROOM WALL FURNACE:

It's always something! Last year our propane furnace in the main room of the Hall "died". Our goal is to replace it with a new furnace this year. **HOWEVER, this purchase is on HOLD**

due to lack of funds. The total cost of a replacement is \$2,000. If you, your family or your business is looking for a tax deduction, we would greatly appreciate

donations specific to the purchase of this new furnace. Donations can be made directly to our treasurer. Checks should be made out to SRMPA Treasurer, 6637 W. Meadowbrook Loop, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 and indicate that the donation is for our furnace replacement fund. THANK YOU!!

NEW OUTDOOR WATER SPIGOT:

For the past two years, our Highlander 4H club has weeded the flower beds and planted flowers at the Hall. Unfortunately, the Hall has lacked an outdoor water faucet which meant 4H families and board members were having to enter the Hall, fill jugs and hand water the shrubbery and plants. It was a long, hot and tedious job for sure! This summer we had a new water spigot installed on the outside of the building to make plant watering much easier. Unfortunately, the plumber said we should be ready for our water heater to "give up the ghost" soon as it is over 15 years old. Well, it really is always *something*!



Board Member Information

Your board of directors is currently on summer break from monthly meetings but certainly not idle. 4H is active all summer and works to keep the grounds of the Hall in good shape. Floors and a deep clean is scheduled for the Hall this summer also. The board will be sponsoring the annual Ice Cream Social in August and is preparing for our History Fundraiser event in September. Additionally, we welcome new board member Becky Karvonen. Becky and her family are relatively new to the Gulch and hail from the mid-west.

We are grateful for all volunteers who work on projects, support 4H and give generously of their dollars and time. Together we keep our community strong, clean, safe and a great place to live.

EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 14—1 pm to 3 pm



Ice Cream Social at the Hall. This is an annual FREE event designed to bring the community together, enjoy the summer sun and say THANK YOU for all the support we receive

Ice Cream Social from members and neighbors throughout the year. Don't forget to mark your calendar!

September, 2016 Details TBD



The board will be hosting a fundraiser event at the Hall in September featuring speaker Robert Singletary from North Idaho Museum. The lecture will feature local history. Stay tune for additional details in the August Community Update.

Using PRIVATE MESSAGE feature in Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a huge hit in our community. There is lots of great information, queries, and items for sale posted on our site. We want to encourage this medium for general information, sale items and urgent posts to all community neighbors.

However, to keep email traffic down when an individual wants to connect directly with another individual, **PLEASE USE PRIVATE MESSAGES**.

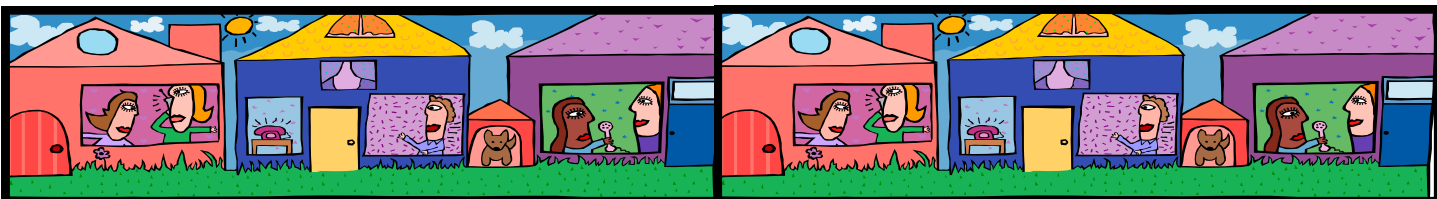
Private messages allow you to connect directly with an individual Nextdoor neighbor. Unlike regular posts, private messages remain solely between you and the neighbor you've messaged. To send a private message on a web browser:

1. Locate your neighbor in the directory.
2. Click MESSAGE to the right of their name.
3. Enter a subject and message
4. Click SUBMIT.

This process allows you to order items posted for sale on the site, ask personal questions or carry on a private conversation without including everyone in the neighborhood. THANK YOU, for using Private Messaging when it is appropriate.

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