

# The Cougar KITTEN

Supporting the Sam Rodius Memorial Parkway Association (SRMPA)



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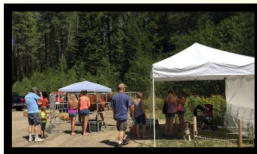
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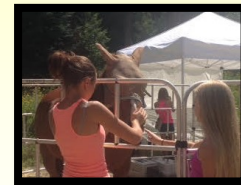
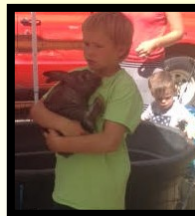
## Ice Cream Social & 4-H Petting Zoo Event



The Cougar Gulch annual Ice Cream Social was held at the community Hall on a hot, Sunday afternoon in August. Neighbors concocted sundaes, cones and floats to help beat the heat with these delicious treats.



This year's free, community appreciation event was enhanced with a petting zoo and face painting activities sponsored by our Hilander 4-H club members. There was a horse, goats, bunnies, chickens, dogs and other small animals.



## Ask First to Hunt on Private Land



With hunting season starting, here is a friendly reminder to all hunters to ASK FIRST! before entering onto private land for any reason. Asking first is an opportunity to meet your neighbor each hunting season and cultivate a positive relationship by showing respect for a landowners property rights. Positive landowner / hunter relationships are a long standing tradition in Idaho and ensure that private landowners will keep their land open to future hunting. Failure to ask for permission to enter private land could not only result in poor feelings between neighbors and the potential future closing of good hunting, it could cost you money and a loss of your hunting license.

Idaho's trespass laws basically require any person who is not the landowner to obtain permission before entering any cultivated field or pasture. A violation of a trespass law for purposes of hunting, fishing, or trapping is a misdemeanor and could result in the mandatory loss of hunting, fishing and/or trapping licenses for one to three years.

Landowners may consider posting "No Trespassing" signs and/or fences and trees with orange paint to clearly communicate property boundaries to others. (Idaho Code 36-1630 and 18-7011 and 18-7008 provide helpful standards for marking). So this fall, respect private property and always ASK FIRST! before entering onto private lands.

## Up-To-Date Crime Website with Local Cougar Gulch Information



Your CrimeReports alert for the period: **Aug 22, 2016 — Aug 28, 2016**.  
This update includes all incidents added to the map since the last update you received.

**Note:** Alert areas are calculated using a standard-sized monitor. Depending on the size of your browser window, you may see a different number of incidents when you click the "map incidents" link.

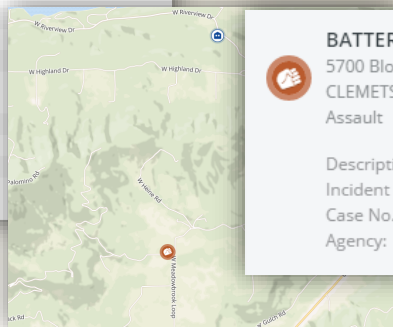
Location: **Cougar Gulch Neighborhood**

Map Incidents

25 Incidents Aug 22, 2016 — Aug 28, 2016

Property Crimes

- Theft
- 911 & Other Crimes
- Other
- Family Offense
- Violent Crimes
- Assault
- Quality of Life Crimes
- Liquor
- Disorder



**BATTERY**

5700 Block W CLEMETSON RD

Assault

Description: BATTERY

Incident ID: 774026

Case No.: 16-278

Agency: Kootenai County Sheriff's Office

Department: Kootenai County Sheriff's Office

Sep 25, 2016 around 12 AM

Create an Alert

Set the Area: Zoom in or out or move the map to specify the region for which you want alerts

Name this alert:

Frequency? ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly

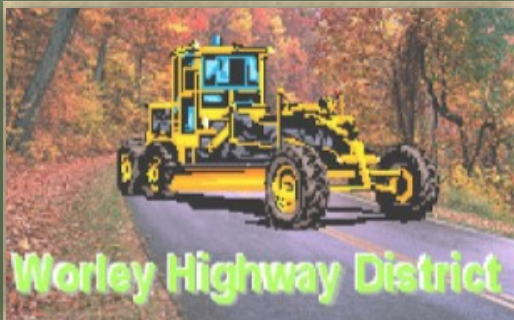
☐ Include Registered Sex Offenders?

Incident Type

As some additional follow-up information to the community Safety Meeting held at the Hall in August, consider logging in to CrimeReports. This database is a national site where you can access and get local crime information—right down to the Cougar Gulch area. There is an option to create a local area report and have it sent directly to your email on a frequency basis that you can set. This is another way to be informed and involved in the safety of our community.

1. Log on to: **CrimeReports.com**
2. Scroll to the bottom and select: **Idaho**
3. Choose: **Coeur d'Alene**
4. From here you can **create a personal alert** to be sent directly to your email.

## Worley Highway Districts Notes



As I write this, the district is finishing the repaving project in Cougar Gulch/ Meadowbrook. Equipment and paint problems have delayed painting the center and edge lines, but work should finish soon. A total of 16.7 miles of paved surface was treated. The district strives to resurface paved roads every six years, so it will be a while before you see this particular operation again in our area. The district has a total of 89 miles of paved roads currently. We thank you for your patience when delayed by the project.

Resurfacing paved roads is but one of the recurring jobs done in the annual maintenance cycle. Others jobs on the district's total of 192 road miles include mag-chloride application, grading gravel roads, cleaning ditches and plugged culverts, replacing failed culverts, repairing bridges and, dare I say it, snow clearing.

When time and resources permit, we take on projects to improve the road system. One of these has been a three-year project to widen and pave a section of Clemetson Road. Next year an asphalt layer will be placed on the most recently paved surface, and the road will then be included in the normal six-year repaving schedule.

Also started this summer is a two-year project on a half-mile section of Carnie Road—a section that is rough and hard to maintain. We built-up an eight-inch compacted gravel layer and replaced culverts. The improvement is evident to anyone who regularly travels this road. Next year a paved surface will be added to this road.

Finally, a safety study was done on Cougar Gulch Road by a team consisting of members from fire and rescue, transportation and engineering agencies. Their report documents spots on Cougar Gulch Road that are less than ideal and makes specific recommendations for improvements. Some of the recommendations, such as improved signs, are relatively inexpensive and easy to do; others, such as road realignment, are expensive and difficult. We appreciate the study and its recommendations and will use it to help us maintain and improve the road. Drivers, leave early, slow down, and enjoy the ride.

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



## Two EASY ways to contribute to YOUR Community Building Fund

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 the 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. Your donations are tax deductible.

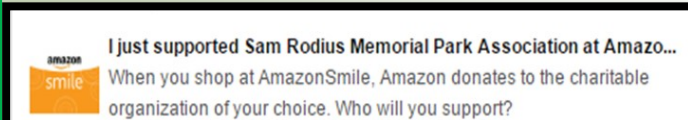
### Amazon Prime (Amazon Smile)

One easy way for everyone in the community to participate is through *Amazon Smile* at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).



For those of you who make purchases from your computer or iPad, .5% of each purchase can be donated to SRMPA (Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association). It's easy and everyone wins! Set it up once and use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) each time you make purchases to support SRMPA!

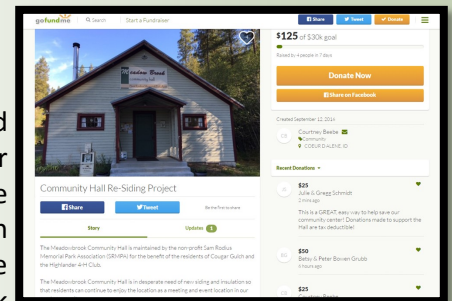
Think of your community every time you purchase items online from Amazon. If you have not done so yet, sign up for an amazon account, designate SRMPA as your support organization and give it a try! We are grateful for all donations to help us save our community building.



### GoFundMe.com

[www.gofundme.com/MeadowbrookHall](http://www.gofundme.com/MeadowbrookHall)

Our very own GoFundMe page has been created specifically for our community to raise funds so we can insulate and re-side the Meadowbrook Community Hall.

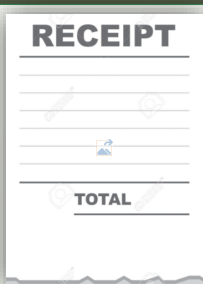


This avenue to donate is super-easy. Just type [www.gofundme.com/MeadowbrookHall](http://www.gofundme.com/MeadowbrookHall) into your browser and our page will come up. You can donate, read about our efforts and see the donations made to date. REMEMBER—your donations—whether in the form of monetary gifts for annual member ship dues, contributions to our building fund or donations to offset the cost of our new propane stove installation are tax deductible.

Consider donating both ways throughout the year.



### Need a charitable donation receipt?



For all members of the community who would like a receipt for donations made to the Sam Rodius Memorial Parkway Association (SRMPA) throughout 2016, please send an email request to: [CougarGulchTreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:CougarGulchTreasurer@yahoo.com). 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.



### Nextdoor.com Etiquette

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.

[+ Private Message](#)

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.

## 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.

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, sponsor Nextdoor.com, manage our 4H club and our website: [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com). They 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!

Julie Schmidt,	President	425-319-0915
Julia Mangan,	Vice Pres.	208-661-5375
Courtney Beebe,	Treasurer	208-447-8159
Karen Thurston,	Secretary	208-660-1359
David Foster	Director	Communications
Jason Shanley	Director	Events
Dawn Myers	Director	4-H Leader
Becky Karvonen	Director	Website
Diana Nottage	Director	Hall Rentals
Barbara Snarr	Director	Nextdoor.com

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.

## Auxiliary Board Members Needed



Your volunteer board is looking for residents and members of the community who would like to donate some of their time and talents on occasion.

We are looking for 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 4-H meeting, class or event.
- ◇ 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!



## Wood Donations to the Hall



The call went out and you responded! Our community Hall sees a lot of activity from October through March. This is a very active time for community events and for rental functions.

Since our Hall is old and currently has no insulation, we depend on our wood stove as a major source of heat in the main room during the colder months. Every year the call goes out and every year our pleas have been answered. This year the following kudos go out to:

**JULIA & JIM MANGAN**—Purchased a cord of wood and delivered it to the Hall. WOW!

**STEVE & KIM HOLLAND**—for splitting and stacking that cord. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

**MIKE HICKLE**—for donating and delivering a half cord of wood. VERY APPRECIATED!

We could not operate as a strong community without the kindness and help of our neighbors. Their generous gifts of money, time and resources is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for the kind support so everyone can be warm during Hall functions this winter!



## Members—Advertise FREE!



**Send us your business card!**

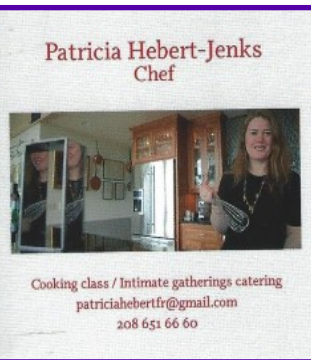
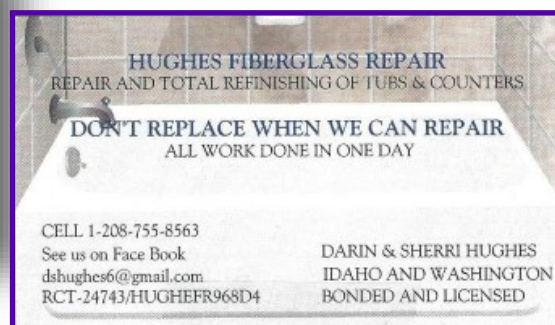
Send us your business card and we will place it in the next KITTEN and also put it online at our website, [CougarGulchCommunity.com](http://CougarGulchCommunity.com) through all of 2016.

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)

## Member SPOTLIGHT



## Hall Maintenance Update

### Hall Deep Clean



In September, board member Diana Nottage and her professional cleaning services crew from **Mrs. Clean** gave the

Hall a deep cleaning from stem to stern. The wood floors in the main part of the hall were also cleaned and sealed.

Diana and her crew donated their time and efforts to this important task. Thank you Diana and crew for helping us maintain a healthy, clean environment for everyone to enjoy.



### New Propane Wall Furnace

Like we said in our last newsletter, it's always something! Last year our propane furnace in the main room of the Hall "died". With winter coming, it is important to replace it to help maintain a comfortable temperature in the hall during events. The total cost



of replacement is \$2,000 and we have had to put other projects on hold in order to afford this installation. **If you, your family or your business are looking for a tax deduction, we would greatly appreciate donations specific to the purchase of this new furnace.** Checks should be made payable to SRMPA and sent to Treasurer, 6637 W. Meadowbrook Loop, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. This donation should indicate that your donation is for our furnace replacement fund. THANK YOU!!

## So What's Next for YOUR Community Hall?



Our community Hall, located at the corner of W. Cougar Gulch Road and W. Meadowbrook Loop, is always in need of tender loving care to keep it a viable and strong community center. Over the past two years, we have made some significant improvements including replacing the front stairs and landing, moving the handicapped entrance to the side of the Hall, adding gravel and grading the main parking area, repairing a roof leak and

installing a new water spigot on the outside of the building. Our new propane wall heater in the main room will replace the old propane stove that gave up the ghost last year, and will be installed in late October. Next, the board will be looking for a handy-person to install a hand rail at the front steps, and our 4-H leader is meeting with a master gardener to get ideas for drought resistant landscaping. The 4-H club will also spray for weeds in the parking lot and has been responsible for keeping the outdoors neat and clean. Additionally, the board continues to look for even more ways to augment funding for our building fund by looking into possible grants or donations from places like Kootenai Electric and the Idaho Heritage Trust. Check out the upcoming events on page 8. Hope to see you at the Hall soon!

## Cougar Gulch Hilanders — 4H News



- September 29 4-H & Master Gardener meet at the Hall to review the landscaping options.
- October 9 Last 4-H meeting of 2016, Auction, Open House displays at the Hall (the PM).
- October 20 4-H leader's meeting at the Hall—ALL community members interested in leading a 4-H project should plan to attend! Call Dawn for info at 208-691-6041.
- January 12 First Hilander 4-H meeting of 2017.

*Meeting changed to 2nd Thursday of the month for this new year.*

## Hilanders Take the 2016 North Idaho Fair by Storm



The Cougar Gulch 4-H Hilanders participated in the 2016 North Idaho fair in August and came away with many blue ribbons. There were winners in Cooking, Cake Decorating, Non-Horse, Swine, Rabbit, Dog, Archery, Sewing and Cloverbud. The club also boasts a grand champion in dramatic presentation and dog project. The club had four top winners in breeding rabbit and archery. Finalist in rabbit showing, Cassidy Myers completed her final year and was granted the Ford Cederbloom award. Congratulation to all the members of the Cougar Gulch Hilander 4-H Club!



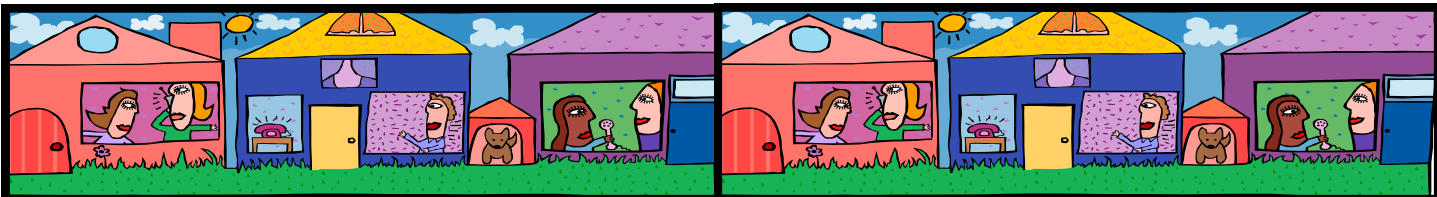
## Community Hall Calendar of Events



<b><u>Sunday, October 9th, 5 PM</u></b> Meadowbrook Hall	<b>Community Open House</b> Food, Fun and Information Everyone Invited!	
<b><u>Saturday, October 22, 5 PM</u></b> 5 PM Dinner; 6 PM BINGO Meadowbrook Hall	<b>Dinner &amp; BINGO</b> \$5 per person, children 10 and under FREE. BINGO Cards \$10 <b>BRING A DESSERT!</b>	
<b><u>Sunday, November 6, 2 PM</u></b> Meadowbrook Hall	Historian Robert Singletary Presents a <b>Local History Lecture</b> Hall Fundraiser—\$5.00 donation	
<b><u>Tuesday, November 8</u></b> 8 am—8 pm	<b>Presidential Election</b>	 
<b><u>December 1 &amp; December 2</u></b> Meadowbrook Hall	<b>Christmas Wreath Making Events</b> December 1—Women & Wine	

## Cougar Gulch Membership Application—2016

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please mail this registration and your dues to:

SRMPA Treasurer

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