



2013 Annual Membership Drive Is Underway!

The annual membership fundraiser helps our community maintain the Meadowbrook Hall located at the corner of Meadowbrook Loop and Cougar Gulch Road. Your membership donations are tax deductible and are used for activities such as painting, plumbing, cleaning, and other long-term projects such as updating the water supply. Past projects included adding a new roof, and installing a donated wood stove.

The Hall acts as Precinct #65 polling location, and is the host of many community functions such as Bingo, dancing, informational gatherings, and potlucks. The Hall is home to Contra Dances (line/square dancing type) regularly and all community members are invited for fun, exercise, and neighborhood gathering.

The membership drive is important to help maintain the Hall as a vital community connection for all families in the Gulch, and offers wholesome, fun events throughout the year with something to interest everyone at one time or another including talks on water rights and fire prevention.

As a member you can rent the Hall for \$50 (\$100 for non members). Members also pay a reduced fee to post want ads, and participate in events such as the Miscellaneous Market Day. Clip, complete and mail your 2013 membership today!

The Cougar KITTEN



Community Website Information



The Cougar Gulch website, hosted by neighbor and local realtor, Ed Gray, is available on the worldwide web at: cougargulchneighbors.com.

For those who are new to the community, or for those who have not visited the site for a while, it includes information on the Meadowbrook Hall Rental, boasts a variety of neighborhood pictures, includes a spot for a recipe exchange, as well as information on CDA schools, area jobs, and local merchants. Visitors can also find the Cougar KITTEN newsletter and interesting information on the SRMPA (Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association).

Read the Quarterly Newsletter by E-mail



Would you like to receive the Cougar KITTEN via email?

The board would like to offer a variety of ways you can connect with our neighborhood newsletter. If you are

interested in receiving your copy of the KITTEN at your personal email address, please contact Tom Wambolt at 208-664-7705 or via email at: tkwoodlands@peoplepc.com. Hard copies of the KITTEN are also available at the Hall, located at the corner of Meadowbrook Loop and Cougar Gulch Road.

Get Involved—Join Your Community Board



The Cougar Gulch Community Board of Trustees is seeking participation from individuals in the community. The board meets monthly (except June, July & August) on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. The location

of the meetings are at Meadowbrook Hall and at board member homes during the winter. The following opportunities are available and in need:

Board Members: Time commitment varies from 2—4 hours per month depending on activities and interests.

Board Meeting Drop Ins: We welcome community members who would like to drop in to a meeting and provide ideas or participate for the short term.

Activity and Event Coordinators: The board is always looking for community members to help with fun activities and events.

Hall Volunteers: We are always looking for people with talent, skills, and time to help with upcoming Hall events. Contact Tom Wambolt at 208-664-7705 for more information.



2013 Annual Cougar Gulch Community Membership Drive 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
10988 W. Thompson Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Community Watch Program



The goal of our Community Watch Program is to have “sets of eyes” on every major artery in the Gulch. Currently we have just over 30 community volunteers. These volunteers keep watch on things in our neighborhood and are on alert for any suspicious cars or activities. Volunteers are currently active on Greens Ferry, Thompson, Clemetson, Heine, Meadowbrook, Links Trail and Miller Road. We can always use extra “eyes”. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tom Wambolt at 208-664-7705. All community members who suspect suspicious activity are urged to call the non-emergency num-

ber of the Sherriff’s office at 208-446-1300.

Community Watch Signs will be going up in the Gulch this year. These signs are paid for by residence through community donations. The board is working to determine where to locate these signs, and will work with the Worley Highway District to ensure they are placed appropriately. If you would like to suggest a location for a specific sign, please contact Tom Wambolt. Everyone wants to live in a safe, secure neighborhood. Community involvement is a great way to help make our homes a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER!

Cougar Kitten Board of Trustees

President: Phil Cooper
 Vice Pres: Tom Wambolt
 Secretary: Ed Gray
 Treasurer: Karen Wambolt
 Board Pos: Chris Weppner
 Board Pos: David Foster
 Board Pos: Mavis Tysdal
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For information, questions or comments, please contact Tom or Karen Wambolt at 208-664-7705.

- Tom: tkwoodlands@peoplepc.com
- Karen: valleygirl.1965@gmail.com



Upcoming Hall Projects

Keeping our Hall viable and available for community use provides a valuable asset for the families of the Gulch. Meadowbrook Hall is maintained through volunteers and donations. If you have a skill or

talent and a desire to volunteer, please contact Tom Wambolt at 208-665-7705.

High on the list of maintenance projects includes providing fresh, potable drinking water at the Hall. We encourage volunteers to help us solve our current plumbing issue as we search for a way to provide an inexpensive source of drinking water. A future project will explore a source of heat for the Hall kitchen.

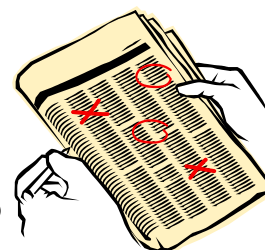
Classified Ads

Consider placing your classified ad in the Cougar KITTEN. Do you have something to trade, or barter?

Something to sell or market?

- ◆ 1-2 lines: member price \$5/quarter
- ◆ Business Card Info: member price \$25/year.

Contact Julie Schmidt at:
 julielinez1951@gmail.com (425-319-0915)



Cougar Gulch Community Calendar of Events

APRIL 20th (revised date) 6 pm

⇒ Annual Board Meeting and Potato Bar. Meeting includes nominations and elections of officers and board members. Potato Bar includes baked spuds with all the trimmings. **Come and enjoy!**

MAY 4th 6 pm

⇒ Cinco de’ Bingo. Bingo night at the Hall with tacos and soft drinks. **Lots of fun for the family!**

May 31st & June 1st 8 am to 3 pm

⇒ Miscellaneous Market Event—Everything from Apple Tarts to Zebra rugs. Think of it as our yearly community “flea market”. If you would like to participate as a **vendor** please contact:

- Karen Wambolt at 208-664-7705 or by email at valleygirl.1965@gmail.com, or
- Mavis Tysdal at 208-667-5802 or by email at mavisand bobtysdal@gmail.com.

\$10 rental per space (member space is free). Tables available to rent or you can bring your own. **SAVE THE DATES!!**

July 20th (around noon)

⇒ Summertime Cookout at the Hall. “Phil will grill” hamburgers and hot dogs for all.

All Meadowbrook Hall potlucks, dinners and fun functions are OPEN TO ALL COUGAR GULCH FAMILIES.



Worley Highway Notes



We are entering a period that, for me, has always been the longest wait. The interval between the last snowfall and the first day that post-winter road maintenance can begin. During this time we suffer from muddy roads and multiplying potholes, not to mention dusty rides as roads dry out. As soon as soil moisture permits, the district will be out grading and applying mag-chloride to graveled roads, and clearing sand off paved roads. This will be followed by another round of grading graveled roads. While we wait, equipment maintenance surges and vehicles are switched over from winter to summer configurations. This is when the district mechanic gets very busy. We put a couple of crew in the shop to give him a hand.

This summer we'll be seal coating in the southern part of the district (Elder Road, Sunup Bay Road, etc.) for a total of just under 15 miles. We'll also be improving a curve on Thompson Road. As I reported in

the last newsletter, there is a tight curve on Thompson Rd. that collects vehicles during the winter. Part of the problem is caused by a negative side slope in the direction of the creek, which, combined with an icy road surface and excessive speed, results in cars leaving the roadway. This year, once the road dries out, we'll reverse this slope. While that will improve the curve, it will not make it totally safe. Site distance will continue to be a problem, especially when combined with excessive speed (did I already mention that factor?).

The district will finish an improvement project, began last year, on Loffs Bay Road, that will prevent flooding of runoff over the roadway. Finally, we're planning on doing some major work on a bridge over Rock Creek on Williams Road. This wooden bridge was built in 1940 and is overdue for some serious maintenance.

Worley Highway District has 17 full-time

employees and three commissioners. The commissioners hold their board meeting twice a month, normally on the second and forth Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. The office and shop are located on Kidd Island Road. (There is a secondary shop at Worley.)

The Worley Highway District extends, north to south, from Espinazo Drive to the county line. In all, it is an area of about 202 square miles. Within this area are 190 miles of roads maintained by the District. This does not include US 95, which is maintained by the Idaho Transportation Department.

For more information about Worley Highway District, its meeting agenda and minutes, visit our web site at www.worleyhwy.com.

Contributed by Jim Mangan, WHD Commissioner



Hall Rental Information

If you are interested in renting Meadowbrook Hall, please contact Gail Carlson at 208-699-5055 or via email at gcarlson@mormfg.com. Member rental fees are \$50.00 (plus a refundable \$50 damage fee). Non-members are also welcome to rent the hall (\$100). Book your function early to ensure you can secure the date you need!

The Hall is approximately 1500 square feet and has a large kitchen area with microwave, electric oven and stove. There is a refrigerator and the kitchen boasts cooking utensils and some cutlery. There are two electric griddles and a coffee pot. The board provides paper products for your event.

Thanks for leaving the Hall neat and clean for the next function as we do not have a cleaning service.

Cougar Gulch History

Meadowbrook Hall was built in its current location, Spring of 1930. Electricity came to the Gulch in 1938. That same year water was plumbed into the Hall from the adjacent spring out back.

In the late 1940's, Meadowbrook School, across the road from the Hall, was moved and connected to the Hall building. It now serves as the kitchen.

The school building had been donated to the Farmer's Union, Local #56, founded in 1912 on condition that it would "always be used for the local residents of the area". The land upon which the building sat was leased from Sam Rodius.

Following the death of Sam Rodius in 1968, the Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association (SRMPA) was formed. It was incorporated 26 April 1969. The Farmer's Union dissolved 11 November 1972 turning over all the interest in real and personal property to the SRMPA.

Excerpt from article by Ray Oliver 10/22/2005



Don Pablos for volunteering to grade the lower Hall parking lot. It looks great! ***Huge thank you!!***

Mike and Suzy Cooley-Denny for personally performing road cleanup on Cougar Gulch Rd from Hwy 95 to Miller Rd. They picked up one 40-gallon bag of aluminum cans and three 40-gallon bags of trash!! ***Thank you Mike and Suzy!!***

Jim Mangan for his continued support and newsletter articles on the Worley Highway District. ***We appreciate the updates!!***

If you would like to recognize someone in the community in the next newsletter, please contact Julie Schmidt at julielinez1951@gmail.com, or at 425-319-0915.

Community meeting to discuss electrical service in the Gulch

Some residents have expressed concern at the way Kootenai Electric Cooperative services our area and would like to address some specific issues that affect our community and residents south of the river.

Watch the reader boards for meeting date and time—coming up sometime in early April.



SRMPA Treasurer
10988 W. Thompson Road
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