



Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association

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Owners Association**

President's Message: Bill Humphry

Over the past several years I have read and seen on TV incidents where HOA's have restricted the flying of our beautiful American Flag. Last week there was an incident in Georgia where two veterans were admonished for flying their American Flag. The HOA "allowed" their Flag to be flown on certain holidays that included Mother's Day but not on Father's Day? What kind of message does this behavior send our children? This is the United States of America. If you don't like to see, honor and respect others who love our flag, perhaps you are in the wrong Country? How could anyone living in the USA, living free, thinking free, speaking freely ever think that recognizing our Flag, the symbol of our great nation, is somehow an affront to their Liberty? Our American Flag is more than a piece of cloth. It represents the blood of our ancestors, given with the hope that with every generation life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness will not be replaced with apathy, cynicism or socialism.

It was wonderful seeing all our friends at Skookum during the Memorial Day gathering. We were fortunate to thank and honor all our veterans who served and continue to serve and protect to defend our freedom.

We have so many new members to our community. Looking over the group that was gathered for Memorial Day I saw so many new faces. When you see an unfamiliar face please extend a hand and welcome them to Skookum Rendezvous. There has been much interest from hopefully prospective buyers visiting Skookum. I spoke with several who visited last year and recently came back to purchase their lot.

Please put the Camelot and Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association Board meetings on your calendar for Saturday, June 10 at 9:00 am for Camelot and 9:15 for the Skookum meeting. Remember – If you are a Skookum member you are also a Camelot member. We hope to have Fire Chief Alex Arnold attend the meeting to provide an update on the progress of the new Fire Station to be built at Skookum.

Six candidates have already signed up to be on the Skookum and Camelot Boards of Directors. There will be four vacancies to fill at our August 12 Open Membership meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board please sign up on the sheet provided in the kitchen. The Election Committee has been in overdrive to work on a successful election process this year. They have been making their recommendations to the Board and will be discussed at the Skookum Board Meeting June 10th.

Don't forget to be at the Saturday, June 3rd "Get the Scoop" at the Lodge. Check out the time in the Activities Committee update.



May Sunrise Photo by Norma Laws

Bill

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10:00—3:00

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Committee Meetings

- ARC every Mon 7:30 am
- LWSD first Tue 10 am

Camelot/Skookum Owners Assoc. Board meetings:

Sat. June 10 @ 9:00 Camelot
9:15 Skookum

A Word from the Resort Manager

As I wander the streets of Skookum, it is great to see our fair weather friends are arriving in numbers. The other noticeable thing is all the new smiling faces that now call Skookum home. The interest in our community is high and we see potential new neighbors checking us out daily. With the sale of 18 lots this year on top of the 45 from last year means many new owners. I hope you take the time to say hello and make everyone feel welcome and appreciated. I have had the pleasure to work with most everyone making the decision to join our community and they are all great additions to the neighborhood.

Current spring office hours are Tuesday—Saturday 10-3 however, you can always reach me on my personal line anytime. 509-868-4643.

Ray Dilcox Resort Manager www.skookumrendezvous.com 509-445-0115

The Architectural Committee (ARC)

The Architectural Committee (ARC) is responsible for approving all modifications to each lot. That includes approval of conventional RVs and Park Models and their placement on lots. It seems that with each Park Model delivery we learn something new.

Our most recent delivery of a Park Model presented a real problem. The truck delivering it had too long of a wheel base to navigate our narrow streets. So, they unhooked it in front of the lodge and said "get a local mover". That could have been days with the Park Model in front of the lodge! Fortunately, one of our members has a diesel dually and, with great difficulty, was able to back it down the street and place it on the lot.

The lesson here is that when ordering Park Models in the future, the delivery instructions must include a **short wheel base tractor with a 4-way power adjustable hitch**. There is a \$500 refundable deposit, but that may not be enough to cover damage to other properties and or our roads, if proper delivery equipment is not used.

Block walls are another major problem. Many of the existing walls are having to be rebuilt. The ARC is insisting on concrete footing with steel rebar to prevent future failure.

The ARC is here to help! Please ask questions, before you begin your project.

Dean Selhay, Committee Chairman



Editor's Comments—Danny Motola

Having spent the winter (actually all year) at Skookum has its rewards. It now allows Mo and me to witness the trickle of owners returning for the spring, summer and fall. Every other day one of our friends drives in and settles for the season. Equally rewarding is seeing the interest in buying property in our lovely resort. From all parts of the country, thanks mainly to the great advertising that Ray Dilcox has prepared, many a transaction was made; land was cleared, new Park models were brought in. We witnessed new owners modifying their new lots. The month of June surely will receive more owners returning from their winter homes and soon all the activities will commence.

In fact, today is May 26. I left the house, telling my wife that I would be back in a few minutes. Two hours later, I came back. I had stopped at least four times to greet and talk to returning friends. Some had arrived three days earlier, some this same day. Hugs abounded and I returned home revitalized.

How great is friendship! It fills our hearts and minds with joy, thus making us forget the never-ending bickering on TV which incidentally, in our house, is now used solely for weather reports.

This morning we went kayaking for the 7th time on a river that is threatening to rise to 2011 levels, and yet with no wind, it is as calm as a lake. Everyone told us that throughout the country, the rain and snow has been above average. And we feel so privileged to enjoy the peace and quiet.

It's also a time to remember those who have served in the Armed Forces and are today risking their lives to keep our country safe and peaceful. We thank them one and all and pray for their safe return.

Each one of you has a ton of stories. So, to the rest of you who will be coming soon, we wish you safe travel and, drop in to say hello. We love smiles. It's a good life at Skookum Rendezvous.

Danny



Projects Committee, Brian Mumford

Object of the committee is to seek areas that need improvement, analyze work involved and assess the degree and cost to complete, and to prioritize the projects.

Seeking volunteers.

COMMITTEES

Volunteers are the backbone of our Community

ARC—LOT STANDARDS

Dean Selhay, Chair
Dee Blanpied
Mike Conway
Brian Mumford
Diane Shantz
Jeff Sloan
Bob Ford—Board Liaison

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Betty Gauthier 43—Chair
Maggie Brown 71
Dianne Hoyt 6
Terry Slinde 158
Norma Laws 161
Lola Weldin 180
Jane Dershem 190
Mary Beth Kelly 194

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Candis Selhay—Chairperson

LENORA WATER & SEWER Commissioners:

Mike Conway, lot# 53—Chairperson
Gary Robertson, lot# 109
Mike Wenger, lot# 98

Activities Calendar

Ray Dilcox

PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

Brian Mumford, Chairman
Steve Kollar
John Cameron (Board Liaison)

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Bobbie Ford (Chairperson)
Richard Oliver
Vicky Persson
Gary Robertson
Rick Stoddard
Ann Wenger
Ray Dilcox (Board liaison)

FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE—CANDIS SELHAY

The Budget Committee operates for the least amount of time each year but provides one of the most important obligations to the membership. The primary reasons of importance are: firstly, that is a legal obligation to provide an annual budget and, secondly, it is the one item that, unquestionably affects all members.

The process of preparing the budget is always a bit hectic as our time window is so short. The budget must be prepared in time to be included in the package with the information for the Annual Meeting of the membership. It is included to allow members the opportunity to review, prior to the vote, at the Annual Meeting. The difficulty for the budget committee is that most of the annual spending for the current year occurs after the budget for the following year is prepared. So this makes the process somewhat of a guessing game. Our primary expenses, landscaping, trash removal and wages are not too difficult. These items do not fluctuate, dramatically, year to year. However, if there a change in one of these line items it is usually anticipated. For example, the need for additional trash receptacles was noted and the increase budgeted.

Another of significant line items, the contribution to the Reserve Fund, items can be anticipated as it is supported by a third party assessment of our future needs. It is important to note that we are required, by law, to have a reserve study performed, but we are not required to fund it. With that said, since the Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association has transitioned from the control of the Developer, our reserve requirements have been funded. In fact, even prior to our first study, the Budget Committee included reserve funds in an effort to protect the community from special assessments. Which, we are proud to say, have never been necessary since the membership assumed responsibility for the resorts finances.

The remaining line items are discussed, line by line and the committee decides on whether the amount should be increased, decreased or unchanged.

If you are considering running for an open board seat, participation on the Budget Committee is a good place to start. **Candis, Committee Chairperson**



Firehouse Chat—Chief Alex Arnold



Another summer is upon us, and a lot of work went on this winter. I wanted to take this quick opportunity to tell you what is going on in your fire department. Also, we want to take the time to thank you for your preparedness as a community.

The Skookum community received a \$500 FireWise grant. Craig Shantz took the initiative to apply for a build out from this grant. He has built out a hose trailer for the community to use in the case of a fire. This trailer is for setting up an initial defense to protect the homes in your community. We will work on some training for interested members. We will coordinate this with Craig and Ray.

Thank you, Craig, for taking the lead with this.

Our family at the fire department grew this winter, four members of the Skookum family joined ours. The Ford's have joined POFD6 and their desire and involvement has been a blessing to our department. Mark, Susan, and Matt have completed their requirements for EMT certification in Washington State. Mary has been a great addition to our public education team.

Now the big news from this winter—the Station 62 project. The Board of Fire Commissioners has purchased just under 5 acres of land. These are the lots behind the water district building. We have begun preliminary studies and building concepts. Currently the Board is looking at two buildings on the location. I look forward to sharing the concept drawings with you at your HOA meeting.

I am very excited for the coming summer. Thank you for the continued support and being a prepared community.

Chief

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE—Betty Gauthier

Well, OK -- the Activities Committee is slowly getting back to Skookum.

So let's have a "Get the Scoop" this Saturday – June 3rd at 8:30am and see what's going on for June.

We have lots of new owners in the park now, and we want to invite each one of you to feel welcome at all our social events.... We'd like to get to know you better. So grab a social calendar in the kitchen and see what interests you Good way to meet other folks and make new friends – can never have enough friends!!!

For example, did you know that we have a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm?

Did you know that Steve & Candy Kollar on lot #181 host a "Jam Session" every Friday @ 6:30pm?

Everyone's invited -- whether you play an instrument / sing / or just like to listen, come join us. (if you play an instrument ... either really well, or just learning ... we hope you'll join in ... we could use guitars, mandolins, banjos, keyboards, tambourine, washboards, spoons ... you name it, we need ya.).

Betty

LINKS
AREA AMENITIES & HISTORY

CURRENT COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Northwoods Performing Arts:
www.circlemoon.webs.com
49deg ski events: <http://ski49n.com>
Community links: www.newport-wa.org
Community calendar:
www.newportareachamber.com
Create arts: www.createarts.org

Pend Oreille River Status:
<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?gage=alfw1&wfo=otx>

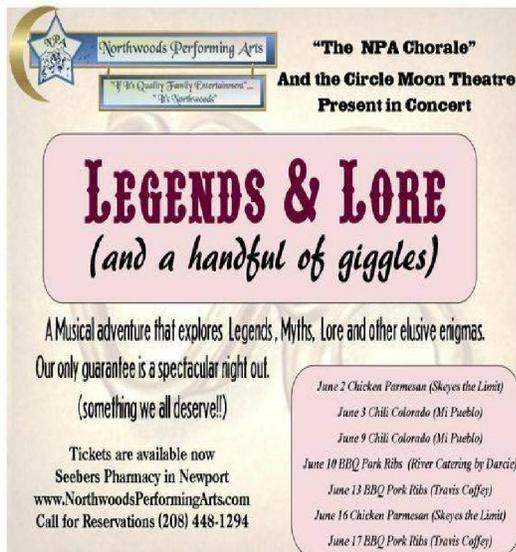
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CIRCLE MOON THEATRE

Northwoods Performing Arts June Schedule:
stage presentation of :



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June 3 Chili Colorado (Mi Pueblo)
June 9 Chili Colorado (Mi Pueblo)
June 10 BBQ Pork Ribs (River Catering by Darcie)
June 13 BBQ Pork ribs (Travis Coffey)
June 16 Chicken Parmesan (Skeyes the Limit)
June 17 BBQ Pork ribs (Travis Coffey)

Looking forward to see you there.

To get your Tickets just visit our website
www.NorthwoodsPerformingArts.com
OR drop in at Seebers Pharmacy in Newport
Washington
OR give me a call (208).448.1294

Mark Caldwell, Director

BOATERS & KAYAKERS KORNER

REMINDER FOR BOATERS: Our River is running fast and high. Look out for large obstacles floating downriver and please comply with the

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NO-WAKE ORDINANCE ON THE RIVER.**

SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17 AT 3:00 PM
MEET THE CANDIDATES , QUESTION & ANSWER
SESSION

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE BOD

REMINDER: THE FIRST ANNUAL - -

Hot Stuff For Sale to support Our Fire Fighters.

A new idea has surfaced! Not only will there be a variety of vendors and food for sale, but we can also have a Flea Market area. Bring down your treasures that you no longer need, stick a price on it, and if it sells, you will have made a donation to the District 6 Fire Department. If you have any ideas of how to make this fundraiser a success, contact anyone in the Activities committee or Maggie Brown at maggiebrn@aol.com. Your thoughts and energy for this project will determine its success. Let us support those who selflessly support us with their lives.

Maggie

Nature watch!

Ann & Mike Wenger spotted Great Horned owls nesting in a cottonwood tree by the river in Guinevere.



Unfortunately, beavers are working at the base of this tree and the next one. Hopefully the 2 chicks will fly before the trees fall.