SKOOKUM NEWS

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RV Resort Community
USK, WA

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BOARD MEETING JULY 20, 8:55AM @ LODGE

President's Message

Happy Fourth of July everyone! We have many events happening this month. The fourth is always a time to celebrate with friends and family. Please make sure your guests follow the Resort rules and adults are with your kids to ensure their safety. My reminder: children should not be riding on the backs of golf carts while standing and please obey the speed limit, even in a golf cart.

As everyone is aware, we have an election for board members coming up. The board and its members go out of their way to thank and recognize those people who volunteer for projects and events. The board of directors need your support as well. We work hard to make sure the Resort is taken care of and we make good decisions regarding the resort. Many of you may not be aware that the board is in communication constantly, not just at meetings. We are on the phone or email with board members to make sure we get things done in a timely and cost-effective manner. The board members hear from many members while walking around the resort. Most of time we are approached with a concern or complaint about something going on in the resort. I am asking you all that if you see a board member, take time to thank them for the hard work they do!

Thank you all! **George Dale, President Skookum RV Resort.**

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Manager's Report

With the planned laundry room renovation complete, it is the appropriate time to give a few shouts out to those that made it happen!

The project started with emptying the space and thanks to the hard work of Kent Taylor, Richard Peters and Jeep Reichman it made for light work. Then came in the beautification team; Michelle Bowen, Leighann Place and Peggy Taylor. Fun was had by all as they gave the room a fresh, bright coat of paint.

As with most projects, things don't always go as planned and major plumbing issues surfaced. Not to worry though! After a phone call for help, my neighbors and friends Jim Janke and Ron Edmonson dropped what they were doing and came to the rescue. Once they made a parts list and ran to town, they had us dialed in by the days end.

After the plumbing was fixed, Kent Taylor jumped back into action and put the room back together in preparation for the arrival of the new machines. Friday afternoon Northwest Laundry and Supply installed the new machines, tested them and turned the room over to an awaiting owner with some clothes to be washed.

It is with immense gratitude that I say thank you to all involved as their hard work and volunteerism saved us what could have been a huge added expense to this project.

Ray Dilcox Resort Manager

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Board Members

President	George Dale
Vice President	John Cameron
Treasurer	Candis Selhay
Secretary	Ray Dilcox
Directors:	Carolyn Herzog

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING! Notice something out of place, water leaking or puddling, lawn sprinkler acting weird, laundry equipment acting up, any situation that you think we should know about, contact the office, or any board member using your Skookum directory. Thanks!

Committees

Volunteers are the Backbone of our Community!

Architecture (ARC)	Meets every Friday at 10am
Projects	Meets as needed
Activities	Meets Wednesday, July 17 @ 10 am.
Budget/Finance	Meets as needed
Election	Meets as needed
Lenora Sewer and Water District	Meets first Tuesday at 10am
CC&R Review	Meets as needed

Project Committee Members:

John Cameron - SROA Board Liaison, Carolyn Herzog - Committee Chair
Michael Goodner, Chelsea Goodner, Kent Taylor, Judy Lindberg,
Jack Lindberg, Danny Mellon.

Budget Committee Members:

Candis Selhay— SROA Treasurer and Chair, Carolyn Herzog, Shannon Syth,
Sharon Verity, Tom Sutton, Don Perrson, Mike Wenger,
Ray Dilcox, SROA Board Liason

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NOTICE:

Board of Directors Vacancy

Candidates for the Board of Directors are needed! **Two** vacated positions needs to be filled as a result of a director resigning. The newly elected director will be seated for the remaining one year of the vacated position.

Do you have the skill and experience to contribute? Is there a neighbor who would be a good addition to the Board? What would be expected of you?

Board of Director Members must be willing to:

1. Act on behalf of the Association.
2. Understand the authority of the Board as it carries out the work of the Association.
3. Communicate with other Board Members and Association Members throughout the year.
4. Be available for monthly meetings, which may include "on site" and/or "conference calls".
5. Understand the importance of referencing the governing documents of the Association. These include: SROA Declarations, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and the Revised Codes of Washington (RCW).
6. Act responsibly in relation to the SROA budgets and expenditures.
7. Serve as a liaison for committee work, as determined by the Board.
8. Fill out a Board of Director Candidate Introduction Form. (More on that below!)

The Election Committee wants to include information about Board of Director Candidates in the Annual Meeting packet so the voting membership knows ahead of time who is running. Early declaration of candidates will help make that happen.

A sign-up sheet for the Board of Directors is in the Skookum Lodge kitchen. If you are on site, add your name to the list if you are interested in running! If you have not arrived yet, call the office at 509-445-0115, and Ray will add your name.

You will be asked to complete a "Candidate Information Form". It's on the counter in the kitchen by the Board of Directors Sign Up sheet (or we can email it to you to print). This form will be an opportunity for you to share about yourself as a candidate.

Thank you for your consideration. The Election Committee

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SKOOKUM SPEED LIMIT

10 MPH

FOR *ALL* VEHICLES
ON SKOOKUM INTERIOR STREETS

THANK YOU!

(PLEASE REMIND YOUR GUESTS AND RENTERS, TOO!)

Fireside Chat

Diane Shantz

Once again our Skookum Community has shown their support for Fire District #6 by the turnout for the bake sale/raffle and the attendance at the Firewise Presentation on June 8th. We hope those that attended found the presentation enlightening and informative. We also thank you for the $450 raised through the bake sale and raffle of the beautiful donated painting by Beth Hughes.

For those who showed an interest in attending a CPR/AED Class, we plan on scheduling it either in late July or August. With fire season starting earlier than we like, it will be our goal to give at least a 10 day advance notice of the class date and time.

To let you know just how active the Fire District has been this year, we are seeing an increase of calls for service of almost 40% of where we were last year at this time.....and Summer has just begun!

By now most of you have noticed the work being started on Station 62. We are so happy to see this begin, as it has been a tough journey to get it to this point. We hope to be able to have an Open House before most of you leave at the close of the Summer season.

As a reminder, be safe and always call 911 FIRST in the event of any emergency in the park!

EMERGENCY SERVICES IN OUR DISTRICT

Our newly assigned street addresses are now in effect if you have need of emergency services! We can find you faster and easier if you have your street number prominently displayed on your RV, Park Model, home or shed. Make those numbers reflective to help us find you after dark!

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Skookum Fireworks…

ARE NOT PERMITTED!

Please be respectful of your neighbors!

Fireworks Can:

Cause Fires
Cause Injuries
Freak Out Our Pets
Create a Mess
Trigger PTSD

Enjoy the celebration at the Kalispel Tribe's display on the 4th!
Be Safe and Sane! Thanks!

Wildfire Outlook for July, August and September:

The National Interagency Fire Center of Boise, ID Predictive Services wildfire outlook executive summary, issued June 2019, reports that '*Normal significant large fire potential is expected across the region during the outlook period*', and '*Outlooks through the summer continue to indicate warmer than average temperatures are the most likely scenario west of the Continental Divide*'. Further, '*The potential for large and costly fires is expected to ramp up to be above average in northeastern Washington by July and linger through the fire season*'.

There are two things that start wildfires – lightning or people. So if we have citizens making good choices and wise choices, we might not have as many wildfire starts. Follow the rules for safe campfires, observe all burn bans, and keep your lots clear of small, burnable material like pine needles, dry leaves, firewood up against your home or shed; don't forget leaves and needles in your rain gutter if you have them; if there is a big fire near us, move any burnable material at least 5 feet from your home, including outdoor furniture; we don't have many trees around us here at Skookum, but sparks/firebrands from a big fire can be blown for miles by strong winds, and if they land in a pile of pine needles up against your home, it acts as kindling and can set your home on fire!

Be alert, and have a basic plan for evacuation
if it becomes necessary!

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What's up?

Skookum Events Bulletin Board!

Located in the Lodge kitchen on the outside wall near the door; lists of events and activities, sign-up sheets, and other information! Take a look and see...what's up!

Turtle Crossing!

Our ponds and creek are home to the Western Painted Turtle, and as the summer progresses and their habitat dries, they migrate to find wetter places; be on the lookout for them on Skookum roads so you don't run them over, especially Lenora Drive near Lake Guinevere and the pond north of it! They move slowly and are easily mistaken for something other than a living creature!

Newport Area July Events

Kalispel Tribe 4th of July Fireworks Show!

Fireworks begin at full darkness, around 10pm
View/park at the Camas Center, ball fields or powwow grounds.
Usk Bridge East-bound Closure 10pm to Midnight

Newport Farmer's Market
Saturdays 9am to 1pm - May through October 19
Union Ave near the Pend Oreille Playhouse - Plenty of free parking!

Pend Oreille River Scenic Train Rides
Nine mile, 90 minute ride from Newport to Dalkena and back!
https://sporttrainrides.com/

Tri-Town Float Down Poker Paddle
July 20/21
I don't have Facebook so go here for details:
https://www.facebook.com/TriTownFloatDownPokerPaddle/
Cash Prizes!

What's up? (cont.)

North Pend Oreille Valley Rail Riders!

Ride the four-seated, pedal-powered railroad bicycle along the scenic Pend Oreille River in Ione, WA! Go here online for schedule and details:

https://lionsrailriders.com/

Kalispel Tribe of Indians Powwow!

August 2,3 and 4
Regalia, Pageantry, Dancing and Drumming Competition, and More!
A Feast for the Eyes and Ears!

Pend Oreille Community Net

Radio Communications Group

The Pend Oreille Community Net meets every Wednesday at 7pm with radio check-in of all members and guests. Call signs are used instead of names to insure privacy and security. Meeting reminders are emailed every Tuesday. Weekly radio check-in is encouraged, but not mandatory. Members can be seasonal or full-time Skookum residents!

The Community Net provides local communication during emergencies such as floods, fires, storms or other disasters; also, news, activities, announcements and regional information are exchanged.

The Net is free to join by any Skookum owner. The only cost involved is the purchase of a radio, and if needed, a booster antenna. The recommended radio is the **Baufeng BF-F8 HP VHF/UHF**, currently available of Amazon for about $63. A **Nagoya NA-2**4j booster antenna runs about $18, also on Amazon.

Skookum resident Rick Schreiber can assist you with proper radio set up and basic functions, and Tom Sutton can help with other questions and information! Reach them both by phone or email using your Skookum roster!

What's up? (cont.)

July Skookum Events!

at a glance:

July 4: **10 am: Flag Ceremony** at Lodge flag pole.

5 pm: Parade! Decorate your bike/golf cart/ATV for the 4th! Starts at the Lodge.

July 6: **3 to 7 pm: BLOCK PARTY**! 50 Adventure Lane; hamburgers/hotdogs Provided; bring sides/chairs/BYOB! The music last year was GREAT! Good, old fashioned live rock and roll!

July 13: **10 am to ?? Poker Fun Run!** Hot Dog BBQ to follow! See flyer in Lodge kitchen for details.

July 20: **1 pm: Meet The Candidates** for the upcoming BOD election;

July 27: **5 pm: Chili Night!** 3 different kinds of home-made chili, made by the same cooks who brought you the great Father's Day TACOS!!

This is by no means an exhaustive list of activities!

More activities and events are listed in the
Skookum Activities Calendar
Delivered to you monthly by email and available
In the lodge kitchen Events Corner!

The Events Corner Bulletin Board has *Flyers* that contain more Event Information and details and *Sign-up sheets* for events with Limited openings.

Want to VOLUNTEER?

The Father's Day Taco feed was a huge success due in part to all the folks who heiped to set up before and clean up after the meal (and let's not forget the cooks!).

If you'd like to be on the activities committee or just volunteer for a particular event or activity, please contact anyone on the committee and let them know your wishes!

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Maggie Brown, Vicky Perrson, Bill Humphry, Terry Slinde, Peggy Taylor, Phyllis Taylor, Diane Hoyt, Kristen Enger, Mo Enzor.

Please use your *Skookum Roster* for contact information or see Ray in the office.

*** Activities Committee meeting July 17 @ 10am!**

*** Attend! Get Involved! Help Skookum Thrive!**

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Skookum Dump Collectors

We are here to help!

Instead of throwing away those non-household trash items in the dumpsters contact the Skookum Dump Collectors and for a small fee Rob & Carolyn (Lot G55) will come by every 2 weeks and collect your items. Any extra funds will go to Skookum operating account.

Cost will be $3 to $5 depending on size of items.

Appliances & tires are extra.

Cardboard will be hauled away for free.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD DISPOSAL

Due to the China tariff situation, our corrugated cardboard disposal options have changed. *Pend Oreille County no longer takes this cardboard for free*. One option open to us is to simply throw it in our dumpsters as garbage. But our dumpster fees are based on volume and we would need at least one additional dumpster to accommodate the additional cardboard mass. This would be our most expensive option as we pay dearly to have our garbage transported to the transfer station. A better option would be to continue to separate the corrugated cardboard and transport it ourselves, as we have been doing for years, only now we would have to pay at the transfer station instead of just putting it in their dumpster. The savings from doing our own transportation is huge, so going forward, we will continue to set aside our corrugated cardboard at both of our dumpster areas, the Lodge and at Guinivere. Volunteers will periodically load it up and haul it to the transfer station.

Some Important Points:

Set aside CLEAN, DRY, *CORRUGATED* cardboard only

PLEASE BREAK DOWN AND FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD!

Throw away any plastic bags or foam liners!

Box Cutters are available at the Dumpster areas.

THE MORE WE HAUL OURSELVES, THE MORE MONEY WE SAVE!!

Garbage disposal is our largest recurring expense! Keeping these costs down will help keep our HOA dues down and reserve accounts up! This is neighbor helping neighbor, and a win-win for us all!

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FIRE STA. 62, UPS AND FEDEX WANT YOU...

To put your newly assigned street address number on your home!! As of **June 1, 2019**, they will only deliver using your new address. Make sure you update your shipping address with your vendors; otherwise, you risk having your package returned to the shipper.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS STILL AVAILABLE!!

Contact Diane Shantz via text: 209-484-3066

Cusick Food Bank

Pend Oreille Bible Church Basement

402 River Road, Cusick, WA

Needs Volunteers and Donations!

The Food Bank operates on Tuesday every week.
Opens at 7 am for preparation.
Open 9 to 10:30 am for food distribution.
Volunteers can arrive between 7 and 8 am.
Donations are preferred between 7 and 9 am but taken any time that morning.
Cash, Food or Good Usable Clothing Donations Welcome!

Second Harvest Mobile Food Giveaway!

On June 13, many volunteers from Skookum, the Kalispel Tribe and the town of Cusick showed up at the new casino parking lot to help set up and distribute a 2nd Harvest truck filled with food! A total of 562 people from 210 families were served! An impressive total of 9004 pounds of food was distributed in just over 2 hours! And, 93 volunteer hours of work was logged! A hearty **WELL DONE** to all involved!

What's up? (cont.)

More From Second Harvest..

Since 2006, Second Harvest's **Mobile Market** has been providing a meaningful response to the complex problem of hunger facing families, children and seniors. A refrigerated truck serves as a temporary food bank at church parking lots, community centers, schools and other locations in high-need neighborhood and towns. Second Harvest fills the truck with upwards of 8,000 pounds of donated fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat, bread, cereal and other staples. Volunteers are on hand to help set up food on tables – farmers' market style – to make it easy for people to choose what they need and will eat. In just a couple of hours, the food is distributed to more than 200 families.

Second Harvest: www.2-harvest.org Get Involved!

Second Harvest serves a huge geographical area spanning 26 counties, including 21 in Eastern Washington and 5 in North Idaho. We work hard to efficiently move donated food to rural and hard-to-reach outlying communities from our distribution centers in Spokane and Pasco. Eastern Washington is one of the most productive agricultural areas in the nation. Farmers and growers with hearts for hungry people have formed strong partnerships with Second Harvest, donating bulk loads of fresh produce. Those partnerships allow us to make nutritious food more accessible to low-income people and others who don't regularly eat the standard recommended servings of fruits and vegetables because they can't afford them. Our **Mobile Market** program is an innovative way to fill service gaps and get us closer to providing healthy food to every person, every day!

BREAKING NEWS:

A donation box marked 'Cusick Food Bank' is now located in the lodge near the kitchen! Food and Good Used Clothing welcome!

SKOOKUM SPIRIT!

Neighbors helping neighbors! That's one of the aspects of Skookum life that attracted us here in the first place! Pitch in and help, whether it's a work project or fun activity. A perfect example would be the recent Father's Day Giant Taco Bar! A super successful event, in large part to the considerable volunteer effort that went into preparation, serving the meal, and cleanup afterwards (a record number of folks stayed around to help out!). Volunteerism is the backbone of Skookum's community spirit and allure! Keep it coming, neighbors!

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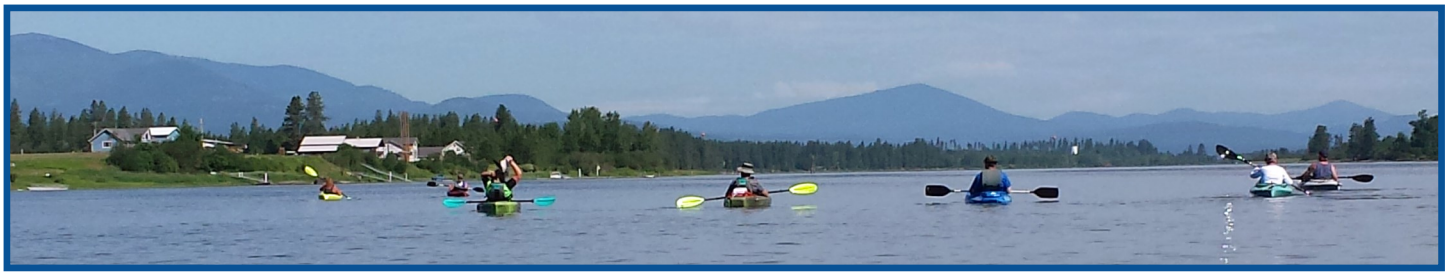
The Great June Kayak River Float!



A great trip, a perfect day, and a good time had by all! Nine boats total! Lunch afterward at the Lodge! Shall we do it monthly??

Looks like somebody wants to go again;-) >

Father's Day Tacos!!