

SKOOKUM NEWS



SKOOKUM RENDEZVOUS
OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Newsletter August 2019

ANNUAL HOA MEETING!
August 24
Sign-in: 9am; Meeting Begins @ 9:45 am

President's Message

I hope you are enjoying your summer with friends and family. I know that our weekly reminders and a barrage of rule reminders can seem, at times, exhausting. We certainly do not want the resort rules to make Skookum feel like an overbearing place to live. The rules are there for a reason, which is to ensure the safety and well being of everyone. Lately we have had a dog attack, a 12-year-old driving an ATV, and some issues with rules in and around the pool. Along with our constant reminders about the speed limit, Lori McCarter brought up a very good observation for us all to remember:

“If an accident should occur and litigation is brought against the Home Owner’s Association and the Association’s liability insurance is not enough to cover the claim, then the balance of the claim is assessed to all owners to pay. (I.e. claim is \$10,000,000 and insurance pays \$5,000,000, owners (association) pays the remaining 5,000,000.)”

Therefore, we have the rules for everyone’s safety and wellbeing. We are not here to offend anyone. We take no joy in rule enforcement. It is not the BOD or me, or Ray being mean or singling people out. We want everyone to enjoy the resort.

On a lighter note, I want to say we all enjoyed the poker run this month! What a great event for the community, as was the July fourth parade! Thank you to the activities committee and everyone who made these events special. We also enjoyed a day meeting the candidates. All three did a stellar job in answering questions. We have some charity events and auctions for some great causes in August, so please get involved! Also in August, we will vote for two new directors, so make sure you vote!

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

George Dale President, Skookum HOA Board

Manager's Report

What a great month of July we have had! From the Block Party to the Poker Fun Run and then the Chili Night, good times were had by all. No reason to stop the pace now! Keep an eye out for the August Calendar and some more good times.

July has also brought us many new friends and neighbors. We are having another record year of property resales. I look forward to seeing a continued transformation as some of the vacant river lots develop into the new owner's happy place on the river.

As always, it makes me proud to be a part of this community. I am even prouder to be part of its continued success.

Ray Dilcox Resort Manager





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 Liaison



Committees

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Activities Committee Members:

Maggie Brown, Vicky Perrson, Bill Humphrey, Terry Slinde,
Peggy Taylor, Phyllis Taylor, Diane Hoyt, Kristen Enger, Mo Enzor.

AUGUST Skookum Events:

- August 6:** Activities Committee Meeting; 10 am in the Lodge.
- August 10:** Silent Auction, Hot Dog BBQ and Ice Cream Social: preview
Items to be auctioned @ 10 am; BBQ begins @ noon; ice cream social @ 1pm.
(more details later in this newsletter)
- August 17:** CPR/AED Training Class: 9 am; see 'Fireside Chat'
article for details.
- August 24:** Annual HOA Meeting; sign-in begins @ 9 am; meeting begins @ 9:45.

Head's Up For September:

- Sept. 1:** Omelet in a Bag; 10 am.
- Sept. 8:** Farewell Potluck Brunch.

July's Poker Fun Run was a HUGE success! Thanks to all who donated time and effort in making this an event to remember; expect to play again next year, bigger and better with new games!

Also successful and lots of fun was the **4th of July Parade!** So many creative decorations made choosing a favorite difficult (my faves were the ones throwing CANDY)! And it was great to see kids on bikes joining in! Once again, thanks to everyone who participated!

REMEMBER: all event proceeds after expenses go to the Cusick School District #59 to help pay for school supplies and clothing! Additional donations at any of our events are gladly accepted and go directly to this worthy cause!

Also remember there are **2 collection boxes** near the Lodge kitchen counter, one for school supplies or clothing for the school district, the other for non-perishable food for the Cusick food bank.

On the following page, please see a recent thank you note from the Cusick School District! Your efforts are much needed and appreciated!

Committees

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Cusick School District #59

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Cusick, WA 99119-9761

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June 19, 2019

Skookum Rendezvous Owners Assoc.
PO Box 332
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RE: Thank you from the Panthers at Cusick School District

Dear Skookum Rendezvous Lot Owners & Activity Committee:

The Panthers wanted to write a thank you to you for your kindness and generosity in your donation of supplies and funds provided for our needy students again this year.

As an update – your funds helped students with library fines they were unable to pay themselves. Clothing, binders to help organize for their class materials, boots, socks, coats, basketball shoes, winter clothing, sports gear, cleats and a clothing closet “borrower” rack for students in need in the elementary as well as a glove dryer for the littles as well. All in you assisted approximately thirty-nine students and if you count the borrower rack – close to seventy.

We cannot express enough how grateful we are for your help and support of our community.

Thanks for helping make it such a great year for so many Panthers – large and small -- Looking forward to a great year next year – Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

CUSICK SCHOOL DISTRICT


Chris Evers – MSW, LSWA-ic, School Social Worker
Student Assistance Professional



Fireside Chat

Diane Shantz

As we delve deeper into the Summer Season, we would like to remind everyone that debris burning is prohibited, but campfires are still allowed as long as they are contained in a 3x3x2 area. Please be sure that any campfire is always attended to and a water source is nearby.

The CPR/AED Class is scheduled for August 17, at 9am in the Lodge. Those that signed up have been notified by text. Still waiting on confirmation of attendance of a couple of people, so if you haven't confirmed with me yet, please do so. If anyone who did not sign up is interested in attending this class, please text me at 209 484 3066.

Progress on Station 62 continues with the anticipation of the foundation being poured in early August, with doors and insulation to quickly follow.

As always, we appreciate the Skookum Community support of all the firefighters of Fire District 6. Please enjoy the rest of the Summer! Be Firewise aware and be safe!

Fire District 6, UPS AND FEDEX WANT YOU...

To put your newly assigned street address number on your home, as well! 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.



PLEASE!

Go easy on your neighbors and our wildlife!

**SKOOKUM SPEED LIMIT:
Remind your guests and renters, too!**

Lenora Dr. speed limit varies between 20 and 35 mph; slow down for people walking, biking, and wildlife!



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!

What's up?

Newport Area August Events!

- August 2-4 **Kalispel Tribe Powwow;** 1981 North LeClerc Road, Usk.
Grand Entrance occurs between noon and 1pm both Saturday
and Sunday; dance and drumming competitions; stick game and
softball tournaments;
- August 15-18 **Pend Oreille County Fair and Rodeo;** 419152 S.R. 20, Cusick;
Rodeo, Car Show, Exhibits; more info: www.povn.com/pocofair.
- August 21-24 **Bonner County Fair and Rodeo;** 4302 N. Boyer Road,
Sandpoint, ID; more info: www.bonnercountyfair.com.
- August 31-Sept1 **Affair on Main Street;** Main Street, Metaline Falls; vendors, car
show, nice drive to and from M.F.! 10-5 daily.
- Sept 2 **Bob's Car Show!** Labor Day; 9 am; Newport City Park; vintage
vehicles, pancake breakfast prepared by local firefighters, more.



What's up?

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ANOTHER 2nd HARVEST EVENT COMING UP:



Free Food Distribution

Thursday August 22nd, 2019
10:00am - 12:00pm

Kalispel Casino
Parking Lot
370 Qlispe River Way
Cusick, WA 99156

Generously Supported By:



Cusick Food Bank

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD!

A large group of Skookum owners showed up at the June 2nd Harvest food distribution to help out! This was a very rewarding experience, and our help was much needed! Volunteers for this new distribution should arrive at the new Cusick casino parking lot between 8:30 and 9 am on the 22nd; wear clothes that might get a little dirty! Plastic gloves are provided and the guy who runs the event is super organized and makes everything flow smoothly. Bring a sun hat and sun screen as the last event was quite sunny and warm.

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!



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Saturday, August 10th

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ANGEL PAWS
and CUSICK SCHOOL CHILDREN**

INCLUDES:

All you can eat Hot Dogs and Ice Cream!!!! (See flyer in lodge kitchen for details)

Plus

A Silent Auction, and a 50/50!

For a successful fundraiser, we need donations for the Silent Auction from you. We are looking for hand crafted items and new items. Activities folk will be accepting donations in front of the Skookum shed by the laundry room on the following days:

Thursday, August 8 between 10:00 and 12:00

Friday, August 9 between 11:00 and 1:00

If you have an item that you want to donate, but are unable to drop off your donation during the designated times you can contact Maggie Brown at 509-508-0809 or maggiembrn@aol.com. An arrangement will be made to pick up the item.

On all donated items, please furnish a minimum value.

(Handy hint: a great new item donation would be easy-to-buy gift cards!)

ALL PROCEEDS AFTER COSTS GO TO WORTHY CAUSES!!!

ANGEL PAWS OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY

Angel Paws of Pend Oreille County is a non profit organization helping dogs and owners with necessary veterinary expenses. Angel Paws also provides free food, vaccine assistance, free spay and neuter and foster local dogs in need. www.angelpawsofpendoreillecounty.org

CUSICK SCHOOL CHILDREN (grades 1 though 12)

Neighbor helping neighbor! Here is a partial list of typical school supplies needed by the kids:

Colored pencils, dry erase markers, dry marker erasers, regular marking pens; 1, 2 and 3 inch 3-ring binders and paper (wide-ruled and college-ruled); spiral notebooks; #2 pencils; erasers; mechanical pencils and lead; highlighters, pens with blue, green, red or black ink; scissors; scientific calculators; Kleenex; glue sticks; crayons; pencil boxes; gym shoes (non-marking); graph paper; 3x5 index cards; small storage boxes for supplies (to fit inside their desks); SNACKS! Plus whatever you can remember that you wanted or needed, back in the day!

LENORA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
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We are the water and sewer district that serves the residents in Skookum Rendezvous.

The District has three elected Commissioners who each serve a 6 year term. They are **Mike Conway**, who also serves as our Water Operator and the Chairman of the Board, **Brian Mumford** and **Steve Kollar**. **Joni Stillian** handles our billing and office duties. She works Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 2:00. Her office is located in the Skookum lodge. Our maintenance Manager is **Larry Riplinger**.

We offer two different types of water services. The first is potable water; this service is to be used for your dwelling. This water is run through our treatment plant which filters out contaminants and is safe for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, laundry and bathing. The second is irrigation; this water is not treated and is for outside usage only, this includes watering lawns and plants and washing RV's and cars. The potable water is NEVER to be used for watering and washing rigs. If you have more than one frost free hydrant on your lot and cannot tell which is the potable water please contact one of our commissioners or our maintenance Manager for assistance.

Since we have a lot of seasonal residents we have two monthly rates for water and sewer. The occupied rate is \$65.78 and applies if you are using the lot for any period during a month. The non-occupied rate is \$50.09 and applies if you are not using the lot for any period during a month. It is your responsibility to inform Joni which rate applies to you at any given time. She can explain this further if you have any other questions.

We are here to serve you, please feel free to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Commissioners, Lenora Water and Sewer District. (contact individual commissioners using your Skookum roster or attend a meeting.)





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LENORA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FAQs:

Is Lenora Water and Sewer District (LWSD) part of Skookum Rendezvous?

No. It is separate from the resort. LWSD is a Public Utility District. Your commissioners are elected officials.

What does LWSD provide?

Treated domestic water, fire hydrant and irrigation water, and sewer. LWSD maintains the main lines to the water meter or frost free hydrant. The lot owner is responsible beyond the main water or irrigation lines.

Who shares the costs of services?

The costs of LWSD are shared by only 250 customers.

Why are there costs when I am not using my utilities?

There are ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the system and infrastructure. Our costs do not decrease significantly when you are not using your water/sewer.

Why do we have a new water treatment facility?

The State mandated a system to remove the naturally occurring arsenic that is in our well water. The annual loan repayment for this facility is about \$30,000. This is one example of our ongoing costs whether you are here or not.

I understand we use river water in the irrigation system. Isn't that water free?

No. River water is not free. In 2016 we spent \$10,000 on maintenance of the intakes and pump controls. During the summer months the electric cost to run the irrigation water pumps is about \$400 per month.

What other costs and maintenance goes on that I may not know about?

Our sewer drain field is located 1.5 miles east of the Resort, across Le Clerc Rd. In 2014, \$30,000 was spent to repair the drain field laterals. Another ongoing cost is the installation of meters per the State requirement (the approved plan will not require meters be installed in Skookum phase 1 and 2). We will install more than 60 meters at a cost of approximately \$1500 each.

How can I prevent my water from Freezing in the winter?

Shut off the water, heat tape and insulate your frost free hydrant, and lastly, let water drip, DO NOT STREAM, a drip is all that is necessary.

Are there other ways I can help care for the water and sewer system we use?

Yes, please avoid putting coffee grounds, grease, and chemicals in the sewer system. Make sure your water connection is protected during cold weather. If you have more questions, please let one of the LWSD Commissioners know.

If I want to learn more about LWSD, what can I do?

Attend our monthly meeting. We meet year round on the first Tuesday of each month in the Skookum Lodge at 10:00am.



July Ladies Luncheon at The Ranch!

Nineteen attendees enjoyed lunch together at The Ranch restaurant near Priest River!

Check your calendar for the August outing!

August is here, and there is plenty of good weather left to enjoy! I can feel the days getting shorter, though, our mornings seem cooler and evenings darken earlier. My old school days habits must be kicking in, because I feel the urge to make as much of August as possible; this month always seemed to fly by as the return to school approached.

Make sure you attend the annual HOA board meeting on the 24th. Get the scoop on property sales results, plans for next summer, and sign up for your committee of choice. Attending board meetings always gives me a sense of community as I observe how things get done around here!

Finally, take a moment to think about what a special community we have here at Skookum! Living in a neighborhood where you know your neighbors, and they know you, is not as common as it used to be, let alone having neighbors that you join for activities. Think about the solidarity of the July 4 Flag Ceremony, the joy of being in the parade, and the fellowship of events like the Poker Fun Run and Chili Night! All within walking distance! All taking place within the scenic and pristine Pend Oreille River valley!

Is that special, or what?!?!

Walt Hughes, editor@skookumrendezvous.com

