

skookum spring update!



President's Message

I want to thank everyone that helped all winter to keep the Resort open. There was a lot of snow to be dealt with and many hands were needed. We made it through and all survived.

With winter behind us we are now looking at the summer projects still to complete. The restroom facility at the pickleball area is soon to get underway. With the donated shed and donated labor, the goal is to have a functioning washroom soon.

Lenora Water Sewer is allowing us to hook into their electric pedestal. Water and sewer lines are also pulled under the roadway so connecting to the system can be completed.

We are always happy to accept any help in the form of volunteers as we continue working on this project. Once complete, the washroom will be a welcome addition to the pickleball players as well as the many walkers and bicyclists that frequent the Guinevere Loop.

Thank you and we will see you all out and about,

John Cameron HOA Board President

Next HOA Meeting: June 17, 10am at the Lodge!

Pop-Up Bake Sale, June 3, 10am at the Lodge!

Community Activities Meeting, June 3, 11am at the Lodge!

Manager's Words!

Hello everyone! I cannot believe that Memorial Day has already come and gone. Skookum was a busy place and it looked like fun was had by all. It was great seeing all the family gatherings and as always, reconnecting with our many friends.

As in years past, we are making a call for any volunteers that want to become a part of the many committees that make our community amazing! If you are a good planner, an organizer, or just want to help assist, we will need you. I have sign-up sheets available at the Resort Office so stop by, check them out and let me answer any questions you may have.

The June Activities Calendar will soon be released and there are many things coming up. Some are your weekly favorites, there are group outings, community dinners and a very special 70th Wedding Anniversary in the works. As always, it takes many hands to keep this community active so there will be an Activities Meeting open to all on June 3rd. If you can make it, we will see you at 11am.

I am looking forward to seeing all,

***Ray Dilcox** Resort Manager*

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Notice Any Differences?



Firehouse Chat with Diane Shantz!

With the long dark cold days of Winter behind us, we are beginning to enjoy the Summer season here at Skookum. We welcome our snowbirds back, but want to remind all residents of a few things to focus your attention on.

If you haven't already done so, please take a look around your lot and clear it of any fuels (dead leaves, pine needles, pine cones etc) still on the ground, or on top of park models, trailers, and sheds. Wildland Fire Season is looming, and the more proactive we are, the safer our community will be from flying embers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding how Firewise safe your lot is, don't hesitate to contact us for a site visit.

I have posted this advice several times, but it needs to be said again. The Community needs to come together, along with your representatives on the Board, to come up with a consistent location for address signs. We were out on a call in the middle of the night, and being very familiar with the park, if we had not known the person we were responding to, we would have had a difficult, and time-consuming process trying to locate the correct lot. Other responding units only knew where to go because they saw our emergency lights. It is suggested that there be a 4x4 post with a reflective address sign, and a solar light on top, at the right front corner of every lot. The time this saves, may be the time we need to save you or your loved one's life.

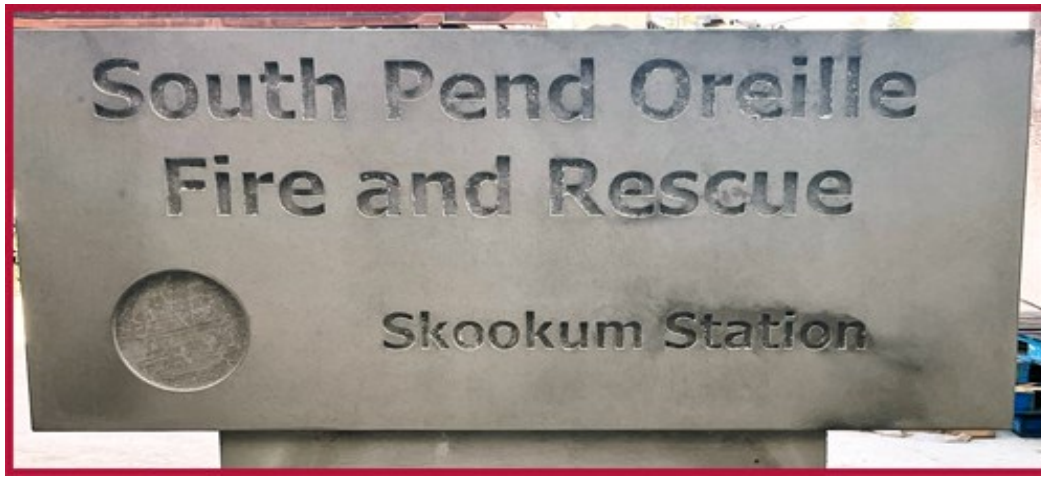
If you were unable to attend the HOA meeting in May, you missed meeting our new Fire Chief for South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue. Brad Martin is known to some of you as a prior resident of Skookum. He comes to our Fire District with a wealth of knowledge and experience. He also spoke regarding the Levy Lid Lift which will be on the August 1 ballot for those of you registered to vote in Pend Oreille County. We will be holding an open house at the Fire Station on June 3rd, from 10am to 2pm for anyone who would like additional information.

The second Firehouse Pop-up Bake Sale will also take place that same day inside the Lodge at 10am. Please come out and support us, as we fundraise to purchase an extractor washing machine to remove carcinogens from our personal protection clothing. This is an important piece of equipment that will be utilized by all members of South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue. Remember that with only 4 paid staff, your fire and EMS responses are handled by volunteers who proudly serve the Community.



As always, we appreciate the support we receive from the Skookum Community. If you're new and haven't met your resident volunteers, stop by and say "Hi" when you see us out and about at the Station!

Editor's Note: I understand that the concrete firehouse sign takes multiple pourings and is in the process of being made. We will see it this summer!!



New Skookum Fire Station Sign!!



Newport Farmers Market!

The Newport Farmers Market is operating at the Rodeo Grounds at Newport City Park this year, the perfect location for this fun and lively venue! The market has a nice balance of farm-grown products, crafts, and community service information, and produce will be more available as summer progresses! Newport City Park has shaded picnic area with tables, clean restrooms, and ample parking (general public parking is next to the middle school gym off Calispel Ave, and senior parking is available by entering on W. 1st Street). An espresso vendor will open soon, and efforts are under way to have a bakery vendor, as well! Music is a feature of the market and a young man singing and playing guitar provided a very nice atmosphere for browsing. Entertainment will vary and the summer schedule and more information is available at the Market Facebook page at:



Newport Farmers Market | Newport OR | Facebook

Saturdays 9am to 1pm Through October 7, 2023!

Give Them a Brake!!



As more folks return to Skookum, we will see increased pedestrian and bicycle use of our streets. I'd like to offer this friendly reminder to follow the posted speed limits when driving any motorized vehicle! Some of our more senior walkers and riders don't hear as well as they used to, and their reaction times are slower. And we even have a fair number of kids living in the community and they will be out playing all summer long. So give them all a brake and help keep Skookum one of the nicest places to live in the county! And don't forget to ask friends and family visitors to do the same, as well! Thanks!



A Brief History of Albeni Falls!

The Northern Pacific railway was built across the territory of Idaho, causing a trading center to be established in Rathdrum, ID. In 1883, French Canadian brothers from Quebec Albeni and Louis Poirier arrived in Rathdrum and set out to find themselves a homestead. With packs on their backs, they followed the old Indian/Trapper trail north past Twin Lakes, Spirit Lake, and into Spirit Valley, location of the falls that would later be named after Albeni. Louis and Albeni operated a cattle ranch in partnership in the area of what is now Blanchard. Later, Albeni married and he and his wife moved to the land at Albeni Falls. The brothers, along with other pioneers, expanded the Indian Trapper trail from Rathdrum and Albeni began to operate a ferry service for the increasing number of people and freight coming into the area. Steamboats started to operate from Albeni Falls, creating a new port which was later named 'Newport', Idaho. Mike and Tom Kelly started the first trading post near Albeni Falls in 1889, in a log cabin on the west bank of the river. As the population of the area grew, most people settled on the west bank in what was now Washington State and the local post office relocated from the Idaho side of the river to the Washington side. Newport, Idaho, gradually dwindled and was renamed Oldtown in 1947. So, Albeni Falls are so named because Albeni Poirier was the first to provide improved access to and then develop the area that is now Albeni Falls, Oldtown, ID, and Newport, WA!

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Welcome Back!!

We had a long winter and it is so nice to finally feel the sun on our faces, see spring colors, and enjoy the return of activity to the resort with the return of the snowbirds! New park models are still coming in, as are new owners. The lodge roof is just about finished and the pickleball court utility building is soon to be in operation. The new mail kiosks are a big hit and the concrete firehouse sign arrives Friday, June 2! The Army Corps of Engineers is predicting a typical spring runoff on the river, though early wildfires in BC and Alberta have already sent down some minor smoke. Our neighbors across the river at the Bitcoin Mine are keeping their promise to keep the noise down, but I've noticed the Vaagen mill in Usk is currently shut down, reportedly due to lack of logs. Sure is quiet there! I went to the Newport Farmers Market on Memorial Day weekend Saturday and found their new location at the Newport City Park Rodeo Grounds to be ideal! A farmers market should be on grass, not blacktop. Being out in the open, catching the breeze, is nice, and the facilities already at the park make for a pleasant visit! I highly recommend patronizing this friendly and engaging market! We've noticed what seems to be lots more boats in the river so far this year and the feeling in the air is upbeat, just what we want for another great Skookum/Pend Oreille summer! We wish everyone a super summer, and remember to use sunscreen, keep cool, keep hydrated, and have fun doing whatever it is that puts a smile on your face!

Editor Walt Hughes

