



Progress has been made at the washroom in Guinevere. Bob Minor has worked hard, and the facility should be usable soon. The dumpster enclosure and the building are also getting a good wash and new coat of stain.

It was good to see the turn-out for the Skookum Annual Meeting. The agenda was short. The two items, the budget being one, both passed. Unfortunately, the attempt to use zoom during the meeting wasn't a success. An audio connection could not be established for unknown reasons.

I will be present for the upcoming Labor Day Fundraiser. There will be a dessert auction and plenty of food. Bruce and Betsy are coming back and will be performing from 1 – 4.

John Cameron

HOA Board President





With Labor Day Weekend on our doorstep, I look forward to seeing everyone over the Holiday and especially for the Cusick School Fundraiser. The spirit of generosity in our community has helped assist those students in need year after year.

Labor Day also means, the time that things will begin to slow down as fall will be in the air. Fall is by far my favorite season here at Skookum. Cool nights, warm days, the turning of leaves and the evening campfires.

As our winter travelers make plans for warmer climates, we wish you safe travels. Those of you that winter over we thank you for being the caretakers of this special place. As the season changes, there is a different kind of beauty everyone should experience!

Ray Dilcox Resort Manager

NOTE: fall office hours: after Labor Day, 10-2 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.





Firehouse Chat with Diane Shantz!

How did the summer slip away so quickly? It seems like yesterday we were just welcoming spring. Sadly, the summer will be leaving us with one of the worst wildland fires in Pend Oreille and Spokane County.

The Oregon Road Fire started on a Red Flag day, but it was no match with the high winds that fueled it and the dry landscape that fed it. It was too close to home here in Skookum, and if you take nothing else away from it, PLEASE, especially those along the creek, ensure your lot is clear of any fuels that catch fire. That means, pine needles (not only on the ground, but on sheds, trailers, and park models), pine cones, and trimming trees up at least 10 feet. REMEMBER, embers can travel 5-10 miles depending on winds. Don't let Skookum be the next start of a wildfire.

On a happier note, a big thank you to the Skookum Community for a great turnout at our annual 4th of July BBQ and Auction. Once again this Community showed up for its Fire District. Along with a very generous donation from a Skookum resident, I was able to order the extractor washing machine. It is scheduled to be delivered sometime in September.

Another big thank you for the voting residents of this Community. With an overwhelming passing of 72% on our Levy Lid Lift on the ballot on August 1st. We have a lot of work ahead of us securing ALS (advanced life support) since the funds from that levy will not be received until April 2024. But rest assured, you will continue to have BLS (basic life support) always available to you, our constituents.

I wanted to also let you know that Craig and I, along with Jeff Norling, have decided to remain during the winter, albeit for a couple of vacations, to ensure that the Skookum Community has one of the quickest response times should an emergency arise. Along with us, we have a great partnership with the Kalispel Tribal Fire Department working together to service the community on this side of the River.

For those of you who will be packing up and heading to warmer climates for the winter, we wish you safe travels. For those who remain, we will do what we always do, band together to ensure each other's safety during what has become some harsh winter weather up here at Skookum. Maybe Mother Nature will take pity on us this year. One can always hope!

Bob's Car Show!

This fun annual event is again on Labor Day, September 4! A pancake breakfast starts the day at 8am. The show gets going around 9am and goes until mid-afternoon. An espresso kiosk will be available, as will food vendors for lunch and snacks. Even though the park has lots of tree shade, it is still wise to bring water and use sunscreen. As always, any proceeds go to veteran's support programs! Located at Newport City Park at First and Calispel streets next to the rodeo grounds, there is ample street parking as well as at the lot next to the middle school! Don't forget your camera!!



ALL SKOOKUM AND CAMELOT OWNERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SKOOKUM HAM RADIO CLUB!

Ham License Not Required!

ADVANTAGES:

*Permission to Listen-Only to Local Service Channels (PUD, EMS, PD, USFS)
Regular Wednesday night 7:00pm broadcast and check-in
Updates on Local Emergency Issues
Availability to Contact Members in an Emergency
Information about Obtaining Ham License Classes (books/study)
Information on Purchasing a BAOFENG Radio*

GOAL:

By Keeping our radios on, we might just be able to help someone in danger. If we save a life or prevent a bad fire, we should be very proud!

For More Information, Contact:

Pirate RRR Rick Schreiber email: schreib6626@gmail.com

Hef Jeff Sloan email: jefsloan@icloud.com

NOTE: This group could be particularly useful for those who are interested and who winter over at Skookum

NOTE: There are 2 radios available to use while learning!





Farewell To Summer!

As I write these words, rain is falling outside. A very welcome rain, considering our hot and dry summer and the wildfires currently raging not far from here. I imagine there are wildfire firefighters smiling at the heavens right about now! And good for them!

Another summer is coming to an end! A pretty nice summer, from all outward appearances. Lots of boating activity this year, from paddleboards to party barges, and everything in between! Plenty of activities in the lodge, and quite a few group trips to area restaurants. The 4th of July events were a hit, as was the annual block party! Mostly, though, it seems that folks were here to enjoy the quiet, relaxed atmosphere that has become the hallmark of Skookum Rendezvous!

Our HOA rules and guidelines help to maintain the quality of life here, and as far as such thing go, and compared to other HOAs that I am familiar with, ours are minimal. Keep your property in tip-top condition, keep the noise down, respect the safety and enjoyment of others when driving (any vehicle), and keep pets leashed or fenced, and quiet. Pretty basic. We should consider ourselves fortunate. Be considerate of your neighbors and we all benefit is the message and intent of the HOA rules.

Joni Stillian, office manager for Lenora Water and Sewer, will assume resort management duties for another winter in November. Office hours will be Wednesday 9-12, Thursday 10-2 and Saturday 10-2. She is also a certified Notary Public for anyone needing those services!

As always, we wish those of you heading south this winter safe travels and happy trails! We will keep the home fires burning and be ready to welcome you back in the spring!



