

**Idlewild Community**  
**P.O. Box 255**  
**Eagle Nest, New Mexico 87718**

December 15, 2019

To All Cabin and Property Owners in the Greater Idlewild Community:

Each calendar year-end the Idlewild Board of Directors asks for your financial support. Funds received through the 2018–2019 assessment were adequate for supporting the needs of the community. Please examine the 2019–2020 budget. Remember that a significant amount of the preacher cabin expenses will be paid with the contributions given last year. The new Quick Books format for the financial summary will have a separate column for these expenses. Please consider the assessment and contribute as best you can.

Your contribution will ensure that we can continue to enjoy our Community Center, and will provide support for maintaining the quality of life in our community. Please review the categories on the 2020 Idlewild Community Assessment Request Form and submit the amount that is appropriate for your situation. Of course, amounts greater than those requested are gratefully accepted.

Those property owners paying assessments prior to **January 31, 2020**, will be thanked in the spring edition of the *Idle Times* newsletter. In addition, each property unit that remits its assessment by January 31st will receive a complimentary copy of the *Idlewild Community Directory*, which lists residents' names with home and cabin addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and more.

Walt Davis, *President*

### **Multiple Assessment Letters**

Some properties in the IWCC are linked to more than one individual in our database. In the past, when assessment letters were sent in the fall, the mailing list was generated from the database. If multiple individuals were involved, each of them would receive the same assessment letter. There are of order 100 properties with more than one person involved.

If the individuals of your property group, family, partnership, etc., wish to receive only one annual assessment letter for the property, please notify the Database Committee (see below), stating which of the people involved with your property should receive the letter. We ask for your cooperation in this effort since it (1) reduces the mailing cost for the assessment process, (2) clearly identifies the primary party responsible for the cabin or property, (3) reduces the confusion when several partners in a property receive the same assessment notice, and (4) makes the IWCC Treasurer's collection task more straightforward.

Contact the IWCC Data Management Committee by email: [frankray@SWBELL.NET](mailto:frankray@SWBELL.NET), or U.S. Mail: Frank Ray, 8703 Granada Hills Dr., Austin, TX 78737.

## Where Do My Assessments Go?

*Helen Hyams*

Several people have asked about the benefits they receive from paying assessments to the IWCC. Some of our residents believe that paying the assessment to the Idlewild Community is not needed for them—for example, if they don't live on Idlewild roads, if they pay the Caretaker for work he does for them or pay an extra stipend to him at Christmas, or if they make an offering at Sunday services.

We all donate our time and energy and make financial contributions to keep Idlewild rolling along, but the overhead of a community like ours is deceptively large. Among the expenses are:

- Basic overhead: property and income taxes, insurance, utilities, upkeep and repairs on community property, licenses, supplies, and accounting fees. Projects such as the new caretaker cabin, repairs to the chapel and preacher cabin, and other maintenance requirements are paid for primarily by community funds as well as by contributions from donors. Basic kitchen supplies for community events also come out of assessments. We never know when new, unexpected expenses will arise. For example, several years ago 16 dead ponderosa pines near the Worship Center had to be cut down at a cost of over \$2,000.
- Expenses associated with the community's efforts to improve fire safety by clearing brush, slash, and trees from residents' and IWCC property, as well as by making improvements to evacuation routes in case of fire.
- Contributions to the Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, who are our first responders in times of crisis.
- Publication of two newsletters a year to all residents, an annual Directory that is free to assessment-payers, and a semi-annual 2-map set of Idlewild with a detail of the J.W. Dickerson subdivision.
- Repair of roads: Repairs and improvements of the Greater Idlewild Community roads by local contractors take large amounts of money. In addition, the Caretaker checks and works on all roads in the Greater Idlewild Community area.
- The Caretaker's salary: In addition to assisting residents directly, the Caretaker constantly works to improve emergency evacuation procedures, support forest health, and deal with trespassing issues. His services to the community are too many to list here.

When you pay your assessment, you show that the community matters to you. Our contributions will improve the safety and maintain the beauty of our home on the mountain.

## Electronic Receipt of the *Idle Times* Newsletter

Several years ago, the Board of Directors voted to move toward distributing *Idle Times* in an electronic form. The goal is to electronically distribute *Idle Times* to most recipients by 2020. Why? Because the printing and mailing costs of the two newsletters are one of our more expensive annual budget items. On the 2020 Idlewild Community Assessment Request form is a new check box to **opt into** receiving a PDF file of *Idle Times*. An email will be sent to you with a link to a PDF of *Idle Times* on the Idlewild website [idlewildcommunity.org](http://idlewildcommunity.org).

We will also make it available on the Facebook Group **Idlewild, NM**. If you check this box, you will automatically opt out of receiving a hard copy through the U.S. Mail. Once you download the PDF file and save it, you can print copies for others.

## 2020 Idlewild Community Assessment Request

|               |              |                       |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Cabin owners: | Road Fund    | \$ 50.00              |
|               | General Fund | \$150.00              |
|               | Total        | \$200.00 (or greater) |

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| Owners of property only<br>(no dwellings): | Road Fund | \$ 50.00 (or greater) |
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Checks should be made payable to "Idlewild Community." Please include the bottom portion of this Assessment Request with your payment. **Payment should be made prior to January 31, 2020. Mail in the enclosed stamped, pre-addressed envelope to:**

Idlewild Community, c/o Gabe Thornhill, Treasurer, 1926 Cypress Point W., Austin, TX 78746

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| Name:   |   |
| Mailing Address:  |   |
| City:   | State: Zip:   |
| Preferred Phone (add "c" if cell phone)   | Cabin Phone (add "c" if cell phone)   |
| Cabin Address (e.g., 30 Rd. 6)  | Property owned (e.g., Block 20, lots 6–12)  |
| Email Address:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Check to <u>not</u> display in <i>Directory</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Check to opt <u>into</u> email communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Check to opt <u>into</u> electronic receipt of <i>Idle Times</i> |
| Principal person responsible for property (see "Multiple Assessment Letters" article)   |   |
| Additional person sharing ownership of this property. Please include home address, phone numbers, and email address ( Additional persons sharing ownership can be listed on the back of this sheet.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Check to <u>not</u> display in <i>Directory</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Check to opt <u>into</u> IWCC email<br><input type="checkbox"/> Check to opt <u>into</u> electronic receipt of <i>Idle Times</i> |   |

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### Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary

|                           |             |             |            |             |            |          |            |            |            |            |            |             |  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
| 2018-2019 Actual Spending |             |             |            |             |            |          |            |            |            |            |            |             |  |
| MONTHLY SUMMARY           |             |             |            |             |            |          |            |            |            |            |            |             |  |
|                           | Income      | Caretaker   | Utilities  | Worship     | Septic     | Misc     | Mailings   | Roads      | Propane    | Taxes      | Insurance  | Total       |  |
|                           | & Donations | Services    |            | & Cabin     | Tank fees  | Expenses | & Printing |            | Expenses   | Accounting |            | Expenses    |  |
| 7/1/2018                  | \$ 390      | \$ (350)    | \$ (1,345) | \$ -        | \$ (323)   | \$ (95)  | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (2,113)  |  |
| 8/1/2018                  | \$ 10,176   | \$ (2,550)  | \$ (314)   | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -     | \$ (136)   | \$ (1,000) | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (4,000)  |  |
| 9/1/2018                  | \$ 12,246   | \$ -        | \$ (805)   | \$ -        | \$ (323)   | \$ (43)  | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (1)     | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (1,173)  |  |
| 10/1/2018                 | \$ 8,936    | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (761)   | \$ (3,000)  | \$ -       | \$ -     | \$ (624)   | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (5,485)  |  |
| 11/1/2018                 | \$ 2,301    | \$ (2,200)  | \$ (137)   | \$ (3,000)  | \$ (323)   | \$ -     | \$ (831)   | \$ -       | \$ (376)   | \$ -       | \$ (1,306) | \$ (8,173)  |  |
| 12/1/2018                 | \$ 606      | \$ -        | \$ 1,270   | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -     | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (1,841) | \$ (571)    |  |
| 1/1/2019                  | \$ 25,026   | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (325)   | \$ -        | \$ (647)   | \$ -     | \$ (820)   | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (1,212) | \$ -       | \$ (4,104)  |  |
| 2/1/2019                  | \$ 4,671    | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (364)   | \$ -        | \$ (323)   | \$ -     | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (7)     | \$ (851)   | \$ (2,645)  |  |
| 3/1/2019                  | \$ 3,468    | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (331)   | \$ (6,400)  | \$ -       | \$ (293) | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (440)   | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (8,564)  |  |
| 4/1/2019                  | \$ 3,753    | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (277)   | \$ (184)    | \$ (323)   | \$ -     | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (1,885)  |  |
| 5/1/2019                  | \$ 151      | \$ (1,196)  | \$ (301)   | \$ (163)    | \$ (323)   | \$ -     | \$ (317)   | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (2,300)  |  |
| 6/1/2019                  | \$ 2,051    | \$ (1,100)  | \$ (263)   | \$ (3,134)  | \$ -       | \$ -     | \$ (1,482) | \$ (1,644) | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ -       | \$ (7,623)  |  |
| Totals                    | \$ 73,773   | \$ (12,896) | \$ (3,952) | \$ (15,881) | \$ (2,587) | \$ (431) | \$ (4,209) | \$ (2,644) | \$ (818)   | \$ (1,219) | \$ (3,998) | \$ (48,636) |  |
| Budget                    | \$ 40,000   | \$ 14,400   | \$ 3,500   | \$ 3,000    | \$ 3,800   | \$ 1,500 | \$ 3,600   | \$ 8,000   | \$ 1,500   | \$ 2,000   | \$ 3,600   | \$ 44,900   |  |
| Variance                  | \$ 33,773   | \$ 1,504    | \$ (452)   | \$ (12,881) | \$ 1,213   | \$ 1,069 | \$ (609)   | \$ 5,356   | \$ 682     | \$ 781     | \$ (398)   | \$ (3,736)  |  |
| 2017-2018 Actual          | \$ 38,202   | \$ (14,653) | \$ (3,684) | \$ (1,063)  | \$ (2,910) | \$ (219) | \$ (3,465) | \$ (5,796) | \$ (1,168) | \$ (1,853) | \$ (3,505) | \$ (38,314) |  |
| 2019-2020 Proposed Budget |             |             |            |             |            |          |            |            |            |            |            |             |  |
| 7/1/19-6/30/20            | \$ 42,000   | \$ 14,400   | \$ 4,000   | \$ 9,000    | \$ 3,000   | \$ 1,500 | \$ 3,800   | \$ 13,000  | \$ 1,500   | \$ 2,000   | \$ 4,000   | \$ 56,200   |  |