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President's Letter

To All Idlewilders:

The summer of 2014 was wet enough to depress fire danger and dry enough to permit outdoor activities during the early summer. Lack of rain is a two-edged sword, since it increases our fire danger but lowers our road maintenance costs. With the promise of a weak El Nino this winter, maybe the snows will return to build the lake level and increase our moisture going into spring.

Idlewild is financially healthy. We finished out the year with a small surplus in our general account and extra funds over and above what was donated for the repairs on the Preacher's Cabin. Your generosity has made all of this possible.

We initiated a program late in the summer that has significant potential for reducing our budget. Maxi Milligan, our new secretary of the board, distributed an email to all of the addresses in the Directory. The email, which alerted recipients to the upcoming Kit Carson fiber-optic program in Idlewild, is the first time the board has had digital communication with Idlewild members. The use of digital media has nearly zero distribution costs in contrast to the nearly \$2,000 (about 7 percent of our budget) we spend for printing and mailing. If you are reading this letter and have not added your email to the Directory, we ask that you do so. There are no plans to end the printing and mailing program, but future boards may be forced to make the change.

Our fire protection program is moving forward. Frank Dodge chips as needed so we are no longer dependent on the county's schedule for cleanup projects. Large items that are not chip-pable are hauled to the Eagle Nest disposal site. Idlewild is still identified by the Forest Service as the community with too many trees. We are, however, making progress to remove trees that are leaning and dead to provide defensible space.

The west side of the Preacher's Cabin was opened and inspected for damage from years of water infiltration. The damage was found to be less than feared. New timbers were installed as needed, a French drain installed, and new rock siding installed in place of the lower portion of the wall siding. The project was done efficiently and below the budget estimate. Some funds remain for additional projects.

Keep your fingers crossed for a white Christmas in Idlewild and lots of green in the spring.

See you on the mountain,

Paul

Idlewild website

Idlewildcommunity.org



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Worship Center news

I Idlewild Worship Center News

We are extremely fortunate to have many good volunteers who help with our Preacher's Cabin and the orchestration of putting on a worship service every Sunday during the summer. All of you who have attended have helped in many ways, and the Idlewild Community is grateful for how well you participate. If you served as a worship leader, I hope you know that we couldn't have church without you!

Everyone who sang in the Heavenly Choir should know how very much we appreciate their talents. I want to highlight a "thank you" to Paul Fahrenthold, Don Woolsey, and Jerry Thomason for the ongoing renovation of the guest cabin. Thank you's go to Lynda Suduth, Mary Colson, Helen Goodwin, Ron Wells, and Frank Ray, who have kept our music and sound system working. The potluck lunches always need organization, and Barbara Gibbs, Casey Bratton, Joan Hart, and Barbara Cullender contributed their skills to

On page 10 of this newsletter I have included the plaque form as I always do in every newsletter. Louise Montague has been kind enough to place the orders for these for many years. Please note that if you wish to order a plaque from Louise, contact her to check the current price of the plaque. The prices change frequently and she has received many old forms using old prices. For example the previous price was \$70 and the supplier has increased it now to \$85.

help with that fellowship, which is enjoyed by all. And of course, thanks to Frank Dodge, who keeps the entire Community Center in order!

I could go on and on with praise and thanks to many of you. But please know how very grateful Idlewild is to have all of you who participate and share your talents at the Worship Center. We had wonderful preaching this year, and good names are coming in for the summer of 2015. If you have a minister to submit, please do it now, by email, letter, or phone call; send me (1) the name, (2) the church affiliation and address, and (3) an email contact or phone numbers to reach the minister. Hugs and thanks to all of you for providing the energy that keeps our Idlewild church alive!



Committee Reports

Four ANNUAL IWCC Committee Reports

Frank B. Ray, 7/26/2014, revised 9/22/14

IWCC Data Management (DM)

Members: Frank Ray (chair), Helen Hyams, Frank Dodge, Maxi Millican

Frank Ray and wife Helen Hyams made several editing passes of the IWCC database, adding some extra fields to simplify several list-generation scripts, including the assessment letter mailing set, and the “early payer” free Directory mailing set. About 80 map changes collected since the 2011 map edition generated a further round of database corrections.

In late spring, Jim Herman notified the BOD that he was resigning from IWCC support, and this triggered some modifications to our DM procedures. Paul Fahrenthold and Kathleen Michael organized a well-managed move of IWCC printing to Cenveo Corp. in Amarillo, streamlining and consolidating our various print projects. We had a very pleasant initial introduction to the customer representatives at Cenveo regarding the Directory PDF file, and were easily able to make adjustments to our typesetting process for their printing equipment.

Treasurer Sparky Eckles collected 182 early 2014 assessment payments, passing the set of paper forms to DM. Each data record was then marked with an early-payment code for 2014. After this modification, two lists were generated: (1) a “thank-you” table for publication in the *Idle Times* and (2) a mailing list for free Directories to be sent to the early assessment payers from Panhandle Pre-Sort in Amarillo. General membership mailing lists were generated for the fall and spring *Idle Times* mailings from Panhandle Pre-Sort.

Maxi Millican, IWCC secretary, has joined the Data Management team to reinforce the community’s DM function, and to advise the committee as to the needs of the community and the Board of Directors. This administrative connection to the board has the potential of setting up a transition of committee leadership when that day comes. Maxi and Frank Ray are both using Filemaker 13 Pro, which will be situated in a secure cloud server for over a year, making access from any location much simpler and reducing the error rate considerably.

Forest Health and Safety

Members: Frank Ray (chair), Paul Fahrenthold, Frank Dodge

Frank Ray supplied updated information to Paul Fahrenthold and Kathleen Michael for an article in the *Idle Times* to remind our residents to register for the Emergency Notification System (ENS) managed by Colfax County. ENS is a free service that allows registrants to establish a means of rapid phone and email notification to registrants in the event of a local disaster. This should give a significant number of our residents more time to evacuate the area when necessary.

The Colfax County Coalition for Firewise Communities (CCCFC) was invited to meet in our Community Center on August 21. Scott Jones, CCCFC secretary, presided over CCCFC members from Idlewild, Lakeview Pines, Ute Park, Hidden Lake, and Angel Fire. Idlewild was represented by Frank Ray and Frank

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Dodge. Arnie Friedt, from the Ute Park, NM, Forest Service office, reviewed the Ready-Set-Go (RSG) program, which can improve our adaptation to living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and help us on our journey to become a fire-adapted community. At the very least, every resident of Idlewild should consider what steps to take if a wildfire threatens the area. Waiting until that happens to make critical decisions can result in dire consequences. RSG helps you to plan ahead.

You can find more information at <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org/>.

IWCC Maps

Members: Frank Ray (chair), Helen Hyams, Joan Hart, Frank Dodge

To issue a 2014 map edition in May, Frank Ray continued gathering information from the Colfax County Tax Assessor and Clerk, Frank Dodge, and scattered residential reports regarding map and Directory updates. New deeds have been recorded on a single digital map by the county's mapping team for several years. This file is being shared with the public, so from time to time we travel to Raton and download the latest edition. Our visits with the clerk result in further knowledge about filing practices, data retrieval, public access, and other details that will help with mapping issues in the coming years.

The map changes were applied to new master files supporting the 2014 printed publication. Contour lines, added to the Idlewild Community map in 2013 for the use of emergency responders, were also incorporated into the 2014 IWCC edition. A set of 200 laminated double-sided maps was produced by Miller Blueprint in Austin in late May.

An additional set of 200 paper map pairs was printed in Frank Ray's home office. The paper maps may be folded twice to fit into the IWCC Directory. Distribution in Idlewild has begun with diligent support from Helen and Joan; we are asking for a donation to the IWCC of \$10 for a laminated map or the paper pair. On Labor Day, the maps were transferred to Frank Dodge's office. A new edition is planned for 2017.

IWCC Directory (DM)

Members: Frank Ray (chair), Helen Hyams, Joan Hart, Frank Dodge

With the resignation of Jim Herman as Directory Committee Chair and setting up printing at Cenveo, we adapted our production procedures accordingly. After many data modifications from Colfax County, USPS address checks, Frank Dodge, several residents (*thank you!*), and Helen's careful editing, the typeset Directory's PDF file was emailed to Cenveo for setup testing. Cenveo mailed us a hard-copy proof and, after approval, printed 350 books, of which 182 were mailed immediately to early assessment payers. Further distribution, for a donation of \$10.00, was managed by Helen, Joan, and Maxi Millican. The balance of the set was left with Frank Dodge on labor Day.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Idlewild Community Center Annual Meeting July 27, 2014

Board president Paul Fahrenthold called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Theo Houser.

Election of Board Members

Paul Fahrenthold presented the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee to elect four members of the Board of Directors for a three-year term ending in 2017. Nominated are Bill Bratton, Skip Johnson, Maxi Millican, and Gabe Thornhill.

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Theo Houser and seconded by Lynda Sudduth to close nominations. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Theo Houser and seconded by Lynda Sudduth to accept the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee and elect the slate by acclamation. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Fahrenthold distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report printed with this year's assessment letter.

Paul advised that 167 properties paid the IWCC assessment fees early and received a 2014 Directory. To date, a total of 190 have paid the 2014 assessment at this time, down from 205 last year. A few more are expected by the end of the year.

Paul reported that expenses for road maintenance are down this year as Frank Dodge purchased a tractor and makes road repairs as needed. The board is working out a fair way to reimburse Frank for the use of the tractor. The IWCC will continue to contract for road maintenance that requires larger equipment.

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Roads : Chris Herring is investigating improvements for Road 9. Residents affected by any work to be done on Road 9 will be notified.

Worship Committee: Paul distributed a copy of the written report that included a report on the Preacher's Cabin, Worship Center A-Frame, and worship leaders. Paul advised that the committee will continue addressing issues about the Preacher's Cabin based on feedback from visiting ministers.

Annual Meeting Minutes Cont.

Newsletter: Paul distributed a copy of the report Kathleen Michael submitted. Paul advised that the board wants to transition to electronic communications to reduce the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available to those who want it.

Paul distributed a copy of the written report submitted by Frank Ray for the following committees:

Data Management: Improvements were made to the database. All printing was moved to Cenveo Corp. in Amarillo, streamlining production, and using the Filemaker 13 Pro database program for all publications simplified formatting and retrieving information.

Forest Health and Safety: There was discussion about how to sign up for the Colfax county emergency system. The board will distribute additional information and instructions on how to sign up.

Maps: New maps were distributed this year.

Directory: More efficient production of the Directory resulted in earlier distribution; after 182 complimentary copies were mailed to early assessment payers, the remainder were sold for a donation of \$10.00 apiece during the summer.

Old Business

Property Sales: None this year.

Firewise Application: The Executive Committee has determined that the IWCC is not a candidate to become a certified Firewise Community. The IWCC will continue membership and continue to review the Firewise (FW) program. FW guidelines and recommendations that are suitable for the IWCC will be promoted and incorporated in the IWCC area.

New Business

Chipper: The IWCC now has a chipper. Contact Frank Dodge to schedule.

Water Storage Tanks for Fire Suppression: Skip Johnson and Bill Bratton are doing additional research regarding cost of the tanks, cost for installation, and effect of freezing.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Theo Houser and seconded by Lynda Sudduth to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Mary Lib Thornhill Art show



Mary Lib Thornhill held an open house art show at the Idlewild Community Center July 26, 2014. Attending are Donna Porter, Theo Taylor, Mary Lib Thornhill and Gabe Thornhill. The show included oils, pastels and watercolors.



Gabe Thornhill, Lynda Sudduth, and Helen Hyams enjoy refreshments at the art show.

Directory Changes

Free Directories for Early Assessment-Payers

As in previous years, the IWCC is pleased to thank those who paid their cabin's assessments by January 1, 2014. A free Directory will again be offered to those paying their dues by January 1, 2015. These Directories will be mailed to residents' home addresses in May, 2015. Additional copies of the Directory will be offered for sale in Idlewild during the summer. If you or others associated with your property have any changes you would like included in the new edition, please send them to Frank Ray by using the Directory Change form on page 9. Email addresses and current phone numbers are particularly welcome.

DID YOU OR A CO-OWNER MOVE, CHANGE YOUR PHONE, NAME, OR EMAIL ADDRESS??

Directory Changes

Send changes to: Frank Ray, 8703 Granada Hills, Austin, TX 78737. *Or email to:* FrankRay@swbell.net

Please give information as you wish it to appear in the Directory. Remember that accurate Block and Lot ownership information is also important for the master Idlewild database and the Idlewild maps.

Last Name

First Name

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Cabin Address (for example, #30, Rd. 6)

Eagle Nest P. O. Box No.

Property Owned (for example, Block 20, Lots 6-12)

Phone Numbers (Home) add C if Cell phone

(Cabin) Add C if Cell phone

Email Address

Plaques & Memorials

DONATION in Memory of Loved one (NO PLAQUE)

A donation in the amount of _____ has been made to the Idlewild Community

In memory of _____

This gift is given by _____

Name of donor

Address

City, State, Zip

Payable to: Idlewild Community, Attn: Gabe Thornhill, 1926 Cypress Point W., Austin, TX 78746

Please provide the information requested above, detach here, and include with your donation. Thank you.

Important: Donations in Memory get mailed to Gabe Thornhill above, Plaque orders ONLY get mailed to Louise at address below.

Memorial Plaque Order (This is ONLY for a Plaque)

Cost for a Plaque at time of printing is \$85.00. Prices are subject to change according to the supplier. **Please confirm with Louise** below.

May 15th to Nov. 1st: Louise Montague

General Delivery

Eagle Nest, NM 87718

(575) 377-3847

Cell: (602) 326 -8102

Nov. 1st to May 15th: Louise Montague

11536 De La O Rd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

(480) 585-6031

Please detach this order form and include with your check.

Each line may be up to 20 spaces total, including letters, spaces between letters, and punctuation.

Line One _____

Line Two _____

Ordered By _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Remarks _____

If you know of any deaths in our community of which we are not aware, please notify Frank Dodge or a member of the Idlewild Board.

Idlewild Community Board of Directors

		Term expires
President	Paul Fahrenthold	2016
Vice President	Chris Herring	2016
Treasurer	Gabe Thornhill	2017
Secretary	Maxi Millican	2017
Members	Bill Bratton	2014
	Skip Johnson	2017
	Jeffrey Tidmore	2015
	John Forbis	2015
	Rick Palmer	2015
	Pamela Stork	2016
	Nancy Junkin	2016
	Kathleen Michael	2016

Committee Chairs

Worship	Donna Porter
Directory	Frank Ray
Roads	Chris Herring
Maps	Frank Ray
Beautification	Mary Lib Thornhill
Facilities	Jerry Thomason
Newsletter	Kathleen Michael
Historian	Ann Knupp Matta
Forest Health & Safety	Frank Ray
Music Ministry	Helen Goodwin
Data Management Committee	Frank Ray
Webmaster	Craig Sutton
Nominations	Ann Knupp Matta, Sue Dorr, Maxi Millican
Property	Robert Kaye
Preacher Cabin	Donna Porter
Chapel and Community Center	Sue Dorr

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