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A note from your editor...Beginning in this issue you will notice some changes to some longstanding items. If you are looking for forms to change your mailing address or phone/email, these will now be located permanently on our website : www.idlewildcommunity.org You will also find the forms there for memorial plaques. Please bear with us as we try and trim costs and make better use of Idlewild funds for things we think matter to you more like road repairs etc.

President's Letter

Greetings, Idlewilders,

What's new for Idlewild this year? Its first female president for one and making Idlewild formally a member of an outside organization (Firewise) for another. The latter is a substantial accomplishment and we owe more than a word of thanks to Paul Fahrenthold, Frank Dodge, and all the volunteers who have worked for several years attending meetings, organizing and evaluating the area with the Forestry Service, and doing the hard work of clearing and chipping slash, dead trees, and limbs. There is much more of this hard work to be done to make our forest and cabins safer from fire. Information regarding fire safety and forestry health can be found on the IWCC website and on links to the Firewise website.

What else is new? A move to more digital communication is newish. The board actually started this last year, but we will be increasing the amount of messaging done by email and Facebook and, when appropriate, utilizing electronic invitations for events. Please see the article "Digital Idlewild" in this newsletter for details. Note that you can opt out of receiving emails at any time.

You may have noticed that there are fewer pages in the newsletter. That is intentional, to decrease our costs for printing and mailing. Items that we always print in the newsletter such as forms for memorials or memorial plaques are now just a note with directions to the website where the forms are always availa-

ble. Over the next year we will be updating and adding additional information to the website to make it a valued resource for the community. To that end, we would like your input on what information you want on the website. Please email me at

maxitoo@swbell.net with your ideas. Please include IWCC in the subject line.

Looking forward to a full email inbox,

Maxi Millican, *IWCC President*



Worship News

Idlewild Worship Center News

Donna Porter, Worship Committee Chair

Another great year—thanks to YOU! We had wonderful worship leaders and very good pulpit preachers for our outdoor worship services this year. As a community, we thank those of you who planned and carried out our potluck lunches, provided our wonderful music, arranged for the tuning of the upright piano in our Community Building, continued with the improvements to our Minister Cabin, assisted in setting up chairs for worship services, set up the facilities and served for our Cabaret Jazz Night, served as ushers, provided names and information on the guest ministers, and performed the many other tasks required to keep our active worship service *really active!*

We are fortunate to have had Ron Wells and Mary Colson to serve us *so-o-o* well as keyboard musicians. We still need the names of additional people around the valley who might provide church music when we need it. If you have a name to submit of someone who could serve as the Sunday musician, please give us the name of the teenager, teacher, professional musician, or keyboard player who might like to earn extra dollars for some Sunday-morning work.

I'm ready to receive your recommendations for the ministers we will invite for summer 2016. Several ministers have expressed a desire to return in 2016, and that is because *you* in our worshipping community have been so gracious to these guest ministers. Please be sure I have the minister's full name, current church, phone number, and email address. I'll take it from there and see if they are available on the dates that fit our schedule.

Have a wonderful winter and thank you again for supporting the ministry program of Idlewild through your contributions and your referrals.

Road Report, Fall 2015

Chris Herring, Road Committee Chair

While we are thankful for the wet winter and spring, the continual runoff is hard on the mountain roads in Idlewild. In August Skip Johnson, Frank Dodge, and I drove all the roads in Idlewild with contractor Johnny Johnson of Angel Fire. We made an assessment of the conditions and outlined a plan to improve the roads and the path of water runoff. The plan included grading and/or adding road material that Idlewild had already purchased and that had been placed in several locations in Idlewild. Mr. *Continued on page 4*

Committee Reports

Road Report cont.

Johnson completed the repairs in August. In addition, Frank Dodge checks the roads and optimizes runoff conditions throughout the year. The Idlewild roads were in pretty good shape for mountain roads at the end of summer.

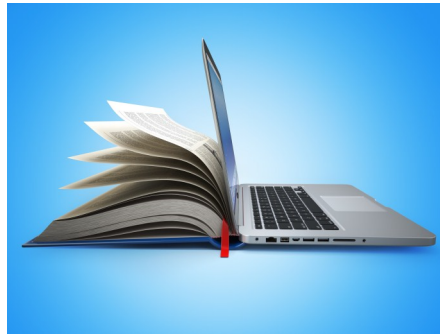
The good news is that we have enough budgeted funds to repeat this process after the spring thaw. See you on the mountain next spring.

Forest Health and Safety

"Frank Ray, Forest Health and Safety Chair"

President Maxi Millican and Frank Ray attended the August 20 meeting of the Colfax County Coalition of Firewise Communities (CCCFC) in Cimarron. The CCCFC now has approximately 70 members, including now the Idlewild Community Center. Maxi presented a status report of Idlewild's Firewise activity. We received news from the Ute Park NM Forestry Station of a growing

positive relationship with Taos Pueblo regarding our respective concerns regarding fires crossing the Taos/Idlewild boundary, and got information regarding "shaded fuel breaks" from Joe Stehling, of Hidden Lake.



Digital Idlewild

Frank Ray, Data Management Chair

At the 2015 Annual Meeting, Paul Fahrenthold restated the IWCC board's objective to achieve a high level of digital communication throughout the Idlewild community by 2020. Much of that effort is already firmly established in the board's activity throughout the year, managed by the following: Craig Sutton (webmaster—www.IdlewildCommunity.org), Kathleen Michael (Facebook groups manager—**Idlewild Friends**,

Idlewild Community, Idlewild Board), and Frank Ray (IWCC data management—FileMaker relational database, mailing lists, membership status, property tracking, etc.).

An experimental trial of sending IWCC email "blasts" using the Mail Chimp server is still in progress. You can sign up (opt-in) for this at www.IdlewildCommunity.org. However, since the Idlewild community is rapidly becoming more used to digital communication, communication via Facebook and Twitter tools may become the dominant means of keeping our population informed, largely due to their widespread use on mobile devices. Craig Sutton has reported success of the *Facebook event feature* in several organizations he's involved with.

For events affecting larger populations, Colfax County is managing a digital **Emergency Notification System**, described on the county's website, <http://www.co.colfax.nm.us>. The IWCC Board of Directors encourages everyone to enroll in ENS.

High Country Arts Festival

High Country Arts and Crafts Festival a Huge Success

Thanks to Idlewild

The 33rd Annual High Country Arts and Crafts Festival was held in the Enchanted Eagle Park in downtown Eagle Nest on July 25th and 26th. The festival was a huge success in large part due to the volunteers from Idlewild.

Glenda Stickney and Lynn Hatfield co-chaired the event that drew over 4,000 visitors to the venue to peruse the arts and crafts of over 75 vendors. The festival is the largest single fund raiser for the Eagle Nest Chamber of Commerce each year and has a major impact on the local economy from vendors and visitors.

The festival could not have been as successful without the wonderful participation of the volunteers from Idlewild. From setting up the park through weekend support of the vendors and visitors to tear-down and cleanup, our volunteers worked tirelessly in support of the Chamber and the festival.

The Village of Eagle Nest and its residents expressed their gratitude to all Idlewild volunteers through this letter which was read by Mayor Richard Cordova at our church service on Sunday, August 2.

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August 2, 2015

To the Residents of Idlewild Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the residents of the Idlewild Community for freely giving of their time and dedication to the success of the Eagle Nest High Country Arts Festival. The summer season is always a busy time for us, and your help has proven to be invaluable. You have never complained about any tasks asked of you and you should know that without the Idlewild volunteers the Festival would not be the success that it has been. You have provided many hours in preparation of the Festival, operating the Festival and the difficult task of cleaning up the Enchanted Eagle Park and Village Hall. The Village of Eagle Nest is aware a lot has been asked of you and we thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the success of the Eagle Nest High Country Arts Festival.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Richard A. Cordova
Village of Eagle Nest Mayor

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Annual Meeting Minutes & In Memoriam

In Memoriam

Jack Davis Dave Johansen
Joan Kaye Marian Griffith
Wynona Montague Virginia Fore

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. Please Go to www.Idlewildcommunity.org for the memorial plaque form.

Minutes of the Idlewild Community Center Annual Meeting July 26, 2015

Board President Paul Fahrenthold called the meeting to order.
Invocation by Theo Hauser.

Election of Board Members

Paul Fahrenthold presented the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee for four Directors for three-year terms ending in 2018. Nominated are Ben Fahrenthold, Sandra Gorohoff, Bill Hull, and Bobby Weidenmaier.

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Skip Johnson and seconded by Denny Fahrenthold to close nominations. A vote was called and the motion carried.

A motion was made by F.A. Waters and seconded by Mary Lib Thornhill to accept the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee and elect the slate by acclamation. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Fahrenthold distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Ron Wells and seconded by Bill Colson to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Roads: Chris Herring reported that the roads have deteriorated due to high snow and rain runoff. Chris will access the roads with a road contractor and prioritize repairs.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Worship Committee: Ron Wells reported that it is best if only he or Chris Herring run the sound system. They are available to train others.

Ron Wells made a motion not to use the sound system without him or Chris Herring. The motion was seconded by Mary Colson. After discussion, the vote was called and the motion passed.

Newsletter: Kathleen Michael reported that in an effort to decrease the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, the number of pages will decrease from 12 pages to 8, starting with the fall 2015 issue. To further decrease the cost of the newsletter the board has set a target date of fall 2020 to distribute the newsletter electronically.

Kathleen also reminded everyone that the IWCC web page is different from Facebook and encouraged all to visit both sites.

Data Management: Frank Ray is moving forward with implementation of the relational features of the Filemaker database. This will remove duplication in the tables of the database and add additional functionality in reporting.

Forest Health and Safety: Frank Ray reminded the members that IWCC is now a Firewise member. To maintain membership we must have at least one cleanup day a year. We will set up web pages on the *idlewildcommunity.org* site with information regarding forest health and fire safety and with links to more in-depth information on the sites.

Maps: There are no new maps this year. The next printing for maps will be in 2017. PDFs of the current maps are available on the IWCC web page (www.idlewildcommunity.org).

Idlewild Community Directory: We had 172 early payers this year.

Old Business

Property Sales: There were none this year.

New Business

Helen Goodwin reported that new Worship Center signage is needed at the turn from Highway 127.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by F.A. Waters and seconded by Bill Bratton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxi Millican, *IWCC President*

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