

Idle Times

A publication designed to keep the Greater Idlewild Community informed about community matters

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Letter from the President

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Greetings Idlewilders,

WOW! What a great summer we had this year in Idlewild. Enough rain to keep us in wildflowers and mushrooms all summer. The hummingbirds had a feast year. There were deer everywhere in Idlewild. Very tame deer. They calmly grazed and allowed us to watch them. Nothing short of a barking dog would run them off. There were a few bear sightings but no encounters (not that I heard about). Just the way we like it.

As summer started, Kim Jarigese retired from her job with the University of New Mexico and joined Goose full-time in Idlewild. Idlewild rolled out the red carpet and the welcome wagon to make them feel at home and part of the community. Both Kim and Goose jumped into activities and were instrumental in the return of Game Night. It was a great success. A special thank-you to Kim and Goose for a plethora of games to choose from. In addition to games we had star-gazing with Goose's telescope. Lots of fun and frivolity.

In preparation for the July 4th festivities, Idlewild again hosted the 3rd of July Hot Dog Supper at the grounds around the Community Center. The rain held off and we had perfect weather and a great turnout. Mark your calendar now to join us next summer on July 3rd for the Hot Dog Supper.

Fall has arrived in Idlewild. The

aspens are a brilliant golden yellow. It's lovely to see them quake in the breeze. The air is cool and Taos Cone has a dusting of snow on top. The long-range weather forecast indicates that October will be wetter than normal. In fact, the prediction is for a wetter than normal fall and winter. So we have the potential for another winter with a lot of snowfall. If you are coming to Idlewild this winter, be sure to check with Goose for a report on the conditions of the roads that access your property and be sure you are in a vehicle with the capability to handle the road conditions. If you have not already done so, please check out the link to "**Send a message to our Caretaker**" on our website, idlewildcommunity.org. This will send Goose an email and he can reply to you.

We all know Idlewild is a special place. It is a beautiful place and many of us have a long family history here that deepens our roots. Some are just starting to build a family tradition of time at "the cabin." All of us owe a debt of gratitude to those who were here before us. They worked to build the community we all now enjoy.

In a couple of weeks each property will receive an assessment letter. I hope everyone will review the materials and respond as they are able so we can continue to support and improve Idlewild.

Maxi Millican, *IWCC President*

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The Goose Report

This last year has been a great experience in meeting wonderful people from various parts of the country who own cabins in Idlewild. In fact, the Caretaker Cabin was quite the hum of activity from sun-up to sun-down, sometimes with lots of food and beverages. Everyone has been very kind, warm, and genuine, and they have made Kim and me feel right at home.

With support from Frank Ray, I have been going to the Firewise community meetings and have been learning how Idlewild can become better engaged in making our community safe for our enjoyment. I have been working with the Taos Pueblo War Chief to get the trees cleared along Hwy 127 toward the mine, and have worked with the ranches on erosion control, fire-gate egress, and repairing fences. I also have installed all of the new fire signs for residents who needed them.

In addition, through the generous donations of Idlewild owners, I have installed our new fire bell at the Community Center, which will be used as an emergency alert signal. The purpose of the bell is to send a message throughout the community for either help or fire danger. If the bell is continuously ringing, an emergency situation is present. We are currently looking for other sites around Idlewild to place more emergency signals—an all Idlewild bell alert—since



cell phones don't always work in many areas. We are very thankful to Mother Nature for providing us with a lot of rain this summer to keep the fire danger down.

With so many families in Idlewild this summer, the Thursday Game Night was revived. The Community Center was opened for family fun with lots of games, shooting hoops, and star-gazing through my telescope. A book and DVD exchange was set up to encourage reading and movie time. Fun was had by all, the young and the young at heart.

How wonderful it has been to meet so many cabin owners this summer and to hear your stories. Everyone has been supportive of my new role. Please know that you can contact me at any time if you have questions about your cabin while you are away. To help with this, I have bought a new answering machine, and will update the recording daily during the winter with road conditions in Idlewild.

Thank you for your support and words of encouragement.

Kevin (Goose) Jarigese, Idlewild Caretaker
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Idlewild Worship Center News

Donna Porter, Worship Committee Chair

“Idlewild is more than I ever imagined it would be!” That’s the remark most often given by our ministers as they depart our preacher cabin and Idlewild! Of the eleven ministers who led our worship services this summer, nine of them were there for the first time. As they departed, we always heard the praise they give to *you*, the community, along with the request: “Please invite us back as soon as possible.”

In spite of the BATS that visited their cabin and a few plumbing challenges, our ministers have appreciated their comfortable and clean dwelling place. A big thank-you to those of you who volunteer to serve all the needs of our Worship Center area. Thank you also to those of you who provided us with beautiful music and efficient leadership at our services.

It is important that we keep our worship services meaningful and vibrant, and that is where you come in. Please continue to watch for outstanding preachers and send the names, church affiliation, and contact information to me. My email address is djint@sbcglobal.net and your referrals are appreciated. Thank you for helping to support your Worship Center in Idlewild.

How to Order Your E911 Address Sign

Frank Ray, IWCC Data Management Chair

Emergency responders in the Moreno Valley prefer address signs with reflective, large numbers, because they need to go to the correct address in all sorts of conditions, during a fire or evacuation, critical health issues, sometimes when deep snow is on the ground, in the middle of the night, in the rain, and mostly in a hurry to provide aid as soon as possible. We can help them by providing uniform address plates placed on steel T-posts at least 4 feet high so that the cabin number may be seen from a vehicle approaching in either direction on your road. The signs are available at a discount from the Colfax County Coalition of Firewise Communities (CCCFC), or directly from a vendor. To order with a discount, you must either be a member of the CCCFC or join at the time you send in your order.

For a discount order, navigate to the website idlewildcommunity.org and click on the Facebook icon next to "Follow us on Facebook -->," which will open the Facebook group *Idlewild Community, NM*. The order blank for the CCCFC is in the Files section that you can select from the panel on the left. Open that page and double-click on [2017_E911_ADDRSign_DISCOUNT.pdf](#) to download the order form.

If this doesn't work for you, you can send an email to "frankray@swbell.net" requesting the CCCFC discount address sign order form, and I'll send the PDF file to you, via email if you wish, or US Mail if you don't.

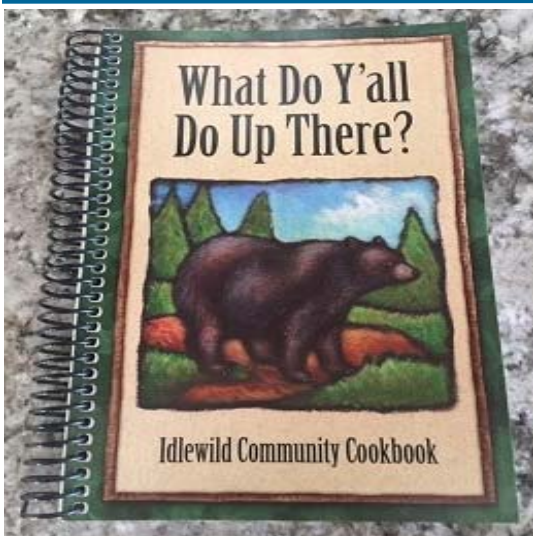
The PDF form for direct orders from the Smart Signs Co., no discount available, is titled [ADDR_Signs_Direct.pdf](#), which you obtain by downloading it or from me the same way as above. *The standard background color expected by emergency responders is green.*

Since the roads in the Idlewild Community are marked, your sign only needs the cabin number part of your address. For example, for the address 24 Road 6, your sign should have only the number 24.

Explore Our Idlewild Website

As part of our mission to reduce the costs of printing and mailing our publications by transferring them to our on-line home at www.idlewildcommunity.org, the following *Idle Times* materials have been moved there now. Please check the Idlewild website for the news and information found there. In addition to instructions for ordering the E911 address signs described here, the website includes:

- (1) Directory change-of-address forms, for any of your information that may be incorrect now in the Directory
- (2) Forms to order a memorial plaque for a loved one, to be added to the display next to the Community Center
- (3) Forms to make a donation to Idlewild in memory of a loved one
- (4) A Firewise Toolkit that has been updated and enlarged to become a better resource for fire protection
- (5) Idlewild newsletters and maps, plus other news about Idlewild, Eagle Nest, and surrounding areas.



Idlewild Cookbook Update

Casey Bratton

Cookbook sales were brisk this summer. Thank you to everyone who purchased one! To date, a profit of almost \$2,000 has been raised. As noted in the cookbook, those funds will be designated to pay for miscellaneous projects and needs in the Idlewild Community.

Next summer the cookbooks will again be sold before and after each Sunday Worship Service, or until they sell out. If you would like to make a purchase before then, please contact me at casey.bratton29@gmail.com. The price is \$20.00 per book or five for \$95.00. Something to keep in mind . . . they make great holiday gifts! You may also purchase them at Zella's Kitchen Shoppe in Eagle Nest.

Idlewild Community Center Annual Meeting, July 30, 2017

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Board president Maxi Millican called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Theo Houser.

Reading and Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Theo Houser and seconded by Ron Wells to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members:

Maxi Millican presented the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee of four Board of Directors members to serve a three-year term ending in 2020. The nominees are Casey Bratton, Chris Herring, Maxi Millican, and Phil Stickney.

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Lynn Hatfield and seconded by Mary Colson to close nominations. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Lynn Hatfield and seconded by Mary Colson to accept the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee and elect the slate by acclamation. The motion carried.

Proposed Revisions to the IWCC Bylaws:

The Board of Directors approved and recommended that the membership approve the proposed revisions to the IWCC Bylaws.

A motion was made by Bill Colson and seconded by Casey Bratton to approve the recommended revisions to the IWCC Bylaws. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Maxi Millican distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report (copy attached).

A motion was made by Theo Houser and seconded by Lynn

Hatfield to accept the proposed 2017–2018 Budget. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Caretaker's Report: Kevin Jarigese submitted a report to the Board of Directors with regard to his first year acting as caretaker, including the activities of Winter and Spring 2016–2017.

Facilities (Chapel, Preacher's Cabin, and Community Center): There was a bat problem in the Preacher's Cabin, and further investigation will be made into preventive measures. Kevin Jarigese sealed around the Community Center, repaired the water heater, and improved venting and heating.

Directory/Data Management: Frank Ray advised that 165 cabins paid their IWCC Assessment Fee early and received a 2017 Directory. To date, a total of 172 cabins have paid their 2017 fee. Copies of the Directory are available for a \$5.00 donation.

Forest Health and Safety: Cabin owners should document the hours they have spent toward fire prevention on their property and forward the information to Frank Ray. To date, the reported hours have exceeded the 2017 minimum amount for the New Mexico Firewise Community (*see the report by Frank Ray in this newsletter*).

Maps: Frank Ray reported that there is a new edition of the J.W. Dickerson and Idlewild Community map. The latest copies were printed on Rite-In-The-Rain waterproof material. Copies are available for a \$5.00 donation. A pdf of the current map is available on the IWCC web page, (www.idlewildcommunity.org).

Newsletter: Maxi Millican reported that a newsletter editor is needed. The eventual goal is to discontinue mailing a hard copy of the newsletter

and instead publish it on the website semiannually. Those wishing to receive a hard copy will pay a fee to do so.

Roads: Chris Herring reported that weather currently prevents work until the weather is dry. Inspection will be done at that time. Email Chris with any suggested repairs.

Old Business

Property Sales: The board approved the sale of random lots within a block owned by the purchaser.

New Business

Emergency Exits: Proposed exits will be printed in an upcoming newsletter and/or on maps for residents.

Eagle Nest Project Fees (Trash Disposal): The Village of Eagle Nest has eliminated the six cubic yards of dumping that were permitted without additional fees when an annual fee was paid. This change was due to Colfax County's doubling the fees to the Village of Eagle Nest. Residents are advised to pile any friable slash they have near their road or driveway so the chipper, when available, can easily get to it.

Other: The board is looking into (1) leasing a tractor in order to utilize the chipper to remove slash on a fee basis and (2) the issue of drivability on Road 9.

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Keith Couch and seconded by Bill Colson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bratton

Financial Summary

Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary

2016 -2017 Actual Spending

MONTHLY SUMMARY												
	Income & Donations	Caretaker Services	Utilities	Worship & Cabin	Septic Tank fees	Misc Expenses	Mallings & Printing	Roads	Propane Expenses	Accounting & Taxes	Insurance	Total
												Expenses
7/1/2016	\$ 5,020	\$ (1,100)	\$ (234)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,334)
8/1/2016	\$ 0	\$ (1,100)	\$ (254)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,354)
9/1/2016	\$ 25	\$ (1,100)	\$ (97)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,198)
10/1/2016	\$ 0	\$ (1,100)	\$ (462)	\$ -	\$ (189)	\$ (122)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (111)	\$ (860)	\$ -	\$ (2,843)
11/1/2016	\$ 0	\$ (1,100)	\$ (238)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (244)	\$ -	\$ (869)	\$ (2,451)
12/1/2016	\$ 0	\$ (550)	\$ (274)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (182)	\$ (762)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,768)
1/1/2017	\$ 19,286	\$ (2,389)	\$ (600)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (836)	\$ -	\$ (165)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,990)
2/1/2017	\$ 13,075	\$ (1,100)	\$ (392)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (543)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (850)	\$ (2,885)
3/1/2017	\$ 2,701	\$ (1,100)	\$ (467)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ (685)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,181)	\$ (1,761)	\$ (5,517)
4/1/2017	\$ 1	\$ (1,100)	\$ (278)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ (735)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,436)
5/1/2017	\$ 951	\$ (1,100)	\$ (292)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ (116)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,831)
6/1/2017	\$ 375	\$ (1,100)	\$ (277)	\$ (315)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ (1,186)	\$ -	\$ (222)	\$ (745)	\$ -	\$ (4,169)
Totals	\$ 41,436	\$ (13,939)	\$ (3,865)	\$ (315)	\$ (1,482)	\$ (1,648)	\$ (3,519)	\$ -	\$ (744)	\$ (2,786)	\$ (3,480)	\$ (31,778)
Budget		\$ 13,200	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 44,700
Variance		\$ (739)	\$ (865)	\$ 4,685	\$ (482)	\$ 352	\$ 481	\$ 9,000	\$ 756	\$ (786)	\$ 520	\$ 12,922
2017-2018 Proposed Budget												
7/1/17-6/30/18	\$ 36,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 45,100



Honoring the theme of celebrating the 100th anniversary of Eagle Nest Dam, Idlewild's "Boat Float" was designed, decorated, and entered for competition in the 4th of July Eagle Nest Parade

The July Potluck

The annual potluck, held on July 30th, was hosted by **Casey Bratton and Barbara Gibbs**. Co-Chair Casey Bratton reports on the lunch:

"The IWCC Potluck Lunches are always popular on the mountain, and this past summer was no different. Thank you to everyone who provided a covered dish! What a smorgasbord we had! If you've never attended a potluck, please consider doing so next summer. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and connect with long-time mountain friends. All you have to do is bring something to share with others. Mark your calendar for next year: July 29th and September 2nd."



Idle Chat

Changes have taken place this summer as some Idlewilders have taken on new positions. Cookbook editor and Board Secretary **Casey Bratton** has volunteered to take over development of the Idlewild Archive, the historical record of the community, which will be kept on disc for future generations. Unfortunately there are gaps in our records. If you have any minutes of annual or board meetings, old newsletters, or other useful materials in your cabin, please contact Casey.

Since the retirement of our much-loved music directors, Bill and Helen Goodwin, **Ron Wells** has stepped up as Music Ministry Chair. As Choir Director, Ron leads the hymns and directs the Heavenly Choir for Sunday services in the summer. The choir rehearses one-half hour before services. A choir always benefits and has a happier sound with more voices. If you enjoy singing, please join in.

Celebrations

The official start of the 4th of July Weekend was the **3rd of July Hot Dog Party** at the Idlewild Community Center, with the hot dogs cooked by **Ron Wells and Chris Herring**. The **4th of July parade** in Eagle Nest drew Idlewilders to town to take part in the excitement. Although the Greater Idlewild Flatbed Parade Band has retired, the new Idlewild "Boat Float" represented us ably. Both adults and children threw candy to the crowds!

The annual **Poetry Party**, hosted by **Bill and Mary Colson**, was held at the Idlewild Community Center this year for the first time. Food and drinks were supplied and many original poems were read along with personal favorites.

Game Night: Game Night was revived this year by **Kim and Goose Jarigese**, bringing fierce competition back to Thursday nights. It had been sorely missed the last few years.

Community Trash Disposal

There are currently two options to dispose of trash in Eagle Nest: If you paid the annual fee to Eagle Nest, you can deposit bagged trash in the dumpsters in Eagle Nest, preferably the ones at the Village offices. Large (truckload) amounts of trash should be taken to the transfer station on the Red River Highway. You must pay a fee for each load, based on the volume you're dumping. Everyone who disposes of trash in the Moreno Valley must pay a small amount for the trash to be taken away from the Valley. Eagle Nest has to pay for shipping, so our community needs to do its part.



Firewise Community Activity

Frank Ray, Firewise Community Representative

Firewise activity during the spring and summer months was intensified by heavy snowfall and high winds earlier in the year. Work-hour logs were gathered from 36 individual IWCC members. As a group, they generated 607 volunteer-hours of qualified labor toward fire risk reduction. Goose and Kim Jarigese submitted a spreadsheet of their family's collective work over a period of eight months, including many removals of trees and limbs from roofs and roads, 57 hauling trips carrying vegetable matter to the waste transfer station, and installation of several approved E911 cabin number signs. Goose raised funds for a large warning bell and installed it at the chapel site.

Reported out-of-pocket fire risk reduction expenses to date this year total \$7,244. The estimated number of residences involved is 132, thanks largely to the Caretakers' removal effort, plus that of a small army of IWCC members and employed labor. We estimate that 552 cubic yards of combustible vegetable material was removed from the community. One neglected cabin on Road 14

was purchased by Jerry Thomason and totally removed from the site. A large parking area for the Community Center was mowed in late June by Richard Cernosek.

I'm fairly sure there were more than 36 volunteers working for this cause who did not send a log, but we send **thanks to all who participated** in the risk reduction effort. Just from driving through the community, I can see that a fair portion of the Idlewild Community is involved in keeping our forest setting healthy and safe. Firewise Communities USA has upgraded our procedure for reporting the year's work; they created an on-line Portal where our numbers can be entered from January through October. The results are used to (1) determine whether the Idlewild Community retains its Firewise status and (2) gather data about capital outlay (work + money), material volume removed, and where Firewise improvement on the ground was focused, relative to each cabin. Our Firewise capital outlay this year was more than \$20,000, securing our status for 2018 as a Firewise Community.

Community MailChimp Email Service

Frank Ray, IWCC Data Manager

The Board of Directors has set a goal of using electronic (mass email) memoranda to inform IWCC members of important community issues and events. A service called **MailChimp** is the tool the IWCC currently uses to send memos to IWCC subscribers. The goal for 100 percent use of this form of email delivery is the year 2020. At that time, the list of MailChimp email subscribers should include all IWCC members. The cost of delivering important information to our membership will be dramatically reduced using this email medium rather than depending on hard-copy printing and mailing. To date, there are 183 vetted active subscribers in our community email list at MailChimp. *Please consider subscribing or asking someone in your property's family to subscribe if you have not already done so.*

For legal reasons, the IWCC must have your permission to send email to you. If you want me to check your subscription profile, send me (frankray@swbell.net) an email message giving me permission to check your MailChimp subscription for



you and set it up the way you want it. You will receive a confirmation email from MailChimp.

Or, you can subscribe using the green button “**Click to Subscribe**” on the home page of our website, www.idlewildcommunity.org. You can always edit your own MailChimp profile this way. A small amount of your unique data—email address, cabin address or vacant property location, and contact phone number—is *required*, because the list is restricted to IWCC members. Each modification to your profile will be confirmed when MailChimp sends an email to you after you or an administrator make corrections.

We encourage subscribers to maintain their own MailChimp profiles and keep email addresses and other profile information in good order.

For those members who do not participate in an electronic email service, the IWCC will strive to cover communication gaps by other means, such as telephone nets or printing and sharing hard copy. We also encourage those who are computer users to be generous with helping those who need assistance.

In Memoriam

Helen Macina Cullers

Robert Macina

Ralph William McKinney

Candee Hull

Sarah Makena

Paul Macina

Norman McGill

Radford Melton

We remember those who have left us. If you know of others we have not included here, please email frankray@swbell.net so they can be included in the next bell ringing in July 2018.



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