

IDLE TIMES | FALL 2020

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



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Letter from the President

Greetings to everyone in Greater Idlewild

Writing this letter times coincidentally with fall foliage dropping from the trees. The colors came a little early this year. According to NMSU documents, the timing is related to a lack of moisture from the drought and the daylight duration being influenced by a continued smoke presence from forest fires. Those who observed the foliage saw the usual tremendous display from Mother Nature.

Extended weather forecasts indicate warmer-than-normal temperatures with limited moisture through December. Please practice caution when visiting Idlewild during your winter vacation. Luck rode with us this year as we had only one fire, on Taos Pueblo

property two to three miles west of Idlewild, that was caused by dry lightning. It was extinguished before growing and spreading to other areas.

If you are planning to visit Idlewild this winter, check the New Mexico Department of Transportation roads and weather conditions at <https://nmroads.com>. Please try to arrive during daylight hours in case assistance is required.

Some questions regarding caretaker duties have arisen more than usual. If you have access to the website at <http://idlewildcommunity.org>, look at the job duties that are written in the Fall 2016 newsletter, beginning on page 3. This job description was written with

the introduction of Frank Dodge as caretaker and has served the community well.

Funding of the state chip-seal project for Highway 127 by the New Mexico Roads Department has been pushed to the next fiscal year. Uncertainty prevails at the district office regarding project completion. In general, all Idlewild community roads appear to be in good shape. Proposed road improvements are stated in this newsletter on page 3.

In any weather, Idlewild is a great place to visit. Please come

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Board of Directors

President	Walter Davis
Vice President	Donna Woolsey
Secretary	Casey Krebs Bratton
Treasurer	Gabe Thornhill
Assistant Treasurer	Kyle Boston

Board Members Term Ends

Kyle Boston	2023
Casey Krebs Bratton	2023
Walter Davis	2022
Jim Herman	2023
Bill Hull	2021
Rick Hullum	2022
Louise Montague	2022
Percy Reid	2022
Benny Rupprecht	2021
Phil Stickney	2023
Gabe Thornhill	2021
Donna Woolsey	2021

Committee Chairs 2020–2021

Archive	Maxi Millican
Chapel/Community Ctr.	Donna Woolsey
Choir Director	Ron Wells
Data Management	Frank Ray
Directory	Frank Ray
Facilities	Don Woolsey
Firewise Representative	Frank Ray Joe Craig
Maps	Frank Ray
Newsletter	Helen Hyams
Nominations	Don Woolsey Sue Dorr
Potluck	Connie Rupprecht
Property	Bennie Rupprecht
Roads	Earl O'Steen
Webmaster	Craig Sutton
Worship/Preachers	Laura Oheim
Worship Leaders	Kyle Boston

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and enjoy everything the mountains have to offer. Several families have their holiday gatherings here. The ski areas have snow-making equipment and will provide great recreational activities.

An assessment letter will be sent to property owners in December. Please review the information and participate as best you can to maintain and improve Idlewild. We have a remarkable community, and the residents make it a unique place of enjoyment.

We wish everyone a great fall and winter season along with the holidays.

Come often and stay late!

—Walt Davis, IWCC President

Caretaker Update

By now, most residents know that Kevin and Kim Jarigese have decided to relocate away from Idlewild, effective November 30, 2020. We wish them well on the next chapter of their life.

Seven board members interviewed two candidates who were highly recommended by the Eagle Nest and Angel Fire communities. Board members who couldn't attend were sent their resumés, then allowed to vote their choice.

The board chose to offer Joe Romero the caretaker position, succeeding Kevin beginning on December 1, 2020. Joe comes to us from Angel Fire Resort, where he performed maintenance and security. Prior to Angel Fire, he held a similar position with the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Joe has agreed to commit his services to Idlewild for a minimum of five years. He has chosen to be furnished an Idlewild cell phone, whose service he'll attach to his personal line to minimize phone service costs. We will forward his number when he obtains the phone and service. Joe will reside in the caretaker's residence no later than November 30, 2020.

Please take time to welcome him to the community. He promises to be an asset to Idlewild.

—Walt Davis, IWCC President

Road Report

The summer of 2020 has been a very dry one for Idlewild and our surrounding areas. The majority of our roads are in good (but not great) shape. The lack of moisture and heavy runoff has kept the roads from the washouts that sometimes come with heavy rains. We are thankful for all the homeowners who tirelessly try to help keep all our roads in good shape.

It has been the goal of the Road Committee to complete one major road remediation each year. This year we are going to concentrate on Road 1. Board President Walt Davis, A. J. Beretta, and I have looked at Road 1 to see what can be done to make a difficult road a better one. We had a meeting with Nate Kite of Kite Construction

and surveyed the road with him. At this writing we are waiting for a bid from Nate.

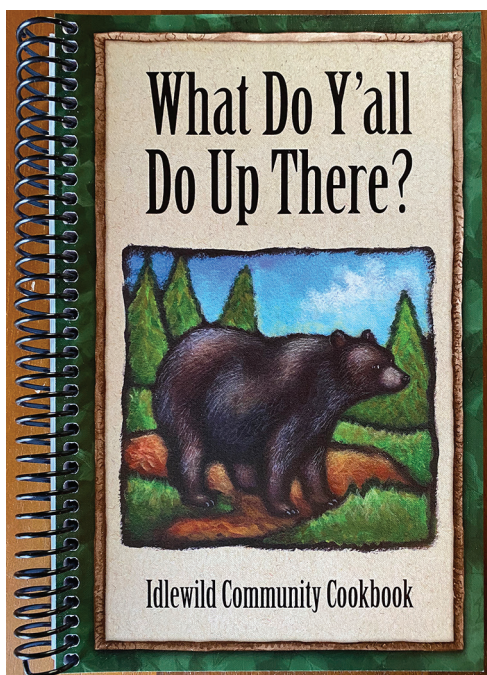
There will be a lot of tree removal and road widening to accomplish what is needed. Not only will this help everyone in this area with better access; it will also grant much better access for any emergency vehicles. All the homeowners along Road 1 have been notified of what we hope to accomplish and are looking forward to its going forward.

There are still a few other areas that need some significant roadway remediation. We are looking at these areas and will try to determine what can be done, when it can be done, what will be the cost, and when we will have funds available.

Several of you have been on the Road Committee before, and we will be counting on your vast knowledge to help us new ones continue the work of keeping the roads in shape for all of Idlewild. There seems to be a wave of “newer-younger folks,” and at times we see a lot of children in Idlewild. Please be reminded that we need to watch our speed while we spend time on our roads.

I will always be available to anyone who has road questions or road problems. All of us love coming to Idlewild, so let’s pull together on any problems or needs that arise.

— Earl O’Steen, Road Committee Chair



Only 12 Idlewild Community Cookbooks Left and Now On Sale!

If you would like to purchase the 2017 Idlewild Community cookbook, *What Do Y'all Do Up There?* you are in luck!

It's a wonderful collection of favorite cabin recipes from Idlewild families and friends. Originally priced at \$20, the price has now been reduced to \$10 each, plus \$3 for shipping.

It would make a great holiday gift or stocking-stuffer. All proceeds benefit the IWCC.

Please contact casey.bratton29@gmail.com or call 214-908-5702 to purchase.

— Casey Bratton

Worship Center News

Dear friends,

Without a doubt this year has been challenging for us all, and that includes our ability to gather with our community for summer Sunday services.

I have appreciated your support as we made the hard decision in keeping with the governor's orders at that time.

That being said, we look ahead with anticipation and longing to once again plan for the summer of 2021.

I do so hope that this finds you all well and ready to begin a new year and get back to some semblance of normalcy.

We will be filling our little Preachers' Cabin and our pulpit with some wonderful pastors, which include the ministers who were amazingly gracious when we had to suspend our services for 2020. I will be giving them all a call to reschedule them; however, there will be openings for several other Sundays, so if you have ministers

you would like to suggest to me, don't delay. Send me their names and contact information, along with your name, to my email or call or text me with the information.

God bless you all,

—Laura Oheim, Worship
Center Coordinator

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Firewise Report

I am resigning as the Firewise Community Representative in our community. The new Firewise Representative will be Joe Craig, 505-263-8258, joe@craigandcompany.net.

The contact numbers, emails, and websites of other participants and administrators in Firewise can be found at:

- Firewise Communities USA, (303) 736-8461.
- T. Thorpe, (614) 984-7494, tthorpe@nfpa.org.
- Firewise Community Outreach Program Manager: CPrudhomme@nfpa.org.
- Website: Firewise@nfpa.org.

Thank you for your help over the years in reducing Idlewild's wildfire risk.

—Frank Ray,
Firewise Representative



Join the IWC Facebook page for the latest news and fun updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IdlewildCommunity/>

Visit the IWC website for updates and information

Forms for Changes of Address in the Idlewild *Directory*, Memorial Donations, and Memorial Plaques, which previously were included in the *Idle Times* newsletter, are now listed on the Idlewild website at:

idlewildcommunity.org

Treasurer's Report for 2019–2020

— Gabe Thornhill, Treasurer

Revenue Comments

Revenue in 2020 was down from 2019 because there was no capital campaign for the Preacher's Cabin (\$30,340 in 2019) and the IWCC received \$1,300 from Rick Palmer memorial contributions in 2019. The assessment in 2020 was similar to that of 2019 at roughly \$34,000.

Although we are not having church services this summer, those donations usually are transferred into the operating account after the summer. Consequently, the lack of church services didn't affect 2020 revenue.

Over the last four years, the community has received assessments in the following amounts:

Year	Assessments	Number of Payers
2017	\$28,335	172
2018	\$29,843	178
2019	\$34,512	180
2020	\$34,545	174



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Expense Comments

1. Preacher's Cabin – During the fiscal year, the IWCC spent \$9,100 on renovations for the Preacher's Cabin and another \$1,400 on caretaker cabin work (garage door and toilet).
2. Roads – During the year, IWCC only spent \$1,333 on roads. There are several projects pending.
3. Taxes – Taxes during the year are about \$800 above last year due to the timing of filing tax returns.
4. Utilities – The monthly utilities (propane, electric, and Internet) were similar to last year. Septic spending for the caretaker cabin holding tank was down after switching service providers.
5. Mailings – Printing and mailings were down because there was no caretaker campaign.

2020–2021 Budget Notes:

1. Revenue – We are projecting lower gross revenue due to a lack of worship service donations.
2. Road Maintenance – We should spend more on the roads this year because we've underspent two years in a row. The budget includes two years of spending in 2020–2021 due to the low spending this year. There are several larger projects that are being reviewed.
3. Reserve Fund – The IWCC has a reserve fund of about \$50,000 invested in CDs that will mature on February 1, 2021.

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Idlewild Community Annual Meeting

July 26, 2020

Call to Order and Invocation:

Board President Walter Davis called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and the invocation was given by Kyle Boston.

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Donna Woolsey and seconded by Bill Hull. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members with Terms Ending in 2023:

The nominees were Kyle Boston, Casey Bratton, Jim Herman, and Phil Stickney. A motion to approve the slate by acclamation was made by Maxi Millican and seconded by Donna Woolsey. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gabe Thornhill distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and proposed budget. A motion to accept the proposed 2020–2021 budget was made by Maxi Millican and seconded by Fred Montague.

Committee Reports:

Firewise: Kevin Jarigese reported on volunteer hours for Firewise credits, a possible water tank substation, and ringing a bell to notify residents about fires. Joe Craig is gradually taking over the Firewise duties from Frank Ray.

Directory, Data Management, and Maps: Walter Davis announced that the board is looking for volunteer replacements to assume Frank Ray's duties. The 2020 *Directory* is late but will be sent out as soon as possible.

Facilities: Kevin Jarigese reported that the Community Center received a new deck and stairs, repairs on the Preacher's Cabin have been completed, and the Chapel roof is to be replaced in the upcoming year.

Roads: Kevin Jarigese reported that the lack of moisture resulted in road repairs being postponed this past year. Roadwork will resume in the coming months.

Newsletter: Maxi Millican reported that the Fall 2020 newsletter will be mailed out. Beginning in 2021, the newsletters will no longer be mailed and will be sent only by email attachment. As always, the newsletters can be found on the IWCC website. For those who have not signed up for MailChimp to receive emails from IWCC, please do so. Instructions will be included in the Fall newsletter.

Caretaker: Kevin Jarigese gave his overall report within the "Firewise," "Facilities," and "Roads" sections above.

Old Business:

Rob and Pamela Mayes deeded Lot 14 of Block 12 to Idlewild.

New Business:

Chance Williams, IWCC property owner, spoke about his desire to purchase Block 16 from Idlewild, and his reasons for doing so. Additionally, he offered to donate money for a water tank substation.

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Phil Stickney and seconded by Donna Woolsey. The motion carried at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

—Casey Krebs Bratton, IWCC Secretary

IWCC Archives

Do you have a box of old IWCC papers you don't know what to do with? We would love to take them and give them a home in the official IWCC Archives.

They will be organized with other materials and then scanned to electronic format. Please send them to:

Maxi Millican
110 Hillside Dr. W
Burleson, TX 76028

You may also drop them by 20 Road 15 in Idlewild during the summer.



In Memoriam

Gary Griffin

Jane Twing

We remember those
who have left us.

If you know of others who are
not included here, please
email frankray@swbell.net.



Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary

Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary													
2019-2020 Actual Spending													
MONTHLY SUMMARY													
	Income & Donations	Caretaker Services	Utilities	Worship & Cabin	Septic Tank fees	Misc Expenses	Mailings & Printing	Roads	Propane Expenses	Taxes Accounting	Insurance	Total Expenses	
7/1/2019	\$ 401	\$ (1,100)	\$ (232)	\$ (5,950)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (583)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,189)	
8/1/2019	\$ 321	\$ (2,600)	\$ (311)	\$ (640)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,551)	
9/1/2019	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ (296)	\$ (715)	\$ (237)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,248)	
10/1/2019	\$ 4,273	\$ (2,200)	\$ (265)	\$ (400)	\$ (351)	\$ -	\$ (510)	\$ (750)	\$ (278)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,754)	
11/1/2019	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ (250)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (800)	\$ (1,160)	\$ (2,210)	
12/1/2019	\$ 51	\$ (2,200)	\$ (319)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (335)	\$ -	\$ (298)	\$ -	\$ (1,915)	\$ (5,068)	
1/1/2020	\$ 20,751	\$ (1,100)	\$ (318)	\$ -	\$ (595)	\$ -	\$ (821)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,834)	
2/1/2020	\$ 10,596	\$ -	\$ (353)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,268)	\$ (851)	\$ (2,471)	
3/1/2020	\$ 1,239	\$ (2,200)	\$ (387)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,587)	
4/1/2020	\$ 501	\$ (1,100)	\$ (555)	\$ -	\$ (595)	\$ (76)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (321)	\$ (7)	\$ -	\$ (2,653)	
5/1/2020	\$ 1	\$ (1,100)	\$ (312)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (710)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,122)	
6/1/2020	\$ 0	\$ (1,100)	\$ (263)	\$ (2,810)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (750)	\$ -	\$ (4,923)	
7/1/2020													
Totals	\$ 38,134	\$ (14,700)	\$ (3,863)	\$ (10,515)	\$ (2,102)	\$ (76)	\$ (2,375)	\$ (1,333)	\$ (897)	\$ (2,825)	\$ (3,926)	\$ (42,611)	
Budget	\$ 42,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,800	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 56,200	
Variance	\$ (3,866)	\$ (300)	\$ 137	\$ (1,515)	\$ 898	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,425	\$ 11,667	\$ 603	\$ (825)	\$ 74	\$ 13,589	
2018-2019 Actual	\$ 73,773	\$ (12,896)	\$ (3,952)	\$ (15,881)	\$ (2,587)	\$ (431)	\$ (4,209)	\$ (2,644)	\$ (818)	\$ (1,219)	\$ (3,998)	\$ (48,636)	
2020-2021 Proposed Budget													
7/1/20-6/30/21	\$ 38,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 57,900	

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