

IDLE TIMES | FALL 2019

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



Sunset over Idlewild, photo courtesy of Laura Oheim

Letter from the President

Greetings to everyone in Greater Idlewild

What a difference a year makes. Last year we lived through a drought and the resulting Ute Park fire. This year we benefited from near-record snowfall and plentiful moisture during spring and summer, resulting in abundant vegetation and minimal fire hazard. In a short time, Idlewild and surrounding areas will have a colorful fall.

For those not at the Annual Meeting, there were a couple of committee changes. Donna Porter has retired from overseeing the ministers and Worship Center. Her efforts were notable and she'll be missed. Laura Oheim, who assisted Donna, has assumed the chair of these committees. Frank Ray continues to advise and help citizens with Firewise, and the results are

highly noticeable. Everyone should thank Frank for his efforts when visiting him. Frank is on the verge of retiring from Firewise. Sara Nerbetski has agreed to join the Firewise effort, and is in the process of learning the ropes. Goose and Kim have managed most of the vegetation removal, producing a long list of each batch removed, and Frank and Sara will create and send the 2019 Idlewild Firewise report to the New Mexico officials in November.

The Road Report will explain the improvements made this year. Runoff during the snowmelt and seasonal rains demonstrated the benefits of this work. The chip-seal project on Highway 127 has been delayed by the new state admin-

istration. Hopefully, the new state budget will renew this project. A focus of next year's road efforts will be on Road 1. We desire to discuss this project with residents on Road 1 prior to initiating the procedure. Feel free to contact a Road Committee member, the Caretaker, or myself.

The extended forecast for winter moisture indicates an average to above-average amount. This is good news, and we hope you can visit Idlewild to enjoy winter activities. Please contact Goose prior to your arrival to review road and weather conditions. Also, please try to schedule arrival times during

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Board of Directors

President	Walter Davis
Vice President	Maxi Millican
Secretary	Casey Krebs Bratton
Treasurer	Gabe Thornhill

Board Members **Term Ends**

Casey Krebs Bratton	2020
Walter Davis	2022
Chris Herring	2020
Bill Hull	2021
Rick Hullum	2022
Maxi Millican	2020
Louise Montague	2022
Percy Reid	2022
Benny Rupprecht	2021
Phil Stickney	2020
Gabe Thornhill	2021
Donna Woolsey	2021

Committee Chairs

Archive	Maxi Millican
Chapel & Community Ctr.	Sue Dorr
Choir Director	Ron Wells
Data Management	Frank Ray
Directory	Frank Ray
Facilities	Jerry Thomason
	Don Woolsey
	Donna Porter
Firewise Representative	Frank Ray
Game Night	Goose Jarigese
Historian	Julia Putnam
	Virginia Dorman
Maps	Frank Ray
Newsletter	Helen Hyams
	Kim Jarigese
Nominations	Sue Dorr
Potluck	Maxi Millican
Preacher Cabin	Laura Oheim
Property	Bill Colson
Roads	Skip Johnson
Webmaster	Craig Sutton
Worship Center	Laura Oheim

The Goose Report

If you access your cabin during the winter months, please give me a call for updated weather and road conditions and make sure you come prepared. Try to arrive early in the day so you don't have issues getting into your cabin. Also keep in mind that there may be fair conditions in Eagle Nest, but when you travel up Highway 127 the conditions may be different.

The contractors' list has been updated on the Idlewild website, so if you need work performed on your cabin, feel free to access this list. I am happy to make recommendations if needed.

Kim and I try to put fun posts on the Idlewild Facebook page to keep you connected. Please make sure that you are a member so you can see what's happening during your absence.

Have a wonderful and safe winter. Maybe I'll see you on the ski slopes!!

—Kevin (Goose) Jarigese, Idlewild Caretaker

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In Memoriam

Neva Pinkston & Reverend Jerry Porter

Bernie Matta & Steve Watson

& Bill Paetzold

We remember those who have left us.
If you know of others who are not included here,
please email frankray@swbell.net
so they can be included in the
next bell ringing in July 2020.



Road Report

Overall our roads are in pretty good shape. Having said that, there are some areas that are not in such good shape, but we are hoping to work on these areas in the coming years as finances allow. In some instances we may be asking the adjacent property owners to buy into a proposed program. Over the last few years, individual property owners have helped by funding roadwork and improving drainage on Roads 14 and 15, for which the community is very grateful.

As mentioned in earlier reports, it is our goal to complete one major road remediation each year. We define a major remediation project as one where it's necessary to hire a contractor with heavy earth-moving equipment. This year's major project was on Road 9 at the low point near the "community swimming pool." Water ran down the road toward the low point in both directions, and a drainage swale and pipe crossed the road to the ditch on the other side at the low point. At times there was water on the road and the roadbed was often muddy during snow melt and during significant rainfall events. The roadway was raised and some grading done to improve water flow in the pipe under Road 9 at this low point.

Some folks have asked about the bumps in the road at this location. The material placed at the

low point to raise the road made that section of road slightly higher than the road on either side of the new material. This was done to prevent water running down the road on either side from washing out the newly placed road material. It does cause a "bump," but the bump is small enough to not cause any problems when traversed at a reasonable mountain speed. It is certainly smaller than parking lot speed bumps in many cities.

Significant roadway remediation is also required in other areas. The southwestern portion of Idlewild is one such area. We are in the process of defining what can be done and what the associated costs are expected to be. The topography in this area is significantly hilly and quite challenging. Remediation in this section may well be a multi-year effort and will undoubtedly be financially challenging. As mentioned at the Annual Meeting this past July, property owner buy-in and financial participation may be required in areas like this.

Every newsletter deserves a "safety moment," so here is one for Fall 2019. We are all in such a hurry these days and we bring that mindset to Idlewild with us. We all drive too fast from time to time, especially if we are distracted. Such behavior can be devastating anywhere, but especially so on a mountain road where hills or bends limit visibility or

bright morning or evening sun is blinding. Slow down in these instances so that you aren't surprised when another car or deer or dog or person suddenly becomes visible with insufficient time to react.

— Skip Johnson, Road
Committee Chair

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daylight, in case you need assistance. The contractors' list has the names of people who can clear and maintain the community road to your residence. Idlewild sincerely requests that residents try to avoid use of Road 3 near the steep incline during snow accumulation. In years past, this has been the site of several incidents, some of which required emergency attention from a wrecker service and EMS.

An assessment letter will be sent to property owners within a few weeks. Please review the information and participate as best you can to maintain and improve Idlewild. Idlewild is a remarkable place, and family generations continue to make our community into a unique place of enjoyment. I hope all your succeeding visits will be even more memorable than those in the past.

Best regards and continued enjoyment to everyone.

—Walt Davis, IWCC President

Worship Center News

Hello fellow Idlewild neighbors!

It is a great honor to have been asked to become the newest Worship Coordinator for our lovely Summer Chapel Under the Pines. First I must thank Donna Porter for her 20-plus years of serving as Worship Coordinator. She has done an amazing job of making certain that all aspects of our services have been taken care of so we can enjoy praising and worshiping God in our summer retreat! I have very big shoes to fill and will do my very best to serve the community.

I feel a deep connection to this responsibility, since my husband and I were first introduced to Idlewild as a pastor and family of six back in the summer of 1995, as guests of Fred and Carolyn McMahan. We fell in love with the people, the mountain, and the peacefulness of the whole area. Then, seventeen years later, we were honored to be Randy and Ann Palmer's guests, again as a visiting pastor. At that time we knew we had to find a place on the mountain we could come home to whenever we wanted and time allowed, leading to our purchasing Barbara Cullender's cabin at 33 Road 9 in January of 2018. I actually found Mrs. Cullender's notebook filled with pastors' names and churches in her/our cabin, and realized that she had the honor of doing this job previous to Donna Porter. It goes to show that as much as things change, some things remain the same, and that goes for making certain that the love, mercy, truth, and grace of Jesus are proclaimed each Sunday in Idlewild from Father's Day to Labor Day.

The summer of 2019 has come and gone with many memories made, of old and new pastors, sermons, special music, many new worship leaders, potlucks, and setups and tear-downs each Sunday. I am so very grateful to everyone who had anything to do with making sure that Sunday services were a success and our pastors' families were made to feel at home. I'm sorry that I don't know all your names to thank you personally. I look forward to meeting many more of our Idlewild community as the years go by; however, for the foreseeable future, with my husband still a full-

time pastor and me on staff at our church, Sundays are a challenge to attend in Idlewild. We do try our best to "sneak up" to the cabin every month or so during the week.

But this doesn't mean that I won't be actively searching for, calling, and scheduling the ministers. AND THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN! I need your help with suggestions of pastors for 2020 and beyond! Please send me your name and contact information, along with the pastor's name and phone number you would like to recommend. (If you also have the pastor's email address, church affiliation, and where he or she lives, that would also be helpful) You may either call me, text me, or email me with this information. I have already gotten some suggestions for 2020, so if you have someone you'd like to recommend, don't wait, do it TODAY.

God bless and have a warm and wonderful winter.

—Laura Oheim, Worship Center Coordinator

Contact info: 806-654-0585 • lauraoheim@me.com



Final Worship Service for this year followed by a delicious potluck. Fun was had by all!

Firewise Activity

Very few Firewise activity reports have been sent directly to me by email so far, but a lot of work has been done, managed by Caretaker Goose Jarigese, to pile up and remove ignitable vegetation.

Last year, Goose and Kim devised a spreadsheet of individual reports from a large number of Firewise volunteers. Later in the fall, that information will be passed on to me and to our new Firewise assistant, Sara Nerbetski, who together will manage the transmission of our collective Firewise activity data to the New

Mexico Firewise Community liaison in Santa Fe.

Please remember to report volunteer-hours, distance from the house where you cleaned up ignitable material, money spent for Firewise-hired contractors and other workers, fuel, and materials involved. Articles are included in the “Files” section of the Facebook Group “Idlewild, NM” that describe the form for reporting to our local managers and the Firewise Community Representative.

All Firewise activity in the Idlewild Community needs to be

in Kim and Goose’s possession by the end of October; they will add the hours worked, the ignition zone around your building, and money spent on Firewise tasks, fuel, tools, hired labor, etc., to their report.

This information must be entered by me into the Internet Firewise portal in early November. You can also send a description of your Firewise tasks and expenses to me by email if delivery to Kim and Goose is not convenient.

—Frank Ray, IWCC Firewise Community Representative

Email: frankray@swbell.net



Labor Day weekend is always a festive time in Idlewild. It’s the last hurrah and brings the summer season to a close. Everyone knows that Idlewild Community members love to eat. The final potluck features delicious dishes that are made with love and shared by all.

Data Management, Directory, and Maps

The database of our community continues to be managed using “FileMaker” software and “Dropbox,” the privately shared cloud-based storage service. We are looking for experienced assistants who can use input from various sources to make periodic updates and who will eventually take over the lead position.

The annual Idlewild Community Directory continues to be funded by the IWCC.

Map production has become an ad hoc effort, used primarily for special purposes, such as supporting local volunteer firefighters, officials, and local contractors. PDFs of the maps are included on the Idlewild website (idlewildcommunity.org), and large maps can be obtained for a fee.

—Frank Ray, IWCC Firewise Community Representative

Idlewild Community Annual Meeting | July 28, 2019

Call to order and Invocation:

Board president Walter Davis called the meeting to order at 12:50; the invocation was given by Theo Houser.

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes by was made by F. A. Waters and seconded by Chris Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Members with Terms Ending in 2022:

The nominees were Walter Davis, Rick Hullum, Louise Montague, and Percy Reid. A motion to approve the slate by acclamation was made by Ron Wells and seconded by Theo Houser. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

At the board meeting on July 27, 2019, the board approved the purchase by the treasurer of the Quick Books application to maintain the IWCC books in order to provide more detailed reports and balance sheets. A financial summary is shown on the next page.

A motion to accept the report was made by Phil Stickney and seconded by F. A. Waters. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Forest Health and Safety (Frank Ray): The Forest Health and Safety Committee has been replaced by the Firewise Committee. A written report has been submitted.

Directory and Data Management Committees (Frank Ray): The Data Management system is based on the FileMaker program.

Maps (Frank Ray): Updated maps are available on the Idlewild website in a downloadable PDF.

Facilities (Don Woolsey): A capital campaign to re-side the Preacher's Cabin raised \$30,000. We spent \$19,000. An assessment of the IWCC Community Center is still to be done, and a new garage door is to be installed at the Caretaker's Cabin.

Roads (Skip Johnson): Improvements to Roads 15 and 9 have been completed. The chip and seal on Highway 127 has been postponed for another year.

Idle Times: Helen Hyams will edit the Fall newsletter. Kim Jarigese will take over as Newsletter Editor as of the Spring Newsletter. Helen will continue to proofread articles.

Caretaker's Report (Kevin Jarigese): Goose reported that he is now a first responder, so we have access to full-time radio connections to emergency services. ATV damage has been minimal this year, and visitors to Idlewild in the winter are reminded to come in vehicles that can handle snow and ice conditions.

Old Business:

Property Sales: Lots 14 and 16 of Block 19 were sold.

New Business:

Ravine remediation/environment project: See the Road Update Report in this issue for information on this project.

There being no additional business, Phil Stickney made a motion to adjourn; Donna Woolsey seconded the motion. The motion was passed at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxi Millican, IWCC Vice President

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
Burluson, TX 76028

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



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

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

Special Thanks!

I would like to thank the following Idlewilders for all of their help as volunteers for the 2019 High Country Arts and Crafts Festival:

Sandy Chavez
Lynn Hatfield
Helen Hyams
Kim Jarigese
Fred Montague
Donna Porter
Frank Ray
Connie Rupprecht
Phil Stickney
Donna Woolsey

Without all of these wonderful volunteers, the event would not have been the great success it was for our vendors and patrons.

Thank you to all.

—Glenda Stickney, Festival Coordinator

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

Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary

2018-2019 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
7/1/2018	\$ 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

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