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# IDLE TIMES

Official Newsletter of the Idlewild Community



## Letter from the President

DONNA WOOLSEY

After a dry Spring 2022 and extreme fire danger, we ended the summer with rain just about every day. Everything was beautiful and green. We also received a reasonable amount of moisture this past winter and spring of 2023.

Your board has had lots of projects so far this past year:

### Caretaker Cabin

Our Caretaker cabin was painted inside and out. New floors were installed in Bedrooms as well as new blinds and fans. Also a tile backsplash was added. This project was funded by the income we saved from not having a caretaker June - October of 2022.

We leveled the area at Caretaker Cabin for Trash Dumpsters. This was funded by Trash Dues. Dumpsters are now available for use!

### Chapel

In the Fall of 2023 we leveled the Chapel grounds, and created a step down area which will make it much safer to sit and move around on Sunday mornings during our Chapel Services. This was funded by a capital Campaign and cost approximately \$4000. Any excess funds will be used to update linens in the Preacher's Cabin.

We also installed internet in the Preacher Cabin.

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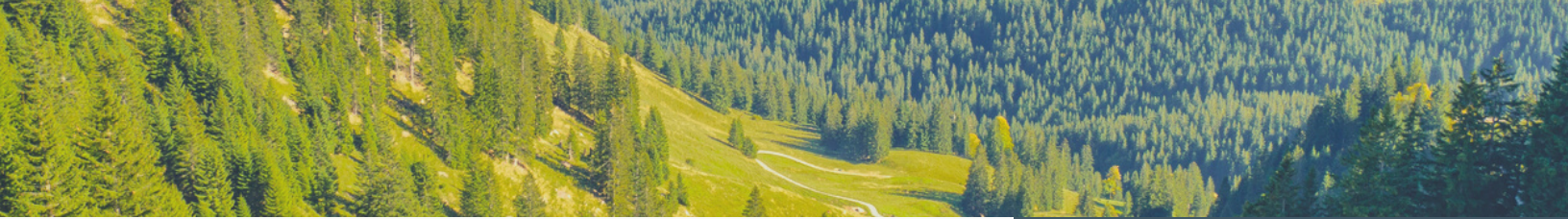
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## Other Projects

Roll-Off - 2 roll offs were put at the Community Building for Resident Slash. The funding of the roll off dumpsters was shared by the County \$1000, and by Idlewild Dues \$1000.

Electric lines were checked to ensure they are raised to required levels.

\$4375 was given to the Eagle Nest EMS- funded by EMS line Item on our community dues.

The Idlewild Board also hired a new Caretaker!

We have finally located someone to update our maps. The maps will be printed next year and will be up-to-date. Kathy Alexander , on Road 10, is updating the maps, at no cost to Idlewild.

In addition, the Idlewild Guides have been reprinted with a copy of the Idlewild Zones on back.

***The Emergency services have asked our residents to identify Zone, Road and Cabin when calling 911 for their services.***

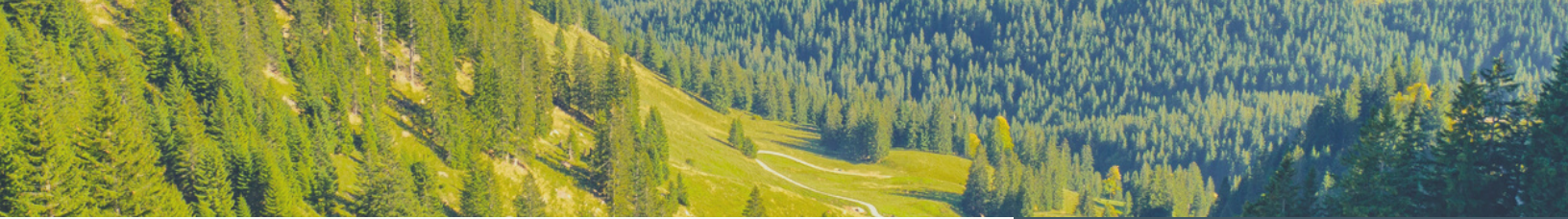
We are fortunate to have 3 residents of Idlewild working very close with the Eagle Nest EMS. We are working closely with the EMS Directory to identify opportunities for service improvement. Stay tune for some exciting updates.

## Our Beloved Dogs

Dogs running loose have been by far, the number one complaint in Idlewild. Per our County Commissioner, Bret Weir, \$1m has been set aside to obtaining a facility, vehicle, and staff to help control dogs. Until this is complete, if you feel threatened, call the sheriff.







Your Assessment letter was sent to property owners in December. There were a couple of changes. At the Annual Meeting, the Idlewild Community approved a increase in the road fee to \$100. This is the first increase in the Road assessment in over 20 years.

In addition, you will pay your trash fee with your dues. The Trash fee will be reduced from \$217, to \$150 a year. Idlewild Treasurer will pay the trash fees for the Idlewild Community. We have notified the Village of Eagle Nest that Idlewild will no longer participate in the Solid Waste Pilot Program, and are moving the trash back to the County, where it belongs. ***You will not pay any trash fee to the Village of Eagle Nest.***

### **Duties of our Caretaker**

Our Caretaker is an independent contractor. The duties of the Idlewild Independent Contractor are attached. Anything you ask the contractor to do, that is not included in the attached duties, is outside of the scope of what the caretaker was hired to do. It will be solely the caretaker's decision to accept any jobs outside of these duties. It will also be your responsibility to not only compensate the caretaker, but be responsible for any liability on your property. This is nothing new, but wanted to make sure all our residents understand.

In addition, we have added another layer of protection for Idlewild. Attached to this newsletter, is a waiver, that the caretaker will require the Idlewild resident to sign prior to working for that resident. The waiver basically states,

'Owner understands that Contractor is not performing this work on behalf of Idlewild Community ("IWCC") but simply as an independent contractor that has been employed for this purpose.'

I look forward to seeing you all this Summer!  
Donna Woolsey





## Caretaker's Corner

I was born in Tucumcari New Mexico. My family moved to Texas when I was 6 months old. At age 5 we moved to Perryton Texas. I attended College at Oklahoma State University. Graduating with a BS degree in Engineering (Electronics Technologies). I also received a Commission into the United States Airforce through ROTC. That was May 1974, the Vietnam war had just ended and the Airforce had too many Officers so I elected to start my career outside of the military.

I went to work for Mobil Oil Company as a Field Engineer repairing instruments used to do Seismic exploration work. I was still in the reserves for 6 years. I worked in that industry until 1992 when I started work at Dallas Semiconductor as a Senior Manufacturing Supervisor. I meet my wonderful wife and soul mate (Bea) in 1987, we married in 1988. I have a son and 2 grandsons.

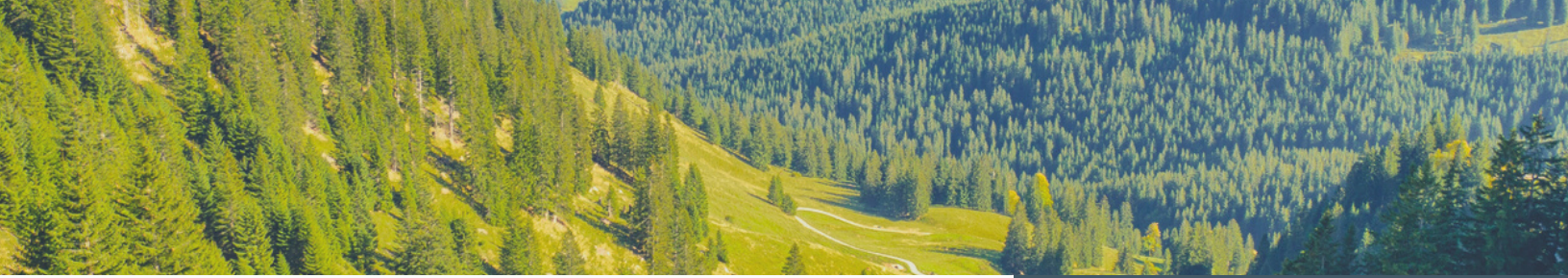
In 2012 I went to work for Encana Oil and gas company as a high-pressure gas well completions consultant. Retired in 2016 and have worked part time for various companies since then. I moved to Mexico Last October and starting in November 2022, I hope to start meeting all the residents of this community.

THANK YOU to everyone!  
Daniel Helker

"I have met  
some  
wonderful  
people and  
made friends I  
will cherish  
forever."







## Board Member Election Information

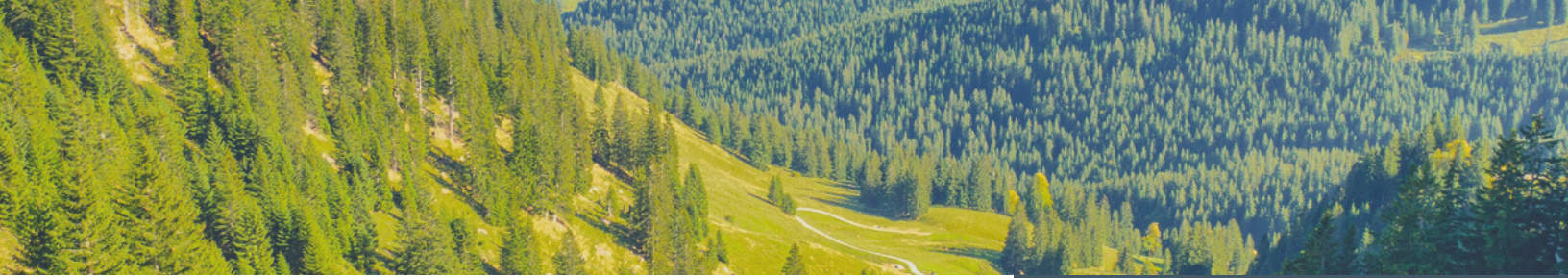
### Randy Michael

I first started to come to Idlewild regularly in the late 70's early 80's to help construct a cabin for my aunt and uncle, Barbara and Joe Cullender. My wife Kathy had her dream come true when we got our own place on road 1 twenty years ago.

Our winter home is Amarillo where I am retired from the Building/ Remodeling industry.

Idlewild is my favorite place followed by Eagle Nest Lake.





## Board Member Election Information

### Bev Hart-Inkster

I'm honored to be a part of the Idlewild community. I've been coming to our family cabins for 54 years and find it to be my 'happy place', more than anywhere else. I've been married to my husband Rod for 40 years and am the mother of two adult children and have one grandson. My career passion of 42 years was serving as an oncology nurse, both in patient care, nursing education and administration. I'm now retired and am able to spend more time at our cabins. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board.







## Board Member Election Information

### Kala Crawford

I have been blessed to be a “resident” of Idlewild since 1964; when I was 3. My parent’s spent 35 plus years of hard work turning our cabin from a 1 room miner’s “shack” into what it is today, which they enjoyed immensely. My job was to make iced tea and clean the chamber pots, not at the same time of course. I have been further blessed to watch my 3 sons grow up in Idlewild and witness their joy of the mountains and love of nature. This is the place we love best.

My “second” home is in Denton, Texas, where I was born; however, I have also lived in Dallas and Santa Fe. Professionally, I have an MBA and was employed as an Assistant Vice President for the National Bank of Canada in commercial real estate. I am retired and have spent the last 2-3 years renovating our cabin. I now have a true understanding of mountain time and contractors. For enjoyment, I like to travel, hike, exercise (it’s Pilates, yoga, and walking in Texas), read, learn new things, especially about the Bible and history, and laugh. I also serve on my HOA’s Board of Directors, attend First United Methodist Church – Denton, and volunteer for Cumberland’s Presbyterian Children’s Home.

Over the years, I have witnessed many changes in Idlewild. My goal as a Board member would be to continue to make Idlewild the best possible place it can be for all and maintain our slice of heaven.





## Board Member Election Information

### Chris Herring

I first came to Idlewild in 1994 with my sister Brenda. After visiting with long time friends Ron and Dot Wells, she and I decided to purchase the Dickerson/Dane cabin. She later sold her interest in the cabin to me.

I graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelors degree in music education and taught in Carrizo Springs, Wharton, and San Antonio, Tx. retiring in 2007 after 30 years of teaching. I have served on the Idlewild Board of Directors off and on for several years where I assisted in the purchase of the Caretaker's cabin and the additions made.

I'm an avid fly fisherman, enjoy tying flies, and a member of Trout Unlimited Enchanted Circle, NM. I like hanging out at fly shops and our area trout streams and lakes.

You might also see me walking the trails with Lucy and our dog Dottie (yes, she's named after our beloved Dot Wells).

This will be Lucy's 8th and Dottie's 2nd summer to call Idlewild home.





# Board Member Election Information

The Nominating Committee for the 2023 elections has nominated the following individuals for a three-year term ending in 2026 on the Board of Directors. See information about each individual in this newsletter.

Randy Michael	For [ ]	Against [ ]
Bev Hart-Inkster	For [ ]	Against [ ]
Kala Crawford	For [ ]	Against [ ]
Chris Herring	For [ ]	Against [ ]

After making your selections, this proxy letter should be sent to:

The Idlewild Community PO Box 225 Eagle Nest, NM 87718

Use this document to mail. You may cut out this page and fold it in thirds so that the address on the back is in the proper place. Tape the page shut and adhere postage. Submissions must be received by Friday, July 21, 2023, in order to be counted. Proxy: For the member of Idlewild Community Center, a New Mexico Corporation, this proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors. The undersigned appoints the Board of Directors, as the proxy of the undersigned, with power of substitution, to vote and otherwise represent the undersigned at the annual meeting of members of the Corporation at 12:30 p.m. on July 31, 2022, at the Community Center, Idlewild, Colfax County, New Mexico, and any adjournments thereof, with the same effect as if the undersigned were present and voting on the following matters and in the following manner. (1) The election of the above persons as directors of the Corporaton to serve until the next annual meeting of members and until their successors are elected and qualified. (2) To vote or otherwise represent my membership on any other business or on other matters which should properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof according to its decision. In the event this proxy is not returned to the Chairman, the membership represented by this proxy will be voted FOR each of the above persons and/or proposals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

# Summer 2023 Preaching Schedule

It's been completed! I'm so very excited to announce our lineup of wonderful ministers! Thank you all for your suggestions. I make certain to call them all. It's always such a blessing to offer them a week in our little piece of Heaven, and giving back by blessing us with their gift of proclaiming Jesus! It's a win-win for our community!

Father's Day

June 18: Dr. Troy Messenger (Seminary Prof)

June 25: Pastor Orlando Lopez (Young Life)

July 2: Pastor Brady Clark (Presbyterian)

July 9: Pastor Brandon Smith (Independent)

July 16: Pastor Tom Long (Methodist)

July 23: Pastor Anthony Inman (Methodist)

July 30: Pastor Russell Duck (Baptist)

August: 6: Reverend Canon Holly Herring (Episcopal)

August 13: Pastor Wendell Abbott (Methodist)

August 20: Rev. Dr. Tyler Taber (Presbyterian)

August 27: Reverend Kim Talley (Presbyterian)

Labor Day

September 3: Pastor Lucas Shipman (Independent)



# Summer 2023 Preaching Schedule Cont.

Let's all support our ministers and their families by coming to worship when you are up in Idlewild, 10:30 am from Father's Day to Labor Day! I'm still looking for interested Worship Leaders (we will walk you through the entire process!). It's not too early to recommend other ministers for 2024! Even if they have visited in the past, don't hesitate to re-recommend them, so I know they might still be interested. Several I called for this year requested an invitation for 2024, so I have a good list started already!

Laura Oheim 806-654-0585 (text or call me!)  
lauraheim@me.com







## CCWUI Project

Hello Idlewild Residents,

Idlewild has been included in the \$8 million Colfax Collaborative Woodland Urban Interface Project. We are in the planning phase, but are looking for potential residents that would like to be included in this project.

The Cimarron Watershed Alliance is working on a master list of community members who are interested in participating in the Colfax Collaborative Wildland Urban Interface (CCWUI) Project.

The information handout is available at this LINK and I invite to our next community meeting, Friday, June 16, 2023, from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the NM Bank& Trust, 1 First National Place, Angel Fire NM 87710.

The Alliance is beginning to gather residents that choose to be apart of this project. If you choose to participate, I need you to email me the following information to dwoolsey2222@gmail.com

Names  
email  
phone  
mailing address  
physical address  
# of acres  
notes if needed

Most of your questions will be answered at the next meeting June 16. If you are unable to attend, please forward any questions to me and I will get you answers. I have also asked the Coordinator to be at our Annual Meeting to answer question.

Donna Woolsey





# Early Assessment Payers 2023

Anthony	Hart	Petrucione
Anthony, O.	Haydon	Pomeroy
Bailey	Henthorn	Pons/Miesse
Bateman	Herman	Porter
Belichick	Herring	Raef, J.
Biffle	Hornsby	Ray
Blanton	Houser	Reedy, J.
Bonner	Howard	Reid
Bowen	Hukill	Reynolds
Bratton	Hull, C.	Runner
Brisbin	Hull, J.	Rupprecht
Brooks	Hull, W.	Russell
Brown,	Hullum	Scarber
R. Brucker	Hutchison	Schudy
Bruckner	Irby	Shaller
Bussey	Jefferson	Shelton
Camp	Johansen	Sluder
Caretaker	Johnson Compound	Speed
Casa Regalo	Johnson, L.	Stahl
Castleberry	Johnson, R.	Stevens
Catlin	Judkins	Stickney
Cernosek	Kaye Kirk/Brashear	Stone, D.
Clay	Kopenits	Stone, Jr., D.
Coleman	Lewis, M.	Sutton
Colson	Macina	Taylor
Couch	Marsh	Thomas
Covington	Martin	Thomason
Coyle	Massingill	Tobey
Craig	McClure	V. Smith
D. Thomas	McClure	Vasilion
DeMeritt	McKinney	Vecchio
Doolin	McMahan	Vucich
Dorr	McNair	Vucich
Duncan,	Medford	W. Davis
J. Duncan,	Michael	Waddell
R. Dunlap	Miller/Via	Waneen Co.
Fahrenthold	Millican	Warner
Forbis/Prather Fore	Millican	Waters
Garnett	Milsow/Dunlap	Watson
Garvey	Mixon	Weidenmaier
Gaston	Montague, F.	Wells/Sudduth
Gee	Morgan/Delozier	Wheeler
Gibbs, B.	Naylor	Willburn R
Gilcrease	Naylor	Willburn R
Goodwin, C	O'Brien	Willburn, E.
Goodwin, R&S	O'Quin	Willburn, F.
Goodwin/Herrera	O'Steen/Mizar	Willburn, J.
Graham	Oheim	Williams, L.
Griffith/Wilkinson	Oliverio	Williams, S
Hare	Orr	Wolverton
Hargrave	Paden	Woodburn
Hargrave, C&T	Palmer	Woolsey
Harrison	Paulsell	York





# Idlewild Board of Directors

## Board Members as of 2022-2023

### Officers

Donna Woolsey, President (2024)

Earl O'Steen, Vice President (2025)

Casey Krebs Bratton, Secretary (2023)

David Chapman, Treasurer (2025)

Email to all officers: [officers@idlewildcommunity.org](mailto:officers@idlewildcommunity.org)

### Board

AJ Barretta (2024)

Kyle Boston (2023)

Jay Kirby (2024)

Maxie Millican (2023)

Louise Montague (2024)

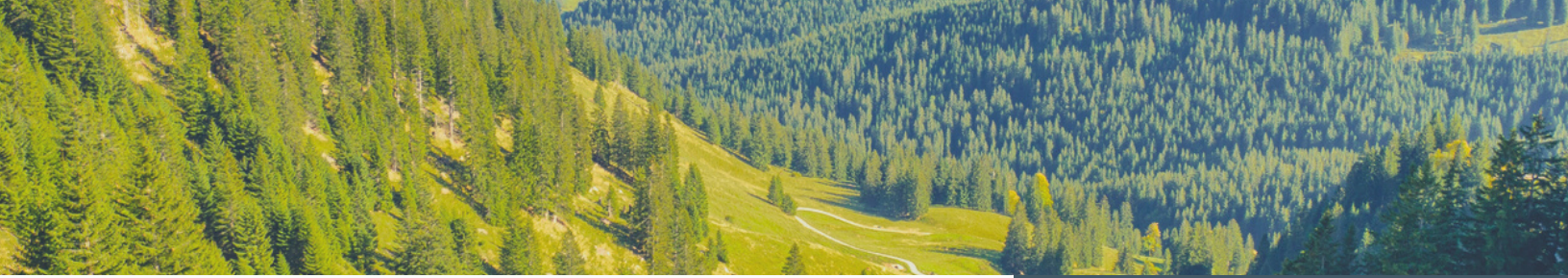
Kurt Oheim (2025)

Benny Rupprecht (2024)

Phil Stickney (2023)

Email to all Board Members [board@idlewildcommunity .org](mailto:board@idlewildcommunity.org)





# Announcements

## **CENTURY LINK FIBER OPTICS**

Century Link has installed Fiber Optics to the Junction Box behind the Caretaker's Garage. This will provide an additional internet provider option. If you have a phone line into your cabin, it will be used for your router connection to Fiber Optics. (even if its not connected). The contact information, if you have a land line. Sherman, Network Technician 575-779-7597.

If you do not have a land line, you will need to fill out a application that you can locate at Century Link Tele-com website.

## **Memorial Plaques at the Idlewild Worship Center**

If you are interested in obtaining a memorial plaque for a loved one, please contact Louise Montague at (602) 326-8102. She will be able to get the placement of the plaque accomplished for you. Additionally, you can start the process by going to our website [idlewildcommunity.org](http://idlewildcommunity.org) and selecting the Donation-Memorial Plaque Form. The cost of each plaque is \$95.00.



## Upcoming Events in the Area.

Golden Eagle RV Farmer's Markets	Fridays, June 23, - September 8, 2023 10:00am-1:00pm
Golden Eagle RV Entertainment Nights	Fridays & Saturdays June- September 2023 7:00pm
Firemen's BBQ & Fireworks	July 4, 2023 Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Benefits
Idlewild Potluck Meals	July 29, 2023 & September 3, 2023 Idlewild Community Center Please bring a large dish
Annual Idlewild Community Meeting	July 30 2023 12:30pm Idlewild Community Center
EagleFest Music Festival, Hot Air Balloons	August 19-20, 2023
31th Annual Fish Fest	September 2023 Eagle Nest Cabins & Marina



## **I. Caretaker Duties**

1. Caretaker will perform and oversee maintenance , up keep, and cleaning of all the physical structures and property including: Mayme Marrs Memorial Worship Center, Idlewild Community Center, Preacher's Cabin, and Caretaker's Cabin (hereinafter referred to as "Properties.") When necessary, Caretaker will coordinate, assist, and cooperate with outside agencies of the Community's choice to facilitate maintenance and repairs.
  2. Caretaker will keep records of all approved expenses incurred on behalf of the Community and will promptly submit receipts to the Community's Treasurer for immediate payment.
  3. Caretaker will supply a vehicle adaptable to all seasons and terrain at Caretaker's expense and will carry all insurance as required by law. Caretaker will provide proof of said liability insurance before moving into the Caretaker's Cabin.
  4. Caretaker will be responsible for security and maintaining a general awareness of the status and condition of Community.
  5. Caretaker will travel all numbered roads a minimum of once every 72 hours, at non-regular times, for the purpose of performing a visual check of all individual properties.
  6. Caretaker is required to walk around each individual property to identify any structural damage, trees down, or electrical issues every 30 days or immediately after any major storm. Caretaker will keep detailed records of each inspection, including date, time of inspection, and any irregularities found. Records will be reviewed by the Community Executive Board on an as needed basis.
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1. Caretaker will work in cooperation with all Committee Chairs established by the Community Board of Directors.
  2. Caretaker will be responsible for setting up and taking down all chairs required for Sunday Services at the Mayme Marrs Memorial Worship Center beginning Father's Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.
  3. Caretaker will consider all specified services to Community as his primary duties. All responsibilities to Community will be fully completed prior to undertaking any work (including, but not limited to opening/closing cabins, handyman-jobs, construction, etc.) for any individual Idlewild property owners.
  4. Caretaker must be bonded and carry Liability Insurance in the amount of \$250,000 property damage and \$1,000,000 personal injury for any work done by the caretaker for others (not work done for the Idlewild Community Center) naming the Idlewild Community Center as an additional named insured, and provide proof of said insurance upon request of the Idlewild Community Center Board.
  5. In the event of any emergency, if there is a evacuation of Idlewild, the Caretaker is responsibility of unlocking the Emergency Gate on Road 11.
  6. Caretaker will be responsible for any duties assigned by the Idlewild Board.
  7. The lockbox containing individual cabin owner's keys shall be kept locked, stored in a safe location within the residence, and inaccessible to anyone other than Caretaker, at all times.
  8. Caretaker is allowed to enter into a employment agreement with any resident of Idlewild. Caretaker shall indemnify and hold Idlewild Community harmless from all claims, demands, injury, damages and losses related to such agreement with residents or any other third party.
  9. Maintain the Tri State Dumpster, to ensure the area is kept clean.

## II. Compensation:

Idlewild Community agrees to pay Caretaker a monthly salary of \$ 1100.00 for services performed.

a. Idlewild Community will provide Caretaker with a smoke free residence during the employment agreement, at no expense to the Caretaker. Additionally, Community will pay the following expenses for the residence: electricity, propane, sewer and refuse, Wi-Fi, and a landline telephone.

The Caretaker's Cabin will be the Caretaker's primary residence. It is the Caretaker's responsibility to maintain the Caretaker's Cabin and grounds in a functional, accessible, clean, smoke free and attractive condition that enhances the entrance to, and general appearance of, the Community.

Caretaker is to protect and maintain the provided residence and Properties against possible damage and in good working condition. Upon termination of Agreement, Caretaker will be responsible for any damages incurred during occupancy. If damages are not repaired by Caretaker in advance of vacating the residence, the estimated repair fees will be deducted from Caretaker's last monthly paycheck. The Caretaker's Cabin is provided for the Contractor and immediate family spouse/partner and children). Any non-family guest(s) shall only be allowed to stay overnight if Caretaker is also in residence.

Idlewild Board will inspect the caretaker resident yearly, with a 48 hour notice to caretaker.

1. Community will pay Caretaker a supplemental usage fee of \$40 per month, for Community Business on Caretakers personal cell phone.
2. Caretaker will be paid for a total of 30 days off and 8 sick days during Community's annual year. (August 1-July 31) Any additional days off Community property exceeding the 30 Vacation days and 8 sick days, will result in a \$50.00 per day fee. The payment will be deducted from the next scheduled monthly payment.

## IV Termination

a. This agreement may be terminated by either party, at any time. Upon termination , any unpaid salary will be prorated and paid to the Caretaker on the basis of the days actually worked during the month of termination.



## GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY

This General Release of Liability ("Release") made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_ is by and between Daniel Helker, an independent contractor ("Contractor") and \_\_\_\_\_, property owner ("Owner").

Contractor has been engaged to perform work for Owner. Owner understands that Contractor is not performing this work on behalf of Idlewild Community ("IWCC") but simply as an independent contractor that has been employed for this purpose.

#1: Owner recognizes that they have no legal ability to seek damages from IWCC for any damages or disputes based upon the work being performed by Contractor.

#2: Owner agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and forever discharge IWCC from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and causes of action due to injury, loss, or damage.

This Release shall be binding upon the undersigned, and his/her respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and assigns.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Helker, Contractor Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Idlewild Property Owner Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name