

# FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FRA EVENTS CALENDAR

**Harvest Party / Chili Feed**

**Wednesday, October 31**

**5:30pm**

**Children's Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 7**

**6:30PM**

## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES FORKER ROAD AND BIGELOW GULCH UPDATES

Latest update from the Spokane County department of Public Works: The Forker Hill (between Pleasant Prairie and Progress) has reopened for traffic. At the bottom of the hill, motorists are traveling on a "temporary alignment" and the speed limit is 25 MPH. The actual realignment of Forker Road will not be completed until late October to early November, depending on weather conditions. PLEASE – slow down, put down your cell phone, and be alert for workers near the roadway.

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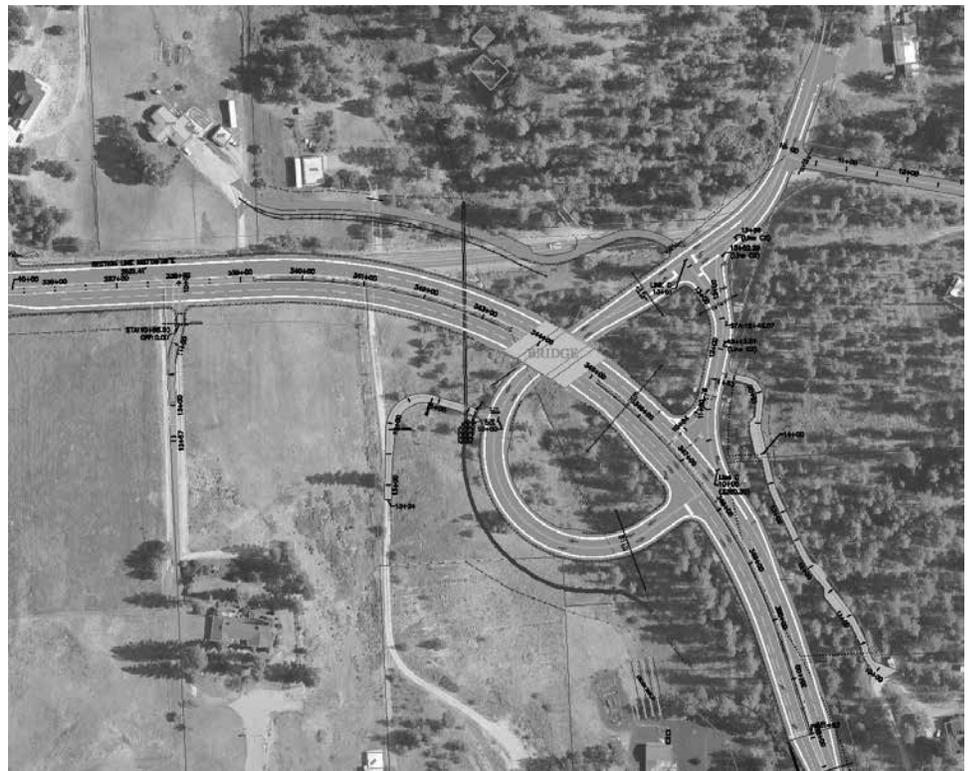
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## NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The FRA is seeking local businesses that would be willing to provide sponsorship of one or more newsletters on an annual basis. We are committed to ensuring that as much of the FRA operating budget as possible can go to local scholarship students, and having newsletter sponsors will help us achieve this goal by offsetting some of the layout and printing expenses. This can be a “win-win” for the foothills in that businesses can get a higher profile and exposure for a small cost and the FRA can better serve the community.

Sponsorship includes the following

- A tag underneath the front page newsletter banner recognizing the sponsoring organization
- A quarter page advertisement on the bottom of the second page of the sponsored newsletter
- Recognition in the business listings page as a sponsoring organization
- Recognition on the annual postcard as a sponsoring organization
- A newsletter article on the products or services provided by the sponsoring organization if desired
- A banner advertisement on the soon to be revamped FRA website [ruralspokane.com](http://ruralspokane.com)

Sponsorship of the newsletter costs \$200 per issue or \$600 on an annual basis for all 3 newsletters and the annual postcard. The FRA newsletter reaches almost 400 individual addresses in the foothills and beyond in both electronic and printed form.

Our sincere thank you to the folks at BCI Creative, a local graphic design/marketing firm, for generously sponsoring the past years of excellent foothills newsletters.

**Please contact Dawn Keig at 509-808-4076 or [dawn.keig@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.keig@gmail.com) if you or your organization are interested in this sponsorship opportunity**

## CALLING AREA YOUTH!

### *Seeking Young People for FRA Youth Committee*

The FRA Youth Committee is a chance for high school and middle school students to get involved in a fantastic community organization dedicated to serving the children here in the foothills. The Committee plans several fun youth events every year, including the annual Christmas party and visit from Santa in December and the Easter Egg hunt held each spring. Youth Committee members typically meet one evening a month (except in July & August) as part of the normal FRA board meetings.

College applications and essays are strengthened for students who have taken the personal initiative to serve their communities, especially when such service is not “required” or mandated by their schools. Plus word on the street is that involvement in the committee is heavily considered when FRA/Blue Ribbon scholarships are awarded each spring! Please contact any of the FRA Board members listed on the second to the last page of the newsletter if you are interested in participating. Planning these events is fun and rewarding when you see how much fun the little kids have!

## FUN RUN SNAPSHOT



Local volunteers Sierra and Maria provide a much needed water break for the participants at this year’s Foothills Fun Run in July

Huckleberry pancakes are a welcome post-run reward for Fun Run participants, volunteers, and families.





## A GREAT LOCATION FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT... FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Many of the residents in the foothills may not realize it but rental of the FRA Community Center is available for things like graduation parties, receptions & weddings, holiday get-togethers, club meetings, etc. Chairs and tables as well as use of the kitchen facilities are included as part of the rental. Fees for the rental of the community center are \$50 for paid FRA members and \$150 for others including non-foothills residents. Considering what most hall rental fees are, this is a terrific value. Please contact Sherrie or Roger Potter at 509-994-8591 for further details or to book your next event.

### VAN JACOBSON UPDATE

Dear Foothills Friends,

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank each and every person who has been praying and/or financially helped us with the medical bills during Dad's recovery. He is doing very good considering this horrendous ordeal. You are priceless and we appreciate each and every soul contributing towards his healing!

Uff da (as my Norwegian grandfather would say)! There are still eight areas on his lower legs that need fixing. He will be heading over to Harborview for his sixth surgery, which is scheduled for September 21st. The Lord is continuing to keep infection at bay as we clean and cover these areas once a day. He is out walking to stretch and strengthen the muscles and skin. He was even seen taking a little ride around the wheat field with our wonderful local farmers Kevin and Cindy Kaelin. Bless their hearts! He made it up those combine stairs!! Once a farmer, always a farmer!

Please watch the gofundme site: [www.gofundme.com/van-bonjac-burn-survivor](http://www.gofundme.com/van-bonjac-burn-survivor) for news of our upcoming bbq. We are inviting those who have contributed in any way to his recovery (as a thank you) and for an opportunity to see him and encourage him in person as he continues to heal. Some time in October, pending his latest surgical recovery.

Thank you again from our family to yours and God bless you always  
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## FOUNDERS DAY FOLLOW-UP



Another year of delicious lip-smacking smoked ribs and pulled pork were served at the annual Founders Day Neighborhood BBQ in July while we shared stories of the past and watched

the historical slide show compiled by Holly Weiler, our resident historian. Ashley Humbird spent the morning and afternoon smoking the pork, ribs, and cowboy baked beans to tender perfection. Desserts and sides were provided potluck style with new flavors and trays of classic sides like thick slices of juicy watermelon and soft chewy chocolate chip cookies. We had a great turn out of about 40 people including many new neighbors in the area. We're always excited to meet new families that have moved into our small community and share the vast and interesting history of the area! We look forward to seeing you at next year's Founders Day BBQ Picnic.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HARVEST PARTY & CHILI FEED

On October 31st at 5:30 PM, the FRA will be hosting one of its most popular and anticipated events of the year... the annual Harvest Party and Chili Feed! A wide variety of mouth-watering chili recipes await attendees, along with hot apple cider, cookies, and other treats. This event is always well-attended and is FREE, so come and share in the fall festivities with your family, friends, and neighbors.

### FRA CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 7th at 6:30pm the FRA Community Center will once again be an early arrival destination for Santa and his elves at the annual FRA Christmas Party! Plenty of fun activities, tasty treats, and special presents await all kids in attendance. This is a wonderful tradition here in the foothills, and there are guaranteed smiles all around.

### FRA ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are being made for the upcoming FRA Annual Meeting on January 16, 2019 where officers will be elected, plans made for upcoming year events, as well as a special guest speaker and presenter to enlighten attendees. A postcard mailer will be sent in December announcing our planned special guest, as well as 2019 event dates so you can mark your calendars early.

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*Cindy and Charles Dreifus*

## FRA BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Community Center building on the second Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and usually end just after 8 p.m. All Foothills residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**2018 Board Meetings: November 12**  
**Annual Meeting: January 16, 2019**

**The Foothills Rural Association**, 11000 N. Forker Road, was established as a non-profit corporation under section 502(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code on December 12, 1983. The purposes of the corporation are to organize the property owners and/or current residents within the boundaries of Fire District 9 Station 6 to provide a forum by which the property owners and/or current residents can assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Foothills area; and to preserve and protect the rural agricultural environment.

Voting Membership in the Association is open to any property owner or current resident within the Foothills boundaries. Membership dues are \$20 per year. Non-voting Membership is available to others through payment of dues. The Association is governed by elected volunteer officers and a board of directors.

FRA Alerts system has been established in an effort to increase community awareness about crime occurring in our area. Residents are encouraged to report ALL crimes to Crime Check, 456-2233. After making a report, please email david@ruralspokane.com or rfkrenkel@ptera.net or call Faye Krenkel, 928-6610.

**The Foothills Community Center**, 11000 N. Forker Road, which is located adjacent to the Foothills Fire Station, exists as a result of community efforts to save and renovate the former Foothills School Building. The Center, used for many community activities, is maintained and supported by the Foothills Rural Association. It is available for use by members of the Foothills Rural Association for a nominal utilities charge and by non-members for a reasonable rental fee. The Community Center includes complete kitchen facilities.

For information or to reserve a date, call: **Sherrie Potter, 927-8532.**

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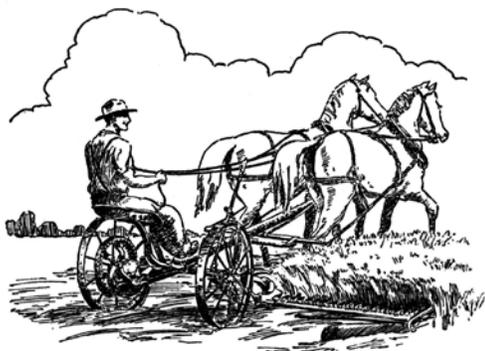


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We are now collecting 2018 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2018," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member 2018" - please join or renew your membership. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Tommye Schwerin, membership coordinator, at 924-0226 or [tommye35@hotmail.com](mailto:tommye35@hotmail.com). Your support is essential for this community non-profit organization. Thank you for your continued support.

Please complete the form and mail it with your annual membership dues of \$20 to:

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Interested in receiving the FRA newsletter by email?  YES  NO

I am/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year \_\_\_\_\_ YES

I/We would like to be included in the business listing as: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.***