

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FRA EVENTS CALENDAR

ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 14th 6:00 p.m.
FRA Community Center

FIRE STATION INCIDENT REPORT

Fire Station 96 had only 7 calls from 10/1/13 -12/15/13. One was a building fire and one was for arcing shorted electrical equipment. One was for a car accident without injuries, three were EMS or medical assist calls. One call was cancelled while en route.

Thank you to our local firefighters for always being there when needed!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

**Please join your friends and neighbors at the FRA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m.**

Longhorn Barbecue will be served, along with salads, desserts, and beverages. Board Member Mike Britton will be giving a presentation about the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Big Game Recovery Unit.

Elections will be held for all of the FRA Officer positions as well as two open Board Member seats. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know that would be interested in helping the FRA continue its good works. The commitment is not huge. Meetings are about one hour each month and board members are expected to volunteer for at least one of our fun community events. The FRA is one of the things that helps make our area a community, and it needs community participation to remain vital. Whether you are new to the area or one of the "old timers," the FRA needs you!

Come to enjoy the barbecue, hear the presentation, run for office, or just to socialize; we will see you there!

HARVEST PARTY BIG SUCCESS!

The FRA enjoyed a huge turnout for its Annual Chili Feed held in conjunction with the Foothills Church's Harvest Party. Nearly 300 people dug into the delicious homemade chili cooked and served by the FRA board members. The line extended out the door and wrapped past the Fire Station, but the guests seemed happy to enjoy one another's company and costumes as they waited for their turn. Thank you to the board and other volunteers who made the chili feed possible, and to the many guests who donated generously to the FRA scholarship fund.



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THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD

Each year the FRA Board Officers stand for election, as well as two of the at-large Board Members. Our heartfelt thanks to all of our hard-working board members, especially those whose terms are ending, including President Rich Krenkel, Vice President Ashley Humbird, Secretary Allison Knecht, Treasurer Don Tucker, and Board Members Marc McIntosh and Ashley Shaver. Although officers may run for additional terms - and we hope that they continue to serve - at least one officer, Rich Krenkel, has indicated he will not run again.

Rich Krenkel has served as President for five years, and the FRA has benefited in many ways from his leadership. Rich has helped bring a variety of new events and activities to the FRA. Under his presidency, the FRA has added the Annual FRA Easter Egg Hunt, begun participating in the Foothills Family Fun Fest by offering free rootbeer floats, and begun offering Zumba classes at the Community Center. Rich also oversaw physical improvements to the Community Center, including new tables, a new furnace, new toilets, and repainting of the building.

Rich's leadership was always participatory. He took the lead not only symbolically, but in a very hands-on fashion, whether scooping ice cream or wielding a paintbrush. The FRA and the community appreciate all of Rich's contributions, and we thank him for his service.

All of the officers and board members have contributed to the FRA being a well-run community organization, and we hope they will continue to contribute in the future.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

The Community Center was busy during 2013. In addition to regular recurring events such as the FRA Board Meetings and Zumba, the center was used on over 50 occasions for all kinds of events. The FRA used the center for its events, such as the Christmas Party, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Harvest Party Chili Feed. It was also used for a business retreat, non-profit group meetings, an anniversary party, birthday parties, baby showers, wedding receptions, and graduation parties. Vacation Bible School used the center for five days in the summer.

Keep the center in mind for your 2014 events, too. The center has a kitchen and a large open room. You can use it for meetings or gatherings of all sorts! Reserve early for popular times. Contact Sherrie Potter for more information at 927-8532



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FRA YOUTH COMMITTEE

Did you know the FRA is not just for your parents? The FRA also has an active Youth Committee. The Youth Committee is responsible for two of the FRA's popular events - the Christmas Party (see related article in this issue) and the Easter Egg Hunt. For the Christmas Party, the Youth Committee acts as Santa's helpers - decorating, buying toys, and arranging the gift exchange. For the Easter Egg Hunt the Youth Committee buys gifts and candy, stuffs and hides the eggs, and even helps some of the younger searchers find the eggs.

The events led by the Youth Committee are fun, and it is a great way to be active in your community, get to know other youth from the area, and perform public service. The FRA needs you, and the FRA can serve you, too. The FRA offers annual scholarships, and would also welcome your ideas for more youth events - perhaps an event not just put on by the youth, but for the youth. If you have ideas, or are interested in learning more contact a member of the FRA Board or come to the next FRA Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NEEDED

By Faye Krenkle, Membership Coordinator

Yearly the FRA sponsors free events: an Egg Hunt, a Fun Run, hands out free root beer floats in conjunction with Foothills Community Church BBQ, serves the yearly Chili Feed, hosts an annual family Christmas party and hands out yearly scholarships. These events, along with the publishing of this newsletter and maintenance of the community center and grounds rely on the finances provided by the yearly membership dues. Yearly dues do not cover all the expenses; thankfully the cottage rental and scholarship donations bridge the gap.

During 2013, the newsletter was mailed out to 376 Foothills addresses along with 60 electronically mailed copies, reaching 436 households! In 1997 the newsletter was mailed to over 360 households - 76 less than 2013! And still FRA dues have not increased since its incorporation in December 1983.

Now the \$20 question: have you paid your memberships dues for 2014? Quick way to find out: check next to your name on the mailing label located on the last page for the designation "Member 2014". If that word and year are missing, please take a moment to send your \$20 to the Membership Chair at the address located on the membership form or pay your dues at the Annual Meeting in January. Thank you not only for your financial support, but for your attendance at our functions!



HEGLAR KRONQUIST SITE

UPDATE 2013

The WA State Department of Ecology is working with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation (now DCO Management) to complete environmental cleanup work at the Heglar Kronquist site.

The Heglar Kronquist Site is a former gravel pit near the intersection of Heglar and Kronquist Roads that was filled during the 1970's with black dross, a by-product of aluminum processing at the Kaiser Aluminum plant.

Workers began site preparation in September, and the work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2014. The existing landfill cover or cap along with drainages will be improved and additional layers added to the cap. The vent system will be repaired if it can be done without damage to the existing cap. Stormwater and site drainage will be improved. The existing landfill cap will be filled with a) soil from the soil pile on the eastern end of the landfill; b) clean fill from offsite; and c) regraded. A geosynthetic liner will be placed over the landfill and then a drainage layer placed on top of the liner. The multi-layer liner will be covered with 18" of top soil and natural grasses planted on top. To further help prevent storm water infiltration, the geosynthetic liner will extend 5-10 feet beyond the current dross fill boundary on the north, east and south edges of the landfill. On the west edge the liner and drain system will extend 50-75 feet beyond the dross fill boundary. Additionally, ten pine trees will also be removed along the southern boundary of the landfill to prevent future root system damage to the landfill. For more information, contact William Fees, P.E. Site Manager: phone 509-329-3589 email wfees461@ecy.wa.gov.

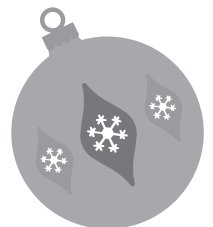
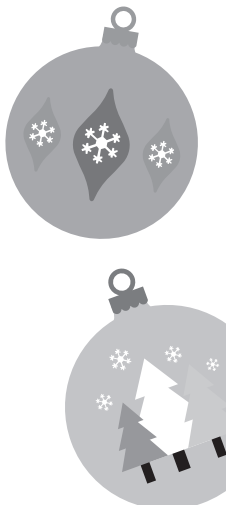
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa and his elves were a big hit with the wide eyed young children who gathered round at the FRA annual Christmas Party on December 6. Santa made a special appearance at the Community Center to hear the Christmas wishes of area children, sending each of them off with an early gift, a candy cane, and a wide grin.

Santa's backdrop was a beautiful tree and wreath donated by the Holly Lane Christmas Tree Farm. At the end of the night the tree and wreath were raffled off, with the proceeds going to the FRA scholarship fund. The happy winners of the raffle were Darrell and Beverly Bjerke, who took home the decorated tree, and Ashley Humbird, who won the wreath. A big thank you to Holly Lane for making this annual donation to support our scholarship fund!

Everyone who came enjoyed the community fellowship, the delicious desserts, and the fun of the gift exchange.

Thank you to the FRA Youth Committee, which organized this event. The Youth Committee set up and decorated the tree, assisted Santa in selecting and acquiring toys for the children, and organized the gift exchange. Thanks for helping make the Foothills Christmas merry!



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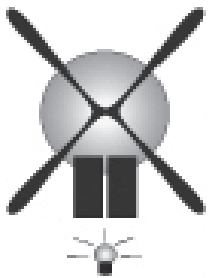
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FRA BOARD MEETINGS

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.

2014 Board Meetings: 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12

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 to assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Foothills area: 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.

Foothills Rural Association Website: www.ruralspokane.com

Contact: David Fisher, Webmaster: davidf@ruralspokane.com

2013 Board Officers

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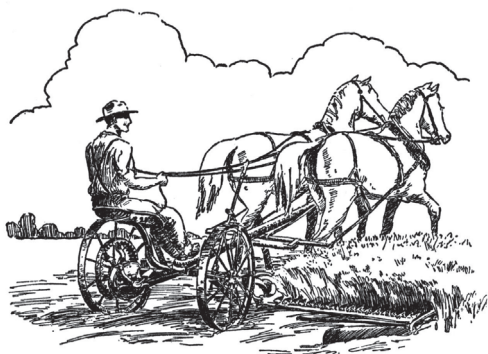
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We are now collecting 2014 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2014," you have already paid. If your label does not say "Member" - please join or renew your membership. Your support is essential for this community non-profit organization. Thank you for your continued support.

Please complete the form and mail it with your annual membership dues of \$20 to: Foothills Rural Association
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Interested in receiving notices of FRA events via email? YES NO

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I am/we are willing to volunteer for one event during the year _____ YES _____ NO

Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.