

FOOTHILLS RURAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FRA EVENTS CALENDAR

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM

SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, APRIL 18

8:30 AM

SCHOLARSHIP APP DEADLINE

May 15

Interviews May 22

FOOTHILLS FUN RUN

June 13



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EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your baskets and your babies for the FRA Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Hosted by the FRA Youth Committee, this egg hunt offers some easy finds but it will take a keen eye to spot the more challenging eggs stashed on the FRA grounds.

The staggered start begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday April 4 with the youngest hunters getting the first go. Older children will be allowed to start at short intervals later. A few lucky hunters will find golden eggs, redeemable for special prizes. Rain or shine, don't miss this fun spring event!



APRIL 18 ▲ 8:30AM ▲ COMMUNITY CTR

Another annual rite of spring is the **FRA Spring Clean-Up**. Lend a hand to your FRA board and help spruce up the Community Center and its grounds. Bring your gloves and yard tools and join us at 8:30 a.m. on April 18th.

If you aren't able to join us, please consider helping out by picking up the ditches and tidying up to make our community look as welcoming as it feels.



FIRE STATION REPORT

Station 96 had a pretty quiet winter, with 22 calls from October 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015. Half of the calls were EMS calls, and one was a medical assist. Five calls were either cancelled or no incident was found on arrival. Three fire calls included two burns that turned out to be authorized and controlled, and a third that was for a trash fire. There was also one call for a non-injury accident and one call for a power line down.

Thanks to our local fire and EMS crews for always being there, and let's hope it stays quiet at Station 96.

THE SPOKANE FOOTHILLS...A COMMUNITY TO TREASURE

by Mark Friendshuh

When my wife and I were first considering moving to the Foothills area, she was concerned about being too isolated. She had always lived in town, and she thought living in the country might be lonely. One afternoon as we walked along Temple Road, looking at the property we would eventually buy, we had no less than three different people stop to make sure we were ok. One, a long time resident of the area, chatted for quite some time, telling us about the area, and the history of the property we were looking at. After they drove off, my wife turned to me and said "I guess we don't have to be concerned about being isolated!"

We have now lived here for five years, and we know more of our neighbors than we ever knew when we lived in town. Neighbors have helped get us unstuck in the winter, watched our children, brought us fresh garden produce, and shared stories over glasses of wine. We have made sure everything was ok when our neighbor's burglar alarm went off, plowed a neighbor's garden, and lent helping hands on various projects. We look out for each other, we help each other, and we enjoy each others' company.

This neighborliness, this sense of community, is one of the things that makes the Foothills a great place to live. We love the quiet, the wildlife, the beautiful views, the farmland - brilliant green in the spring, bright yellow and dark green in the summer, fading to golden brown in the fall. But the community makes this place truly special.

Why does this place have such a strong sense of community? Part of it surely is simply a product of living in a rural area. Rural life offers challenges that are often best faced with help. We look after each other when it's needed, but we also respect each other's privacy and desire for peace and quiet. But it is more than just the rural spirit and the people who live here. It is also in the work and efforts of the Foothills Church and the Foothills Rural Association.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

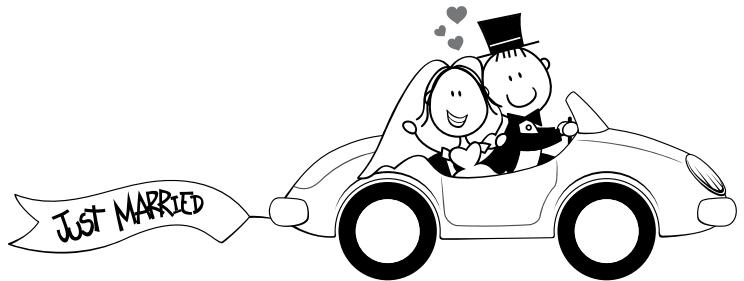
Summer time is a great time for hosting a get-together at the FRA Community Center. Whether you have a gathering for graduation, a wedding, a reunion, or just for fun, the Community Center is easy, centrally located, well equipped, and inexpensive. Prime days fill up fast, so make your reservation now with Sherrie Potter at 990-2818 or Itsherragain@gmail.com

While many areas have a church that is a central gathering place, literally and figuratively, for a community, the FRA is something special, and unique to our community. The FRA provides a venue for community gatherings - the FRA Community Center. The FRA offers events, from the Easter Egg hunt, to the Fun Run, to the Christmas Party, to the Annual Meeting, that give us a reason and chance to come together with our neighbors. It roots our neighborhood in the past by connecting old and new residents of the area, and by having a historian who preserves the stories and photos of the history of the area. The FRA nurtures future generations of Foothills Residents by offering scholarships to students in the area.

The FRA does much to keep this community a community. It does all of this with a modest, voluntary, \$20 membership fee and through the ongoing efforts of a core group of volunteers.

In order to keep the FRA vibrant and strong, however, the FRA needs your support. At the very least, please consider joining, or renewing your membership in the FRA for 2015.

More importantly, please consider participating. Make an effort to attend at least one FRA event this year. If you can't make an event, or if you want to learn more about how these events happen, and who makes them happen, come to a meeting - every month (except July and August) on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Please help this community stay strong. Support your FRA.



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SCHOLARSHIPS: The FRA, in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Circle, will again be offering the Jess Kronquist Memorial Scholarship to local students this spring. Whatever you may be studying, if you could use some help with tuition, submit an completed application to the FRA by May 15. Applications may be delivered to any board member, or submitted by mail to the address on the application. Interviews will be at the Community Center on May 22. See the application below, or online at ruralspokane.com

JESS KRONQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Foothills Rural Association • Blue Ribbon Circle

Scholarship Eligibility and Administration: The amount of each scholarship may vary; past scholarships have averaged \$500-\$1,000 each. Scholarships will be awarded to Foothills residents as selected by the Foothills Rural Association Scholarship Committee. Consideration will be given to:

- ✓ Need and use of the scholarship ✓ Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ✓ School activities/community service ✓ Completion of application as directed

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME: _____

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$ _____ ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS ATTENDING COLLEGE: _____

Education: Attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript.

Essay: Attach a description of your background, your personal and educational achievements, along with your interests / activities. Share your goals and aspirations and tell how this scholarship will be used to achieve them. Be sure to address the listed considerations.

- Return the completed application to one of the individuals listed below no later than **MAY 15, 2015**.
- All applicants are required to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants will be contacted for this interview tentatively set for MAY 22, 2015.

Foothills Scholarship Committee: Carol Stoll
16221 E. Lincoln Rd.
Spokane, WA 99217
Phone: 279-4732

Mike Britton
13502 N. Forker Road
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FOOTHILLS ACTIVITIES

A LOOK BACK AT WINTER

The FRA has hosted several events since the last newsletter was published, including the Fall Festival Chili Feed, the Christmas Party, and The FRA Annual Meeting.

- 1** The Chili Feed, held in conjunction with the Foothills Church's Fall Festival, was a delicious success, with the FRA dishing up gallons and gallons of homemade chili.
- 2** The children who attended the Christmas Party enjoyed chatting with Santa and received a small gift as their parents looked on and savored the treats offered by the FRA.
- 3** The Annual Meeting was well attended as Paul Knowles from Spokane County Parks spoke to the group about the establishment and development of the Antoine Peak Conservation Area. Holly Weiler, active FRA board member and Regional Coordinator for the Washington Trails Association, talked with the group about the plans for trails at Antoine Peak.
- 4** Also at the meeting several new officers and board members were elected. Mike Britton and Don Tucker were re-elected to President and Treasurer, respectively. Dawn Keig was elected Vice President and Karen Feyk was elected Secretary. Four open board member positions were filled by Tommeye Schwerin, Holly Weiler, Leisha Konrad, and Ali Knecht. The FRA welcomes these new members and officers, and we thank you in advance for your service.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

PROPERTY FOR SALE - Beautiful Foothills view property - 30 acre parcel, 20 acre parcel, or both together for 50 acres. Located off Temple Road, these ridge-top parcels offer views of Mt. Spokane, Antoine Peak, Peone Prairie, and more. Secluded and yet easily accessed, this well-timbered land has abundant wildlife including deer, moose, coyotes, and turkeys. Contact Mark at 481-0122 for more information or a showing.

FORD COLLECTORS DREAM

CLEAN, CLASSIC, 1969 Ford XL - 390 / 2 Barrell, ALL ORIGINAL! Very Clean, very straight car that has always been garaged. 390, auto, power steering and brakes. Hidden headlights. Original paint and original Vinyl Top both in excellent condition. ALL original Interior – no tears or holes in vinyl, no holes or bad wear spots in carpet. Dash in good condition except for two thin cracks. Original steering wheel, no cracks. All emblems, bumpers and chrome in perfect shape. Very nice original trunk and engine compartment. Runs and drives great! **42,290** **ORIGINAL Miles!!!** Last owners were car enthusiasts who drove this vehicle primarily to car shows. \$7500 OBO. Inquiries: Please contact Tony: 467-1567 .

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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.

2015 Board Meetings: APRIL 13, MAY 11, JUNE 8

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

2014 Board Officers

President: Mike Britton	922-1494	mbritton@wildblue.net
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We are now collecting 2015 dues. Please check your mailing label above - if your label says "Member 2015," 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
16115 E. Temple Road
Spokane, WA 99217

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

Interested in receiving notices of FRA events via email? YES NO

EMAIL: _____

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

Thank you for being part of the Foothills Community.