



# FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE

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## From the Mayor

Spring is probably more welcome this year than most years! But what a beautiful winter it was. The recreational activity on the lake that this past winter provided, proves Fernan a special place to live. I would like to thank our residents for helping keep streets clear of vehicles for snow plowing and putting up with the large amounts of snow storage. It is important we work as a team especially in heavy snow winters.

***We will need to pay special attention to the winter thaw. With this much snow accumulation, flooding is a main concern. Also please keep a close eye on pets and children around the thawing ice.***

My goal as Mayor has been to bring a "Freshness" and strong positive image to the Village. We are starting to work on a new entry design into the City that will bring needed change and uniqueness. We are hoping to finalize a design this year. We will keep you informed as we progress.

## From the City Council

As the ice disappears and the snow berms slowly melt away it is obvious that we have an abundance of rock on our newly chip sealed streets. Our City Engineer has been keeping watch on this throughout the winter and has had experts examine the job that was done. They have observed the chip seal itself was a success but that there was roughly a 30% excess of rocks laid down creating the excess of gravel in our streets. Our goal is to get the excess gravel cleaned up as soon as weather permits. In the meantime please drive slowly so that you avoid damage to cars or pedestrians from the gravel. We appreciate your patience as we continue trying to resolve this issue.



CITY COUNCIL:  
PETE JOB, MARY  
ANN TIERNEY,  
DORIS HOFFMAN  
& PAULA BUECHS



*No Wipes In Pipes!* **Fernan Sewer Dept.**

# **PATTY POTTY'S DO NOT FLUSH LIST**

**DIAPERS  
PAPER TOWELS  
FACIAL TISSUE  
COTTON SWABS  
BABY WIPES  
ADULT WIPES  
HAIR  
GUM WRAPPERS  
CANDY**



**FACIAL PADS  
DENTAL FLOSS  
CIGARETTES  
COTTON BALLS  
SCOOPS OF KITTY LITTER  
WOMEN'S HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
ALL PURPOSE CLEANING WIPES  
ADHESIVE BANDAGES  
MAKEUP REMOVER WIPES**

**EVEN IF THEY SAY FLUSHABLE. THEY ARE NOT FLUSHABLE IN OUR SEWER SYSTEM!**

*PLEASE EDUCATE GUESTS AND USERS. THE CITY OF FERNAN IS BILLED HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS EACH MONTH DUE TO WIPES*



## STREET SWEEP NEWS

Please take note that the street sweep trucks will begin in April and need a seven foot height clearance to pass under any trees along the street. If the height is less than seven feet they will go around them to prevent damage to their truck. We also ask that you try and keep all vehicles parked in your driveways for proper cleaning of our streets. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT!

**GREASE will weigh down floats causing error in system. Wipes of any type will clog pump!**

**IF THE ALARM IS ON AT THE SEWAGE PUMP CONTROL PANEL, DO NOT OPEN THE ELECTRICAL PANEL AND PLEASE CALL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**IF SEWER ALARM GOES OFF CALL:**

**1st) Bob Kuchenski-  
(208) 683-0500**

**2nd) Bob Chandler  
(208) 691-3428**

**3rd) Worst Plumb-  
ing (208) 661-2433**

## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

**NEVER POUR GREASE DOWN THE KITCHEN SINK!**

Never pour grease or oil down the drain. The grease will weigh down the floats in your septic tank and cause failure for the pump to turn on. This results in the alarm going off and expensive cleanout of your septic system.

For fats that solidify, let them do so, then pitch them in your regular garbage. **Chill grease in the fridge if you need to get it to harden up.** For ones that don't solidify, pour them into a sealable (hopefully non-recyclable) bottle, and throw the whole container away with your regular garbage OR ABSORB INTO PAPER TOWELS OR NEWSPAPER THEN TOSS 'EM



**NOTE: IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGE OUR SYSTEMS WILL NOT WORK. USE SPARINGLY OR NOT AT ALL UNTIL POWER IS RESTORED!!**

# Feral Cats in the Village



1.) Don't feed a stray cat. Stray cats will continue to frequent locations where food is easily accessible or provided for them directly. Over time, more and more cats will begin to show up for the food you are putting out. This means that you'll have a large group of stray cats hanging around who will often fight each other for the food, spread diseases among themselves, and breed right in your backyard.

2.) Never try to poison, shoot, or otherwise harm a stray cat. Not only is it cruel and inhumane, but Fernan does have ordinances with stiff penalties against such animal cruelty.

3.) If you have a cat, **have it spayed or neutered as soon as it is old enough** for the procedure – usually around 8 weeks. Please place a collar on your cat to identify that it is a pet.

One of the reasons so many stray cats and feral colonies exist is that irresponsible cat owners let their cats breed. Even if a cat owner is able to find homes for the kittens, those kittens may grow up and reproduce. That will mean more cats will face euthanasia or add to the stray cat problem due to lack of homes.

Happy Easter



## CRITTER CONTROL— What to do?

The City occasionally gets asked how to get rid of unwanted critters. It is the home owners responsibility to get rid of any nuisance wild life critters that frequent their property. Here are couple options:

- 1.) You can trap them yourself and release where you want. Usually recommend 10-15 miles away. Traps can be obtained free from Department of Fish and Game with a \$20.00 deposit that is returned to you on return of the trap. Only 1 trap at a time is allowed.

**DEPT. OF FISH & GAME (208) 769-1414**

- 2.) Hire a wildlife trapper. We have provided a few contacts for you below from the Dept of Fish & Game:

**CITTER CONTROL (509) 443-6757/ Dave Kelly**

**ALPHA PREDATOR CONTROL (208) 818-4873 / Ryan Smith**

**TRAPPER BILL- (208) 215-0021 / Bill Haywood**



# Gene & Paula Marano



**Gene & Paula  
Marano  
moved into  
their Fernan  
Lake Village  
home in 1978**

By Doris Hoffman and Mary Ann Tierney

the Ankeny's, who owned a furniture store in town, were seeking to sell their home at the corner of Bruce Road and Fernan Road and that's how another long term resident moved into the Village.

By that time they had two children. Matt was seven and Mary was two, soon to be joined by another girl, Annie in 1980. The neighborhood they moved into proved to be just what the family wanted. Gene could walk to and from the courthouse every day and their children were in a safe, supportive, fun environment. They were surrounded by good neighbors who made the young family feel welcome. Fred and Natalie Mitchell lived across the street. He taught math at the high school and Natalie was a crafter who made beautiful Christmas ornaments each year and always gave one to their family. Sally and Jack Pierce were also close neighbors. Sally was a wonderful seamstress and used to make dresses for the girls. The Gardner family lived across from them and they had two sons Kirk and Scott just a little older than Matt. The Martins also lived on the street with their three boys. What had been mostly older couples when they moved in was transforming to a neighborhood with more young families on Bruce Drive just as it did in other parts of the village.

There were also social activities on the street where the families got together includ-

## MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

This is a section of our newsletter where we will be featuring our City residents. If you would like to suggest someone to be featured we would appreciate a quick email or call to Doris Hoffman or Mary Ann Tierney .

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Visiting with Gene and Paula Marano in their home on Bruce Drive we heard again of the many things that have made this a good place to raise their family. They talked about the friendly, kind neighbors, the convenient location and the overall quality of life they've enjoyed since they moved to the Village in 1978. Years before that when Gene was in Gonzaga Law School he and Paula and their young son, Matt would go up to the Fernan Saddle to cut a Christmas tree never thinking that they were passing the home where they would raise their family. After graduation from law school the Marano family moved to Coeur d'Alene and Gene went into private practice with Rob Robinson. He later moved to the Public Defender's office as a Deputy Prosecutor. This was where he became friends with a co-worker, John Ramstedt. In 1978 when the Maranos were ready to buy a home John was the one who suggested Fernan Village where he lived. Fortunately

## Gene &amp; Paula Marano (Cont.)

ing block parties and the potlucks hosted by the Tierneys. And, of course, the whole village activities including the summer picnic and Christmas activities with Santa and Sleigh rides and a Shadow Theatre they presented in their front yard for a few years.

As their family grew the Maranos made a series of improvements to their home starting with fencing their huge yard to keep it safe for the children and finishing the basement and adding bedrooms and bathroom to eventually building on to accommodate their family which grew to include spouses and grandchildren.

Knowing that we wanted to feature their family in this article, Paula asked their children to share some of their memories of growing up here and busy as they all are we are grateful that they took the time to respond.

Matt is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force stationed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs involved in the Space Program. He is married and has three daughters. Mary is the Director of the Mental Health Court and works under Judge John Mitchell. She is married to Sheriff Ben Wolfinger. Annie is working in the Title Program at Winton Elementary (following in her mother's footsteps as an educator. Paula taught 3rd grade for 15 years at Ramsey and Skyway). She also works with her husband, Jeff Ragan, in the family business, Ragan Equipment. Annie and Jeff are the parents of two of the Marano grandchildren. Julianna, 12 and Elsie, 9 and live on ten acres out around the lake in the house they built themselves.



**Annie Ragan, Mari Nelson, Paula Marano, Knowlton Nelson, Gene Marano Back row: Julianna Ragan Ben Wolfinger, Elsie Ragan, Mary Wolfinger Celebrating my birthday at Dannen 's Deli.**

These are just a few of their memories from spending their growing up years in Fernan Village: Some of the highlights Matt shared were of the crawdad hole, being awakened by the rooster they kept in their backyard, summer fishing and winter hockey on the lake. Camping across the lake without a tent was a favorite memory of all the family.

Mary's memories included not only swimming in the lake, but also jumping off Denny Ramstedt's dock and fishing on her dad's boat which they kept at the Leach's. The Leach's cottage was the last house on Lakeview Drive at that time and she also remembered that it flooded often! Living close enough to the Husky Truck Stop (Big Y) to ride bikes there for rocket popsicles was also a good memory. A unique lake memory was that their Aunt Amy and Uncle Terry got married across the lake. (By this time Gene was a Judge and could officiate the ceremony.) Ice skating on the lake and the full logging trucks which rumbled down Fernan Road often during those years were another part of their childhood. For quite a few years Mary and Annie were the Village baby sitters. They were known to be excellent with kids and one or the other of them were frequently seen with the Quinn kids, Potters, Fromms, the Douglas girls and with Colby Acuff.



## New Street Lights

Avista is launching a five-year program to replace nearly 30,000 company-owned streetlights in its service area with energy efficient LED (light-emitting diode lights). Our street lights are owned by Avista and as they burn out they will be replaced with LED lights. As the transition is made to LED streetlights, Avista will no longer maintain an inventory of HPS lights. All Avista-owned streetlights will be changed to LED over the next five years.

LED Streetlight Advantages

- Energy efficient: use about 50 percent less energy than current sodium lights.
- Longer life: LED streetlights last 2–3 times longer than today's sodium lights, improving reliability.
- Better light quality: white light provides more uniform light, improving nighttime visibility. LED streetlights do not produce ultraviolet light which attracts nocturnal insects.
- Reduced maintenance cost: durability and longer life require less maintenance.
- Environmental impact: contain no toxic materials like mercury, unlike traditional high-pressure sodium lamps or mercury-vapor lamps and are 100% recyclable. Longer life also helps reduce carbon emissions and costs through reduced service vehicle trips to maintain fixtures.

## Folks Around the Village

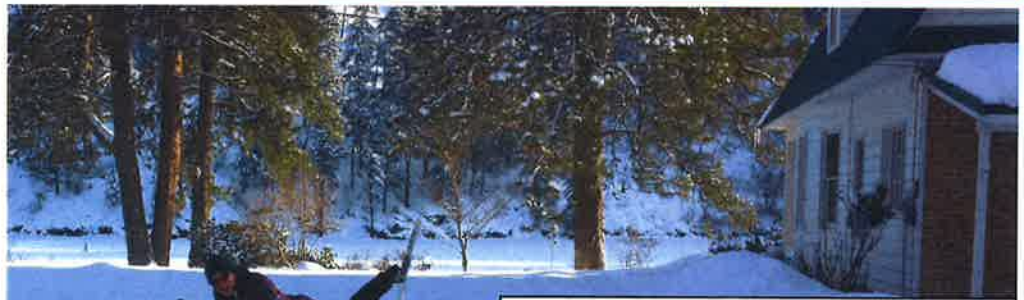


**Linda & Greg Eaton**

Linda & Greg pictured here enjoying Hamburger Night at the CDA Eagles. They moved to Fernan Village January 2016 from Moscow, Idaho. Great to have them as part of the Village!

## CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE!!

June 9-10, 2017 9am-3pm. The City will run advertisement for a city-wide garage sale so get you items ready in your garage or driveway and sell away! This is a great time to **LET IT GO!**



**Amy Bartoo trying to get her ski's under her to cross-country the frozen lake. Then..... finally, success! This was actually quite a fete & hilarious to see in person!**



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