



FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE

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From the Mayor & City Council

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MAYOR
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ACUFF

With the last glimpse of “Old Man Winter” behind us it is time we prepare for a beautiful Spring and summer ahead. We will have a SPRING

CLEANUP this April 25th. You can read more about it in this issue.

This is a great time to organize and LET IT GO! We will start our street sweep program and need your cars and vehicles parked off the streets .

Our Town Hall Meeting, held February 28th was well attended and appreciate everyone who showed up to offer opinions and be educated on our road issues. It is our goal to work together keeping Fernan the gem it is.

The lake has froze over again with the cold snap we had mid February so pay close attention to children and animals as it thaws. This is particularly a dangerous time to be around the lake as the ice thins.

Lastly, It is with great sadness to say, we lost Barry Tierney January 18th, 2018., just 15 weeks after Mary Ann left us. The Tierney’s were such a huge part of Fernan and always had Fernan’s best interest at heart. They are truly missed and we will strive to keep Fernan the gem they praised it to be.



BARRY & MARY ANN
TIERNEY LIVED IN FERNAN
SINCE 1985. THEY ARE
TRULY BE MISSED.



CITY COUNCIL:
PETE JOB, DORIS HOFFMAN,
PAULA BUECHS & GENE MORANO

WHO TO CALL WHEN YOUR SEWER ALARM RINGS

IF SEWER ALARM GOES OFF CALL:

1ST) BOB KUCHENSKI (208) 683-0500

2ND) BOB CHANDLER (208) 691-3428

3RD) WORST PLUMBING (208) 661-2433

Bob Kuchenski is our Integrity Water System specialist contact. In the event your septic alarm sounds, call "Kuch" first. If he does not answer please leave message after the recording. He will call back! If you do not receive a call back in a few minutes, then call in the order provided above. Thank you.



PATTY POTTY'S DO NOT FLUSH LIST

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



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STREET SWEEP STARTS IN APRIL

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.

**KEEP THE
STREETS
CLEARED FOR
SWEEPING AND
MAINTENANCE**

Spring Clean-up April 25th

Fernan is excited to say we have budgeted for a Spring Clean up. We have contracted with Cannon Hill Industries to come by April 25th, 2018 to pick up unwanted items and debris. Place unwanted items in the street in front of your home for April 25th. Pick-up. Items accepted are organic debris, household items, garage treasures and items you want to rid yourself of (ladders, sinks, appliances etc. are OK). They **WILL NOT** take hazardous materials; paints; solvents; liquids or household Garbage.

**GET
READY
FOR
SPRING
CLEAN
UP APRIL
25th**



PLEASE KEEP VEHICLES PARKED OFF STREETS

WARNING!

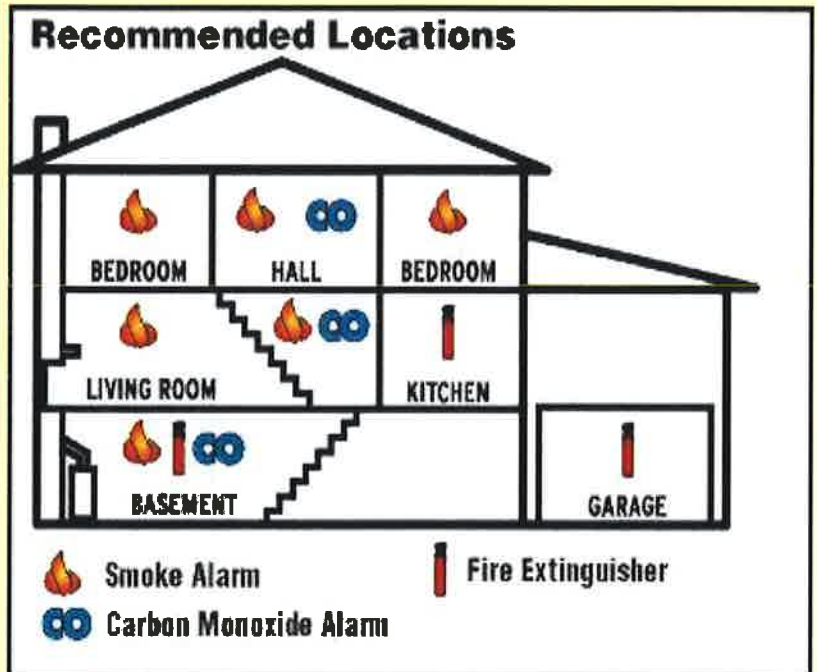
Every year, at least 430 people die in the U. S. from accidental CO poisoning. Approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. visit the emergency department each year due to accidental CO poisoning. There are steps you can take to help protect yourself and your household from CO poisoning.

- **Do** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- **Do** install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911.
- **Do** seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseated.
- **Don't** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- **Don't** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **Don't** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **Don't** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **Don't** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.

- **Do** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

- **Do** install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home

Carbon Monoxide detectors are available at the local hardware store starting at about \$25.00 and simply plug in.



RAY & AUDREY WATKINS Family!

MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

If you would like to suggest a Fernan resident to be featured please call or email:

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The Watkins family have one of the most unique locations in Fernan Village. Their home is nestled on the dead end of Lakeview Village with their backyard opening up to the pond. They have a clear view of all the birds, ducks and other waterfowl which make this part of the lake their home. Of course they also have direct access to one of the most popular

Spring fishing sites. This fact was taken advantage of by their children and now is a favorite activity for their grandchildren.

Ray and his three children moved into their home in 1997. He was a single father with two sons and one daughter.

His family grew in 2002 when he married Audrey and she and her two children joined them to become a blended family of seven.

They talked about how much their children enjoyed the village and the easy access to the water for fishing, swimming and overnight camping across the lake for the boys. Their friends all liked to come to their house as the lake is a real kid magnet. They had a lot of friends in the village and attended Fernan, Lakes and Lake City with the other village kids. Ray and Audrey are empty nesters now, but still have plenty of room in their five bedroom home when the kids and grandkids gather there. Their five children range in age from 25 to 34. They are : Megan who attended U of I, lives in Rathdrum, has two children and is a teacher, Casey who went to NIC and U of I and is an attorney in New Jersey and has a child

By Doris Hoffman

Sudi who just turned one. Brittany is next in line and she got her degree from Montana State and from

California College of the Arts. She is working in Administration at the college and is an artist, Ray graduated from U of I, Joe graduated from ? and is a Chemical Engineer, Katie, the youngest, went to NIC, got a degree in Philosophy from Portland State and is recently came back to Coeur d' Alene.



Ray & Audrey Watkins with their

Grandkids; Sudi (1), Kailyn (7) and Jacob (9)

Ray is an electrical engineer who owns his own consulting firm and Audrey is his business manager and takes care of all the details required in

that position. Ray graduated from CdA High School, in 1979, went to NIC, and on to University of Idaho where he obtained his electrical engineering degree. Audrey attended graduated from University High School in Spokane Valley and graduated from Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston. They are both first generation college graduates and obviously have passed down their desire for higher education since all five of their children are college graduates.

Ray's works involves designing the technical systems for municipalities, water systems, wastewater systems, infrastructure for the buildings. These must be no fail systems so they have to have back up systems built in. He has earned the designation Professional Engineer which means he is licensed to provide engineering services. He also is a Board Member of the Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors which meets in Boise six times a year. This also entails a National

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TOWN HALL MEETING RECAP

If you were unable to attend and would like to comment on this issue you can send an email to Heidi@heidiacuff.com



Thank you to those who were able to attend the Fernan Lake Village Town Hall Meeting on February 28th. We have listened to the concerns of our residents about their dissatisfaction with our streets. The City Council called this meeting to get input from residents regarding our streets to discuss remedies and options for funding.

Jim Coleman opened the meeting by answering a question from the audience. The last time the roads for Fernan Lake were paved was approximately 20 years ago. He explained the base of the roads right now are in good shape and free of water damage because of the chip seal. A diagram showing 3 options prepared by Mr. Coleman were handed out for the public to review and discuss. The prices and degree of work increased from option 1 to 3, option 3 being the most expensive and time consuming. Estimates range from \$314,000-\$1,050,000. The discussion of forming an LID (Limited Improvement District) or General Obligation Bonds through taxation were addressed.

Individuals in attendance was asked if they wished to speak on what they felt needed to be done with the roads. There was discussion from doing nothing immediately to doing the maximum to improve our streets and storm drainage. With support in all three categories it is evident that something at sometime will need to be done it is just a question of when and how. With everyone in agreement that our streets are less than satisfactory, the City needs to be proactive on how to finance this project and figure out how to finance future roads projects. There was also some concern about how the previous company, Poe Asphalt, should be held liable for the roads becoming so bad over such a short period of time since the last chip seal. Negotiations have already taken place and although the job is less than satisfactory it is marginal enough that it would not stand up in court as a failure.

There was also mention of new technology called Micro-sealing, which has become very popular in Southern Idaho, but is not available in our area yet but may be a consideration for future maintenance.

Residents were also asked to leave their written comments. If you were unable to attend and would like to comment on this issue you can send an email to Heidi@heidiacuff.com . All input will be taken into consideration as we develop future planning for our streets.

RAY & AUDREY WATKINS FAMILY (CONT. FROM PG.5)

Conference once a year which luckily for them is being held in Hawaii this Spring. Their family still gets together for the annual family trip to Westport for a week. What started out as a trip not always eagerly anticipated by the children has grown into a fun opportunity for all of them to get together for that week and spend fun time together. Of course it's also necessitated adding a few more condos as the family expanded, but it's something all the family looks forward to and enjoys.

Ray was one of the candidates for City Council this year and we are hoping to convince him to run again when the next position opens up. His knowledge, expertise and willingness to serve would be a large asset and welcomed addi-



Folks Around the Village



Dr. Tim Quinn was caught on his winter run



The Marano Clan out for a brisk winter walk

DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

Feeding the animals (domestic or wild) outside your home, attracts wildlife into neighborhoods to stay verses passing through.



FERNAN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE MEETING CALENDAR

Coeur d'Alene City Library
702 E Front Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

FERNAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS

APRIL 2, 2018	6:00PM
MAY 7, 2018	6:00PM
JUNE 4, 2018	6:00PM
JULY 2, 2018	6:00PM
AUGUST 6, 2018	6:00PM
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018	6:00PM

Meeting times and dates are subject to change under special conditions and availability of members. Please check with Cindy Espe to confirm a meeting you are interested in attending. Guests will be allowed 3 minutes to talk and can also submit topics in writing if additional


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