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From the Mayor & City Council

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MAYOR
HEIDI
ACUFF

Welcome to winter! With the winter weather upon us we ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CARS/ TRUCKS ON THE STREETS!**

Parked vehicles interfere with the snowplow operations and maintenance of our streets. A big thank you to the Coeur d'Alene Fire Dept. for decorating our Village Christmas tree. As of January we will be changing our fire protection from the county to the City of Coeur

d'Alene. They are closer and we think it will be an advantage if needed for quicker response.

Our City Council is in the process of proposing an LID (Limited Improvement District) to repave the streets. **IN THIS ISSUE** the options and estimated costs are covered. The Council would like your input on which option would be acceptable. Please contact us by writing, phone, email or by attending our City Council Meeting. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2019. Please drive careful and have your furnaces and gas stoves serviced annually for safety.



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.



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Christmas Light Etiquette

The holidays bring out the best—and worst—in people. Play nice with the neighbors and maintain good holiday light etiquette. **Be aware of your neighbors' floor plan.** Does their bedroom window back up to the side of your house? If so, it might be in good taste to not put lights up there. If you're not sure, don't hesitate to ask your neighbors about the lights disturbing them. You'll both be glad to avoid a "Deck the Halls" moment. Remember, "It's the happiest season of all!"



ORDINANCES IN FERNAN

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING BUILDING, FENCING OR ORDINANCES. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FERNANLAKEVILLAGE.ORG OR CALL OUR CITY CLERK BEFORE YOU BUILD.

CITY ORDINANCE FOR RECREATIONAL PARKING

Boats, RV's and recreational equipment may be parked in your driveway May 1st—October 1st. Please, no tarps for covering. After October 1st, boats, RV's and recreational equipment must be put into storage. We want everyone to enjoy your Idaho but protect the view of our neighbors and integrity of Fernan.

If the owners, tenants or occupants allow said nuisance to exist or fail to abate the nuisance, they, and each of them, shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). Each day that a violation of this chapter exists may be charged as a separate offense. Three (3) or more infractions or a failure to pay the infraction penalty shall constitute a misdemeanor.

Mayor's Walking Challenge Funds Awarded

All the Idaho State Mayor's were invited to participate in a Mayor's Walking Challenge the month of October. The goal was to average 10,000 steps per day and if successful that Mayor was rewarded \$1000 to be given to a school, park or organization that promotes physical activity in their city. I am glad to say I made the average and was elated to award the money to the CDA Rowing Club that bases its activities out of Fernan. This organization promotes with in the community and schools the sport of rowing. We are so lucky to have the pleasure of watching them. It is hard work, well organized and I could not be happier awarding these funds to this organization.



Coeur 'Alene Rowing Association receives \$1000 from Mayor Heidi Acuff for success in the Mayor's Walking Challenge. Martin Stacy, Kathleen Atkins, Tom Hamilton & Heidi Acuff



FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE

FERNAN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE—CDA LIBRARY
MEETING CALENDAR 2018-2019

FERNAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS

OCTOBER 1, 2018	6:00PM	APRIL 8, 2019	6:00PM
NOVEMBER 5, 2018	6:00PM	MAY 6, 2019	6:00PM
DECEMBER 3, 2018	6:00PM	JUNE 3, 2019	6:00PM
JANUARY 7, 2019	6:00PM	JULY 1, 2019	6:00PM
FEBRUARY 4, 2019	6:00PM	AUGUST 5, 2019	6:00PM
MARCH 4, 2019	6:00PM	SEPTEMBER 9, 2019	6:00PM

NOTE: Special meetings will be noticed 48 hours in advance and on the www.fernansvillage.org website.

Meet The Dirksen Family

By Doris Hoffman

MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

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

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It was a real pleasure to get to sit down with all four members of the Dirksen Family and learn a little about them and how they like living in Fernan Village.

The Dirksen Family consists of Zach, Amber, Ava, 12, Charlie 10 and Yogi, the little white dog who likes to greet walkers from his front yard. They have lived at 205 Bruce Drive since 2009 after living in Bellingham for ten years. Zach and Amber knew each other in school in CdA

and started dating a year after high school. They both went to Western Washington University in Bellingham and lived there for a total of ten years. Returning from Bellingham to have their family they knew they wanted to live in the Village. Zach had spent much time here with his best buddy, Jason Krapful, whose mother and brother still live here. It took almost two years before a house came up for sale. They were able to purchase the Moen's house which Amy says is their "forever home".

This is a very active young family who share a love of biking, camping, skiing and ice skating on Fernan Lake. But, if you ask Charlie he will say soccer is his number one! He plays on a select soccer team, The Portland Timbers (formerly the Sting) and pretty much plays soccer year round. He is a 4th grader at Sorenson and has been a Cub Scout for four years. Amy is a sixth grader at Lakes Middle School and also plays soccer and ran cross country for Lakes this Fall. She was awarded Star Student for the month of September and was one of the six students who were taken to lunch at Pita Pit by their Principal



Zach, Ava (12) & Charlie (10) & Amber Dirksen

and Assistant Principal. Ava also loves to cook and is a certified babysitter and animal caregiver. She is always for hire to watch pets. If you haven't seen Charlie and Ava out and about the neighborhood on bikes or scooters you may have met them last summer if you stopped at their lemonade stand on Bruce or Sherman. They did say their most profitable day was when Mrs. Krapfl let them set it up in her front yard.

Amber, besides being a very busy mother, has worked for the Coeur d'Alene School District for five years. She is currently a paraprofessional at Lakes Middle School and is working on obtaining her teaching certificate. Zach has worked with Pita Pit as a Field Operation Specialist for one and a half years. Prior to that he did GIS mapping for Kootenai County and Timberline Resources (gold exploration) for eight years.

Amber shared that while they were looking for a home Bruce Drive was the street where there were always children out playing. Unfortunately, by the time their small children were ready to be out playing the other kids had either grown up or moved away. Luckily the Merano grandchildren, Juliana and Elsie Regan, were around a lot so she did have some girls to play with and Charlie had his friend Kyler Brabek across the street. Amy said it's good now with more kids since the Curry's moved in this summer on Fernan Road. They have four children and luckily they have a girl, Aubrey, who is Ava's age. Both Ava and Charlie have really liked getting to know all the Curry family.



Ava and Charlie Dirckson with neighbor friends Kyler Brabek and Juliana and Elsie Regan (Morano),

The Dircksens talked about the fun they have living here. Charlie told about ice skating on the lake and the long path his dad made last year across and down the lake so they could skate all over. This summer he and his friends made a raft and floated in the lake on that. He did let me know that one bad thing is that we have bad roads, showing me the sores on his knees and hands from a scooter spill last week. Zach said when it happened he was pretty upset and asked him why we still have to have these bad roads. Other than that Charlie didn't have anything but good to say about living here. It was interesting to learn that the Dircksens, like so many of our residents have a Silver Valley connection. Amber was born there and spent part of her childhood in the

Silver Valley as her dad was a miner at Bunker Hill. Zach's dad worked for Bunker as a geologist. The other recurring theme is how many of our present residents bought homes here because they had spent time with school friends who lived here. It was really my pleasure to get to hear about life in the Village from the perspective of one of our younger families. Hopefully we will keep attracting these vibrant young families to join us here in what we "old-time" residents consider the best neighborhood in the Coeur d'Alene area.



DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

Feeding the animals (domestic or wild) outside your home, attracts wildlife into neighborhoods to stay verses passing through. As hard as it is at times not to feed them, please refrain. This is in the best interests of the animals and residents. Thank you.

FERNAN STREET NEWS. IMPORTANT!

Fernan Village Streets are in need of repair and updating. At 24 years after the last major asphalt overlay project, the streets were cracked and the asphalt surface was oxidized. The City Council, based on cost, determined to complete a sealing project. The asphalt sealing project completed over two years ago did not perform as well as anticipated. The reasons for the less than expected performance are still under dispute. However, the streets are sealed and will protect the base and structure from damage.

Some of the issues identified for the Village streets include:

- Surface is not smooth and consistent.

- Street widths are wide which promote higher than posted speeds.

- Speed bumps have been installed to reduce speeds with limited success.

- Stormwater drainage from the streets is routed directly to dry-wells without any treatment. Currently, vegetated swales with dry-wells is considered the Best Management Practice (BMP) for stormwater treatment and disposal.

The Mayor and City Council have reviewed several options to improve the streets, stormwater drainage and provide traffic calming (reduce speeds). These alternatives are described below along with estimated costs.

Option 1 – Pavement Overlay

Option 1 would overlay the existing pavement with 1½ inches of asphalt. This would be the third or fourth pavement overlay of the streets in the Village. In many instances these past asphalt overlays have reduced the curb height to less than 2-3 inches. The next proposed overlay would further reduce the curb height; in many cases the asphalt surface will be even with the top of the curb. Stormwater drainage will continue to be disposed in dry-wells without treatment in vegetated swales.

The estimated cost of the Pavement Overlay – Option 1 is \$315,000 or \$4,400 per house in Fernan Village. If financed through a Local Improvement District (LID) over 10 years, the cost would be an estimated \$570 per year.

Option 2 – Milling, Overlay and Limited Stormwater Improvements

Option 2 would include the work in Option 1 with some additional improvements. The edge of the streets next to the curb would be milled to remove pavement. The pavement overlay would not further reduce the curb height. Because of the milling of the pavement, the average thickness of the overlay would be 2-inches. In addition, some drainage work will be completed to rehabilitate and improve the existing dry-wells, reduce drainage problems and provide limited treatment of the collected stormwater.

The estimated cost of Milling, Overlay and Limited Stormwater Improvements – Option 2 is \$532,000 or \$7,400 per house in Fernan Village. If financed through a Local Improvement District (LID) over 10 years, the cost would be an estimated \$960 per year.

Option 3 – Street Reconstruction/Overlay, Stormwater Drainage Improvements, Traffic Calming


Option 3 would be reconstruction and overlay of the streets with drainage improvements, stormwater treatment, traffic calming elements and beautification project. To improve drainage and stormwater treatment new curb and gutter will be built to accommodate stormwater swales and dry-wells. These areas would also narrow the streets which would provide traffic calming. All of the new swales would be landscaped for beautification, traffic calming and stormwater treatment. The estimated cost of the Street Reconstruction/Overlay – Option 3 is \$1,050,000 or \$14,600 per house in Fernan Village. If financed through a LID over 15 years, the cost per house is estimated to be \$1,450 per year. If financed through a LID over 10 years, the cost per house is estimated to be \$1,900 per year.

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