



SPRING, 2016

Please help us save our crumbling stone foundation!

Your Nine Mile Community Center Board is always looking for ways to leverage your much appreciated donations with available building preservation grants. We recently received a generous \$4,000 matching grant from the Montana History Foundation to begin repairs on the cracks, fissures, and missing rock work in the stone foundation of the Stark Schoolhouse. We have received one significant gift for this essential project, but our goal is to raise an additional \$3,000 to complete the project this year, and protect the Schoolhouse's history for future generations.

Please consider donating at one of these levels:

Sandstone: \$25

Marble : \$50

Granite : \$100

Please specify that you would like your donation help repair the stone foundation. If these amounts are out of reach, a donation can be made in any amount to help us reach our goal.

Please mail your donations to: **Nine Mile Community Center**
P.O. Box 1061
Frenchtown, MT 59834

Annual Spring Cleaning at the Community Center
Saturday April 30, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We need your help! What a great way to get to know a new neighbor, or two, AND help get your Community Center all cleaned up for the year ahead. AND we'll even provide a lunch! You can stay for an hour, or three, or all day. **Every hour and every person will be a huge help!!** We have inside projects and outside projects – projects for all age groups and abilities. The school house and church need to have the winter swept away. Outside we have a new fence to finish with rails; little trees & shrubs to plant; weeding and painting to do, and so much more! There will be projects for all age groups and abilities.

Your volunteer time at the Community Center is *greatly* appreciated. And remember, expect to see the BBQ grill in action during the noon hour.

Please RSVP to Sharon Sweeney at 626-1610 so we can prepare lunch items.

Visit us at www.ninemilecommunitycenter.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

From the Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup: Thursday night Lecture Series

Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. - Alberton Senior Center

Interested in wildlife and how animals use sounds to communicate with each other? Then come to the **Alberton Senior Center on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m.** to hear a free talk from Dr. Erick Green. He will explain studies that show animals convey a fantastic amount of information with their many vocalizations.

Ninemile Ranger District Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.- Nine Mile Community Center

Come hear an update from the Forest Service about ongoing and future projects on the Ninemile Ranger District, including a new project that will look at fire risk reduction treatments on the National Forest between Soldier Creek and Butler Creek. Although they've only just begun on this project, learn what they know so far, hear about the timeline, and what managers are considering thus far. They'll also be available to talk about stream restoration work in the Ninemile Valley done in partnership with Trout Unlimited, prescribed burning activities for this spring and fall, and some planned recreation events. Several resource specialists and the District Ranger will be present. The format will begin with some brief presentations and introductions, with plenty of time for more detailed one on one discussions with the staff and Ranger.

The Nine Mile Community Center is online!

Checkout our re-vamped website at www.ninemilecommunitycenter.com. The site is a veritable treasure trove of information regarding your community center. We've uploaded information about renting the facilities for family gatherings, weddings or community events – if you're considering a special venue for an upcoming get-together, consider the Nine Mile Community Center.

We've also added a blog, which details upcoming community events and provides a re-cap of our gatherings – complete with photos. See if we've captured your mug at one of our events! And... best of all...we post the minutes of all board meetings. If you've ever wondered what your board members discuss, what we're planning or that we're considering – click on About Us, and select Board Meetings from the drop-down menu. The minutes provide truly great bedside reading!

Finally, please fire us an email (ninemilecc@gmail.com) if you'd like to be included in our occasional email blasts. We send out a few of these a year and we won't share your information with anyone – that's a promise.

**Keep your eyes peeled for future classes, field trips, and a new
Support our Local Businesses page!**

NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER

Upcoming NMCC EVENTS – Mark Your Calendars Now!

Saturday April 30, 2016 - Annual Spring Cleaning Day - 9 a.m.

Tuesday May 17, 2016 – Nine Mile Ranger District Public Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday May 21, 2016 – Wedding

Saturday June 4, 2016 – Photography Class with Michael Albans 10:30 – 3:00

Saturday June 11, 2016 – Wedding

Saturday September 17th - NMCC Board of Directors Elections and Lunch

Saturday November 26 – Annual Holiday Fair

Photography Class with Michael Albans

**** June 4, 2016 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ****

Michael is a professional photographer and photojournalist. His work has appeared in the NY Daily News, NY Times, Life, People and many other national magazines and papers. He teaches at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography and the University of Montana. This year's class will have two components! The main focus will be on the art of photographing children – catching that gleam in an eye, or look of happiness, sorrow or mischievousness on the face. Learn to capture those priceless moments! And, just in time for those beautiful summer nights, Michael will also teach students how to photograph the night sky.

Cost is \$25 per person. Please bring a sack lunch.

Please call Sharon Sweeney at 626-1610 to register, and reserve your spot today. Don't miss your chance to learn from a professional!

Update on NMCC Projects

With *your help* we had a busy and successful 2015 – and are looking forward to more of the same this year! Through the *Adopt-A-Window* project, our new insulated curtains and storm windows are working wonderfully! Last year we made several electrical improvements to the pavilion and Stark School House, and did some landscaping and weed spraying work too.

For this year we are pleased to report that we have received two new grants that will help us construct a new fence; plant and protect numerous trees & shrubs; and begin work on some important foundation repairs for the Historic School House. Both of these grants require a match of either donated time or money; or both. If you would like to help please see page 1 of this newsletter for two great opportunities! Together we can keep the Community Center viable, healthy and relevant for it's second century! Thanks to all of you!

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Did you know that the Nine Mile Community Center is available to rent?

It is a *wonderful* location for a wedding, family reunion, graduation or other special event in your life.

Please call Sharon Sweeney at 626-1610 or visit our website at www.ninemilecommunitycenter.com for rental forms, additional information and photo gallery of the Community Center.



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