



"AROUND THE KNOB"

Upcoming Events

February 2023



Wed Feb. 8 Grassy Knob Auxiliary Brunch 11:00am
Kat Cieciva's home 343 Panorama Shores. Every-
one welcome! Bring a dish to share.

Mon Feb. 13 Grassy Knob Fire Assoc. Board
4 pm at the Community Center

Sat Feb. 25 Grassy Knob Chili Cook Off 6pm Please
read information on the next page in Newsletter

Firefighters Training 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6 pm
Grassy Knob Fire House

Exercise Mon, Wed & Friday 8:30-10:00 am at the
Community Center.

Line Dancing is Free Tuesdays 6pm at the Com-
munity Center. Beginners at 5:30

Last Tues. of month dancing at Rowdy Beaver 6
pm.



Winter Fun Facts

*Japan tends to get more snow than many other
countries

*We have our own hibernation rituals. We tend
to eat more over the winter period.

*Over one winter, Mt. Baker in Washington saw
a staggering snow fall of 1,100 inches between
1998-1999.

*Snowflakes are not white they are see through.

*Stonehenge the ancient Druid site in England,
line up perfectly with the sunset as it falls around
the winter solstice.



Auxiliary: noun, a group of volunteers giving supplementary help and support to an organization or institution.

There is a "right-arm" sub-group under the Grassy Knob Fire Association Board that has a distinct responsibility and purpose. It is known as the Grassy Knob Auxiliary and had it's beginning as the Fire Department was in conception. History alludes to the fact that the Aux was in place raising the monies needed to build the Fire Hall. The AUX is composed of community volunteers whose main purpose is to help support the Grassy Knob Fire Dept. by raising funds used to supplement equipment, specific clothing, safety equipment and many other needs of our Fire Fighters, EMR/EMT's and Traffic Directors. A spirit of caring for the people of this community led to the establishment of our Fire Dept. and that spirit continues to this day. The AUX is the driving force in this endeavor.

So who are we and what do we do? We are a group of volunteers with a passion to support the Fire Dept. serving our community. We function under the bylaws of the Grassy Knob Association. We hold business meetings on odd months, the second Wednesday at 9:45 am at the Community Center conducted by our own peer-elected board members who faithfully serve keeping records of our monies generated, minutes of meetings, committee reports and event planning concepts. We are a transparent, discussion based group sharing ideas and suggestions as we pursue the task of supporting our Fire Department's financial needs.

We have raised monies for the work done in the Community Center, appliances, kitchen and bathroom supplies, furniture and monthly cleaning fees. We also foster a strong community spirit through various events with the purpose of building our community and supporting its members. Almost every month we have a Potluck Dinner (last Sat. of the month starting at 6pm). Everyone is welcome as we take time to gather, meet new members, and enjoy each other over a meal. Some times we have Bingo, a special speaker, comedy skits, but always good conversation and good laughs. Our Potlucks are always a time to take a breath from our busy lives and reconnect with family and friends. We reach the community through events such as the July Ice Cream Social and Halloween Trunk or Treat.

Where do the monies come from that are used by the Auxiliary?

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Our primary purpose is to raise monies for the Fire Dept. through events such as auctions, yard sales, raffles, special meals to purchase, cake walks, Turkey Trot Races, and our newest fundraiser this February "Chili Cook Off". Information on the Cook Off is in this newsletter.

What I have discovered in the past 12 years is that Grassy Knob is unique. We are unique as a community. Our area is beautiful and full of wonder. Yet, there is something that transcends each one of these statements. It's something that you can rely on..take comfort in..find a place to belong..gain a sense of purpose..and live in the knowledge that someone is always near and ready to help. Those of us who are already members of the Grassy Knob Auxiliary have the joy of using our skills, abilities, and talents to be part of something meaningful and important. When you give of yourself, you always receive more back.

Consider this your invitation. Come and join us where your input will make a difference for the greater good of our community. We are open to all who are interested..and willing..and available.

Written by Sheridan Nemeth

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GRASSY KNOB FIRE DEPT

CHILI COOK-OFF

\$25 TO ENTER **\$10 TO TASTE ALL**

SATURDAY, FEB 25, 2023
GRASSY KNOB COMMUNITY CENTER

CHILI WILL BE READY TO TASTE BY **6pm**

COMPETITORS MUST BE REGISTERED BY **FEB 17, 2023**

EMAIL **DARONSTILES@HOTMAIL.COM**

1st Annual

Chili COOK OFF

Guidelines:

- Prepare full crockpot
- Label Type of Chili
- Anonymous Entries
- All Tasters are Judges
- Each Judge gets 4 tickets for voting: Best Red, Best Homestyle, Spiciest & Most Unique
- Sign up limited so do so by 2/17/23
- Contestants arrive **5:30p.m.**

Prizes: Best Red - 1st & 2nd
Best Homestyle - 1st & 2nd
Spiciest & Most Unique

How Does The Grassy Knob Auxiliary Spend the Money it Raises

At the Auxiliary meeting in January the Grassy Knob Fire Chief, Bob McVey and EMT Rich Hervieux requested that the Grassy Knob Auxiliary help pay for \$7,600 to cover the cost of headlamps and a Lucas Device. Let me provide you with some details concerning these items.

Recently, our volunteer firemen were called out during the night to an extensive woodland fire. It was a dark night and visibility was limited as the firemen traversed these difficult hillsides. It became apparent that additional light was needed for night firefighting. As a result of the experience, 12 individual headlamps are now available when needed. The headlamps fit on a fireman's hard hat, enabling good visibility when scrambling about on this rough and hilly terrain. Also there is a red light on the back of the helmet allowing co-workers to see the location of the men functioning in the woods. These lights will ensure greater safety for the fire fighters.

The second item called a Lucas Device is a machine that can provide CPR. It is especially useful in that a human providing CPR tires quickly within minutes. The machine does not experience tiring and can continue to provide CPR. It was also noted that in the case of an accident where a person is pinned in a vehicle, the machine is able to service that individual until his rescuers are able to get him removed from the vehicle.

Not only do we support our Fire Department but we also work tirelessly to bring our community together in a tight knit group of friends and neighbors. All residents are members of the Auxiliary and we encourage you to become actively involved with us. What we do in conjunction with the Fire Association greatly affects our home owners insurance.

Roving Reporter,

Caroline Stauffer



Meet and Greet 2023

Hosted by Doc and Kat Beahm, at their home. New residents had a nice time meeting each other and learning about Grassy Knob.

This was a great start to the new year. Welcome new neighbors!

Easy Taco Soup

1lb ground beef
1 yellow onion
1 can beef broth
3 cans (15oz)chili beans (undrained)
1 can(15oz) diced tomatoes (undrained)
1 can(15oz) corn (undrained)
1 can(8oz) tomato sauce
1 packet Taco seasoning

In a soup pot brown the crumbled beef with the chopped onion until no longer pink. Drain off liquid.. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low. Let simmer 20-25 minutes . Do not cover while simmering. Serve with favorite toppings such as cheese, sour cream, chopped cilantro, tortilla chips or Fritos.