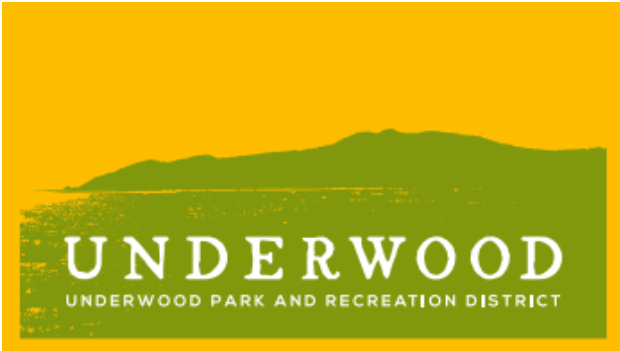


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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday April 12 – Community Meeting
- Saturday April 22 – roadside clean-up
- Wednesday May 10 – Community Meeting
- A Saturday in May (check the reader board) – All hands-on Deck Park clean up

UPRD COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HOSTS BRIDGE PRESENTATION

Thank you to the Underwood residents who attended the Hood River/White Salmon Bridge presentation held February 23rd. Kevin Greenwood, Executive Director for the Port of Hood River presented an update on the progress to replace the bridge. His forty-five-minute power point presentation was very informative. An issue for the residents of Underwood is that Skamania County has no representation in the process, including various tolling options under consideration. As the process moves forward, we hope to host additional presentations.



PLUMBING AT THE CENTER

In 2021 and 2022 we had three or four incidents where a large group was renting the community center for a private event, and the women’s restroom toilets plugged up and over-flowed. A very ugly mess. The UPRD has called RotoRooter several times, and they clear the problem, only for it to happen again. We came to the conclusion that there must be more going on than just a backup.

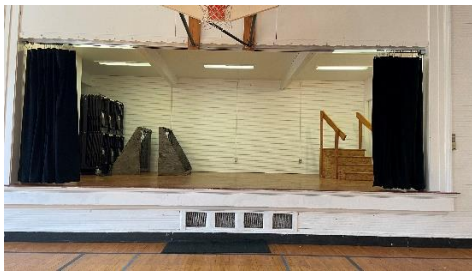


We then called Pronto Plumbing, who crawled under the floors to finally find the problem – a poorly installed septic drain system, not to code, and re-routed at some point to the men’s restroom. This re-routes under the main entry way, does not have proper slope, and has a big ‘belly’ where solids collect, solidify, and clog the line. We also discovered an old and continuing small leak which has fed a huge fungus growth under the floor. Hence, we are developing a description of a big project to re-pipe the women’s restroom, repair or remove the slow leak, along with related work. We have most of the required funding for the project, we think. We really don’t have a good estimate of the cost yet. We are seeking proposals from local contractors and plumbers to get a better handle on the cost estimate.

If you would like more information or feel you have the skill set for this work, please contact Bob Wittenberg at: 541-490-1138 or uprdbob@gmail.com

PLAY STRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

The play structure committee recently met with Dave Jubitz, a former commercial play structure developer, in order to assess the condition of the current play structure. The committee is looking into refurbishing and/or replacing the current structure to improve the functionality and accessibility. We have received donations from several area families and held a successful Spaghetti Night fundraiser. Additional funding is still needed. We are looking into grants that may be available to the UPRD. If you would like make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Alicia Beyer (aliciauprd@gmail.com), Lisa Brown (ucc.lisab@gmail.com) or Robin McConnell (ucc.robinm@gmail.com).



STAGE CURTAIN

Last spring the UPRD got a very generous donation from Keith Fredrickson for a fireproof stage curtain. The research was done and Stagecraft Industries, out of Portland, was chosen to

manufacture and install a curtain for the stage. It looks great but the project is not done yet! We will need to extend the current wood valence to cover up the tracks. If you think you might have the skills and time to help with this project, please get in touch with a UPRD commissioner. We would love to have your help!



UNDERWOOD COMMUNITY E-MAIL LIST

Got email? Join the Underwood Community Private email list to receive community updates and learn about upcoming community events. This is a private-nonshared list. Your name and email address will not be shared with anyone else on the list. Opt in or out by contacting ucc.lisab@gmail.com

The “Next Door” platform for the Underwood Neighborhood is the proper place for reaching out to other community members. For Next Door, you can sign up here <https://nextdoor.com/g/9ptu0fqgg/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Underwood Community Committee and Underwood Park and Recreation District are both looking for more volunteers to help plan, run and maintain our wonderful park, post office and community center facilities. We have a wonderful community and a wonderful park that takes money and manpower. We need you!! Contact Alicia if you are interested in learning about ways you can help out.

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