Cooke City/Silver Gate Community Newsletter

A non-profit community newsletter offered by the Community Council of Colter Pass, Cooke City & Silver Gate, Montana

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Craft and Game Club at the Firehall Community Center
Every Tuesday from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Bring your own craft; games and snacks are provided.
Everyone is welcome!

Planning an event, meeting, or announcement coming up, let the newsletter know. We're happy to help spread the word.

In Loving Memory - Arlene Swimley
A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2027. In lieu of flowers, Arlene and family would prefer a donation be made in Arlene's honor, to a local animal rescue organization or shelter in the donor's location, to spread Arlene's love of animals as far as possible. As an avid Bobcat fan, Arlene would like to remind you as always, Go Cats Go!



Most Yellowstone National Park Roads and Entrances Close Nov. 1 for Winter Season

Oct. 31 is the final day for visitors to drive most park roads

As fall settles over Yellowstone National Park, most park roads and three entrances will close to regular vehicle traffic on Nov. 1 in preparation for winter. Each year, the park closes its West, South and East entrances, along with nearly all roads, to prepare for winter operations and the start of snowmobile and snowcoach travel season on Dec. 15.

As a result, **Saturday**, Oct. 31 will be the final day visitors can drive most of Yellowstone's roads in 2026. The road from Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass) will remain open through Oct. 31, weather permitting.

Visitors traveling to Yellowstone by car during the winter can access the park only via the road connecting the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana, and the Northeast Entrance in Cooke City/Silver Gate, Montana. This route passes through Mammoth Hot Springs, Tower Junction and Lamar Valley and remains open year-round, weather permitting.

→ Stay informed about current road conditions in Yellowstone by: Visiting the Park Roads webpage.
→Signing up for Yellowstone road alerts on your mobile phone by texting "82190" to 888-777 (an automatic text reply will confirm receipt and provide instructions).
→Calling (307) 344-2117 for a recorded road conditions update.

Desk Notes from the Cooke City Montana Museum

Kersey Lake

John Pugh was a fur trapper & used the old Kersey Lake cabin for overnights to check his trap lines. He provided three small wooden boats for rent to various fishermen. Mr.Pugh passed away in 1937. Gene Vincelette asked Millie Pugh if she would sell him one wooden boat. Millie said no, but she would sell the lease, boats & cabin for $20.00. Between his father Azarias & his brother Doug they came up with the cash & made the on- the- spot deal.

Courtesy of the Vincelette Family

In 1935 Azarias Vincelette driving his 1931 Dodge touring sedan and accompanied by his wife and family made the first trip over the highway from Cooke City to Red Lodge. As the road was not officially opened till June of 1936, they encountered an unfinished location on the Red Lodge side and had to be lowered between two switchbacks by a cable hooked to a winch behind a bulldozer. Of course the family had to climb down to the finished road below. The return trip home was made via Gardiner and the Park, but they made it to Red Lodge!

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Emergency? Dial 911 to page Cooke City Medical Responders. There is a 911 phone located in front of the Cooke City/Silver Gate Emergency Building on Main St.

Compactor Hours: Winter hours.
Monday & Friday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday - Closed
Questions call 838-2003.DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE COMPACTOR AFTER HOURS.

Cooke City Food Pantry: If you or you know someone who needs food, please call Pastor Don at 838-2397.

Mount Republic Chapel of Peace: Non-denominational Christian worship services on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Weekly AA Meetings: Held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace (½ way between Cooke City & Silver Gate). Open meetings. FMI Call: Cori Jo at 838-2155.

Please contact the water operator if doing any grading or digging. Spencer Stone with Curb Box Specialists at 866-855-3097

3rd Quarter Resort Tax - Reports are due Oct 31, 2026. Go to **Resort-tax-form-2022.xlsx (live.com)** or go to **https://www.parkcounty.org/Government-Departments/Treasurer/** Page down to the Cooke City-Silver Gate Section & click on the file labeled Resort tax form revised 5/18/22. Download the file, enter your data and the form will calculate everything for you. Print & mail with your remittance.

Just for fun!

How do you make a skeleton laugh?
Tickle her funny bone!

Why don't witches ride their brooms when they're angry?
They're afraid they will fly off the handle

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REALTY SERVICES

Lisa Ann Ohlinger Realtor, Montana Mountain Real Estate: Thinking About Selling Your Property? I have a database of qualified buyers looking for properties in the Cooke City area. If you've been considering selling Let's discuss your property and its potential listing price.

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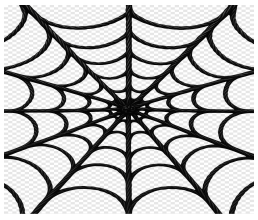
BOARD ACTIVIES

Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Community Council Annual Board Meeting: Wed., Nov. 11 at 5:00 to meet in the Council conference room or via zoom or phone 1-253-205-0468 Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86100860340?pwd=5oLBX07aw0rWlsk96MhHhWrdnrDB84.1

The Cooke City Water District meeting November 17 @ 6pm to be held at the Cooke City Community Conference room. Information for attendance online is also available at: Board Agendas | Cooke City Water District.

Sewer District Board Meeting: meeting date Wednesday, November 18 from 10-12 via Zoom or in the Community Conference room https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86758316754 Meeting ID: 867 5831 6754, Passcode: sewer See website for agenda & call-in info: https://cookecitysewer.com
The new website, cookecitysewer.com has our individual emails as well as an email that will go to the entire board. The tab, Contact Us will bring up an email option that will go to the entire board. Individual board member emails are under tab, Sewer Board. The old email addresses will not be active after Sept 25.

Cooke City School Board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, at 5pm.



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