



FEBRUARY 2026

NEWSLETTER

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER & PRESCHOOL

Happy Valentines Day

Dear MCC Community,

We're excited to share that a new slate of officers for the Memorial Community Center has officially been voted in, and we are energized for the year ahead!

Please join us in welcoming:

- President/Treasurer – Lori Finnerty
- Vice Chair/Secretary – LeyAnne Merica
- Preschool Liaison – Cynthia Fox
- Newsletter & All Things Graphic Design – Vera Gadman
- Grant Writer – Eleanor Durham



Lori Finnerty



Ley Anne Merica



Cynthia Fox



Vera Gadman



Eleanor Durham

I am truly honored—and thrilled—to serve as your President and Treasurer. The Memorial Community Center holds a special place in so many of our lives. It's more than a building; it's a space built on connection, generosity, and love. It's where friendships begin, families grow, and our community shows up for one another in ways big and small. I'm excited to help lead us forward while protecting and nurturing the spirit that makes MCC feel like home.

Looking ahead, 2026 is shaping up to be a vibrant and fun filled year. We're building an exciting social calendar filled with music gatherings, social events, and fundraising opportunities hoping to connect across all ages. Whether you've been part of MCC for years or are just finding your way here, we hope there will be something that makes you want to jump in and participate.

To make all of this possible, we need you, our community.

We are currently looking for:

- Event volunteers to help bring our social calendar to life
- Preschool substitutes to support our incredible early childhood program.

Even a few hours of your time can make a meaningful difference. Volunteering is one of the most powerful ways we strengthen the Memorial Community Center—together.

If you're interested in getting involved, please reach out. We would love to connect you with the right opportunity.

Here's to a year of growth, laughter, service, and community. Thank you for being part of what makes MCC so special.

With gratitude,

Lori Finnerty
President/Treasurer
Memorial Community Center

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Next Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each
month: 12:30 PM at the
Community Center

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TALK



The talk “Shaping North Idaho”, given by Stan Myers, was both informative and fascinating. The attendees were entertained by Stan’s recounting of the history and makeup of how northern Idaho became what is now known as the Panhandle of Idaho.



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MCC UPDATE

Dear MCC Community,

As Treasurer of MCC, I want to share a brief update and extend my sincere appreciation for your continued financial support.



We remain focused on ensuring the long-term security and sustainability of MCC.

Our commitment is twofold: to actively support and strengthen our community center and preschool program today, and to responsibly build our endowment to protect the future of the MCC for generations to come.

We are proud to share that we currently have a full enrollment of 12 preschool students, six of whom are receiving scholarships. Providing access to early childhood education—regardless of financial circumstance—is central to our mission. Your generosity makes it possible for these children and families to be part of our community. Simply put, we could not do this without you.

In addition to supporting current operations and scholarships, we are intentionally growing our endowment fund. Our goal is to preserve the principal and allow MCC to be sustained by the interest generated over time. This disciplined approach reflects how seriously we take our financial stewardship and our responsibility to the future of MCC.

We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment and financial partnership. Your support enables us to carry out our mission and strengthens the foundation of our community center in meaningful and lasting ways.

Thank you for investing in the Memorial Community Center and in the children we serve at our preschool.

With gratitude,

Lori Finnerty
Treasurer, Memorial Community Center



Preschool UPDATE



Our preschool is buzzing with energy—and we are thrilled to share that we have a full classroom of 12 wonderful students this year!

The room is alive with curiosity, creativity, and joyful noise.



We've recently added new musical instruments, giving our little learners even more ways to explore rhythm and sound. From tambourines to shakers, music time has become an exciting highlight of the day.

The Peschool "Art Center" has also received a refresh! With new easels, paints, paint brushes, and colorful chalk, creativity is flowing in every direction. The children are painting, drawing, and expressing themselves in ways that make our classroom walls (and hearts) feel very full.



Do you know anyone interested in enrolling a child?

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our preschool family for the 2026–2027 school year, we would love to connect. Please call the office to inquire and learn more about enrollment opportunities. Also info at www.mccinhope.com/preschool.

We are also in urgent need of substitute volunteers. Even occasional availability makes a meaningful difference. If you are willing to be placed on our substitute call list, please reach out to the office to learn about the minimal requirements. Your time and support help us continue providing a warm, enriching environment for the children.

Thank you for being part of what makes our preschool so special!

Groups

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:
Mondays 7 - 8 pm

RESTORATIVE YOGA
On hold

ART CLASSES:
Mon-Drawing, 1 - 3 pm
Tues-Acrylic, 1 - 3 pm
1st Wed-Watercolor 1 - 3

HOPE SENIOR FITNESS:
Tuesday & Friday 10 - 11

CLARK FORK VALLEY QUILTERS:
1st and 3rd Thursdays
9 am to 2 pm (Returns Jan 16)

THE GARDENERS GATHERING:
2nd and 4th Sat 10 - 11am
(Returns spring 2026)

	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
Week 1	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 WOTR 11:15-12:15 ART Acrylic 1-3	ART 1-3 Watercolor	QUILTERS 9-2	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11		Private Group 9-12
Week 2	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 ART Acrylic 1-3		MCC BOARD 12:30-2:30	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 Private Group 4-6		Private Group 9-12
Week 3	ART 1-3 Drawing AA 7-8	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11 WOTR 11:15-12:15 ART Acrylic 1-3		QUILTERS 9-2	SENIOR FITNESS 10-11		Private Group 9-12
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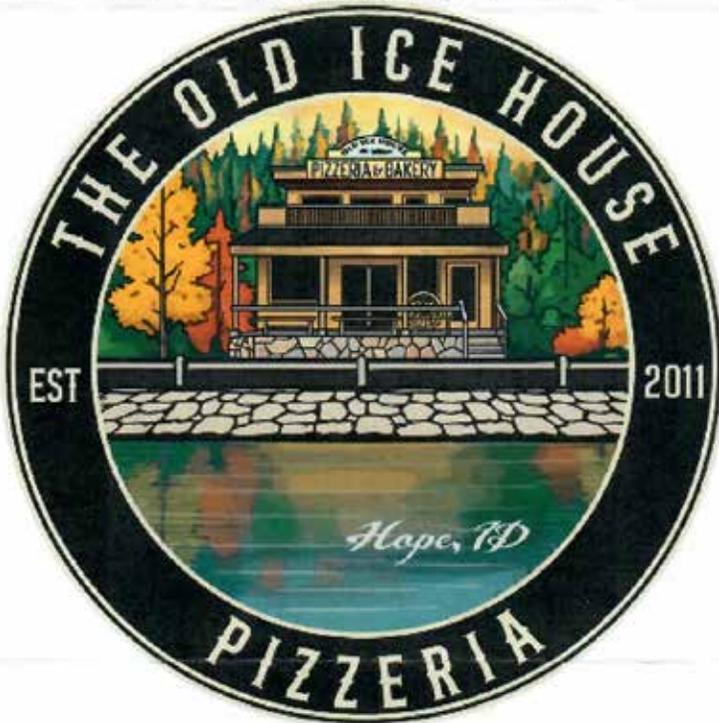
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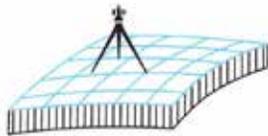


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