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## Trespassers to Rainbow Springs Parks Discover Our Zero Tolerance Parking Policy

By RSCC Board

Trespassing at Rainbow Springs Parks is an ongoing problem. On a recent sunny day, residents found that 11 out of 15 cars parked at the Riverside Park belonged to outsiders, trespassing to use our park. Only 4 cars parked there belonged to legitimate residents of Rainbow Springs. That is a problem. Last winters storms re-routed the river and we lost about 20 feet of prime sandy beach, so space is limited. We are finding that outsiders have been persistent in disobeying the laws, and continue to drive past all the "Private Property" signs. We have had complaints that residents have been unable to enjoy the beach due to high usage by outsiders.

Unfortunately, we have had to adhere to a strict zero tolerance policy of having violator's cars towed. Cars not displaying a Rainbow Springs Parking Permit are being towed and impounded at the owners cost! Non-residents to Rainbow Springs, who are visiting residents, must be accompanied by the Rainbow Springs resident hosting them, to utilize the parks. Too many people are saying, "We know people who live here". It isn't enough to know someone living in Rainbow Springs. Residents must accompany their guests when using the parks, and they must display a Rainbow Springs Parking Permit. Folks floating the river are coming ashore only to find their vehicles have been towed and impounded.

### Welcome to Our First Edition Online

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Hopefully the word will get out that we enforce a "no-tolerance" parking policy.

If you are residing in Rainbow Spring as a renter, you should contact your landlord to obtain the parking permits that were assigned to your lot's owner. If you own property and have renters, you should make sure that they have parking permits. If you own more than 2 cars and would like additional permits, permits can be purchased for \$5 each, up to, and limited to 2 additional permits. You must call the Hotline and leave a message. *(You must be a member in good standing, which means all dues and fees are up to date, to be issued parking permits)* Residents should not give their parking permits to outsiders! Please make the remainder of the summer a pleasant one by adhering to our parking policy.

Also when visiting our Lake Park please avoid parking on the dike. It is against State Dam Safety Regulations to park vehicles on the dike surrounding our lake.

## RSCC Community Garage Sales Set For Next Weekend!

Get your Garage Sale items ready! Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th have been set aside for the Annual Rainbow Springs Community Garage Sales. The sales will take place from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM both days. The gate will remain open during both days of the sale. We will be advertising the sale as well as posting flyers and signage.

### Annual Barb-B-Q Picnic a Big Success

With the continuance of prime summer weather, a good sized crowd of RSCC residents turned out to enjoy our Annual Barb-B-Q Picnic held at our River Front Park in July. Thank you to those who volunteered, and participated in making this event so enjoyable.

### ATVs BANNED in Rainbow Springs

Spring of 2007, the majority of residents voted to ban the use of all ATV's, off Road motorcycles, & motorized scooters within Rainbow Springs. Despite that ruling a number of residents (and their children) continue to violate this ban. Complaints come in regularly. Please note that violators will be fined! Homeowners who rent their property should also notify their renters of the ATV ban.

**ATV's and off-road motorcycles are not permitted to be driven upon the roads or upon the common areas of the community. Exception: When vehicles are used in support of community emergencies, events and or community improvement projects and as approved by the Board of Directors. (Amended 6/27/2007)**

### RSCC Delinquent Accounts

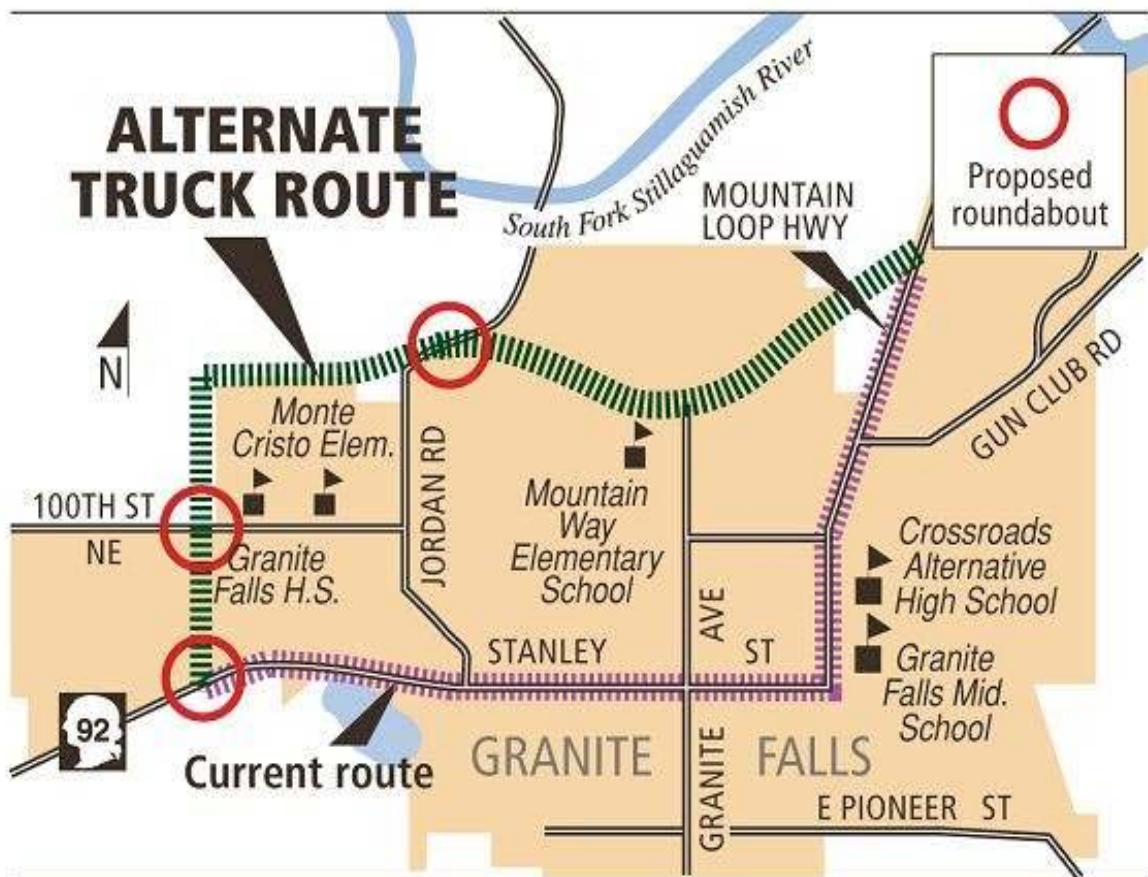
By Alicia Henson Secretary/Treasurer

On June 22nd, notices were sent out to all RSCC residents with an outstanding balance. These notices reminded homeowners that the Annual Dues were due on June 1st. The letter warned homeowners that liens are scheduled to be filed on August 3rd. RSCC has made several attempts to collect on delinquent accounts. **We have recently been asked by a few Community members to post the names and balances owed of delinquent homeowners.** The BOD is looking into this request and it will be discussed at the next board meeting. If you are a one of the several homeowners who have an outstanding balance, please give RSCC a call. Why let interest add up? Set up a payment plan. We will be glad to work out a manageable monthly payment. Please give us a call on our **HOTLINE at 691-2683**



## New Alternate Truck Route Construction Project Begins

As you have noticed there has been a considerable amount of construction at the intersection of Jordan Road, and Engebretsen Road near Perrigoue Field. This is only the precursor for a much larger project constructing the Alternate Truck Route to bypass downtown Granite Falls. There will be a roundabout installed at that intersection to keep the traffic flowing once the new route opens. Until then, we are told that residents should expect delays when negotiating the construction areas. The 2 year project is being funded with 28.7 million in Government Stimulus Funds. While the new By-Pass will decrease the number of gravel trucks traveling through downtown Granite Falls, it will increase the traffic flow through our area. Residents should plan their commutes accordingly.



### RSCC Adopt-A-Road Program Still Needs Volunteers

There is still time to take pride in your community by volunteering to keep your street clean. It only takes a few minutes a week, and you will be amazed at what a difference it makes when we all do our part. To volunteer call our hotline and tell us your name and which area you plan to periodically pick up litter. If everyone would clean the easement in front of their own property it would be wonderful. **HOTLINE - 691-2683**

## Emergency Medical Service Levy

By Kevin R. Hayes  
Fire Commissioner  
SCFPD 17 - Granite Falls Fire Dept.

On the August 18th ballot you will be asked to vote on an emergency medical service (EMS) levy renewal from Snohomish County Fire Protection District 17, known as Granite Falls Fire.

The levy is not a new levy or tax. This is a renewal of the EMS level that has been in place since 1993, was renewed once in 1999 and is set to expire at the end of 2009 if not approved.

The EMS level pays for an advanced life support contract with Lake Steven Fire for paramedic services, first aid supplies, public First Aid/CPR programs and on-duty staffing of the fire stations with a ready response crew on a 24/7 basis.

The maximum amount allowed under state law that can be collected with this level renewal is \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as part of your property tax. If your home is valued at \$250,000, it will cost you no more than \$10.42 per a month to continue to receive the same level of highly skilled and professional care in our community.

If the levy fails there will be the loss of 20% of the fire department operating budget, which covers labor, contracts, supplies, training, utilities and services used to support our EMS program. Losing 20% of our operating budget will likely mean the reduction or elimination of advanced life support service for the most critically injured or ill, staffing at the fire stations will be reduced and restructured affecting the fire departments ability to respond to multiple alarms at the same time, budgeted programs including public education, water rescue, facilities and equipment upgrades will be delayed, suspended or eliminated. All of which will directly or indirectly affect everyone in our community.

We realize that in these economic times that we are all under financial strain and uncertainty. Your elected Board of Fire Commissioners weighed all options available and looked at opportunities to postpone the levy renewal until financial conditions stabilized. If this was a new levy request, we would not be placing it on the ballot – this is a renewal of an existing levy that will sustain the current level of service. Again, I cannot stress enough that this levy is not a levy to fund a new station build, buy a new fire truck or expand our operational capabilities. This levy is a *sustainment* levy to keep all current levels of EMS service available to the community.

**Whether you vote "Yes" or "No", it is important that you exercise your right to vote and turn those ballots in. EMS levies require a 60% supermajority to pass. Also, 2,074 or 40% of the voters who cast ballots last November in the general election need to vote this election to meet validation requirements.**

I ask that you consider this as an opportunity to vote "Yes" and to keep the level of EMS services many of our community members have had to rely on and a level of service that someday you might need. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [kevin.hayes@gffd17.org](mailto:kevin.hayes@gffd17.org). Thank-you for your support and consideration of a "Yes" vote.

## Culvert Repair Stalls Again – By Floyd Smith

We were told months ago that we would need to wait until July to move forward with the Culvert Repair on our main road. That would allow us to lower the water level of the lake during dryer weather so that the creek bed would be dry during the construction. Our engineer met all of the requirements in his design process, submitted his plans, and filed permits in a timely manner. Our Engineer met with the Planning Commission on July 15<sup>th</sup> and while they were sympathetic to the time constraints of our repair schedule, they said that the final approval of our grading permit could take 4 to 6 more weeks. The “Notice-of-Work-to-Be-Done” signs are posted and we are waiting for the “go ahead” from the County Planning Commission before the project can move forward.

## Bobcat Sightings Reported

It has been reported that a Bobcat was sighted in Rainbow Springs near the woods along the Lake Park the second week of July. Also a Bobcat was reported down along the river on 166<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> earlier this spring. Bobcats can be 15 to 35 pounds and are Tan with dark spots. Look for distinctive tufts on the ear points.

If you see a Bobcat near your home, there is no need to panic. Bobcats rarely attack people. However, if a Bobcat does attack a human, it generally will have symptoms of rabies. Bobcats may be attracted to a yard that has abundant wildlife, birds (bird feeders), small pets, water, and shade or other shelter. Small pets need to be protected from Bobcats and other predators. Keep small pets indoors, or in an enclosed area with a sturdy roof. Do not spread seed that attracts other wildlife that may be a food source for the Bobcat. Do not feed Bobcats, as this can encourage them to become too comfortable around humans. Bobcats may visit an area to find food, water, shelter, or the space they need to live.

They are attracted to; birds, rodents, rabbits, small unattended pets, poultry or other domestic birds, and other small livestock. They also hunt lizards, snakes and toads. They are attracted to water in pools, birdbaths, fountains, and pets' water dishes. They will sometimes defecate in shallow water (such as pools and fountains).

Shelter for Bobcats can include rooftops, attics, and the space underneath decks. Other small spaces can make attractive dens to raise their litters in. Also, Bobcats will sometimes rest during the day or bask in the sun. This makes them attracted to thick brush, shade, and unoccupied yards. Fencing will not fend them off since they can jump 12 feet. Scare them off with loud noises or spray with a garden hose. Bobcats are most active around sunset and sunrise, and it is not uncommon to find one napping under a shrub in a brushy backyard. Individual Bobcats will defend a territory of one to 12 square miles.

**Gate Remote Controls  
are available at our  
monthly meetings for  
\$15 each**



**EMS Levy**

**Please be sure to mail in your absentee ballot no later than August 18<sup>th</sup> to ensure the continuance of the current Emergency Medical Services. This levy will not raise your taxes but keep them at the current level and will sustain our current services. Remember that over 90% of all calls our Fire Department responds to are EMS calls. Help**

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**Check out our community website**

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**Calendar of Upcoming Events****August 2009**

- Fri. & Sat. Aug. 8th & 9th – Annual Community Garage Sale
- Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> send in your absentee ballot for EMS Levy!
- Wed. Aug.26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

**September 2009**

- Tues. Sept. 1st – First Day of School – Drive carefully
- Wed. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

**October 2009**

- Wed. Oct. 28th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17
- Sat. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween – GATE CLOSED

**Nov. 2009**

- Wed. Nov. 18th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17 – one week early due to the

**URGENT: Important Information Inside**

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