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## Culvert Replacement Scheduled

**Finally!** The much anticipated Culvert Replacement Project is scheduled for the first part of *July weather permitting*. Special caution and care, while driving, through the construction site should be exercised during the two day project. Although half of the road will remain open at a time, please plan for, and expect slight delays.

There has been a lot of misinformation circulating regarding the culvert replacement project. There is an incorrect perception that the RSCC Board has not moved forward with the culvert replacement for a variety of reasons. We have heard many erroneous reports, none of which are true.

To recap; Construction bids were obtained. The property owners voted on one of three options for repairing or replacing the culvert. Each option gave an estimate of costs. The lot owners voted, democratically, to completely replace the culvert at a construction cost of \$21,000. Funds for the culvert replacement were assessed and collected once, and once only. The funds that are currently being collected are for the RSCC Annual Dues. There are NO special assessments this year. And the current Annual Dues are the same amount as last year. The funds for the culvert project have been safely collecting interest in a money market account. Money spent thus far on the project, has been for engineering plans, the required Department of Ecology water, plant and soil studies, and for the county construction permits.

Any delays in the repair of the culvert have all been due to the County's delays in processing our permits, the state required Department of Ecology studies, and budget cutbacks (less staffing) at the county level. Not because of any malfeasance by the RSCC board. The long awaited permits have just recently been provided, but the contractor has been notified that he cannot proceed

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**GET READY!**  
 RSCC Community-Wide  
 Garage Sales Are Coming  
 This Month! This Years  
 Garage Sales  
 Are Scheduled for  
 Sat. & Sun. June 26<sup>th</sup> and  
 27<sup>th</sup>



## Parking Permit Reminder

With warm weather quickly approaching, many people will be using the River Park. The river and lake parks are for the enjoyment of Rainbow Springs residents *only*. Outsiders are not permitted to trespass and their vehicles are subject to towing. Guests are not permitted to access either park, unless accompanied by a Rainbow Springs Resident host. A reminder that all vehicles parked at the River or Lake Parks **MUST** display a Parking Permit in their front or back window. Those vehicles **NOT** displaying a valid RSCC Parking Permit are subject to towing and impounding at the owners expense. That includes residents who are in non-compliance with the parking regulation.

Parking Permits are only issued to property owners in good standing, (without past due accounts) and it is the property owners responsibility to provide the issued Parking Permits to their renters.

If for some reason you have not been provided Parking Permits, and are a RSCC Member in good standing, please call the RSCC Hotline at **360-691-2683**. Two permits per lot owner have been provided. If a family has more than 2 vehicles, additional permits may be purchased for \$5 each, up to, and limited to 2 additional permits. Permits may not be loaned or given to persons not residing in Rainbow Springs.

## Loose Animals in Rainbow Springs

There have been a few loose and/or aggressive animals in Rainbow Springs. Here is an excerpt from the Snohomish County website to remind us all to be responsible pet owners:

*“A Snohomish County pet license is required for all adult dogs and cats residing in unincorporated Snohomish County and within the boundaries of those municipalities participating in the Regional Pet Licensing Program. A pet license is required regardless of whether they are kept indoors or outdoors. A Snohomish County pet license is your best assurance for the safe return of a lost pet. A junior license is required for dogs and cats under the age of 6 months. The license is valid until the dog or cat reaches 6 months of age when an adult dog or cat license must be applied for. The fee paid for the junior license will be credited toward the purchase of an adult dog or cat license. Snohomish County has a countywide leash law, which requires any dog off the property of the owner to be under the control of a responsible individual. It is against the law to allow your dog to roam off your property.”*

If you have problems with a neighbor's pet or stray animals, please do not contact RSCC. The number to contact the Snohomish County Animal Control is **425-388-3440**.

Keep in mind that if a complaint is called in for one of your loose pets, the first thing that Animal Control will request is proof of a valid Dog or Cat license. Non-compliance with the Pet License Law can result in a fine. A lot of people believe that since we reside in the country that Licenses are not required. This is not the case. Annual License fees are less expensive for spayed or neutered pets. It is also recommended that you microchip your pet to further facilitate your animal's safe return when lost.

**REMINDER: The sound of 4th of July fireworks are especially confusing and disorienting to most pets. Take care to keep your pets safely confined during**

## New RSCC Entrance Sign Project Taking Shape

Special heartfelt “Thank You’s” go out to the RSCC volunteers who spear-headed the entrance sign project. The volunteers have worked hard to complete the installation of our new granite sign.

Thank you to; Susie Martin, Vicki Jans, Warren Rainville, Floyd Smith, Hal Newell, and Kevin Hayes.



## New RSCC Board

Two new openings exist on the RSCC Board of Trustees, with the completion of 3 year terms formerly held by Floyd Smith and Alicia Henson. Also retiring to pursue career aspirations was Board Member Kayti Borg.

The RSCC Board of Directors also recently welcomed new board Member Larry Parent. If you are interested in serving we suggest you get involved, and attend the monthly meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30PM and location is posted at the entrance gate.

President - Vicki Jans

Vice President - Susie Martin

Secretary/Treasurer - Annette Blandino

Board Trustee Position 1 - Larry Parent

Board Trustee Position 2 - Open

Board Trustee Position 3 - Warren Rainville

Board Trustee Position 4 - Open

Board Trustee Position 5 - Kevin Hayes

Board Trustee Position 6 - Hal Newell

## Annual RSCC Barb-B-Q Picnic Planned

Mark your Calendars for **Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2010**. We will be gathering at the Riverfront Park for the Annual RSCC B-B-Q Picnic. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic side dish to share and join us at **1:00PM** for a great time of food, fun and friends.

## Riverfront Park Reserved for Wedding Party

Saturday August 14th, 2010, the parking areas and the grassy park area, at the River Front Park will be reserved for the private Wedding Reception of a RSCC resident. Wedding guests will be utilizing the parking areas during that event.

## Community Service Hours Offered to Granite Falls High School Students

Did you know that each High School student must complete 40 hours of volunteer Community Service to graduate? Rainbow Springs has scheduled several dates for community clean-up crews to clean the garbage from along our roadways and common areas. If you have a student in need of Community Service hours, you can take advantage of the following scheduled clean-up projects.

Meet at the Bulletin Board at the Lake Park Parking area the following dates and times:

**Sat. June 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM**

**Sat. June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM**

**Mon. July 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM - "After 4<sup>th</sup> of July clean-up"**

**Sat. July 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM**

## Easements

Are you aware that the upkeep of the easements that border your property is your responsibility?

The easements, although jointly owned by the community of Rainbow Springs, are to be kept up by each lot owner whose property borders against them.

According to the Rules and Regulations all easements are to be kept clear of trees and brush by the bordering lot owner.

Summer is a great time to spruce up the easements along your property. Keep them mowed and clear of weeds and brush.

## Dangerous Trees to Be Removed this Summer

Last month RSCC consulted a professional Arborist to diagnose the condition of the trees in the Rainbow Springs common areas. The Arborist was extremely qualified and knowledgeable. She was able to pin-point which trees were hazardous and a liability to the community. The trees that she tagged were actually dying, stressed, or had damaged unstable tree trunks, and were in need of immediate removal to avoid potential injuries to residents.

Over the next few months you will notice some of the tagged trees being removed for the safety of our community. One such tree is the giant split trunk cottonwood at the Lake Park which is top heavy and in danger of breaking off and falling into the road. There is a half dead Doug Fir that is already leaning, near the Bulletin board. Also the main shade tree at the river park in the grassy area next to the picnic tables has a completely soft rotted trunk you can push a writing pen through. Most of the work will be done "in-house" whenever possible, by residents with logging experience. Some more dangerous jobs will need to be bid out. Please keep in mind that those of us who have chosen to live here love trees. We would never take down a tree unless it was in the stages of dying or has been deemed a hazard to residents. We will not be taking down healthy trees. If you have real logging experience and would like to help volunteer your time to the project please call the hotline at **360-691-2683**



School will be out for the summer soon. Drivers, *PLEASE* use CAUTION while driving and **SLOW DOWN!**

## Bear Sighting on Rainbow Lake

On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> longtime Lake Residents Roger and Caroline Benjamin spotted a black bear on Rainbow Lake. It was the first bear seen by the Benjamins in the many years they have lived on Rainbow Drive. Mr. Benjamin stated that he has seen Bobcats, Beaver, Muskrats, otter, deer, raccoons, and has even seen Eagles grabbing baby ducks. According to Mr. Benjamin this was the first bear they have spotted. The bear was on property across the lake off the cul-de-sac on the end of 169<sup>th</sup> Dr. The bear appeared to be fleeing from something, and entered the water and swam across the lake exiting near the RSCC gate. The black bear appeared to be about 5 foot tall when it stood up, and around 200 pounds. Residents are reminded to not leave pet food outside, where it might attract wildlife.

## Annual Dues

While most lot owners pay their RSCC Annual Dues on time, some for whatever reason do not. Assessments are due 30 days from the date of the original invoice. A 12% per annum late fee will be added to past due accounts. If you do not plan on paying on time, the worst thing you can do is remain silent. RSCC has a Payment Policy and is willing to work with you provided you make arrangements to pay. Please contact RSCC to make set up a payment schedule. By setting up and following through with a payment plan, you can avoid a costly lien being placed on your property. You can contact RSCC by phone at **360.691.2683** (Please leave a detailed message), by mail at: RSCC, Inc., P.O. Box 388, Granite Falls, WA. 98252 or online at: [businessops@rscconline.org](mailto:businessops@rscconline.org)

Please remember to include the lot owners name, address and phone number or email address.

### Fourth of July

Please be safe and sane when celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Fireworks noise and celebrating should be confined to the weekend of the Fourth and not the entire month of July.

Have a water hose and bucket of water nearby to extinguish fires.

Please be a good neighbor and clean up all debris leftover from fireworks.

Fireworks are **not** permitted at the Lake or Riverfront Parks.

Check out our community  
website

<http://www.rscconline.org>

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### JUNE 2010

- Wed. June 16th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17
- Sun. June 20<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- Sat. & Sun. June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Annual RSCC Garage Sales

#### JULY 2010

- Sun. July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- Wed. July. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

#### AUGUST 2010

- Sat. Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, Private Wedding Reception – Riverfront Park
- Wed. Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17
- Sat. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual RSCC BBQ Picnic

**URGENT: Important Summer  
Event Schedules Inside**

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