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SPEED BUMPS

After much thoughtful consideration, and concern for Public Safety, the instillation of Speed Bumps will be necessary to slow down speeding motorists in Rainbow Springs. The number one complaint through many years, has been cars speeding on our roads. The speed limit is 15 MPH and was 15 MPH when every single homeowner moved in here, but few observe that posted speed limit. Repeated appeals to slow down have been made, with no improvement by motorists. Our roads are much narrower than county designed and maintained roads, and are not designed for high speeds. Walking, jogging, or bike riding along our roads has become a dangerous endeavor for our residents and their children. Rainbow Drive and the “s” curve around the lake is particularly problematic, in spite of the fact that it is a school bus zone. Also problematic, has been motorists blowing through the stop signs as if they don’t exist. So please slow down, be courteous, and obey the posted signs. There are more school students walking this year so be careful.

Problematic Trees Removed

As a matter of public safety, four dangerous trees, which were dead or diseased, and at risk of falling, were removed. As with other tree removal projects, the wood from the fallen trees is available to residents on a first come first serve basis. The wood chips from the project are also available in the Track B common area between 120th and 119th.

Sunday October 31st the gate will remain closed for Halloween

Take care while driving and watch out for Trick-or-Treaters



Community Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday Oct. 2nd Meet @ the Lake Park 11:00AM

Coming Soon! Fall Community Bonfire

With the cool Fall days approaching, and 3 big piles of tree debris waiting to be burned, the community has decided to have a Bon Fire and roast marshmallows. Look for the sign posted at the gate for the time and date details. Bring your favorite LONG stick to safely roast your Smores or marshmallows and your favorite folding chair.

The event will take place at the River Park on a rainless Fall evening. Watch for the reminder sign.

Board Selects the Bid for Ancillary Drain Decommissioning Project

Now that the Culvert Replacement Project is completed, the RSCC Board is shifting its focus to the next project. The Decommissioning of the Ancillary Drain on Rainbow Lake as mandated, by the state, to be completed by 2011.

The board has approved a bid from the same contractor who completed the culvert replacement. His bid was the lowest received, and his work ethic has been proven. The engineering, construction permits, and studies have already been paid for in advance for this mandated project.

The Project will require a Special Assessment to be levied from lot owners to cover the construction costs of the decommissioning. This assessment will be in addition to the regular Annual dues that are collected each spring. To keep the project costs as low as possible for lot owners, the Board of Directors has already collected and saved 50% of the total overall construction costs, and set the funds aside in an interest bearing account.

RSCC Board Business Etiquette

The RSCC Board of Directors serves this community voluntarily. Unfortunately, it can be a time-consuming and thankless job. **Community Business is to be conducted at the Monthly Business Meetings, not at the homes of our board members.** Community Business is conducted at our Monthly Meetings the 3rd Wed. of each month at 6:30 PM, the location is posted at the gate. If you are unable to attend you can always call our **Business HOTLINE at 360-691-2683**, or email general inquiries to: info@rscconline.org and financial related inquiries to: businessops@rscconline.org. Someone will get back to you within 48 hours usually less. The Board is here to serve the community, but have private lives as well.

Come and bring your creative ideas, be a part of the solution to the challenges facing the community of the Rainbow Springs. New Business is reserved for the end of each meeting.

RSCC Winter Snow Removal Policy

By Kevin Hayes, RSCC Board of Trustees

If you can believe and trust weather predictions in Western Washington, were supposed to see a wet and cold winter this year. Wet+Cold+Winter=Snow and Ice!

The Board of Directors has contracted a company to handle the removal of snow from some portions of the community, when we get heavy accumulations. The company will be on standby, and will place us on the top of their call out list. Funds are limited so when we experience heavy accumulations, the company will come out as soon as possible and begin the snow removal process, which we would then pay a set hourly fee. In order to keep cost's down only the hills in the community would be plowed. These include:

- From the gate to the Lake Park on Rainbow Drive.
- From the Lake Park to the River Park on 167th Dr. NE.
- Entire 123rd PL NE

Even with our community roads plowed, once you leave the community you more than likely will be faced with roads that have yet to be plowed by the county or DOT. Jordan Road's hill heading toward Granite Falls always seems to be late on the plow list, and that hill that is impassable - even with some 4X4's.

It's your responsibility to be prepared for winter driving in our community as well as public roads. If you are not prepared to drive on snow or ice, you are creating a hazard for everyone else as well as yourself and vehicle occupants. Do everyone a favor....stay home!

Here are some common sense tips for winter driving:

- Snow tires offer better traction than standard seasonal tires. However; they are not magical and you can still have traction issues. Especially on ice.
 - Cable chains are better at providing traction in compact snow and ice. Combine these with snow tires, and you have the best traction possible.
 - If you are driving a rear wheel drive vehicle, add extra weight to the trunk. Bag of sand or gravel work great and at the end of winter; you can dump them in your landscape.
 - Before you hit the roads, remove all snow from your vehicle and make certain that the windows and external mirrors are defrosted.
 - Have a small shovel in the trunk. If you get stuck, it might unstick you!
 - Keep a disaster kit in your vehicle. In the winter months, augment your kit with warm blankets, socks, hats and gloves. If you get stuck and trapped, you can stay warm and fend off hypothermia.
 - Keep a flashlight in the glove box. If you get stuck at night, the flashlight is good to warn others and or light the way on your walk home.
 - If you need to abandon your vehicle, don't abandon it in the middle of the road. Move it to the side and leave your flashers on and lock it up.
 - Make certain you have a cell phone charger in your car. You may need to charge that phone before you can call for help.
 - Jumper cables and a tow strap are good additions to the trunk.
 - Don't call 911 if you get stuck or slide off the road. 911 is for emergencies and unless you were injured in an accident, don't use it. Call a tow company.
 - SLOW DOWN in icy winter conditions, If you have a big 4X4 you are not invincible.
 - If you don't absolutely and positively need to be on the road, then don't go out.
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Drive Safely - School is in Session

With the failure of the recent School Operations Levy, there are less bus routes this year, and more students walking. Our narrow county roads do not have shoulders or sidewalks, take extra care and watch for student walkers.

Forth Annual Holiday Lights Contest Coming

It's time again to shine with the Forth Annual Holiday Lights Contest. There will be three prizes awarded. One prize will be awarded in each in the following categories:

Most Lights, Best Theme, Most Creative

Judging for the contest will take place on Wednesday, December 15th directly following the monthly Board of Directors Meeting. Make sure that your Holiday lights are on that evening.



Residents Enjoy Annual B-B-Q Picnic



The weather was perfection, the potluck food was delicious and plentiful, and the Hot Dogs and Burgers were superb. Over 50 residents came together for an afternoon of friends, food and great fellowship at the Annual B-B-Q Picnic. Neighbors met neighbors, friends and relatives, kids and dogs played in the river, and a fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make this year's B-B-Q Picnic a success.

A special thank you to Hal Newell, our Honorary Grill Master, and the creator of the famous "Hal-Burgers", who also celebrated his birthday the day of the picnic ... Great job Hal.

RATS in Rainbow Springs Not Just a Nuisance, But Also A Public Health Threat

Recently a Board Member spoke to a professional pest control expert regarding a complaint that came in from a resident. The resident was complaining that the tall grass in track B behind 120th and 119th was attracting rats. There has been un-mowed tall grass in Track B since the beginning of Rainbow Springs. **The Pest Control professional set the record straight.... Tall grass does not attract rats, food does. If the food source is near the tall grass, the rats will nest nearby in the tall grass. You want to get rid of the rats, get rid of their food source, period!** Many residents have decided to forgo regular weekly Garbage pick up, and instead take their cans to the dump. This practice attracts rats. Just the aroma of garbage attracts rats. Also grain in bird-feeders, and feeding pets outdoors attracts rats. Get rid of their food now. Also be advised that bait blocks often kill pet cats and dogs as well as other wildlife like raccoons and squirrels. Bait Blocks should never be left out in the open, but secured and locked in locking bait boxes. Locking Bait Boxes are available at ACE hardware. Beware that rats bring with them a variety of diseases which affect both humans, and pets. Young children are more susceptible to such diseases especially the airborne ones.

The pest control expert mentioned that he is extremely busy right now because of the sudden onset of cooler weather. Summer was shorter this year and the Norway Rats, and smaller Roof Rats are all coming inside to get out of the cold. They are making their way into attics, crawlspaces, and garages. They breed very rapidly and are especially active at night when the house is quiet. Having a cat is an inefficient means to get rid of rats, and also endangers the health of the cat by spreading worms, fleas, diseases, and parasites. Many rat problems around homes can be related to the keeping of pets. In fact, rats may live in very close association with cats and dogs. Rats frequently live beneath a doghouse and soon learn they can feed on the dog's food when he is absent or asleep. Although house cats, some dogs, and other predators kill rats, they do not usually provide effective rat control.

Rats and mice are gnawers. They have to gnaw to wear down their teeth, or their teeth will continue to grow. This gnawing is different than eating and is done only to wear down their teeth. They can gnaw through wood, drywall, heavy screening, and electrical wiring. This can cause a house fire. The pest control expert said that he has seen them nest in a warm spot under a freezer or refrigerator, where they have destructively gnawed through wiring destroying whole freezers and refrigerators full of food.

The big danger in rat or mouse infestations is their droppings. The problems with mouse and rat droppings are threefold;

First of all, the droppings tend to grow fungus and mold over time. The mold and fungus releases airborne spores that the people inside the home unknowingly breathe, leading to lung infections such as Histoplasmosis.

The second problem with rat droppings is that the scent actually attracts new wildlife to your home even long after the original rats are gone, more will come back. The droppings and urine actually contain pheromones meant to attract mates. The pheromones in turn, also attract the predators that eat them.

The third problem is that mouse and rat droppings are often laced with a variety of diseases that humans can catch.

So in summary, poor sanitation, and leaving food sources such as pet food, and garbage out, is what lures rats and mice. If they get inside, then the fun begins. Once you have them and get rid of them, more can come back, and back and back.....

**Fall Back!
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sun. November 7th, 2010**



Set your clocks back one hour

Check out our community website

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2010

- Sat. Oct. 2nd Community Clean-up 11:00 -AM Lake Park
- Wed. Oct. 20 @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station
- Sun. Oct. 31st – Halloween - Gate Closed

NOVEMBER 2010

- Sun. Nov. 7th – Daylight Savings Time ends
- Thurs. Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day
- Wed. Nov. 17th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station
- Thurs. Nov. 25th - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2010

- Wed. Dec. 15th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station
- Wed. Dec. 15th - Holiday Lights Contest Judging
- Sat. Dec. 25th – Christmas Day

**URGENT: Important
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