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Local RSCC Boy Scouts Collecting Aluminum Cans

RSCC Board Supports Boy Scout Troop 114's Fundraising Effort

The following letter was received by the RSCC Board, after Scout Dennis attended the last Board meeting to ask for donations of Aluminum cans. Recycling of the aluminum cans will provide much needed funds for the purchase of camping equipment, and also fund sending the boys to Summer Camp. Please lend your support for these residents of Rainbow Springs. Save your aluminum for our boys.

My brother and I are with Troop 114 out in Everett are doing our own fundraising to go to Hawaii for summer camp in 2014 with our troop. Our fundraiser is collecting aluminum cans. If you would like to help us out please set your cans out on **Wednesday nights by 6 pm** in a garbage bag marked with troop 114. We will be by between 6 pm and 8 pm to collect. We will start collecting immediately.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Dennis and Vincent
Troop 114 Scouts



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Re-set clocks - Daylight Savings Time ends Sun. Nov. 4th at 2:00 AM - Change your smoke detector batteries!

RSCC Entrance Gate To Remain Closed For Halloween

In our continuing effort to protect property and our Trick-Or-Treaters the gate will remain in the closed position on Oct. 31st. Please make sure your little ones are visible as they go door to door after dark.



First Responders

Fall is here and the days are much shorter and darker. One question you should ask yourself is: If there was an emergency at your residence would "First Responders" be able to identify your home in the dark? Is your residence well marked with highly visible house numbers which are clearly visible from the street on a dark night? If not, precious moments could be lost, moments which can be the difference between life and death in an emergency. If your home is set back at the end of a long driveway, are the house numbers posted at the entrance to your driveway? Are your house numbers obstructed by bushes, trees or other items? Ask yourself this question: If you had never been to your house before, would you be able to find it in the dark? Don't wait until it is too late to find out.



Thank You Corner:

Genuine and heartfelt thanks for Board Members Hal Newell and Kevin Hayes for recently filling potholes.

Twice over the last few months longtime resident John Yauger was seen cleaning up the entrance to Rainbow Springs. John removed garbage, and weed-wacked the approach, and area around the gate and sign.

Thanks to the volunteer crew of residents that removed the old dilapidated restroom at the Lake Park. Also thanks to Kathy Loth for hauling away all the old lumber.

Thank you to resident Casey Martin for clearing debris from the spillway grate on a regular basis.

Thank you for taking initiative and having pride in our community. If you see a resident doing a good deed please let us know so we can post a thank you.

Rural Mail Boxes

Do you know that The U.S. Postal Service has very specific requirements for your curbside mailboxes? Non-compliance with the U.S. Postal Service regulations can cause an interruption in service. Now is a good time to assess whether you are in compliance. Mailboxes and their support must be sturdy and in good repair.

- **The following are a few of the regulations that apply when installing a curbside mailbox:**
 - All mailboxes must be approved by the Postal Service. They are usually stamped.
 - Custom made mailboxes will be approved by the Postmaster if they meet established standards
 - Name put on box should be at least one inch high
 - Generally, the boxes should be installed with the bottom of the box at a vertical height of between 41-45 inches from the road surface
 - A mailbox with a lock must have a slot large enough to accommodate customer's daily mail volume.
 - Advertising on a mailbox or the supporting post of the mailbox is prohibited.

Note: A receptacle for **newspaper** delivery by private companies may be attached to the **post** of a curbside mailbox used by the Postal Service if the receptacle:

 - Does not touch the mailbox or use any part of the mailbox for support.
 - Does not interfere with the delivery of mail, obstruct the view of the mailbox flag, or present a hazard to mailperson or vehicle.
 - Does not extend beyond the front of the mailbox when the box door is closed.
 - Does not display advertising, except the publication title.
- **Address Identification - Every curbside mailbox must bear the following address information:**
 - A box number, if used, inscribed in contrasting color in neat letters and numerals at least 1 inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier's regular approach or on the door if boxes are grouped.
 - A house number if street names and house numbers have been assigned by local authorities and the postmaster authorizes their use as a postal address.
 - If the box is on a different street from the customer's residence, the street name and house number must be inscribed on the box.
 - The mailbox may bear the owner's name.
- **Clear Approach**

Customers must keep the approach to their mailboxes clear of obstructions to allow safe access for delivery. If USPS employees are impeded in reaching a mail receptacle, the postmaster may withdraw delivery service



Energy SAVING TIP

Did you know that a single electric Infrared heater can save you up to half on the heating portion of your PUD bill? The heaters efficiently heat an area up to 1,000 square feet for a lot less than baseboard or wall heaters. 110 Volt - 1500 Watt High/750 Watt Low, 15 AMPS. The boxes stay cool to the touch and are safe for children and pets, by re-circulating air heated by Infrared bulbs. They can be found on sale in local stores or online and can handily be rolled room to room.



Signs!

RSCC has been very tolerant of signs posted throughout our community. Garage Sale signs, party and event postings, and missing pet notices have become commonplace and can become an eyesore if left up indefinitely. If you have posted a sign *PLEASE* remove your signs when your sale or event is over. Leftover signs are unsightly and can become roadside garbage.

Thank you!

Fall Is Salmon Run Time on the Stilly

October and November are the best times to watch the Salmon returning to spawn in the Stilliguamish River. If you have never ventured to the river's edge to watch the run, you are missing out on one of nature's wonders. The instinct of the Salmon to return to spawn is an incredible force. In addition to watching the salmon run you may witness Eagles feasting on the fish.

The Stillaguamish River and its tributaries are known for their salmon runs. Eight Salmon species use the streams for spawning, including Chinook, Coho (Sivers), Chum, Pink (also known as Humpies) , Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead Trout, Sea-run Cutthroat, and Bullhead trout.

Variant names for the Stillaguamish River, according to the USGS, include Tuxpam River, Stoh-luk-whahmpsh River, Stillaquamish River, Steilaguamish River, Stalukahamish River, and other similar spellings.



Chappell Road Named After Granite Falls First Doctor, Pharmacist and City Treasurer

In 1893, Dr. Frank Chappell (1846-1927) arrives in Granite Falls and sets up the first medical practice. A smallpox epidemic in Snohomish County logging camps exposes a pressing need for doctors. He will go on to become an important member of the pioneer community, contributing not only a long-term medical practice, a pharmacy, a hardware store, and a shingle mill. He will also be known for his collections of poetry.

The Early Years

Dr. Frank Chappell was born in Lockwood, New York, in 1846, the son of an educator. At an early age, his family moved to Michigan where they lived in several different towns including Ottoway, Michigan. After graduating from public school, he presumably attended college (it is not known where), and graduated from University of Michigan's Medical School in 1881. (In the 1880s a bachelor's degree was required for admission.)

Chappell's medical degree is quite exceptional. The Medical School at the time was one of the most innovative in the country, owning its hospital and teaching its students a curriculum based on a science model. "The eagerness of the Medical School to refine its curriculum propagated advances in instruction, scientific inquiry and public health. [The Medical School] grounded its teachings in basic science and created an intimate working nexus between physicians and researchers" (Hwang). It was groundbreaking in its student body too. In 1870, the first woman was accepted into the program. An African American, the son of a slave, joined not long after.

Around the time of his graduation, Chappell married Sophie Gray, a school teacher. For several years, Dr. Chappell practiced in Michigan towns such as Nunica, Sand Lake, and Grand Rapids and started a family. Then in 1893, he immigrated to Washington arriving in Snohomish County during a serious smallpox outbreak in the logging camps. He set up his new practice in Granite Falls, working out of a small building. He was the only doctor in area for many miles.

Doctor and Pharmacist

An enterprising man, Chappell opened the first drug store in Granite Falls. "My grandfather had an acute sense of taste," said Charlotte Chappell Petty, his granddaughter (Petty, February 14, 2008). "He had the ability to taste drugs and mixed his own prescriptions." He built a wood structure on the northwest corner of Granite Avenue and Pioneer Street in the town. It housed his drugstore, doctor's office, and a hardware store, the first in the town. The Masons rented a room at the back on the building on the second floor.

Charlotte Petty remembers the drugstore well. She was born upstairs in the doctor's apartment. A customer would walk into drugstore and immediately a metal bar under the door knob would fall to floor alerting the family that someone was there. The drugstore had shelves for various items including candy and sundries. Prescriptions were picked up at the counter. Straight back there was a pot belly stove and chairs where

"little old ladies" from the town gathered. Chappell's medical office was there. His wife Sophie and later their daughter-in-law Josephine assisted.

Initially, Dr. Chappell saw patients with a horse and buggy, but eventually he bought a automobile. The first time he drove it, which was also the last time, the car went through the garage door

Civil Service and Poetry

In addition to the drug and hardware store, Chappell went into logging and millwork. The Chappell Shingle Mill made shingles from logs taken from his 1,500 acres of timber land, employing dozens of men. The doctor was president and Sophie was his secretary. A nephew, Burt Chappell, was apparently a partner. Frank and Sophie also owned a 750-acre ranch.

Chappell was also active in the community. After Granite Falls was incorporated in 1903, he became the city's first treasurer. He also served on the school board and as a health officer. Chappell was also known as a poet and published several poems over the years. In December of 1925, the Granite Falls Records published *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*, a collection of holiday poems.

Life and Death

Despite these successes, there was sorrow in his life. The Chappells had three children, but two of them died early. One of them, Charlotte Elisabeth, along with their grandchild, drowned on a ship that sank between Alaska and Seattle. Their only surviving offspring, Peter, married and had two daughters.

In 1927 Chappell died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 81. His coffin was displayed open in the drugstore for a couple of days with chrysanthemums all around. After he was buried, his wife and daughter-in-law, Gussie Chappell, continued the practice and filled out prescriptions as there was no doctor in the immediate area.

Today, medical office implements and furniture of the type Dr. Chappell would have used (from Washington of that period though not from his particular office) can be seen at the Granite Falls Museum

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Dr. Frank Chappell circa 1905

FRANK CHAPPELL M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
and
Licensed Pharmacist.
Full line of Drugs and
Medicines at the
Granite Falls Pharmacy.

Ad placed in the Granite Falls Post
July 18th 1903



Dr. Chappell with grand-daughter
Josephine Spithill
Photos courtesy of Granite Falls
Historical Museum

Ready For Power Outages?

Fall rain and winds bring power outages. The P.U.D. usually restores power to more densely populated areas first. Are you prepared? How many days can you last? Now is the time to make sure you are well stocked with batteries, flashlights, lanterns, enough water and food and fuel to last several days. Do you have a safe source of heat? Don't count on others to rescue you. Plan ahead and be ready for whatever nature may bring your way.

Check out our community website

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2012

- Wed. Oct. 31st – Halloween the gate will remain closed

NOVEMBER 2012

- Sun. Nov. 4th @ 2:00AM – Daylight Savings time ends
- Tues. Nov. 6th – Election Day – VOTE
- Wed. Nov. 21st – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station

DECEMBER 2012

- Wed. Dec. 19th - @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station

***DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR ALUMINUM CANS OUT
ON***

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BY 6 PM TO SUPPORT TROOP

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