

RSCC NEWS



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Boy Scout Troop 114 Collecting Aluminum Cans

RSCC Boy Scouts Dennis & Vincent are collecting aluminum cans every Sunday afternoon. 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. Instead of recycling them, save your aluminum for our boys. Please place your bags of cans on the curb every Sunday afternoon for collection. Thank you.



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Annual Shareholders Meeting Notice

Date: Saturday April 19th, 2014

Time 1:00 PM

**Location: Granite Falls Eagles
402 North Granite Ave.**

The Annual Shareholders Meeting is only open to actual property owners, their spouses, and children. Friends, renters, and domestic partners will not be allowed entrance. Only members *in good standing* will be allowed to vote on proposals.

Come and review the Association's finances. If you are a member in good standing, and have an agenda item you would like added to the meeting agenda, please submit your item in writing. Agenda items must be received by the Board of Directors no later than Sat. April 12th.

NOTE: The Annual Dues have not increased since 2009. This year the dues will increase by \$10 to \$230.00 for the next calendar year, due to increased operating expenses. Annual Dues should be paid by June 1st, 2014. Advance payments will be accepted.

RSCC Volunteers

Rainbow Springs recognizes the following people for their contributions to the Community.

John Angell – Board Member John Angell was responsible for improving the radio signal to the gate by installing a new antenna. John has also served on the Board of Directors for 4 over years, and manages a weather station here in Rainbow Springs.

Kevin Hayes – Board Member Kevin Hayes works tirelessly all year on our behalf for the good of the entire community by administrating our website, and gate issues. This year Kevin has also helped install the black fence next to our entrance gate, he has installed the locks on the new park gates, and he also oversees all repairs, maintenance and issues regarding the entrance gate and the programmable keypad. Kevin is the person who installs traffic signs when vandals knock them over. He fills pot holes and does general maintenance. Kevin has also worked very hard on the project of updating our antiquated By Laws to current day standards. Kevin has served on the Board of Directors for over 12 years, as former president, and also as a trustee. Kevin often replaces items needed at his own expense and without wanting to be reimbursed. Thank you Kevin!

Kenny & Vicki Jans – Kenny has been helpful in greasing the chain on the gate and keeping it in working order. Kenny's wife, Vicki has served on the Board of Directors for 9 years, and has served as President for 5 years. Many Thanks!

Hope Larson – New Resident Hope Larson has taken on the task of updating the community Bulletin Board and keeping the information inside the board fresh. Thank you Hope.

Susie & Casey Martin – We would like to recognize and thank our retiring Vice President Susie Martin, who faithfully dedicated over 9 years of service on the RSCC Board of Directors. Susie volunteered for various projects over the years. Susie's husband Casey frequently cleans the spillway grate and was helpful in maintaining the culvert when Beavers blocked the culvert with debris.

Steve Nitch – Resident Steve Nitch, who also formerly served on the Board of Directors, has been a source of information and has consulted on issues relating to Snohomish County Codes. Thanks Steve.

Warren Rainville - Board Member Warren has been instrumental in occasionally cleaning the debris from the spillway grate, and Warren has served on the Board of Directors for 6 years. He oversaw the instillation of the entrance sign and the building of the Lake Park storage shed. Thank you Warren!

Molly Ronne – Molly has faithfully served on the Board of Directors for the last 4 years. As a working mom, Soccer coach/mom and busy Navy wife, Molly still makes time to serve on the Board of Directors, volunteering for various projects. You rock Molly!

John Yauger – Resident John is recognized for voluntarily weed whacking the entrance to Rainbow Springs and for gathering trash at the entrance. He has also been seen greasing the gate chain. This last summer he and Board Member Kevin Hayes installed the new black metal fence next to the gate. They also removed the old rotted white wooden fence. Thank you for your continued contributions to the community.

Annette Blandino – Has served on the Board of Directors for 9 years, and as Secretary/Treasurer for 4 years and has volunteered her time for various projects.

Brian Birdsall - Brian has mowed the entrance and easement of track B for many years. Thank you Brian!

The reason we have been able to keep our Annual Dues so low for so many years, is because of the commitment of the volunteer Board of Directors, and a few residents. Some HOA's have had to employ outside property management companies to administrate the business of their HOA, due to a lack of community members willing to volunteer. Members on our current board have served for many years President Vicki Jans, Secretary-Treasurer Annette Blandino, Trustees Kevin Hayes, Warren Rainville, Molly Ronne and John Angell. These board members have been committed to the day to day operations of this community and have been extremely dedicated. If you are "community-minded" person, and can devote an hour a month to serving on the Board of Directors, we invite you to attend some Board Meetings to see if serving would be a good fit for you. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month (provided we have a quorum) at **6:30PM at Fire Station 86 on 163rd and 84th.**

2014 – 15 BUDGET PROPOSAL	proposed	actual	proposed
RSCC OPERATING EXPENSES	2013-14	2013-14	2014-15
P.O. Box - Rental	\$ 60.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 60.00
Legal - Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	0	\$ 5,000.00
Lien Filing Fees - Snohomish. Co Auditor	\$ 900.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 900.00
Office Supplies - computer cloud, paper, ink toner cartridges	\$ 400.00	\$ 393.96	\$ 400.00
Insurance - liability & Umbrella Policies, deductibles	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,341.00	\$ 4,500.00
Postage & Delivery - billing, newsletters, correspondences	\$ 600.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 600.00
Banking - any bank related fees (checks)	\$ 50.00	0	\$ 50.00
Corporation Filing Fee –Non-profit filing required annually by WA state	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Income Tax - Accounting Filing Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Rainbow Springs Phone - Hotline	\$ 650.00	\$ 928.90	\$ 940.00
Secretary/ Treasurer - Salary	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,000.00
Annual Meeting - Space Donation, supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 140.41	\$ 100.00
Annual Department of Ecology Fee - Annual Dam inspections	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 1,300.00
Meals & Entertainment - Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 350.00	\$ 103.80	\$ 350.00
Community Amenities - welcome paks, parking passes, remotes	\$ 500.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 600.00
RSCC Emergency - weather related/ other unexpected expenses	\$ 2,000.00	0	\$ 2,000.00
RSCC Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 500.00
RSCC Operations totals	\$ 23,520.00	\$ 17,172.07	\$ 25,660.00
ROADS			
Road Maintenance - minor paving, cold patch, traffic signs etc.	\$ 4,000.00	0	\$ 4,000.00
Brush Cutting	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,238.55	\$ 1,300.00
P.U.D. - street lights & gate electricity	\$ 600.00	\$ 730.25	\$ 800.00
Miscellaneous - entrance beautification, new fence, paint, concrete	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 233.55	\$ 1,000.00
Roads totals	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 2,202.35	\$ 7,100.00
PARKS & COMMON AREAS			
Sanican Rental - River Park	\$ 525.00	\$ 428.90	\$ 450.00
Lawn Care	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,136.38	\$ 5,200.00
Arborist/ Tree Removal	\$ 4,000.00	0	\$ 4,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 750.00	0	\$ 750.00
Miscellaneous -new sign, replace fence, w rocks, park gates, locks		\$ 9,335.45	\$ 550.00
Parks & Common Area totals	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 14,900.73	\$ 10,950.00
GATE			
Maintenance - repair, parts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,367.70	\$ 1,000.00
Gate Phone	\$ 450.00	\$ 703.30	\$ 700.00
Gate Security - lights, camera, electrical , antenna etc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 759.24	\$ 500.00
Gate totals	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 3,830.24	\$ 2,200.00
TOTAL BUDGETED 2012 - 2013	\$ 42,545.00	\$ 38,105.39	\$ 45,910.00
Savings - 10% of Annual Budget	\$ 4,169.00	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 4,591.00
Grand Total	\$ 46,714.00	\$ 41,915.39	\$ 50,501.00
Annual Dues	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 230.00

After managing to not raise the Annual Dues for 5 years, due to cost increases in operating expenses, the Annual Dues will be adjusted up to \$230.00 per lot. The Annual Budget will be voted on at the Annual Shareholder's Meeting on Sat. April 19th at 1:00PM at the Eagles in Granite Falls. Members in good standing will be allowed to vote. - Dues should be paid by June 1st 2014

Mail Theft a Recent Problem in Rainbow Springs

Recently a resident of Rainbow Springs came home to find other resident's mail scattered on the ground around his mailbox. He has also experienced finding a lot of mis-delivered mail within his secure mailbox. When he called the Post Office to report the incidents, the Postal authorities told him that mail thieves often steal mail, go through it looking for valuable information, and then dispose of the rejected items in other people's mail boxes. That way they aren't taking the chance of having stolen junk mail in their possession.

If you have found other people's mail in your mailbox please return it to the Post Office and report the incident. If you do not have a secure mailbox you may think about installing one. Remember people who steal credit card applications can often find enough information online to steal your identity details and apply for credit in your name.

Mail theft is a serious problem. It is always best to deposit valuable items such as payments by check in secure Postal Boxes. Paying bills through a secure internet site also decreases the chance of identity theft. Beware ... you cannot stop credit card offers that come through the mail.

RSCC Message Board

Many of you have probably noticed the message board at the Lake Park Parking lot.

If you are a resident of Rainbow Springs and would like to post a notice you can now submit your items to be posted by emailing them to:

messageboard@rscconline.org

Appropriate items to post might be; "lost or missing pets", items for sale, "Garage Sale notices", "kids looking for odd jobs etc". All notices subjected to approval.



Trash an Ongoing Problem

Garbage tossed throughout Rainbow Springs has always been a problem. The problem is very noticeable, especially near the entrance gate and around the school bus stops.

The *kind* of garbage is really concerning. Recently while walking my dogs I noticed a large amount of garbage at the River Park. It was not only unsightly, and a danger to this fragile salmon breeding river, but it also is a health hazard. I noticed used needles, and condoms, dirty diapers and a variety of empty liquor bottles. Not exactly what you expect to find in this community.

The woods around the Lake Park are often found to be drinking sites, probably for underage drinking as evidenced by the piles of discarded liquor cans and bottles.

Garbage gives the impression that we don't care about our community. It is a visual and environmental hazard. Please do your part and don't dump garbage. If you see garbage, please pick it up. Please be a good neighbor and instill in your children the importance of having pride in our community.



RSCC 2013-2014 Projects

This past year you may have noticed some improvements and changes in our community. Some of them include:

- Removing the old rotted white wooden fence next to the gate and replacing it with a new black metal fence
- Repainting the Keypad and barricade posts at the gate.
- Brush cutting
- Removing the old rotted wood post and cable fencing around the Lake and River Parks, and replacing it with landscape boulders
- Installing metal gates at both the Lake and River Parks
- Installing a new sign at the River Park to replace one that was vandalized
- Repair and repainting of Entrance Gate

There are still some Maintenance issues that are awaiting warmer weather to complete. If you would like to lend a hand with these projects please call the Rainbow Springs Hotline and we can match you to a project that needs attention. 360-691-2683



Gate Remotes

Spring is here, and with it comes, Spring showers. Why would anyone want to have to drive up to the gate keypad, roll down their car window and get a nice wet arm, when you can use a gate remote instead?

They are only **\$15 each**, and with the improved signal they work better than ever. So stop pulling over to the keypad and getting a wet arm. Call the Hotline and order yours today. **360-691-2683**



Maintain Your Roof Properly

That means catching problems when they are minor. It's worth the trouble because it can help increase your roof's lifespan. The National Roofing Contractors Association recommends checking your roof twice a year, in the fall and spring. Here are the tasks you should perform:

- Look for loose material or cracks in the flashing at the base of chimneys, skylights and vents.
- Clean your gutters to prevent debris from accumulating on your roof.
- Trim back tree branches so they don't touch your roof. They can scrape against shingles and wear them out prematurely, and tree branches are a fire hazard.
- Replace any missing or torn shingles and secure any loose shingles.
- Clean any moss or algae, pine needles and leaves.
- Clear any debris from the roof. In addition to being unsightly, it can cause water to sit on your roof and speed up deterioration

Please obey the county-wide Leash laws ~ Call Animal Control Services Hotline **(425) 388-3440**
For barking dogs, nuisance dogs, suspected animal neglect, and leash law violations

Q: What work in unincorporated Snohomish County, does not require a building permit?

A: Rainbow Springs is in unincorporated Snohomish County, in a rural area and not a UGA (Urban Growth Area). The following is a list of common exemptions for building permits. Please keep in mind though, that while you may be exempt from a permit, you may still be required to obtain other types of permits and/or approvals. For example, you may not need a building permit to build a 400 square foot shed on your property, but you will still be required to meet 5 foot structure setback requirements from property lines required by the zoning code and the structure must still comply with building code regulations. If your property is located in a flood hazard zone, a flood hazard permit is still required. While this may not be a complete list, it is intended to provide you with the most common permit exemptions.

- Single-story tool sheds, playhouses, garden sheds and similar structures, not used for human-habitation, provided they do not exceed 400 square feet in floor area.
- Carports and patio covers not attached to a dwelling, provided they do not exceed 400 square feet.
- Fences 6' or less in height. If you are on a corner lot at an intersection, fences can only be 4 feet tall.(BUT if you need to have a fence taller than 6 feet tall you can do so, as long as you apply for a county permit)
- Retaining walls and rockeries that are 4' or less in height (as measured from the top of the wall to the base of the footing) that does not support a surcharge or impounds Class I, II or III-A liquids.
- Water tanks supported on grade with a capacity of 5,000 gallons or less and where the ratio of height to diameter (or width) does not exceed 2:1
- Sidewalks and driveways associated with residential buildings.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, installation of cabinets or counter tops, and similar finish work.
- Replacement of exterior siding.
- Propane tanks under 125 gallons. A gas piping permit is required for any interior and/or exterior gas piping installations.
- Portable ventilation or cooling units.
- Portable evaporative cooler.
- Replacement of plumbing fixtures—like for like.
- Repair of plumbing leaks that does not require removal of existing traps, drain pipes, etc.
- Removal of buildings such as tool sheds; play houses, and similar type structures.
- Demolition of a building that is being replaced with a new building in the same location and demolition is covered by the new building's permit.
- Driveways that connect to a private road.

You do need to apply for a residential burn permits for fires under 3 feet consult these rules and regulations:

<http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/documents/Departments/PDS/Bulletins/68BurnPermitOrdinance1010.pdf>

You may also contact the county if you have any building permit questions via:

Email: PermitTech@snoco.org

Telephone: 425-388-3311

Visit the County at: 2nd Floor, Robert J. Drewel Building, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett

Are You Prepared For The Next Flood?

Do you know the basics? If you live along the river you should always be prepared. A sudden snow pack melt or excessive rain can lead to unexpected flooding. As we have seen with the recent mudslide, the residents of Darrington were completely cut off from supplies, but were more prepared with than most municipalities.

BEFORE A FLOOD: Prepare!

- Determine a safe evacuation route uphill to higher ground. Learn if Jordan Road is closed by calling the county's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) at 425-388-5060.
- Prepare an emergency Flood Kit for yourself, family members and pets. For a suggested list of contents see www.govlink.org/3days3ways and www.emd.wa.gov.
- Develop a safety plan for your pets.
- Prepare a list of emergency numbers, and make sure everyone in your family has a copy.
- Store valuables at higher elevations in your home or move them to safe deposit boxes.
- Take your home insurance policy number and agent's phone number with you when you evacuate.

DURING A FLOOD: Stay calm

- Flood water rises quickly. Check with DEM regarding current information on flood levels and road closures. Flood stage for the Stillaguamish River is 14 feet. If you have an internet connection or smart phone you can check this site for Stillaguamish River updates <http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/river.php?wfo=sew&wfoid=18678&riverid=203707&pt%5B%5D=142177&allpoints=144267%2C143306%2C142177&data%5B%5D=all>
- Turn off all electrical power, gas and water at the main switch and valves provided they are in dry areas
- Do not attempt to walk, drive or swim through flooded areas. 60% of deaths occur when drivers drive through standing water.
- If you cannot safely leave your house, bring your family, pets and supplies to a second story or to your roof, and **Call 911**.
- If you are outdoors climb to higher ground and stay there until flood waters recede.

AFTER A FLOOD: Use Caution

- Flood dangers do not end when the water recedes. Return home only when authorities indicate that it is safe.
- Before re-entering your home, be aware of potential structural damage, which could lead to collapse, and potential gas leaks, electrical shorts and live wires.
- If damage is significant, contact the Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) to have a building official visit and determine if your home has been substantially damaged.
- Have a professional check your heating system, electrical panel, outlets and appliances before using.
- Don't use any food or water exposed to flood waters.
- Pump out flooded basements gradually to avoid structural damage.
- Make a permanent mark on your residence to properly show the height the water reached by flood waters.
- Financial assistance may be available, following a federal disaster declaration. Please call **DEM at 425-388-5088** for details.

FLOOD STAGE IS 14 FEET – Recent flood history of South Fork of Stillaguamish near Granite Falls

Nov. 1990 – 18.4 feet
 Oct. 2003 – 21.2 feet
 Nov. 2006 – 23.0 feet
 Jan. 2009 – 13.9 feet
 Dec. 2010 – 18.4 feet

Report All Power Outages

It is important for each and every resident to report each and every power outage. Recently a transformer on a power pole failed. The resulting outage affected only the two homes that were serviced by that transformer. Both home owners called in the outage which resulted in a prompt response and repair of the problem. One of the PUD technicians who responded told the homeowner it was a good thing they called before the pole caught on fire.

Call 425-783-

Calendar of Upcoming Events

APRIL 2014

- Sat. April 19th – @ 1:00 PM; Annual Shareholders Meeting @ Granite Falls Eagles 402 N. Granite Ave.

MAY 2014

- May 1st – 2014-15 Dues billed
- Wed. May. 21st – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station
- Mon. May 26th – Memorial Day

JUNE 2014

- June 1st – Annual Dues are due
- Wed. June 18th - @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station

URGENT! Annual Shareholders Meeting Information Inside!

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