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## NOTICE:

### Annual Shareholders Meeting

**Date: Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Time: Noon**

**Location: Granite Falls Alfy's  
401 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 permitted to vote on proposals.

Come and review the Association's finances. If you are a shareholder in good standing, and have an agenda item you would like to be 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 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Note: The Annual Dues are projected to remain \$230.00 for the next calendar year. If no payment plan is arranged, the Annual Dues should be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. To avoid late fees please pay promptly. Advance payments are now being accepted.**

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## New Parking Permits

The New 2015-16 Parking Permits are here. Two permits will be sent to each property owners who have paid their 2015-16 Annual Dues in full. As we head into the busy summer season please be reminded that as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, cars parked at our River or Lake Parks NOT displaying the current 2015-16 parking pass are subject to being towed. Parking Permits should not be given out to others... You must accompany your guests when using the parks. To order additional permits for families with more than two cars call 360-691-2683



<b>2015-2016 Budget Proposal</b>		<i>proposed</i>	<i>actual</i>	<i>proposed</i>
<b>RSCC OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
1	P.O. Box - Rental	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 74.00
2	Legal - Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,163.00	\$ 5,000.00
3	Lien Filing Fees - Sno. Co Auditor	\$ 900.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 450.00
4	Office Supplies – computer software, new printer, paper, ink toner, paper shredder	\$ 400.00	\$ 948.09	\$ 400.00
5	Insurance - Liability & Umbrella Policies, deductibles	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,466.00	\$ 4,500.00
6	Postage & Delivery – for billing, newsletters, correspondences	\$ 600.00	\$ 393.21	\$ 450.00
7	Banking - any bank related fees (checks)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
8	Corporation Filing Fee - required annually by WA state	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
9	Income Tax - Accounting, Filing Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
10	Rainbow Springs Phone - RS Hotline Phone	\$ 940.00	\$ 814.36	\$ 900.00
11	Secretary/ Treasurer - Salary	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,992.55	\$ 8,000.00
12	Security - monitoring, cameras	\$ -	\$ 331.68	\$ 200.00
13	Annual Meeting - Space Donation, supplies, copying expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 140.41	\$ 150.00
14	Annual Department of Ecology Filing Fee - Dam inspections	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,208.00	\$ 1,300.00
15	Meals & Entertainment - Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 350.00	\$ 103.80	\$ 200.00
16	Community Amenities - welcome packs, parking passes, remotes	\$ 600.00	\$ 649.35	\$ 600.00
17	RSCC Emergency -beaver trapper, snow removal	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,000.00
18	RSCC Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
19	<b>RSCC Operations totals</b>	<b>\$ 25,660.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,728.45</b>	<b>\$ 24,980.00</b>
<b>ROADS</b>				
20	Road Maintenance -road paint , paving, repairs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 122.62	\$ 4,000.00
21	Brush Cutting	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,248.90	\$ 2,500.00
22	P.U.D. - Utility lights, gate power	\$ 800.00	\$ 774.64	\$ 800.00
23	Miscellaneous - dump fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00
24	<b>Roads totals</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,186.16</b>	<b>\$ 9,300.00</b>
<b>PARKS &amp; COMMON AREAS</b>				
25	Sanican Rental - River Park	\$ 450.00	\$ 351.10	\$ 400.00
26	Lawn Care	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,212.80	\$ 5,300.00
27	Arborist/ Tree Removal - after the sale of timber	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 33.95	\$ 2,000.00
28	Equipment Rental	\$ 750.00	\$ 396.35	\$ 750.00
29	Miscellaneous - gravel, new river park sign, gate paint, locks, shed shelving	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,549.50	\$ 1,000.00
30	<b>Parks &amp; Common Area totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,543.70</b>	<b>\$ 9,450.00</b>
<b>GATE</b>				
31	Maintenance - repair, parts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 314.44	\$ 1,000.00
32	Gate Phone	\$ 700.00	\$ 622.87	\$ 700.00
33	Gate Security - lights, camera, electrical , antenna etc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 59.24	\$ 500.00
34	<b>Gate totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 996.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
36	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED 2015-16</b>	<b>\$ 45,910.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,454.86</b>	<b>\$ 45,930.00</b>
37	Savings - 10% of Annual Budget	\$ 4,591.00	\$ 3,045.00	\$ 4,593.00
38	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,501.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,499.86</b>	<b>\$ 50,523.00</b>
39	<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>

- Spending for 2014 -15 was conservative in anticipation of upcoming road projects
- The state requires we maintain 40% of our annual operating budget in reserve

## Much Needed Road Repairs Coming Soon – BOD

As many have noticed, the roads in Rainbow Springs have areas which have deteriorated. With gas and oil prices lower than last year, it is crucial to complete the needed paving projects soon, before oil prices increase. The Board of Directors has now received bids for road repairs. Also being addressed will be some much needed drainage issues along some of our roads.

The sink hole dip area on Rainbow Drive will at last be properly repaired with a full replacement of the road bed. As well as drainage issues along that stretch of road, which have contributed to the sinking roadway.

Also being addressed is the crumbling pavement near the school bus stop on 169<sup>th</sup>. Correcting the drainage issue in that area will also be a priority

While the road is being repaired on Rainbow Drive, many might find it more convenient to detour on the 123<sup>rd</sup> Place /167<sup>th</sup> loop. Please note that the 123<sup>rd</sup> Place/167<sup>th</sup> loop has a very high concentration of young children that bike and play along that stretch of road, so SLOW DOWN! Please be aware that all residents and visitors will be expected to SLOW DOWN, DRIVE CAREFULLY and be extra vigilant during the road repairs.

If property owners are interested in receiving individual bids for driveway paving they are urged to contact our paving company ahead of time to arrange for those bids. The cost of asphalt can be greatly discounted if the asphalt truck and pavers are already here doing our community projects, so take advantage of those lower rates while available. It is the responsibility of the property owners to contact the paving company and arrange for their own private bids. The dates of the paving project will be displayed at the gate. Contact information for the paver will be sent to all owners so they can arrange for bids.

Because the road repairs are an Annual Budget Item, and no repairs were done during the peak of oil prices, the community still has funds in reserve to complete the road repairs. No additional special assessment will be levied this year to complete the needed repairs.

## Please Don't Steal From the Community!

During the next few months there may be piles of gravel, rock, culvert pipes, or other construction materials being stored around Rainbow Springs. Those materials are NOT to be taken or used for your personal property projects, but they are the property of the Association and earmarked for our scheduled projects. Anyone helping themselves to those supplies will be guilty of theft. Please don't steal materials from our projects. Anyone who witnesses someone helping themselves to construction materials is urged to call the Hotline immediately with that information. **360-691-2683**



## Tree Removal Project – by Kenny Jans

We ended up with one full logging truck load of logs and roughly 2/3 of another load, which was sold to Buse mill. The tree that had fallen, and was leaning on two others plus the insect infested trees & others that were unhealthy or past maturity, and at risk of coming down in a wind storm are now all removed. We can breathe a little easier knowing the danger has been removed. See photos.

We also ended up with about 30 logs of varying lengths that were rejected by the lumber mill. After being notified of tree/wood theft within the community we didn't feel leaving these logs at the lake park was a good idea, so I offered up my driveway as temporary storage, as did Hope Larson to make sure they weren't stolen. Thank you Hope!

After selling the good timber, the timber that was rejected by the mill was sold to residents for firewood, so the project came out only costing us \$33.95. This was a budgeted project for 2014 so it did not affect dues. It ended up being close to budget neutral. We hope to plant more trees in the future.

We received calls asking if the firewood might be made available for free within the community, but since there was cash value to this wood, it was not fair to give it away. It was too hard to split it among 223 properties. The best solution was to sell the logs and deposit those funds back to Rainbow Springs. This way no one community member could be accused of benefiting more than anyone else.

People who worked tirelessly on this project cutting and stacking wood, besides my spouse Vicki and I, were Jeff Baus, Hope Larson, and John Yauger. Thanks to all of you. Your hard work benefited the entire community.



## Rules Reminder

Rule 22 of the Rules and Regulations of Rainbow Springs states:

**No livestock allowed within the community area including horses and poultry.**

Failure to comply with this rule can result in fines being levied against you. No exceptions!

## ATV Ban

Recently there have been inquiries by a handful of residents who have expressed a desire to have the membership re-vote on the ATV Ban. Most of those members moved here after the ATV Ban was voted in (June 2007) and feel there would now be support to allow for a new vote.

The Board of Directors has checked with laws in Snohomish County, and has determined that allowing ATVs, Dirt Bikes, Mini-Mikes, Motorized Scooters, or Quad Runners to share the roads with regular traffic would not be legal anywhere in Snohomish County. The county does not allow for the use of those vehicles on public or private roads, which are shared with regular traffic. Last year the use of UTVs Utility All Terrain Vehicles such as Mules, or Polaris' was deemed to be legal on roads when speed limits under 35 mph were indicated.

However, when our insurance company was contacted to find out if there will be a rate increase to our liability policy to cover the change in rules, should the ATV/UTV ban be lifted, our insurance carrier (Liberty Mutual) sent us a letter notifying us that the underwriter can no longer insure us if regular full-sized vehicles share our private roads with UTVs or ATVs. They stated that they would drop us completely, and cancel our liability policy if the ban is lifted. This ends the conversation. The liability issue is far too great for us to ever lift the ban.

There are still numerous wilderness and recreational areas set aside for the use of ATVs, Dirt Bikes, and UTVs. Rainbow Springs is not one of them. Compliance with the standing rule will be enforced. The use of those vehicles will not be allowed on roads or on common areas anywhere inside the boundaries of Rainbow Springs. It is illegal for unlicensed youth to EVER be operating vehicles of ANY kind on our roads, gas powered or electric.



Recently, someone rode their ATV through the grass at, and across from the river park. They did donuts leaving deep ruts that tore up the grass. IF anyone EVER sees anyone driving *any* motor vehicles on the river or lake parks area, you should call 911 *without delay!!* NO ONE should ever be driving anything on the grass! That is vandalism. Only our mower should drive on the grass. The pictures here show the tracks, and extensive damage done down by the river.



If anyone has information of who has been vandalizing the parks with an ATV please call the **Hotline 360-691-2683**

## Neighbors Caught in the Act of Being Neighborly

**Rainbow Springs depends on the kindness, dedication, and commitment of volunteers. Here is an example of a few of the ways our residents have made a difference recently:**

Crystal Frye recently organized the Bus Stop kids to pick up garbage. Property Owner Amanda Gwin was also recently seen picking up litter. Great job gals!

John Yauger, Kenny and Vicki Jans, Jeff Baus and Hope Larson were the key players in cutting up, and storing the left over timber from the recent tree removal project. Kenny spent a lot of time spearheading the project, selling off the timber that the mill rejected. and cleaning up the park. Those 5 hardworking people moved many cords of firewood all by hand.

Jeff Baus has been a tireless worker who limbed the trees on the corner of the Lake Park, along with Hope Larson (little neighbor Lilly helped clean up the limbs). Jeff also killed the weeds in the parking lot, ordered and spread the gravel at the Lake Park parking lot, cleaned out the drainage ditch along Div. 2 Lot 21 and installed a new drainage pipe under that resident's driveway, and he also cut down a swamp tree which hung over 167<sup>th</sup> near the Lake Park parking lot.

Casey and Susie Martin cleaned out the ditch in the easement along their property and installed a drainage culvert in an area that used to become a lake when it rained. It looks fantastic!

Kenny Jans cleaned out the drainage swale in the easement in front of Div. 2 Lot 74

A resident from 120<sup>th</sup>, Melissa and daughter Lilly, were seen picking up bags full of garbage along our roads

Hope Larson regularly updates the information in the Bulletin Board at the Lake Park

John Angell walks the community early every morning as a neighborhood watch patrol

Kevin Hayes recently greased and adjusted the gate chain

Wesley Farmer cleaned out the drainage ditch in the easement in front of his property so water would run freely down to the creek.

Thank you to the unknown angel who replaced the downed Stop sign on the corner of Rainbow Drive and 123<sup>rd</sup> PL.

**Thank you to all of you! If you know of an individual making a difference we'd like to hear about it....**

## Payment Arrangement\$

The Rainbow Springs Association is willing to work with property owners who owe a debt for unpaid dues. If you are having difficulty catching up, we are eager to work with you by setting up monthly payments. The worst thing you can do is "nothing". To avoid costly liens, or attorney fees, you can call the Rainbow Springs Hotline and make payment arrangements. Advance partial payments are welcome and accepted, if making a single Annual dues payment is difficult, keep in mind that many property owners choose to make payments *prior* to the invoicing of the Annual dues. All those credits are carried over on our books and the property owners are only billed for the balances due after their credit is applied. Some find this a less painful remedy, than paying one large lump sum.

**To request a payment plan call 360-691-2683**

## Students Walking to the Bus Stop

If you have students who walk to the bus stops in the early hours of the morning please be sure they walk on the left side of the street, and also please make sure that they have something reflective on their clothing, shoes, or back packs. Students are really difficult to see in the fog or dim light, when they are dressed in dark colors.



Our roads are narrow and many children have been seen walking down the center of the road, or on the right side. Please speak to your children about being safe by walking on the left side of the roads, on their way to the bus stop

## Summer Work Party Planned

Due to a low volunteer turnout last summer, there are still a number of projects we were unable to complete at our last Community Work Party Day. We will be scheduling another work party this summer. The date will be posted at the gate. Volunteering your time just one day a year helps keep maintenance costs down. If you have a special skill that you can share please make a point of joining us. We are always in need of weed whackers and people to operate them, people to help pick up garbage along the roads and in our parks, and as well as skilled laborers.



## Changing to L.E.D. Bulbs Saves \$

Although there are initial costs involved in changing over to all LED lighting, those costs pay for themselves completely within 3 months worth of PUD billing. This writer changed every single light bulb to LED last summer. That included porch lights, garage opener light, outdoor motion spotlights, indoor ceiling cans, and every single lamp in the house. The first month the PUD bill was a full \$30 less. Within 3 months the savings covered the initial cost of switching out every light bulb. The light is much brighter, the bulbs don't overheat and are not hot to the touch, are much safer, and they don't use nearly as much power. Many bulbs last up to 22 years. Costco offers the best price for LED lights but ACE also has competitive pricing. LEDs have come down in price since their debut on the market. According to the Snohomish County PUD a rate increase of 1.7% for residential use is coming this summer. Now is a great time to switch out your bulbs so you won't notice the increase but will instead see savings.



### Gate Remote Controls

Remote controls are still only \$15 each – call 360-691-2683 to order yours now.



Check out our community website

<http://www.rscconline.org>

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### APRIL 2015

- Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup> – NOON – Annual Shareholders Meeting @ Alfys's Pizza – 401 N. Granite Ave.

#### MAY 2015

- May 1st – Annual Dues are mailed
- Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup> – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting – IGA Café

#### JUNE 2015

- **Mon. June 1st – Annual Dues are due**
- Wed. June 17<sup>th</sup> – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting – IGA Café

**Important Annual Shareholders Meeting Information Inside!**

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