

# RSCC NEWS



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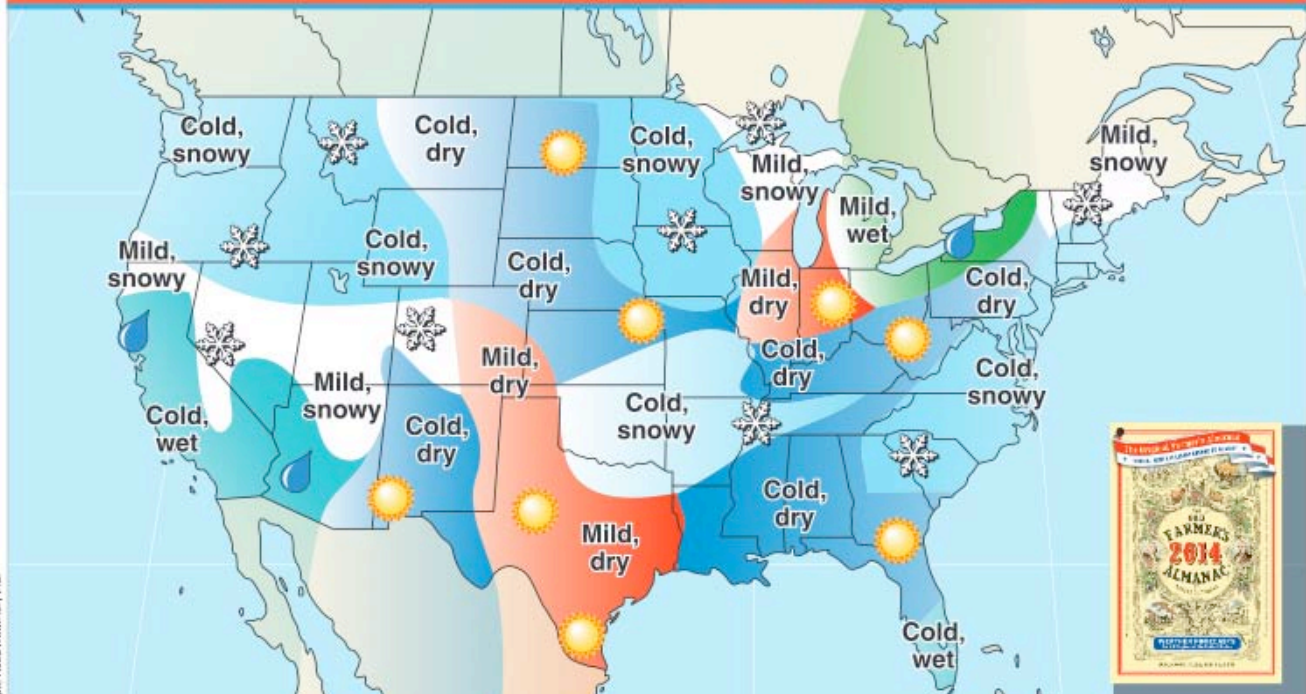
## Cold, Snowy Winter Predicted

According to the newest edition of North America's oldest continuously published periodical, a decline in solar activity combined with ocean-atmosphere patterns in the Pacific and Atlantic will result in below-normal temperatures and above-normal snowfall during most of the winter across much of the United States. "This winter is shaping up to be a rough one," says Janice Stillman, editor of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. "Sweaters and snow shovels should be unpacked early and kept close by throughout the season. The good news is that the extra precipitation—which will fall as rain or snow depending where you are—will help with any drought issues left over from the summer."

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### The Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Map for Winter 2013-14



# Report Power Outages: 425-783-1001

## What to do during power outages

- Stay at least 30 feet away from any fallen power lines including broken or sagging lines
- Unplug sensitive electronics to prevent damage from potential electrical surges, not necessary to turn off hot water heaters.
- Turn off anything that has a heating element like a stove.
- Do not heat your house with an outdoor Barb-B-Que. The invisible fumes are deadly
- Stay informed. Tune into radio for storm updates KIRO 97.3, KOMO AM//FM 1000/97.7, KSER-FM 90.7 and KRKO-AM 1380
- Appliances should be plugged into a surge protector to avoid damage in the event of a power surge.

If you have a medical patient in your home that relies on power for life supporting equipment such as oxygen pumps you must have a back-up plan for power outages.

## Full Moon Names

**November's full Moon** was called the **Beaver Moon** because it was the time to set traps, before the waters froze over. This Moon was also called the **Full Frost Moon**

<http://www.almanac.com/content/full-beaver-moon-novembers-moon-guide>



## Thank You Corner

Thank you to new RSCC resident Hope Larson for taking initiative and updating the Lake Park Bulletin Board. Hope was also seen washing down the neighborhood traffic signs.

Once again longtime resident John Yauger was seen cleaning up the entrance to Rainbow Springs. John used his leaf blower, removed garbage, and weed-wacked the area around the gate and sign.  
Thank you John.

A special thank you to Brian Birdsall for always maintaining the entrance and easement to track B. It is always nicely mowed and looks great. Thanks Brian!

Thank you to John Angell for improving the signal antenna at the gate.

Thank you to Kevin Hayes for his work

***If you see a resident doing a good deed please let us know so we can post a thank you.***

According to Butterball – you should thaw your wrapped frozen turkey in the refrigerator one day per 4 pounds – breast side up – So a 12 pound bird takes 3 full days to thaw

## Emergency Preparedness Kit

**NOW** is the time to prepare for winter storms. **Don't wait until there is a storm on the way to stock up.** Many items may not be available during the "run on stores" that happens prior to storms. Here is a list of basic items that can help keep you through power outages....You should plan on having on hand enough items to get you through a very minimum of five days. Plan for longer if you can. Rainbow Springs has experienced week long power outages in the past. If you don't have an alternate place to stay, or a safe way to get there, prepare by having the following items on hand:

- Minimum five day supply of non-perishable food that needs no or little cooking. More if you can
- Blankets and pillows, (sleeping bags work well conserving body heat during power outages)
- Portable battery operated radio and clock
- Flashlights and a supply of batteries, battery operated headlamps work great
- Manual can opener, bottle opener, and utility knife
- First aid kit and supply of prescriptions
- Bottled water (one gallon per person, per day)
- Candles, consider the new battery operated candles. Never leave a lit candle unattended!
- Lantern – new LED battery operated lamps work better than traditional kerosene camp lamps
- Matches in a waterproof container, or lighter
- Fire extinguisher
- Cooler to keep food at proper temperature (keep ice packs ready in freezer for your cooler)
- Personal hygiene supplies, baby wipes for quick clean ups
- Cash and coins (ATMs may also not be working during a power outage)
- Pet supplies and food
- Warm hats, gloves and socks
- Playing cards, books, games for entertainment.
- Back up plan for heat, fireplace, propane or kerosene heaters – only use according to directions
- Keep your cell battery charged and use your car to recharge cell battery during outages.
- Keep your car fuel tank as full as possible during the winter. Gas Pumps don't work during outages
- Ample supply of fire wood and kindling if you have a wood stove
- Snow shovel for home and in your car trunk

Never use Barb-B-Ques indoors for heat or cooking. Use camp stoves only in well ventilated areas like a patios. Single burner butane stoves may be used indoors.

If you have an elderly or ill person in your household you may need to move them to a safer alternate home prior to big storms. Now is the time to get to know who your neighbors are, if you don't already know. Be sure to check on elderly, vulnerable or handicapped neighbors during power outages.





## Snow

If you do not have a safe four wheel, or front wheel drive vehicle with studded snow tires, for driving in the snow, you probably should stay home. Better to be safe than sorry. Rainbow Springs will only remove snow from its hills, if the county is snow plowing the surrounding roads, and only in the most extreme instances. It is no use to remove snow inside Rainbow Springs if you can't get beyond our community. In the past the steep hill on Jordan RD approaching Quarry Road has occasionally been closed due to ice. Remember the best 4x4 will not help you on icy roads! The gate will remain open during ice and snowy conditions.

## Winterize to Conserve Energy

- Seal cracks around door frames windows with caulk
- Install weather striping around doors and windows
- Use energy saving LEDs and CFL bulbs
- Set your heat at 68 degrees or lower
- Use insulated drapes over windows
- Wrap your hot water heater with fiberglass insulation
- Wrap your pipes with foam pipe wrap
- Cover your outside water faucets with foam boxes
- Reverse your ceiling fan to push warm air down
- Use warm fuzzy sofa throws when watching TV
- Wear warmer clothes
- Limit the length of showers
- Use infrared heater, instead of turning on furnace and close off any unused rooms. Open a window for 15 minutes to let out bad stagnant air that has collected inside, and to let in fresh air.

## Rainbow Springs 2013 Projects

This year the board of Directors oversaw several small projects to keep the community well maintained:

- Both the Lake Park and River park old cable fencing and rotted fence posts were removed and replaced by large boulders.
- The sign at the River Park was replaced (due to vandalism)
- The rotted white wood fence next to the entrance gate was replaced with a new metal fence
- The caution posts and keypad post at the entrance were repainted
- One large pot hole on 118<sup>th</sup> was filled
- Extra boulders were added on 123<sup>rd</sup> to keep drivers from driving around the speed bump
- The gate antenna was adjusted to make the signal stronger
- Security was improved at the gate
- A couple of dangerous trees overhanging the road way on 167<sup>th</sup> were removed
- Two large steel gates were installed at the Lake and River Parks to discourage drivers from driving on the grass, and from driving onto the earthen dam at the Lake Park
- Toppled road signs have been re-installed many times this year due to kids knocking them down. (We have been made aware of that situation by witnesses)

*Be a vigilant neighbor ~ If you see a suspicious car in the neighborhood take a moment to jot down the license plate number. Be proactive and make this a safe place to live. Call the sheriff to report crime or drug activity.*

## Zoning Laws in Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Spring is governed by Snohomish County Zoning laws. Buildable lots are zoned for the purpose of providing single family dwellings. Un-buildable lots can be used for recreational purposes and a trailer or RV can be on an un-buildable lot for up to three months at a time.

What you cannot do is put an RV, trailer or second structure on a lot zoned for a single family dwelling for the purpose of providing a second home. And you cannot rent out an RV, trailer or second dwelling on a single family lot. Multiple families cannot reside on a single lot. That usage is against county codes, and a code enforcement officer can issue fines for the mis-use of land.

If you are currently renting a home in Rainbow Springs you cannot sublet or rent out part of that property to a third party. That is also against the County Code Zoning laws for Rainbow Springs.

## Home Value\$

In the last few years home owners have seen the frustrating affect that Short Sales and Foreclosures have had on home values in Rainbow Springs. Now as property values begin to rally, and there are less and less empty homes in our community. Homeowners should take a long look at what they can do to improve their own homes value. While property values are determined by a complex fomula, and comp sales in the area, there are still things that the individual home owner can do to improve their homes value.

Take a good look at the condition of your home. Does it have curb appeal? Are there things you can do to improve your home? Is the exterior paint on your home in good shape? What about your roof? Do you clean moss off your roof and clean out your rain gutters frequently? Is your yard kept up and tidy? Is your fencing in good repair? What about the septic tank? Has it been drained as frequently as it should be? What about inside your home? Are appliances in good working order? Did you know that all hot Water heaters should be completely drained annually to drain out minerals from the water that settles into the bottom of the tank and causes corrosion? (Be sure to turn off the power to your tank before draining) Is your plumbing well protected from winter freezing by wrapping pipes? Is your home in proper working order? Or do you have an ever growing list of things that needs repairing? As each individual home owner does their own part in maintaining their property, it increases the value of all the surrounding properties as well. Don't be the house on the block that brings down home values.

## Turkey Trivia

Turkey has become the traditional Thanksgiving fare because at one time it was a rare treat. During the 1830s, an eight- to ten-pound bird cost a day's wages. Even though turkeys are affordable today, they still remain a celebratory symbol of bounty. In fact, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin ate roast turkey in foil packets for their first meal on the Moon.

The average life span of a domestic turkey, from birth to freezer, is 26 weeks. During this period of time, it will eat about 75 pounds of turkey feed.

The average person in the US eats 15 pounds of Turkey per year....Gobble, Gobble....

Only the Tom Turkey has the ability to Gobble, and it is a mating call in the Spring and Fall. Wild turkeys gobble when they hear loud sounds and also when settling in at night.



## RSCC Message Board

As many of you probably have noticed the message board at the Lake Park Parking lot has not been updated in years .... until now. We finally have a volunteer who has volunteered to keep the Board updated. In addition we would like to broaden the criteria for items to be posted, to make the Message Board a valuable resource for the entire community.

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@rsconline.org](mailto:messageboard@rsconline.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.



## Safety Issue



### GET NOTICED!

Now that the days of winter are upon us and daylight hours are limited, we all need to be extra vigilant. It is extremely difficult to see pedestrians in the dark. If you are a parent please add something reflective to your students clothing, backpacks, or shoes. Reflective tape is available. In case you have not noticed most kids dress in dark clothes and are in danger of being hit while walking to the bus stops. Jordan Road is particularly dangerous at dusk and after dark and seems to have a lot of foot traffic; most of them are dressed in dark colors.



*Seasons  
Greetings  
to all  
residents of  
Rainbow  
Springs and  
a very  
Happy New*

## RSCC Weather Station



Did you know that there is a weather station located right here in Rainbow Springs? Add this link to your “favorites” for the most accurate up to date forecast:

[http://www.wunderground.com/swf/Rapid\\_Fire.swf?units=both&station=KWAGRANI3](http://www.wunderground.com/swf/Rapid_Fire.swf?units=both&station=KWAGRANI3)

for more detailed data and weather history:

<http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=KWAGRANI3>

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER 2013

- Wed. Dec.. 18th – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station
- Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

### JANUARY 2014

- Wed. Jan. 1st – New Years Day
- Wed. Jan. 15th – @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station

### FEBRUARY 2014

- Fri. Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day
- Wed. Feb.. 19<sup>th</sup> - @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station 86 – Getchell Station

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