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New Board Members Welcomed at Annual Business Meeting

By RSCC BOD Trustee, Annette Blandino

It is with great pleasure that we announce the installation of new members to the RSCC Board of Directors. Stepping up to serve as Board President after over 2 years of service as a Board Trustee is Vicki Jans. Also stepping up into her new position is Susie Martin, who will take over as Board Vice President. Susie has served the community as a Board Trustee for 3 years. Continuing on as Secretary/Treasurer is Alicia Henson. Also, continuing on as Board Trustees are; Floyd Smith, and Annette Blandino. In addition to the new appointments, the Board of Directors welcomed in two new Board Trustees; Kayti Borg and Warren Rainville. This leaves two more open Board Trustee positions.

- Vicki Jans - President
- Susie Martin - Vice President
- Alicia Henson - Secretary /Treasurer
- Floyd Smith - Trustee Pos 1
- Kayti Borg - Trustee Pos 2
- Warren Rainville - Trustee Pos 3
- Annette Blandino - Trustee Pos 4
- Open - Trustee Pos 5
- Open - Trustee Pos 6

If you are interested in serving your community, come and get involved. The RSCC Board of Directors meets once a month, on the last Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 PM, at the Granite Falls Fire Station. All members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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ATV BAN Reminder

In case you may be new to the Rainbow Springs Community, please note that in the spring of 2007, the majority of community residents voted to ban the use of all ATV's, off Road motorcycles, & motorized scooters within Rainbow Springs. Recently there has been a sudden increase in the number of violations to this ruling. Complaints have been coming in quite regularly. Please note that violators will be warned and fined. Homeowners who rent their property should also notify their renters of the ATV ban.

ATV's and off-road motorcycles are not permitted to be driven upon the roads or upon the common areas of the community. Exception: When vehicles are used in support of community emergencies, events and or community improvement projects and as approved by the Board of Directors. (Amended 6/27/2007)

Summer Events Scheduled for RSCC Community Club

Annual Barb B Que Picnic

Mark your calendars for the RSCC Annual Barb-B-Q Picnic. It will be held on Sunday, July 19th at Noon at the River Park. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, condiments and beverages will be provided. Please bring your lawn chair, along with your favorite salad, dessert or chips to share. The Annual Picnic is a great time to come out and meet your neighbors. Barb-B-Q grills, tables and chairs are needed. To volunteer to help with this event please call the RSCC Hotline 360-691-2683 and leave your name and phone number.



Annual Garage Sale

Time to clean out that garage or closet and get ready for our Annual Garage Sale. The sale will be held on August 8th and 9th. Flyers and signs will be posted throughout the area. The gate will be left open on the sale dates. One mans trash is another mans treasure.



Be Safe and Sane This Fourth of July

This Fourth of July please be reminded that fireworks should not be discharged at either the lake or River Parks. Also be aware that it is illegal to discharge firearms in Rainbow Springs and elsewhere within the county with the exception of Target Ranges, Rifle and Gun Clubs. Please be a good neighbor, and reserve the discharging of fireworks to the evening of July 4th, and not the entire month. There is a noise ordinance which prohibits loud noise after 10:00 PM so please only celebrate on July 4th. Also please clean-up any debris that scatters from the discharging of fireworks. Take caution, have a fire extinguisher or water hose on standby.

Minutes from Rainbow Springs Community Club Monthly Meetings are available online at:

www.rscconline.org/MonthlyMinutes.html

Ancillary Drain Update

By Floyd Smith, RSCC Board Trustee

Here we go again. Board member Floyd Smith, resident Hal Newell, our engineer, a hydrologist, and a representative from the Washington State Dam Safety Office met recently.... AND The Dam Safety Office and the hydrologist presented the *third* alternative plan to de-commission the Lake's ancillary drain. The newest plan was turned over to our engineer and plans have been drawn up. The permits have been applied for. The project now goes forward into the bidding process. The Dam Safety Office has mandated that the work be completed by Sept. 2009. We have been mired in bureaucracy, complying with the requirements from the various state agencies involved.

Several Payment Options Available for Homeowners

If you are feeling the squeeze in these challenging economic times, there are number of alternate payment options to pay your Annual Dues and Assessments. Invoices for Annual Dues were sent out recently and must be paid within 45 days unless you make prior arrangements.

Last year our treasurer set up a PayPay account for those who would like the convenience of making an online credit card payment to pay their dues and assessments. Call RSCC to get your online PayPal account set-up.

We are also willing to set up a monthly installment plan, all you need to do is contact the association by calling the **HOTLINE** at 360-691-2683 leave your name and phone number and you will receive a call back. The worst thing you can do is to ignore your billing altogether. Non-payment will result in liens being placed on your property along with additional lien fees and interest of 12% a year (1% a month), as well as any additional fees associated with attempting to collect the debt.

Culvert and Road Repair Scheduled For July

By Floyd Smith, RSCC Board Trustee

As you know, the main culvert (under Rainbow Drive) failed during the November storms. A rented steel plate was placed over the road as a temporary fix to cover the sinkhole. A special \$123.00 assessment was billed to each lot owner last December to cover the costs of this unexpected and costly repair. The majority of the homeowners polled, voted to replace the 36 inch culvert with a new culvert, complete with concrete headwalls at each end. Permits were applied for, and bids were received for the project. Our engineer has drawn up the plans, and our contractor has scheduled the repair to take place in July when the water level will be easier to lower. Half of the road will remain open for traffic during the repair project. We ask that you watch for flaggers, and signs, be patient and *slow down* when navigating the construction site, also plan for possible minor delays. If you have not yet paid your special assessment we urge you to do so as quickly as possible, so that we may move forward with this necessary repair project. This road is the only access for the 148 lots on the other side of the breach. Also this road is the only access for both parks.



Parking Permits

Each lot owner has been given 2 parking permits. Please display your permit on the front or back window of your vehicle(s) when parking at the Lake or River Parks. This will ensure that your vehicle will not be towed. As the busy summer season heats up help us cut down on "partying gate-crashers" who come in from outside the community and use our facilities. Cars not displaying the parking permits are subject to towing at the owner's expense. If you have not been issued parking permits please call the RSCC Hotline 360-691-2683 and leave a message. Additional permits can be purchased (by homeowners only!) for \$5 each, up to, and limited to 2 additional permits.



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This Is Our Last Newsletter As RSCC Goes Paperless

By Annette Blandino, RSCC Board Trustee

We're going paperless to save the cost of postage and paper. Future editions of this newsletter will be available online. If you would like us to send you a reminder that the newsletter is ready for viewing please email us and let us know. Email us at:

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So we can receive your email address. We will send you a friendly reminder when each newsletter is ready for viewing. Don't worry, we will not be sending any spam, or annoying "forwards" to your private email address. The only thing you will receive is a reminder, and a link to view the newsletter. If you do not have internet access or you would rather be sent a hard copy of the newsletter through the mail, then let us know by contacting RSCC by mail at: RSCC, P.O. Box 388, Granite Falls, WA 98252. Don't forget to include your name and address and respond by July 15th.



Please Obey County Leash Laws
Report loose or nuisance dogs to
Snohomish County Animal Control
@ 425-388-3440

Avoid Foreclosure with New Government Plan

Are you concerned about your ability to pay your bills?

Most mortgage companies will help you review the conditions that are impacting your neighborhood and your budget. You may be able to refinance to a lower interest rate resulting in a lower monthly payment as part of a new Federal program, **THE HOMEOWNER AFFORDIBILITY AND STABILITY PLAN**.

Many things have changed since you purchased your home. Your mortgage company will ensure that you have the best mortgage solution for your needs in today's environment through both refinance and homeowner assistance programs

Are you a responsible homeowner who has always kept up with your mortgage payment, yet finding it is becoming more difficult in these challenging economic times? If you have not fallen behind in your payments, have had a substantial loss of income from a job change, divorce, illness, or having your hours cut? Then you may qualify for the new **HOMEOWNER AFFORDIBILITY AND STABILITY PLAN**. This plan requires your mortgage servicer to offer you a lower mortgage payment due to decreased income. Foreclosures hurt us all. The average foreclosure will lower the surrounding home values by 9% or more. If you are finding it difficult to make your mortgage payment the worst thing you can do is be silent. Call your mortgage company or the servicing company and ask if you qualify for a Mortgage Reduction Plan. Your servicing company will be paid an incentive by the government to reduce your interest rate and lower your mortgage payment. It is in their best interest to lower your payment. Mortgage companies want to keep you in your home. Don't delay, loan modifications cost mortgage companies less than foreclosures do. The worst thing you can do is nothing. For information you can google "Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan". See if you qualify by going online to the following site:

<http://www.mortgagereliefonline.com/>

Adopt-A-Road Program Begins in RSCC

Have you ever taken a walk along our roads only to be disgusted by the amount of garbage that lines our roads? Now is the time to act. You can now adopt a portion of our roads and help keep them beautified. By "adopting a road" you would volunteer to be responsible to collect the cans, bottles, and trash that thoughtless drivers toss out their windows along our roadways. If many residents would take a small section of road the task would be light and easy. To volunteer to adopt a section of road email us at: info@rscconline.org

If you do not have internet access, you can call the **HOTLINE @ 360-691-2683**, to let us know what section of road you are interested in adopting. We'll map out a plan. Wouldn't it be great if people would just stop littering? A big thank you to the residents who suggested this plan.

Don't Be a LitterBug





SLOW DOWN – School will be out soon!

Check out our community website

<http://www.rscconline.org>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 2009

- Wed. May 27th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting at Granite Falls Fire Station #17

June 2009

- Tues. June 16th – Last day of School – Drive carefully
- Wed. June 24th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

July 2009

- Sun. July 19th , Noon, Annual BBQ Picnic – River Park
- Wed. July 29th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

August 2009

- Fri. & Sat. Aug. 8th & 9th – Annual Community Garage Sale
- Wed. Aug.26th @ 6:30 PM; Monthly BOD Meeting @ Granite Falls Fire Station #17

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