



# RIMROCK RATTLER

**Rimrock Meadows  
Douglas County, Washington**

**July  
2017**

## *Hello from Rimrock!*

After a long wet and cool spring, things are starting to heat up. The tall grass courtesy of all the rain has dried out and fire danger is on the rise. Please be careful! No fires except BBQ's and propane firepits. Costco has been selling a nice unit for \$100. At present time, there are at least two fires to the west of us on both sides of the Palisades caused by lightning. We are sad to announce the untimely passing of one of our directors, Joe Schaefer, after a short battle with cancer. It is up to the Board to appoint his replacement. Anyone who is interested in that position can call or email the office. You may be asked to answer a questionnaire and will be expected to attend a portion of the September Board meeting for an interview. After that the Board will make their choice. You might have to run for reelection next year or the Board may decide to let you serve out the remainder of Joe's term. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1. Memorial Weekend was highlighted by fabulous weather. Unfortunately, it

also came with some bad behavior. Our Bylaws are very clear with regards to behavior that causes distress to any member, guest, or staff. If we witness anything like that again, rest assured that you will be banned from the campground for a period set by the Board. Read the Bylaws on our website if you want more details. Please read paragraph 2.5 We have had inquiries regarding cargo containers as structures. Over 200 square feet requires PC approval *and* a county permit. *All* containers must have a pitched roof and be sided per county and Rimrock Planning Committee (PC) rules and must be approved by the PC. Effective next year any structure started without PC approval may be subject to a \$250 fine and there is talk of a processing fee for applications.



## *Things to Remember*

1. All structures must have the approval of the Planning Committee (PC). Forms are available online or outside the office. The PC email is rimrockmeadowspc@gmail.com.
2. The best form of weed control is a fall application of pre-emergent chemical that will keep the weed seeds from germinating in the following year. Right before rain or snow is the best time as long as the ground is not frozen. That can be inconvenient for most of you. We recommend Pat from Bishop Spray Service. He is local and can be reached at 509 760 4958. He also can spray for bugs and weeds that have come up already.
3. ATV rider meetings are mandatory once per year and are held in the Clubhouse at 9:30am, Saturday, Memorial through Labor Day weekend.
4. Just a reminder that the Clubhouse and kitchen are locked on Friday and Saturday nights, 11pm until 7am. Sunday nights on a holiday weekend.
5. We irrigate the tent grass typically Sunday night into Tuesday, 1/2 at a time. This keeps the grass green and the trees alive. We cut the grass on Thursday. We ask that all tents move every 3 days and keep your windows open so the tents do not overheat and kill the grass. Check with Ivan or camp host Bob about the schedule. We ask for your cooperation.
6. At some point this summer, the City of Ephrata will be working on utilities under Basin St., the main road through town. Expect some delays and/or detours. DOT will repave it next year.

## *Dates to*

## *Remember*

**July 21-22-**Basin Summer Sounds, See [basinsummer-sounds.com](http://basinsummer-sounds.com) for details

**Sept. 2-** Potluck and BBQ beginning at 2pm. Note details in "Hello from Rimrock!"

**Sept. 3-** Horse Shoe Tourney beginning at noon

**Sept. 2/3-**Boffer Sword Fighting (Tentative) Noon-5PM

**Sept. 10-** Pool closes

**Oct. 1-** Winter storage begins in the campground

**Oct. 25-** Campground water is shut off

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## *Manager's Message*

As stated earlier in this newsletter, the Memorial Weekend behavior could have been better. Most were on their best behavior but a handful were not. The most shocking episode happened at 4PM on Sunday when a man, not once, but twice urinated on the pool grass in front of dozens of people including kids. He definitely has been banned for life! Please don't let alcohol make a fool out of you and your friends.

Again, as stated earlier, the Board is looking for volunteers to fill Joe Schaefer director's position after his unfortunate passing. The Board typically meets 4 times a year, now on this side of the mountains. There is a per diem benefit of \$150/meeting. You will be expected to interview at the Sept. meeting in Ephrata. We may limit the number of applicants in the interest of time. Deadline is Sept. 1.

I know I am beating a dead horse but I just want to cover our 180 day stay limit again. This rule is designed to keep people from staying here in primitive conditions through the winter. Last January in a 5 day period we had 6 inches of snow, followed by 50 mph winds and 4 foot drifts and then it was minus 17. Unless you are in a cozy permitted home, you could die! Old trailers, tents, yurts, etc. are no place to stay in conditions like that. We also focus our snow plowing on our legal full time residents and that has been written policy since the 1980's. We simply cannot guarantee year around access. If you get stuck, you are on your own.

In the late 1960's Tommer Construction came from working at Ocean Shores to do the roads at Rimrock. They decided to make Ephrata their home after the Rimrock project was completed. It is ironic that my wife now works in their office.

Thank you!

Kevin Danby, GM

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