



RIMROCK RATTLER

**Rimrock Meadows
Douglas County, Washington**

**April
2018**

Greetings from Rimrock!

The Annual Meeting was held in Ephrata this year and was a big success. It was great seeing members that usually do not attend due to the distance they would have to travel. Attendance was in the normal range and the Ephrata Senior Center did a great job of making us feel welcome. The budget and the building project passed by over 90% and the demolition of the old building has begun. Dave Mayer, Carolyn Johnson, and Jeff Deline were re-elected to the Board. Mike Campbell and Rick Phelps were also elected. After a lot of soul searching, Rick chose to resign as he felt that he would not have the time to dedicate to Rimrock this year. You will be missed! As a result, Julie Lindgren was appointed to fill that position. Thank you to all that voted, ensuring that we had a quorum.

Winter turned out to be a mild one, especially compared to last year. Rainfall has been near normal and the ground is still soft in places. It is still a bit early for any gravel deliveries. Clear nights are bringing nighttime temperatures in the 20's with daytime highs in the 50's. We hope to have the showers open by

March 31 but the weather has been a challenge. The 90 day forecast is for an equal chance of above or below precipitation and temperature.

As most of you know, your stay is limited to 180 days in a 365 day period at Rimrock in anything but a county code approved residential dwelling. This is primarily to prevent people from staying on their lot in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. The Board is looking at crafting an amendment that will make tracking the 180 days easier. That will be presented to the membership for a vote next year.

Remember, the deadline for your Association dues was March 31. Members with unpaid dues are no longer a member-in-good-standing and have no campground privileges. A list of past due accounts will be posted in the office window for all to see. Late fees of \$10/month will now apply.



Things to Remember

1. Please remember, if you plan on visiting Rimrock during the winter or early spring, contact us to get current conditions. If you come out without doing any research and get stuck, you are on your own !
2. **All** structures must be approved by the Planning Committee first. You can find the application on our website under the Planning Committee link. There is a \$25 fee that must accompany each application
3. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day we will continue to review our ATV rules every Saturday in the Clubhouse at 9:30am. Attendance once a year is mandatory.
4. Potluck assignments: Last name begins with A-F, bring desserts or snacks, G-P, salad or pasta dish, Q-Z, vegetable or meat dish. Bring enough to feed at least 10 people. If you prefer to prepare a dish of your own choice, be our guest. We are just trying to cover all

Dates to Remember

March 31 - Dues Payment Deadline

April 1 - Campground water is on including showers.

April 1 - Winter RV Storage Ends

May 26 - Pool Opens

May 26 - Association Potluck and BBQ, 2PM

Sept. 1- Association Potluck and BBQ, 2PM

Sept. 2 - Horseshoe Tourney - Noon

Sept. 9 - Pool Closes

Oct. 24 - Campground Water Shutdown



bases. The Association will do hamburgers and hot dogs and the fixin's.

5. The wet winter and spring will produce weeds. A dry summer will cause those weeds to die creating fuel for fires. Be careful! A burn ban will occur no later than June 1 and possibly before. We encourage the use of a propane fire pit for those that want fires
6. If you have the misfortune of receiving a letter from the Planning Committee, do not despair! Please contact them at rimrockmeadowspc@gmail.com and open the lines of communication. They are trying to ensure that codes are being followed and that safe structures are being built. The office does not generate those letters.

Things to Remember Continued...

7. We welcome new full time residents but it must be done within the framework of our CC&R's. Only county permitted residential dwellings are allowed with a source of power, septic, water, and on a foundation. Not wheels! Septic can often be the most difficult to get. Please ask the office if you have any questions.
8. Campground RV sites are \$10/night, full hookups, for members and \$5/night for partials. The stay limit is 21 days and then 7 days off. No reservations. Water is on from April- Late Oct.
9. As a quasi-public pool, we are compelled to follow all state codes regarding use. Please read all the signage at the pool, especially as related to minors.
10. If you plan on staying in the campground, please pay in **advance** so we can keep better track. If you are unsure as to how long you are staying, take your best guess and then adjust as you go.
11. Cattle grazing began a couple of weeks ago and will persist until Memorial Weekend.

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Manager's Message

After experimenting with several different campground Wi-Fi arrangements, the version we settled on in 2017 seems to work the best. Unfortunately, it is the version that costs the Association the most! No more changes are anticipated at this time. Please keep in mind how remote we are compared to living in the city.

Hard to believe that I am entering my 20th year as your GM. Time does indeed fly. It also gives me an opportunity to reflect how far we have come. When I started in 1999, the former Rimroc Corporation existed, The Nature Conservancy was not our neighbor, we had virtually no trees in the campground, there were not any full RV sites, the trailer dump was by the clubhouse (stinky!), we had limited RV storage, there was no tent area, fences were falling down, we had \$10,000 in the bank, and lots sold for \$1995! My knowledge actually goes back to 1992 when my sister first discovered Rimrock. I donated the primary candy machine in 1993. Most of the members I knew back then have passed or sold out due to age. Mike Donovan

(GM from 1973-1995) and I cover nearly all of Rimrock's history. For those that remember Mike, he just retired from serving as the Ephrata Food Bank's manager for many years. He and Patti are looking forward to traveling and enjoying retirement. I am amazed by all the members that have touched my life the past 26 years.

My son Stuart, who has worked in Ukraine the past several years, is hoping to get some time off in June to meet me in Ireland and England to chase down family history and distant cousins. This has been on my bucket list for years. My ggggrandfather was Francis Danby who was a well-known painter in the 1800's. My great grandfather, John Innes Nisbet, was murdered in northern England in a payroll robbery on a train in 1910. Pretty dramatic ancestry! Google both.

Thank you,
Kevin Danby
GM