



RIMROCK RATTLER

**Rimrock Meadows
Douglas County, Washington**

**April
2019**

Greetings from Rimrock!

The Annual Meeting was held at the Ephrata Senior Center for the second year in a row. Fear of weather kept a few people away but we had a good crowd despite that. The Budget passed with 98% in favor and the Covenant amendment passed with 92% in favor. More on that later. Julie Lindgren was re-elected to the Board, Bill Higley was elected after being off for a year, and Rob Edinger was elected for the first time. After the meeting, Bill was elected Board Chairman and Rob is now the Planning Committee Chair.

Thank you to all that voted, ensuring that we had a quorum.

Winter was very late in arriving with blizzard conditions on Feb. 9. We had several smaller snow events into March before the weather finally returned to normal in the middle of the month. The roads are very muddy and will need time to dry out before they are safe to travel. We hope to have the showers open the first week of April. It was 16 below zero on March 4!

Beginning April 1, the 180 day stay limit will no longer apply. Until November 1 you can stay at Rimrock with no restrictions. From Nov. 1 through

March 31 you can stay 9 days in a 30 day period as long as you let the office know that you are here for safety reasons. Any longer stays during that period will require a permit issued by the Planning Committee (PC). That permit is currently being created and will more than likely focus on a source of power and water as well as septic. February and early March gave us some insight as to how extreme the winter weather can be at Rimrock. To quote a Rimrock manager from the mid 90's, "Staying at Rimrock in the winter is no joke, you could die!"

We continue to have a limited lot buyback program for 2019. We pay \$1500 for undeveloped lots and developed lots will be done on a case by case basis. Notify the office if you are interested. The budget is limited. Remember, the deadline for your Association dues was March 31. Members with unpaid accounts are no longer a member-in-good-standing and have no campground privileges. Late fees will now apply.

Dates to Remember

March 31 - Dues Payment Deadline

April 1 - Winter RV Storage Ends

April 1 - Campground water is on including showers.

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 is turned off

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 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

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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.

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. Stay limits in the off-season are likely to change and will be reviewed by the Board soon.
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.

Due to the weather, cattle grazing is unlikely this spring. There is a chance it will occur in the fall.

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Manager's Message

What a strange winter we had! Pretty mild and dry in December and January and then it came apart on February 9. In my 20 years here I have never seen wind and snow occur like that at the same time. That creates drifts everywhere, including the highway. The deepest I saw approached 6 feet. Now we are dealing with mud caused by the melting snow and frost. The snow also caused the deer to congregate in the snow covered green wheat fields of Sagebrush Flats in order to "dig" for food. We had about 300 at the peak 24/7. Quite an awesome site.

The flooding caused by the melt especially affected Sagebrush Flats and the Palisades. Our highway nearly washed out with water coming across it in two places. Farms and orchards in the Palisades were covered with as much as 18 inches of water. Every day in the last half of March

brought dramatic changes. The good news is that we are drying out fast.

With all the moisture in the ground, the weeds will grow and then die in the summer heat. We know what can happen then? Fire! Try and keep the weeds away from any structures by at least 20 feet and avoid any open flames, especially those that give off sparks. Propane fire pits are okay.

As I have mentioned before, my son Stuart spent several years working in Ukraine. Big changes! He is now married, they purchased a house in Pasco, and he is working for Amazon.

Thank you,
Kevin Danby