

SPECIAL EDITION RIMROCK RATTLER



**Rimrock Meadows
Douglas County, Washington**

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The 2019 summer took off full steam ahead as we transitioned Management. We have been working tirelessly on road improvements and keeping the campground fully operational. We hold the memberships best interest close at heart and appreciate everyone's input on future projects to come. We will continue to have training opportunities on our volunteer fire fighting equipment so we are all involved in the safety of our little community. We will also have group events by Rimrock volunteers to continue to keep our roads clean of garbage. Please see the office for any questions about these activities. Having said that here is a message from your board of directors:

Rimrock Staffing News

Jose' Ortiz has been appointed the Interim General Manager. Other personnel matters related to potential or pending litigation are confidential matters that cannot be shared with members at this time for the protection of all parties, including RR, and the legal process itself. We can confirm that the Ratcliffs will be vacating the manager's home by the end of September. We are unable to disclose anything else at this time.

Association and Board Use of Outside Professional Consultants

RR Board members are elected volunteers that often rely on professionals for guidance. The RR staff also consults with a variety of outside professionals. That is very common and entirely appropriate for nonprofit corporations. Legal and accounting fees are incurred conservatively and as necessary in order to protect the interests of RR. It is reasonable and appropriate for the board and the association to seek professional guidance. Professional guidance is part of how RR manages risk and liability.

Upcoming Financial Audit

We will be retaining an experienced outside accounting firm to conduct a formal audit of RR's financial records. An audit services agreement will be in place soon and the members will be informed of the progress of the audit once it is started.

Board Meeting Minutes

Nearly all prior board meeting minutes are in the process of being finalized and uploaded to the RR website. We appreciate your patience with the preparation and publication of the meeting minutes and will endeavor to make meeting minutes available within 30 days after each meeting in the future.

Member Access to Rimrock Records

We recognize that some rather vocal members of RR have requested to generally access financial data of RR and/or RR membership lists without providing necessary clarification to RR. A few members in particular have been given individual email responses by RR approving their requests to inspect records with reasonable stipulations protecting the privacy interests of RR employees and members. Instead of complying with those reasonable stipulations, said members continue to insist on the disclosure of records inconsistent with the policies of RR and not supported by law. RR does not give special treatment or unlimited access to records to anyone. Because none of the requesting members have complied with the minimal stipulations, their prior records requests may be deemed abandoned. Some members are dissatisfied with any response and merely want to create problems where there are none. In contrast, another member simply withdrew his records request after having minimal contact with RR and being satisfied with RR's response. For anyone to now allege that they have been denied access to the requested records smacks of disingenuousness. No one has been denied access to RR records. RR has a simple longstanding policy around records requests. Those policies are now documented and available for anyone to review. The records access policies are applied equally to all members.

Member Access to Rimrock Membership List

The RR membership list is available to inspect at the RR office with reasonable advance notice to RR. Please contact RR staff to arrange a time to review the membership list during normal business hours.

Special Membership Meeting

RR has not received a petition signed by 10% of all members requesting that a special membership meeting be called. However, RR is committed to calling a special meeting of members if a legally sufficient petition is received. The expense associated with calling a special meeting is significant so RR infrequently calls them especially if the meeting issues may be deferred until the general membership meeting.

Board Service

Members are encouraged to run for the board and make a positive difference at RR. Board members are elected by the membership and the board appreciates input from the members. Each board member strives to act in a manner that he or she believes is in RRs best interest. While some resign in the face of personal adversity or perceived offense, most continue to act as board members even during difficult or challenging times. Barring action by members during a properly called membership meeting or through other legal means, any board member is individually permitted to continue to act as a board member or resign as his or her conscience dictates.

Store Opening

We are pleased to announce the on-site store at the Rimrock Clubhouse is currently in the final completion stage. The store will carry a small variety of essential items like toiletries and RV items in addition to some special treats like candy and ice cream. The store is expected to be open for business prior to the upcoming Labor Day Holiday.

In your service, Board of Directors

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