



RIMROCK RATTLER

Rimrock Meadows
Douglas County, Washington

January 2010

Holiday Greetings from Rimrock

After an extraordinary summer and early fall, we were hit with a cold snap October 10 when it got down to 10 degrees. Two weeks before it was 90! Since then we have had fog, snow, minus zero weather, and everything in between. We are still waiting for the long-range forecast of warmer and dryer than normal. Although we still have a bit of snow on the ground, can't say we had a white Christmas. Current conditions are teens and 20's with some fog.

We have seen some frost heave in the showers similar to last year due to the sudden and rapid freeze. No damage yet but we will be watching closely. Last year we were not able to get the showers open

by April 1, as we had to wait for the ground to thaw in order to do necessary repairs. We will post a notice on the website if needed. The Annual Meeting is coming up February 28 in Bothell. Although the Board has not made any final decisions yet, it looks like we will be voting on: amending the Covenants to allow building setbacks to match County code, an advisory vote on securing the Clubhouse during the night to prevent damage and malicious behavior, and on the proposed budget for 2010. We also have three director's positions to vote on. You should be receiving your packets the last week of January. Please take time to read the material and mail your vote in!

Dates to Remember

- **Feb 28 — Annual Meeting at Country Inn and Suites, 1PM, Bothell**
- **April 1 — Winter RV Storage ends in Campground**
- **April 1 — Showers and outside water activated (We hope!)**
- **May 28 — Pool Opens**
- **May 29 — Memorial Day BBQ (Any other events that weekend will be announced in the April Rattler and will be posted on our website)**
- **All 2010 dates will be in the April Rattler and also posted under "Calendar of Events" on our website**

Things to Remember

1. Please make sure you do not leave any valuables around on your property, especially in the off-season. In 2009 we had a rash of burglaries in August and September and that is unusual. These are very tough economic times and people are desperate.
2. We did not make our lot sales goal in 2009 but the budget did fairly well despite that. If you have any friends or relatives inter-
3. As we have said in the past, if you are planning a trip to Rimrock in the winter, it is wise to contact the office for current conditions. Snow and ice as well as soft ground can make our roads a challenge. The County roads are not getting the attention

ested in Rimrock have them contact the office. Sales will resume as the weather allows.

Things to Remember Continued...

- they have in the past due to budget cuts.
4. If you have any unpaid dues from 2009, you are not considered a member-in-good-standing. That means you do not have any campground/clubhouse privileges.
 5. WiFi and/or Internet will be \$5/day or \$30 per calendar year again in 2010. We are still experiencing excess downloading in July and August. Please keep your Internet usage to emails and simple text files. Our wireless service has limited bandwidth and we get hit hard with extra charges when we exceed that limit.

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Manager's Report

As many of you know, we had several burglaries in August and September. That is a very unusual time for that to happen given the number of members out here enjoying the summer heat. I contacted the Douglas County Sheriff, Harvey Gjesdal, and met with him in his office. He promised to do what he could to increase patrols and have his Auxiliary Patrol come out as well. Since we are in one corner of the County away from any population centers and they have lost a few deputies due to budget issues, coverage is apt to still be thin. We had a Block Watch presentation (last fall?) and hope to have another one in May or June. We need to increase awareness and communication amongst our members and encourage all to look out after one another. The Sheriff's department frowns on civilian patrols and any attempt by a citizen to personally investigate a suspicious situation. They prefer that we call them. I am working on phone trees and block watch captains and will add to that as our snowbirds return from down south. Given the hard times out there, crime is one of the unfortunate by-products. At press time, there was a chance the Sheriff might attend and speak at our Feb 28 meeting. Stay tuned...

For the past couple of years, I have been attending most of the Douglas County Watershed Planning Association (DCWPA) meetings. There is some concern that wells at Rimrock could affect the stream flow in McCarteney Creek. It has especially been an issue the past two years because of near drought conditions. Groundwater and well studies are being conducted to see if there is a correlation. In my opinion, we need a good snow pack and spring and fall rains and all will be well again. I will keep you posted if any changes are proposed or occur.

I want to personally thank Staff and our wonderful camp hosts for making it a great year. Our Board has been phenomenal and makes the meetings a pleasure to attend. It is nice to observe the mutual respect and professionalism at those meetings. Our attorney, Michael Wyman, has a background that makes him perfect for the position. All in all, we have a great support team.

Happy New Year and may peace and prosperity come to all in 2010!

Kevin Danby
GM