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Next PCC Board Meeting

January 11, 2015
1:00 PM – PCC Office
151 Nisqually Way

**Next Community Watch /
Emergency Management
Meeting**

February 28, 2015
10:00 AM – PCC Office

PCC Board

President	Bill Balcom
VP	Bill Krause
Secretary	Brett Anderson
Treasurer	Sonja Maddux
Trustee	Brian Andrews
Trustee	Beth Marzano
Trustee	Steve Olson
Trustee	Calvin Porter
Trustee	Joan Williams

Water Department

Manager	Alvie Whitlock
Assistant	Maria Niesen
Volunteer	Ben Pacatte

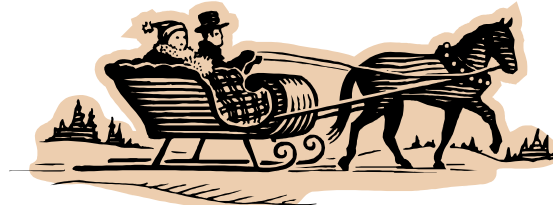
Message from the President

As we close out another year for Paradise Estates Community Club, I want to extend a special thank you to the many community members that turned out to help clean-up the grounds around the Big Lake in July. Trimming tree branches, removing debris, and replacing the old fence posts took time, especially in the hot weather we experienced during the weekend event. These and other projects could not have been accomplished without the help from volunteers and dedicated staff.

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank-you to each one of you who took time from your family and relaxation, to make our community the special place it is today. The list of accomplishments these volunteers have completed is extensive and this community has much to be thankful for due to their efforts.

If you missed this year's annual PCC picnic, be sure to watch for next year's event and the opportunity to meet new neighbors and reacquaint with old friends. This year's picnic was well attended, food plentiful, and we all had a good time.

Looking forward to 2015, community finances continue to be in good shape and the Board of Directors is considering which improvement project(s) we will be able to fund in the coming year. Prompt payment of your homeowners' dues helps to fund those projects. Thanks again to all our volunteers in making our community the paradise it has become and on behalf of the Board of Directors have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Bill Balcom – President, PCC

Make Your Vote Count!

A ballot form is included in this mailing. It asks for your approval to sell an unimproved lot within Paradise Estates. This lot was awarded to PCC by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office for lack of payment. The PCC Board believes that the association should sell the parcel for the benefit of the community. The ballot seeks membership approval to list the lot for sale on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Please review the issue, vote and return the ballot in the accompanying return envelope.

Clean-up a Success!

On July 11th-13th, a group of volunteers took on the ambitious goal of pruning around the office field and big lake, and replacing the rotting fence posts at the lake as well. The weekend temperatures were in the 80s and 90s, making the endeavor even more challenging. In the end, everything on the list was accomplished and the final fence cables were subsequently installed in November. A huge thank you to those who donated their time and equipment for this worthwhile cause!

Picnic Enjoyed by All!

The 2014 Summer Picnic witnessed a great weather weekend in Paradise! Members met new members and shared stories and some good food, prepared by PCC Board and Staff volunteers. We would also like to congratulate the winners of our first photo contest by category::

Nature – Brian Andrews
Wildlife – Paul Nerge
Community - Chuck Mitchell

Congratulations on your wins, including the \$25 cash prize, graciously donated by Alvie Whitlock!

Reminder Reminder

2015 Membership
Fees are due by
2/1/2015

- \$250 per Lot -

Avoid Late Fees by
Paying on Time

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Turn off Water While Away

Each year, especially during cold weather, one or more members suffer a significant water loss due to an unexpected break on their side of the water meter. This misfortune can lead to very high water use charges. When leaving your property for a significant period, please turn off your water to avoid unnecessary loss.

Call the office at
(360) 569-2669 if interested
in more information on:

Photo Contest

Free Yoga Sessions

Free Art Club Workshops

Book Exchange

Volunteer Opportunities

PCC Office Hours:

12-4 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri

An **OPEN** sign is displayed
during office hours

Keep Us Current!

The office has encountered several instances where members have changed their phone numbers or mailing address. This encumbers our ability to reach you regarding your membership or property. To better ensure our ability to reach you, especially during an emergency event, we have enclosed a Contact Information form. We ask that you provide the requested information so that we can verify and update our records accordingly.



Remember, you can sign up for email alert notifications on our community website. Just go to www.paradisec.org and follow the "Email List" link to sign up. Signing up for this free notification option will help ensure that we can get important messages out to you in a quick and efficient manner.

Members Only

In the summer months, the PCC office often receives complaints regarding non-member use of our lake and amenities. We have struggled to find a way to manage this issue, as we do not have a dedicated enforcement body in Ashford. In an effort to curb the use by non-members, PCC has issued parking hangers for your vehicles. We are now asking you to make sure that they are displayed in vehicles associated with your lot(s). Signage regarding this was posted on 11/15 and vehicles not displaying the hanger permit are subject to tow. Please contact the office if you do not have the hanger depicted below.



Emergency Management

It's no secret that Paradise Estates is geographically located in a rural setting far from the hustle and bustle of major cities. Our community is also a long distance from many of the services that those cities enjoy. Add to that the fact that we have only one access road in the winter months and that road crosses the Nisqually River. With the Nisqually Bridge being impacted twice by flooding, it is imperative that we as a community be able to fend for ourselves to the extent reasonably possible.

Grab-n-Go Bucket

Most of us have heard the term "bucket list" and think of earthly accomplishment goals to be completed during a lifetime. Well we would like you to also think of items to have on hand to help ensure you can extend that lifetime! Think of the type of things you would →

need to have with you if you were without power, heat or access to grocery or pharmacies, just to name a few.

While some members will have unique considerations, we wanted to share with you a list of common necessities

- Flashlight w/ Batteries
- Water / Non-Perishable Food
- Medicines/Pharmaceuticals
- Gloves/Blanket/TP
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Feminine Considerations
- Light Sticks / Whistle
- Contact Info for Doctors/Family
- Bandages/First Aid Kit
- Photo ID/Medical Cards
- Emergency Blanket
- Moist Towlettes/Hand Cleaners
- Car and House Keys
- Change of Clothes / Hat
- Family/Pet Photos

A special Thank You to Steve Olson (PCC), Lori Amburgey (PCFD) and Peggy Lovellford (PC-NET) for helping us start our Em. Mgmt program!

Pre-pay Discount!

6 bi-monthly water billings at \$36 each = \$216 per year. Deducting the 5% discount lowers this amount to \$205.20. Simply pay this amount for each lot you own no later than February 15th in order to receive your discount. The entire payment is credited to your account and means that you may not receive water bills until the entire credit has been used up. This saves PCC money due to the reduced printing, supplies and postage expenses. Your meter will still be read and any billable usage will also be deducted from your credit balance. Please contact the office at (360) 569-2669 if you have any questions related to this payment option, which is designed to save you money!

Reference

How do I report something?

If you have a question or concern, you can either call the office at (360) 569-2669 or send an email message to (pcc007@centurytel.net). Such queries must be professional and thorough enough to enable an efficient response from the office.

Looking for activities?

XC Skiing

skimtta.com/about.htm

Local Events?

www.rainierfestivals.com

www.mt-rainier.com/activities.html

www.mt-rainier.com/event-calendar.html

*"I took a walk in the woods and came out
taller than the trees."*

Thoreau