# Paradise News

**Summer 2013** Newsletter

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#### **PCC Board**

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

#### **Reminder!**

PCC Annual Picnic Saturday, July 6th (11-2pm) – PCC Office

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snacks and Drinks Provided



## 2013 Annual Meeting Recap

The 2013 General Membership Meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the PCC office. The meeting attendance was up again this year and it appeared that attendees enjoyed the chance for dialog and a delicious lunch as well!

#### Highlights of the meeting:

# ElectionResultsPresident-BillBalcomVicePresident-BillKrauseDirector#2-CalvinPorter

Director #6 – Beth Marzano Budget: 72 Yes 3 No (Pass)

#### Ashford Fire Commissioner

Alan Nelson provided an overview of the financials involved in keeping the Pierce and Lewis County sides of Ashford protected. described a rather ominous situation where there is simply not enough revenue to keep both FD#17 and equipment and training up requirements. contract currently in place between the two districts sends 65% of the Lewis County side's tax revenue to FD #23 but it is not enough, since the timber tax revenue has dried up. The remaining 35% is not to maintain minimal standards at the

volunteer station Paradise Estates either. He believes that a fall levy will be formulated to request a substantial increase in the levy rate for fire services. Alan was unable to auantify the amount of the likely request as that will be determined by the Fire commissioners on our side of the river. We expect to hear more on this matter One item to be aware of is that, because of the contract with PCFD Paradise Estates Residents enjoy insurance classification of 8 (with tender credit). If we lose the contract with #23. we believe that we will be reclassified to a 10. This could result in dropped coverage for some and substantially higher premiums for the remaining members.

#### **Sheriff Office Report**

Chief Gene Sieber of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office shared that crime is down but so are staffing levels. The Sheriff's office is having a hard time finding qualified candidates. Meth continues to be a problem as it is even cheaper than Marijuana. He reminded members to utilize 911 when appropriate or the

Online Tip Line
(tips.lewiscountywa.gov)
anytime they see suspicious
activity. The Chief was very
happy to see the parking
hangars issued for
members (contact the
office if you haven't yet
received one).

Treasurer's report showed that PCC finances continue to improve and delinquent accounts are still trending downward. Our bank (First Citizen's) has decided to close their branch in Eatonville. This was very disappointing news as we had only moved all of our accounts there in the past year or so. We are now in the process moving the PCC. accounts to the Key Bank branch in Eatonville. complete financial summary will be published with the meeting minutes.

#### **Recent Accomplishments**

- Picnic shelter painted
- Office Fencing Installed
- Fish Stocking in May
- Continued Lot Cleanup
- More Community Events
- BBQ Stands at Lake
- Swings near the Lake
- Additional Security Light Installations
- Expanded Community Watch program





## PCC office hours: 12-4 pm Mon, Wed, & Fri

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

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## Meeting Recap (cont.)

Water Report - Alvie Whitlock reported that our water system is still in very good shape and in green status on all fronts. He stated that the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been distributed to all members and would soon be available on the PCC website (posted on 6/25). He noted that the water system, after 8 years of operation, has not found it necessary to raise rates during that entire period. This fact also impressed the USDA representative who recently reviewed our water system. Please note our new Emergency Water Cell Phone number: (360) 523-4111 – this number should be called whenever a leak or other water emergency is detected or suspected.

Future Amenities – attendees agreed that it would be nice to have more and better picnic tables, as well as some water friendly benches. The Board agreed to look into this.



#### our private lake for the past several years. While this benefit has been enjoyed by many, it appears not everyone is aware of rules and "etiquette" when

fishing at the lake. Here are

Lake Etiquette

PCC has been stocking trout in

Swimmers have priority –
please fish a safe distance
from anyone who is
swimming on the dock end
of the lake.

some helpful reminders:

- The fish parts that result from cleaning your catch do NOT belong in the lake – they should be tied in a plastic bag and disposed of in a garbage receptacle.
- The fish limit is 3. Catching more than 3 fish will jeopardize the entire stocking program.



### Pardon our Dust!

While PCC was able to implement a new water system over 7 years ago, the work stopped short of replacing ALL distribution Several side roads were deemed to have sufficient lines at the time or were postponed due to a lack of funds. Since PCC's financial position is strong and we have set aside ample funds that even exceed our reserve requirements, we can now begin to replace water lines that are aging and prone to failure. The first sections to replaced are the Mt. View loop and Creek Place. The work in these areas is more than half complete and we forward to completion in the coming few weeks.

We will work to identify future areas for replacement in the coming months, with our goal being to replace all remaining lines over the next several years, as funding allows. Thank you for your patience as this work will require slight detours at times, as well as brief water outages (advance notice will be provided).



#### WELCOME

The PCC Board would like to welcome the new members to our community. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your ownership within Paradise Estates. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Your PCC Board of Directors

#### **Community Corner**

#### **Community Watch Meetings**

10am – Last Saturday of every Even Month (except December) - Free Pancakes 9-10am -

#### Free Yoga Sessions

Wednesdays 10am-Noon

Art/Craft Club Workshops Fridays 1pm-4pm

#### **Annual Picnic**

July 6, 2013 11am-2pm

The PCC Board would like to thank all of the volunteers who help make our community a better place to live. Thank you Paul, Ben, Jean, Linda, Erika, Tom, Darlene, Shirley, Kathy, Roger, and fellow Board members for all that you do for Paradise Estates.



Mt. Rainier National Park was established on March 2, 1899 and encompasses 235,625 acres, ranging in elevation from 1610 to 14,410 feet above sea level. It is an active volcano that includes over 35 square miles of snow and ice.

#### Note

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations, or alternative means for communication of program information should contact Cecile Roy at (360) 569-2669 at least 24 hours in advance of events requiring same.

PCC is in compliance with the terms of the Assurance Agreement (RD form 400-4), executed in conjunction with the RD funds awarded for this project. (New water system)