Paradise News

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PCC Board

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Trustee	Calvin Porter
Trustee	Beth Marzano
Trustee	Brian Andrews
Trustee	Steve Olson
Trustee	Joan Williams

Reminder!

Saturday, July 12th PCC Cleanup Day (9-1pm) - Meet at Big Lake -

> & Annual Picnic (1-4pm) – PCC Office

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snacks and Drinks Provided



Summer 2014 Newsletter

2014 Annual Meeting Recap

The 2014 PCC General Membership Meeting was held on June 22nd at the PCC office.

Highlights of the meeting:

Election Results

The following individuals were elected at the meeting: President – Bill Balcom Vice President – Bill Krause Trustee #1 – Brett Anderson Trustee #4 – Steve Olson Trustee #5 – Brian Andrews Trustee #7 – Bill Balcom Trustee #8 – Bill Krause Budget: 65 Yes 3 No (Pass)

Ashford Fire Commissioner

Phil Farcy informed the audience that the current Emergency Services Levy will expire at the end of the year. He stated that it is absolutely critical that the levy be renewed (at the same rate) when it is presented on the August ballot. All PCC members who are eligible to vote are strongly encouraged to do so in favor of the levy continuance.

Sheriff Office Report

Chief Criminal Deputy Gene Seiber of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office shared some good news with the audience - that calls to our area are down by 40% in the past year. He also stated that the Sheriff's office is still having a hard time finding qualified candidates, so he is still trying to fill some openings. Methamphetamine use is on the decline but Heroin is taking up the slack. When asked what 3 things could be done to minimize our chance of being victimized by a crime, he responded with:

1 – <u>Lock your doors</u> (far too many people simply do not even lock their doors when leaving)

2 – <u>Make sure your</u> house/yard are bathed in plenty of light

3 - <u>Keep brush and</u> obstructions cleared from around the house and ensure that your property looks occupied (mow grass, sweep/shovel walks, etc.).

He reminded members to ensure their address was prominently displayed and to utilize 911 whenever they need prompt assistance.

The Treasurer's report

showed that PCC finances remain very sound with increasing reserves – this in spite of funding a major water line replacement project for Mt. View Drive and Creek Place. The PCC financial summary will be published with the meeting minutes and all expenses are tracked in Quicken within the PCC office.



Water Report – Maria Neisen reported that our water system is still in very good shape and in green status on all fronts. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been distributed to all members and is also posted on the PCC website. Water rates remain unchanged over the past 9 years. The Water Department completed a large distribution line replacement project (Mt. View/Creek Place) and is planning another such project (likely Mowich) by the Fall of 2015. Tower #1 was drained and cleaned in May, 2014. Water usage fell again this year by 1.8% (82,070 gallons).

Past Year's Accomplishments

- Removed Unsafe Slide
- New Swim Dock Ladder
- Fish Stocking in May
- Goose-Away Initiative
- Metal Roof/Siding for Well House #4
- Expanded Community Watch program
- New and Reconditioned
 Picnic Tables
- Two new park benches at big lake (members can fund an additional bench in memory of a family member for \$300.



PCC office hours:

12-4 pm

Mon, Wed, & Fri

An **OPEN** sign is displayed

during office hours

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Calendar Corner

July 4 th	Have a Safe Independence Day!
July 12 th	9am-1pm Cleanup Day (Meet at Lake with clippers, work gloves, shovels and rakes)
	1-4pm Community Picnic – PCC Office Free Burgers/Dogs and Treats!
July 13 th	PCC Board Meeting – 1PM
August 25 th	Free Entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park!
August 30 th	Community Watch Meeting – 10AM
September 14 th	PCC Board Meeting – 1PM
September 20 th	Civil War Re-enactors Ride Elbe Train
October 25 th	Community Watch Meeting – 10AM
November 9 th	PCC Board Meeting – 1 PM
November 15 th	Mt Rainier Fall Wine Tasting & Brew Festival

In Case of Emergency.....

The PCC Board would like to thank Sara Holmgren for her service as a Board Member the past several years, We wish you well in your travels. We would also like to welcome Brian Andrews to the Board, effective 6/22/14.



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) We've all heard the Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared" yet in our busy lives, many of us find it difficult to remain prepared for life's unexpected events. Your PCC Board and Employees take this topic very seriously and have recently started devoting effort toward mitigating risks during disastrous events. Steve Olson has accepted the PCC leadership role for Emergency Management and Planning. He will attend the bi-monthly Community Watch meetings, which will be rebranded to include the Emergency Management topic. Steve will act as a liaison to PCFD and county Emergency Management staff, working with their templates to implement a

structured program designed to protect our residents and guests from a myriad of potential "disasters". While we all think about a Lahar or eruption from the mountain, many other forms of disaster are statistically more likely to occur. Paradise Estates could easily be impacted by an extended power outage, forest fire, virus outbreak, or extreme weather - just to name a few. Because we can't predict precisely WHAT will happen, it is best to ensure we have on hand the items we would need for most ANY type of event. Paradise Estates is far enough away from the larger population centers and that means we will be a much lower priority for any form of regional disaster. Look for more information on Grab-n-Go supplies, Calling Trees, Skills

Fishing Rules

PCC has been stocking trout in 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 some helpful reminders:

- Swimmers have priority please fish a safe distance from anyone who is swimming on the dock end of the lake.
- 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 your home garbage receptacle.
- The fish limit is 3. Catching more than 3 fish or fishing by outsiders will jeopardize the entire stocking program.

Matrix, Response Teams, and the like. Your participation is strongly encouraged – remember, it can literally save your life.

Community Watch /Emergency Management Meetings

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

Free Yoga Sessions Wednesdays 10am-Noon

Art/Craft Club Workshops Fridays 1pm-4pm

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

While Mt. Rainier is magnificent in terms of its natural beauty, it is also at times a very dangerous place. In fact over 400 people have perished on the mountain since 1897. See www.mountrainierclimbing.us for more information.