

NEWSLETTER

RUSTLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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GREETINGS HOMEOWNERS,

NEWS UPDATES FROM THE 2014 RUSTLEWOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Guest Speakers:

Patty Graeber, Fire Chief District 3, brought us up to date on the changes that have taken place and the plans for the future of our district. She is excited to state that all personnel have completed the latest training requirements and are certified. Her planning includes placing staff members on the payroll who can cover the off-hours and weekends which would create faster response times during these periods. Because of the central location of the Krabbenhof station, it is being considered for developing housing for these new staff members and eventually full-time crews by building a structure on site next to the existing station or bringing in a modular unit. In the meantime, if the off-hour and weekend staffing is approved a trailer could be brought in as there are already service hook-ups on the site.

Patty "gently" expressed hopes to see more Rustlewood homeowners at the monthly meetings which are held at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month primarily at the Grapeview station. Our presence will help to strengthen our position for the importance of the Krabbenhof station.

Mike Oblizalo, Hood Canal Communications, along with Chris from PUD briefed us on the upcoming installation of fiber optic cable and the underground power line replacement program. The PUD gave approval to proceed with the project at their June 10th meeting. Once the work begins it is estimated that it will take approximately 3 months to complete and during that time there will be some inconveniences for the homeowners during this time but they will be doing their best to keep it at a minimum. It is hoped that the first customers will be hooked up by the end of the year. The hook-up costs for the initial basic program will be free and will include availability of TV, wifi, and telephone.

CABANA UPDATE: Happily, our Cabana is getting more use and things are happening to make it even a better bargain..... free to all homeowners! The noisy and inefficient electric heater is finally being replaced by a very efficient "ductless" system that you will hardly hear while using the Cabana as well as provided air conditioning if needed. The restroom ceilings will be lowered and insulated making them a little more comfortable while again saving energy to heat a space with an open vent to the outside up on the wall. Another energy savings will be replacing the old hot water heater in the women's restroom with a smaller more efficient one installed under the counter in the kitchen. Our hot water usage is minimal so no need to heat a huge tank all the time. Also, don't forget to thank the Garden Club for their tireless work on the Cabana flora. If you would like to reserve the Cabana for a special occasion or function, call the Association Treasurer to make reservations.

Don't forget GAME NIGHT which is every Wednesday night at 6:30 PM at the Cabana.

OLD BUT IMPORTANT BUSINESS: DOG LEASH LAW!

We are still getting reports of dogs off leash in Rustlewood. This is becoming a major issue with many complaints being filed. Our covenants are very clear that no dog is allowed out in public areas or neighbor's property without being on a leash. This also includes our beach front where recently dogs have been spotted off leash and leaving their "marks" behind without owners cleaning up after them. Dog fights on the beach have been reported and as dogs know no boundaries, they are encroaching on adjoining private properties. If you are experiencing dog violations, please take pictures and write a formal complaint to the Board. Fines (\$250.00) have recently been issued for violations and are enforceable with a lien if not paid. Please help us out and be a good dog owner. There is no excuse for having a dog loose in the neighborhood or not cleaning up after them.

JULY 4TH! CELEBRATE SAFELY

Please remember that fireworks are only allowed on our beach at the Cabana. The beach area will be roped off to indicate where fireworks may safely be used. Only adults and supervised children 12 years or older can go past the roped off area. This program has worked very well the last couple of years so let's keep the record of celebrating safely.

After celebrating, please take all the accumulated trash up to the barrels near the boat ramp gate and stack it there. It will be picked up by volunteers and taken to the dump for proper burial.

DUES: As you all know, the Rustlewood Association Dues are to be paid on July 1st and are deemed late if paid after October 1st and subject to a late charge of \$25.00. Our dues of \$100.00 a year are a great bargain and are the lowest of any association we know of in our area. To avoid a late fee and eventually a lien, please contact the Association Treasurer to set up a payment plan.

RENTING YOUR PROPERTY: Homeowners who rent their properties here in Rustlewood must adhere to the Bylaws, Article I, Membership, Section 2: Any owner, who rents one (1) or more lots to others, shall advise the Secretary, in writing, of the tenants name, address, and telephone number, as well as when each tenancy commences and ceases. The owner, as well as the tenant, shall be responsible for any violation of the Rustlwood Restrictive Covenant by such tenant. An ad hoc committee has been formed to study the rental requirements as stated in our Bylaws to see how we can address the issue and possibly make it easier for homeowners to comply with the requirements. It is to the benefit of the Association to have this information primarily in the case of emergencies.

REMINDERS, OR JUST PLAIN NAGGING: Please note that the speed limit in Rustlewood is 25 MPH and actually it is 25 MPH all the way from highway 3. Often there are adults and children walking on our streets day or night so please keep their safety and welfare in mind.

Noise levels should be checked regarding mufflers, tools, radios, tv's etc. especially during the hours of 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM as described in our Covenants. Fun, laughter and parties are "required" elements of living but please be considerate of your neighbors during the hours stated.

RUSTLEWOOD WEB SITE: Our web site has been around for a while but is now being monitored by the Association Secretary often to address any messages sent by our homeowners, renters or those inquiring about our Association and thinking of buying a home here. Lending companies and Escrow companies use our site for printing the By-Laws and Covenants to be included in the closing papers. We have been working diligently the last couple of months to include information that can be useful to our homeowners about local events, meetings of interest, etc. as well as copies of Board minutes, Annual Meeting minutes and Newsletters. We are interested in making this site more useful to you and if you have any suggestions or items of interest we can include, please submit them. News about our members regarding their needs for help, including health issues, etc., would be helpful. We have a "Sunshine" contact who will send out cards where appropriate. Just go to the web site and on the home page, click on "Contact" and go from there. The web address is: rustlewood.org

VOLUNTEERS: Please let us know that you are willing to volunteer to help out when needs arise. There are often people in our Association who want to help clean-up along roadsides or do other things and would like some company while doing so. Also from time to time we have projects around the Cabana or other areas in our development where we can use someone to assist in the process. If you have certain talents and/or interests you want to use in your volunteering, let the Secretary know and we will put your name on a call list.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS! Thanks for reading all the words above. We welcome your thoughts and input so feel free to respond at any time. Below is the list of your Board of Directors who happily volunteer their time to help make Rustlewood a great place to live.

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