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President's Message

Bob Anderson, CRCC President

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE"

This is a special time of the year to enjoy your family get-togethers. Winter in the Park can be fun, but it can also be unpleasant. If you forget to winterize your lot, cabin, or trailer and don't turn off your water at the road, you can guarantee that the next trip you take to the Park will be unpleasant.

This last year we had four water lines breaks due to heavy equipment on the roads. Our water lines are old, and are imbedded in the roads. Please remember that the Board has put weight limits on our roads for a reason. The current weight limit for the park roads is 34,000 thousand pounds GROSS weight – this is for all equipment. This limit will allow the propane trucks on the roads.

Due to the fact we have gravel roads, weather conditions greatly affect the compacting of the roads. Heavy Equipment causes vibration and compacting effects that has, and will continue, to break our water lines – costing all of us additional money. The weight limits that we have placed on heavy equipment driving on the roads are to protect our water.

LIMITS MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN POSTED - Cascade River Community Club has policies in place to protect our roads, bridges and water lines. When there are weight limits on the roads, we will post them on the park web site, and at all the gates. Please respect these limits and policies to help keep our costs down and our water protected!



The DAY CREEK project was completed in September 19, 2011. We removed two concrete culverts, and replaced them with a six foot diameter, twenty foot long culvert. We hope that the replaced culvert will take care of the water runoff from the mountain above the park, unless there is a mud slide. With the help of both caretakers, Richard, Dick, Ed Dutton, Mike Cuseo, myself and Casey Pit backhoe it turned out to be a nice day.

As for Volunteers, there are two Board Positions that must be filled, and three Nominating Committee candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in June 2012.

If you would like more information on these positions, please contact Lynette Monard, the current Committee Chair, or a Board Member. Contact information can be found on the Contact List on last page of the newsletter.

Thank You,

**BOB ANDERSON
CRCC PRESIDENT**

FireWise

Ted Irvin

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The Firewise Spring cleanup and Park beatification was a great success! Twelve people turned out to help, contributing a total of 29 hours of hard work.

The current value of volunteer time is \$21.36 per hour. That means we got credit for \$619.44. Several people spent time cleaning up for the park on other days for a total of approx. 25 hours which brought us another credit of \$534.00.

Being a Firewise USA Community also helped when we needed additional resources for a cleanup after the wind storm. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) brought in a chipper and crew and chipped the majority of the pile, and then came back to help burn the rest. The Board thought we would need to rent a chipper for a week at \$800.00 to do that job, but the Park (and our great volunteers!) saved that expense.

The Gatto Firewise/Forest Health project was completed before the salmon bar-b-que so it could be viewed & enjoyed by Park members and their guests on Labor Day weekend.

The project was a combined effort between Skagit County Conservation District, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Firewise. With the help of DNR, Skagit County Conservation District, Firewise, and Park members, we got credit for a total of \$2248.00.

At the Skagit Conservation District conservation awards banquet, Cascade River Park, along with the Firewise Communities USA of Diobsud Community and Jenkins Lane, received the Conservation Implementation Award.

I look forward to next year. We have two people interested in a "home assessment" and of course the Spring Cleanup.

For more information about what we do and how you can help, please contact the Firewise committee: Ted Irvin, Chair; Doris Irvin, Dick and Marilyn Webb, Carol Slayton, Anne Murphy

**TED IRVING
FIREWISE CHAIR**

Delinquent Accounts Recovery

Richard Webb, Chair

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This year we have been very successful in collecting our delinquent accounts.

We have no one in foreclosure at this time, and only four left in collection, which will be turned over to our attorney soon for foreclosure.

At this time, it appears, we will have four more to turn over to SB&C collections, but about fifteen to give to the attorney for foreclosure, pending an agreement for payment approved by the board. This is the most lot owners we have had in collection since I have taken over this post.



Once again, to avoid being turned over for collection, or to our Park attorney for foreclosure, please contact me to set up a payment plan for your past dues and assessments.

By club policy, if you are delinquent, and do not respond to my letter, we will pursue collection.

**RICHARD WEBB
CHAIR**

*May your
holiday season
be filled with
peace and joy.*

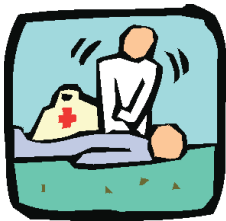


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The Cascade River Park Volunteer Emergency Response Team (VERT) needs more members.

This group was started because of the remoteness of CRP and response time of emergency help. We need to be prepared to help each other in the case of a medical or fire emergency.

To that end, the VERT is trained in First Aid CPR/AED. We have a fire truck and are able to pump water to protect the outside of structures. We are not trained, nor do we have the equipment to go into burning buildings.

Sadly, some of our members have left the Park. We miss these people a lot but we need new people to step in and help. I understand many of you come to the park to get away. That is great; still we have a responsibility to our fellow park members.

Disaster preparedness is a necessary part of life today. We are instructed to have a three day supply of food, water, and medications etc. at home.

What about when you are in the Park.
Are you trained and ready to help?

The VERT meets once a month on the first Saturday in the Park office. We take a First Aid or CPR/AED refresher class once a year and have a few drills. Not a lot of time to spend to be ready to help out in case of an emergency.

To get more information, please contact a VERT member.

Ted Irvin, Team Leader; or
Richard Cassel, Dick and Marilyn Webb,
Carol Slayton, Anne Murphy, Gary and Becky
Young, Angela Nevin

**TED IRVIN
VERT TEAM LEADER**



Labor Day Salmon BBQ

Bobby Dutton, Co-Chair



We had a perfect day for the BBQ this last year! No Rain, 250 pounds of King salmon and great members who volunteered to make this event a great success!

We served 159 adults and 19 children throughout the afternoon. There were many compliments on the great tasting fish and even more compliments about the delicious potluck items everyone brought.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who put in their time and effort because without you, there wouldn't be a Salmon BBQ. I want to acknowledge a few people in particular, that added a little extra to our BBQ. First I want to thank Al Hutchins for his tenacity and smooth talking in obtaining eight raffle items from local merchants from Marblemount to Birdsvew. Good job Al! Next, Marilyn Webb was able to get our grand prize from Clark's Skagit River Resort for an overnight Bed and Breakfast - Thank You, Marilyn! And last but not least, Wendy Brown and Lyn Monrad donated 6 fantastic items for the kids raffle table.

A BIG THANK YOU to the fish crew, Bob Anderson, Ed Dutton, Lyle Theige, Gary & Becky Young, Tom Nevin and John Sayer.

Thanks to our hot dog cooker, Bob Booth, as well as our many volunteers who served the fish, Ted and Doris Irvin, LaDonna Knutson, Leslie Booth, John Sayer and Bobbie Dutton; Carol Slayton - our dessert table volunteer -

and Sue Sayer for keeping the food in order on the potluck tables and Iris Nevin, our food ticket taker.

Food Ticket sale volunteers were Chuck & Sharon Wylie, Jim Bernhard, Sue Sayer, Lyn Monrad and Wendy Brown. Of course we can't forget the raffle volunteers Al & Sharon Hutchins and Angela Nevin and then our Alpin-tabulous raffle caller Dick Webb. Thanks to all who donated the many raffle items which brought in \$451 profit that will benefit all park members.

**A big "Thank You"
to all the volunteers who
contributed time and energy
to making our Salmon BBQ
a fun and successful day!**

Our straw scramble is one our favorite "end the day" activities. It wouldn't happen without our volunteers who set it up such as Robert and Tyler Nevin. Donations were provided by Rob and Julie Neiley (straw bale, candy and prizes) Lyn and Wendy (candy, prizes and money), Bobbie Dutton (prizes and candy) and tons of change from many members. See you all next year!

**BOBBY DUTTON, CO-CHAIRS
JULIE NEILEY, CO-CHAIRS
BECKY YOUNG, CO-CHAIRS**

Water Chair

Ed Dutton



I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the park this past summer. The good weather started a little later than normal, but when the weather did break, we had several weeks of sunshine.

In July, the Park purchased a generator for the pump house, the new unit has been working as expected. The old unit was 20 years old and had about 43,000 hours of use. We expect to get the same number of years of service out of the new unit. We looked at several different brands, and chose a YANMAR INDUSTRIAL DIESEL ENGINE and GENERATOR.

On November 15, we are having a new well pump installed, and the well casing cleaned. We have been and will continue to be on a 20 year cycle for replacing the generator and pump.

We have had a rash of problems this summer with lot owners not shutting their water off, at the service box, when they leave for several days. This has resulted in several water leaks, some that went undetected for several days. One leak resulted in an 18,000 gallon loss overnight. This could have been prevented had the property owner taken a couple of minutes to shut his water off at the road.

The Water Committee and the Board of Directors have adopted a new Water Policy 4432 WATER LOSS THROUGH NEGLIGENCE. Please read this policy carefully.

Thank You

**ED DUTTON
WATER CHAIR**

WATER LOSS THROUGH NEGLIGENCE

I. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to specify actions by the CRCC Water Committee and the Board of Directors to reduce the loss of water due to negligence.

II. BACKGROUND

There have been instances of negligence by lot owners resulting in very large losses of water on their property. Losses as high as 20,000 to 40,000 gallons have occurred.

This recurring problem is usually due to a lot owner not turning off water at their lot service connection when away from their property.

The cost of water to the park has been estimated to be approximately 1.4 cents per gallon [attachment 1]. At this rate a 20,000 gallon loss costs the park \$280.00. The water loss also causes unnecessary wear and tear on the water system. At a pumping rate of 40 gallons per minute, over 8 hours pumping would be required to replace the loss in the storage tanks.

III. DETERMINATION THAT NEGLIGENT LOSS HAS OCCURRED

A water loss will be considered to be due to negligence if the following has occurred:

- (1) The Caretaker, Relief Caretaker, or a Water Committee member determines that a large water loss has occurred considering pumping activity, storage tank levels, and number of lots in use.
- (2) The Caretaker, Relief Caretaker, a Water Committee member, or a Board member observes an obvious large leak on a lot owner's property.
- (3) The lot owner has not turned off water to his property at the lot service connection. Note that the lot owner may have been away from his property when the leak was observed or present at his property but ignoring the obvious leak.

A. METERED LOT

The negligent loss is calculated as follows:

- (1) Determine the lot owner's overall consumption since the last meter reading normally around the first of the month by subtracting the previous reading from the reading when leak found.
- (2) From the amount in (1) subtract an allowance for normal consumption for the days since the last meter reading. Assume that the lot owner has consumed 150 gallons per day.

Example:

Leak found on 10th of month:		
	Meter reading when leak discovered	175000 gallons
	minus	
	Meter reading at 1st of month	147600
	Total consumption since 1st of month	27400
	minus	
	Allowance for normal consumption	
	150 gallons/day x 10 days	1500
	Water loss due to negligence	25900 gallons

B. UNMETERED LOT

The negligent loss is calculated as follows:

- (1) Estimate the total park consumption of water considering changes in levels in tanks and pumping activity for days which indicated unusually high consumption occurred.
- (2) From the amount in (1) subtract an allowance for consumption by other lots in the park considering system leakage and the number of lots in use. Based on statistical data, if all consumption in the park including that from leakage is divided among lots in use in the park, then the average usage per lot in use per day is about 500 gallons.

Example:

Leak found on 10th of month. Large changes in storage observed to have occurred on 8th - 14000 gallons, 9th - 12000 gallons, 10th - 13000 gallons. There were 17 lots in use on the 8th, 19 lots in use on the 9th, and 22 lots in use on the 10th.

	Gross consumption on 8th	14000 gallons
minus	17 lots times 500 gallons per lot	8500
	Estimated loss due to negligence	5500
	Gross consumption on 9th	12000 gallons
minus	19 lots times 500 gallons per lot	9500
	Estimated loss due to negligence	2500
	Gross consumption on 10th	13000 gallons
minus	22 lots times 500 gallons per lot	11000
	Estimated loss due to negligence	2000
	Estimated total negligent loss:	10000 gallons

V. ASSESSMENT OF PENALTY FOR NEGLIGENT WATER LOSS

The Water Committee will provide the Board of Directors with the following data:

- Date(s) when unusually large changes in water storage levels occurred.
- Date leak discovered on a lot.
- Lot number where leak found.

- Status of lot service valve when leak found.
- Immediate action taken to prevent further loss.
- Estimated amount of negligent loss.
- Extenuating circumstances, if any.

The Board will review the data provided by the Water Committee and determine whether a penalty should be assessed.

The penalty will normally be 1.4 cents per gallon of negligent loss. [Cost to park per gallon of water pumped is shown in attachment 1.]

- The penalty may be reduced if the Board considers there were extenuating circumstances.
- The penalty may be increased if repeated negligence by the lot owner occurs, but not to exceed 2 cents per gallon of loss.

The lot owner will be advised as follows:

- It is the responsibility of the lot owner to turn off water to his/her property. The lot owner may choose to leave the water service on when away from his/her property, but the owner does so at his/her own risk. [reference CRCC policy #4431, "Water Valves at Lot Service Connection", section 2.D.(3)]
- Any penalty assessed will be treated as accounts receivable by the park, and delinquent payment will be handled in the same manner as delinquent annual dues/assessments including collection measures as required.

VI. NOTIFICATION OF LOT OWNER

Notification will be by certified mail with returned confirmation of receipt. A form notification letter is shown as attachment 2.

VII. RECORD KEEPING

The Secretary of the Board will maintain a file of letters advising owners of negligent water loss charges. The file will note the status of payments. The file will be maintained for a period of at least 5 years.

ADOPTED October 16, 2011
By CRCC Board of Directors

Attachments:

1. Estimated Cost of Water per Gallon Pumped
2. Form letter: Notification of Charge Assessed for Negligent Water Loss

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