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COMMUNITY CLUB

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# Cascade River Community Club

## Board of Director's Message

*Gary Keith, Kurt Treftz, Mike Schindler, Jim  
Bernhard and Michael Grant*

First the Board would like to welcome our new members of the Cascade River Park. We hope you enjoy your stays in the park and that you get out and enjoy the beautiful Cascade area. Please get acquainted with the Park. Get to know the caretakers, other members (your neighbors), the Park rules, and attend a CRP board meeting now and then. Also, being a membership-driven organization, we rely on volunteerism so please participate as you can. We thank you in advance.

**Annual BBQ:** We sincerely apologize for the lack of communication on the annual picnic. The event requires a good deal of volunteers and we didn't have the needed people in place to pull it off. As a result we opted for a potluck. However, with the web site was down and no information out to the membership at large it failed to occur. We ask now, well in advance, for volunteers for the 2016 Annual BBQ so we can keep this tradition alive.

**Web Site:** Our web site was down part of this last year. We are currently looking for a new web host and hope to have the site up and running again. If you are able and willing please let us know.

**Emails:** Insuring that we can contact the membership at large (for events), as well as contact individual members should the need arise, we'd like to encourage you contacting us with your Email address along with your Division and Lot#.

**Drought Year & Burn Ban.** We had a very dry and warm summer this year which created an early burn ban for most of the

summer. The forest fire threat was greater than ever. The Newhalem fire was too close for comfort. Thankfully, we made it through unscathed...many in other parts of the state didn't fair so well. This underscores our need for diligence around fire safety and your help carefully following any posted signs, such as for outdoor fire bans when present.

**Construction work:** Road work on the replacing of the old water line on East Cascade Dr. between Waterfall Lane and the cement water tank is almost completed at this time. We are continuing to move forward with the water line project on West Diablo Place, Water line and meters have been installed and tested. Road work on this is still moving forward. We will be requesting a permit to construct a bridge and bring water line to the last two remaining lots.

**We encourage the membership to voice their thoughts and ideas on how the Park can be made better for all.** You can accomplish this by sending e-mails subject title CRCC or regular mail to the board. You can attend Board meetings. The Board meets on the 3rd Saturday each month, except in June it's the second Saturday at the Marble mount Community Clubhouse which is by the Marble mount Fire Station. All meetings start at 9 am.

The Board has hired a new Relief Caretaker his name is David King.

We hope all of you had a chance to spend some time in the Park this summer. As winter is approaching don't forget to winterize your lots to protect water line and secure your property.

Best Wishes to all from

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Water Report

Jim Bernhard, Chair

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### Do you have some great digital photos of the park & Cascades?

We are looking for a wide selection of images to showcase our gem of a park, here in the Cascades.

If you have some great shots and would be willing to share them with me for use on our website, you will be fully credited for your artwork.

### THANK YOU!

Please email [Jean@WebsterGraphics.com](mailto:Jean@WebsterGraphics.com) to learn more about how you can help.

Many lot owners are already aware that Cascade River Park experienced a significant water source problem this summer. Water production from our well at the west end of Division I dropped to a very low level. Pumping could be done for only about 2 ½ hours after which several hours were needed for the aquifer to recharge the well. This was due to the Cascade River being at an extremely low level which was caused, in turn, by the very low snow pack last winter. This is the first time this problem has occurred in the history of Cascade River Park – over 50 years.

We were still able to provide water to residents in the park, because not all the residences were occupied at the time. Water production has since returned to near normal levels, but the problem is likely to recur in future years when snow packs are very low.

The limited water production problem affects our Small Water System Management Plan recently submitted to the state health department. Our consultant, Garrison Engineering, had previously estimated that our water source could support 203 residences in Cascade River Park. [Our current approved limit is 113 residences].

With the low production problem, however, our capability is only 84 residences, so, in effect, with the production problem we are already overbuilt.

To help the board keep you informed:  
Please forward your email address to  
our membership list coordinator  
Lyn Monrad at: [lynmonrad@frontier.com](mailto:lynmonrad@frontier.com)

We can keep the residences we have, but no additional water purveyance permits for new residences can be issued until the water production problem is solved.

One proposed remedy to the problem is to drill a second, hopefully deeper well in the same area as the existing well. The expense could be very significant – around \$40,000 given engineering, hydrogeologist survey, drilling, piping, electrical equipment, and source approval testing required. Funding options include (1) budgeting a gradual buildup (over about three years) of our water development fund, (2) a special assessment (approximately \$100 per lot owned), and (3) a loan from the state.

On a happier note, nine lots at West Diablo Place in Division III have had water service and road access restored. These lots were badly damaged by the large mudflow in 1975. Two additional lots will require a small bridge across Little Boulder Creek whose course was changed by the mudflow.

JIM BERNHARD  
WATER COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

## Firewise Committee Report

Ted Irvin, Chair

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There was little Firewise activity in the Park this year. We had the Firewise cleanup day to maintain our commitment to being a Firewise Community USA. There were no requests for Firewise home assessments.

With the worst wildfire season in the state you would think Park members would request Firewise help making their property more resistant to wildfires.

Anne Murphy will write about the wildfire weather recording she did for Skagit County Firewise.

TED IRVIN  
CHAIR FIREWISE COMMITTEE

*This summer the fire weather station was moved from the Playground to Times Square.*

*Marty Parker and I recorded the data throughout the fire season. The information obtained is valuable to small eco systems like the Park and lets the County know where any potential fire danger is. Please feel free to stop by and chat about the project if you see us reading the instruments.*

*This year the Conservation District printed graphs showing the Park's data in relation to other stations in the area – it is amazing to me the different readings from a station only five to seven miles away. Hope to see you next year.*

ANNE MURPHY  
FIREWISE COMMITTEE

## VERT Team

Ted Irvin

If you have any questions about VERT please contact:

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### What is the future of the VERT?

The VERT was started to help the caretaker in an emergency. After three heart attacks in a year and a half in the Park something needed to happen.

The Park bought an AED and started the VERT. We took First Aid / CPR training, set up procedures, and developed a command board.  
**We were preparing for an emergency.**

We obtained a surplus fire truck from Marblemount. With the help of other fire districts and our VERT budget we outfitted it with tools and hose. We had several medical

incidents and performed very well. Then things started to deteriorate. Some members moved away, some members quit. This is to be expected, life happens. But where are the new members?

Every newsletter I ask for new members and I get no response. Now my cabin in the Park is for sale. When it sells I will be gone. What will happen to the VERT? It is sad to see so little concern from the members of the Park. Please contact me at the email or phone number below.

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VERT TEAM LEADER

## Delinquent Accounts Recovery

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I took over as the delinquent accounts manager as of June 2014. In the past year the CRCC boards has passed a new Delinquent Accounts policy #2210. Which has changed the account delinquent after 60 days. **Properties are considered up for foreclosure after 1 year plus 60 days.**

Bottom line is pay your bills or I will see you in court!!!

If you need to talk to me, or schedule a payment plan, please contact me at:

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MICHAEL SCHINDLER  
CHAIR

**September 4, 2016**

## Annual Salmon BBQ & Potluck

### Call for Volunteers!

We need volunteers to set up the picnic area, sell tickets, serve fish, help at the food tables, cleanup after and more. We always need lots of help and it is a great way to meet other park members.

**Until we have a Chair for this event, please send an email to**  
**Jean@WebsterGraphics.com**

**~ Thank you! ~**

