

# ROW RIVER REVIEW

Our Voice, Our Valley, Our Future



## *Springing Forward and Making Plans*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Row River Review, your go-to guide for staying connected, prepared, and proud of the place we call home. This community is at its best when we're looking out for one another, and this issue is packed with the tools and updates to help us do just that.

We're kicking things off with the latest word from the Row River Rural Fire Protection District and the Row River Water District, including a crucial heads-up on backflow prevention to keep our shared water supply clean and safe. Because staying resilient is a team effort, the Row River Valley Community Partnership is back with updates on how we're growing together, alongside a breakdown of the Neighborhood Teams "2 Weeks to be Ready" program to ensure every household is prepared for whatever comes our way.

Living in the valley means staying in tune with our environment, so we've included a briefing on regional weather conditions and warnings to keep you in the loop. We're also diving into the world of Xeriscaping, showing you how to create a stunning, drought-resistant landscape that thrives in our local climate while saving you work and water.

Finally, don't miss our FAQs to clear up your most common questions, capped off by a personal Letter from the President reflecting on our progress and the path ahead.

We're more than just neighbors; we're a team. So dive in, get informed, and let's keep making the Row River Valley the best place to call home.

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# Art's Notes: STATION PROGRESS



I am Art Alexander. My Wife and I live in the dome house on Brice Creek. We offered to give the RRVCP a hand with the Sub Station in Disston. A reminder, the tax dollars go toward running the Fire District. They pay for fuel, maintenance, training, etc. The RRVCP is responsible for building the fire stations.

Weyerhaeuser, as you probably already know, donated a parcel of land on the corner of Brice Creek Rd and Layng Creek Rd. The environmental studies, property title transfer, and Conditional Use Permit have been completed. We have settled on a contractor, obtained plans for an engineered building, had the plans "stamped", made a budget, and are obtaining funding. We are having a preliminary grading done to get a better handling on the actual site preparation costs. The grading will be done by March 26<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. We will be submitting our request for a building permit within a week.

My goal was to obtain \$20,000 in donations from the Disston folks, I am about half way home and am confident I will succeed. We have enough in the bank



do preliminary site work, and obtain the permits.

Lane Electric has offered

to give us significant help in funding the cost of the utility pole and transformer. We feel we will have adequate funds to start construction of the building in May. That should take two months, then we pour the slab. I don't want to get ahead of myself, but we feel we can have an operating fire station this year. There are elements that can be completed after we are operational. The estimated cost is \$312,000. Now that we have solid numbers, we are going to try and get some of the elements donated, to significantly reduce that number.

We are additionally working on the Dorena Station. Just like Thomas Edison, we haven't had failures, but we have eliminated some possibilities. The difficulty is getting the regulatory requirements and the accompanying fund raising burdens they create to match up with the abilities of a community of 1100 people with a volunteer fire department to fund them. I think we have a good plan going forward. We can discuss this in our next issue.

**Donate on our website : [RowRiverValley.org](http://RowRiverValley.org) or mail checks to PO Box 4, Dorena OR, 97434, Tax receipts available.**



## **Local Family gives RRVCP a great review:**

"If you're looking for or need assistance making sure your property has a good defensible space for fire mitigation, the Row River Valley Community Partnership is an amazing resource! They went above and beyond to help us with clearing not just plant matter, but a lot of unwanted junk accumulated through circumstances that left us overwhelmed and frustrated. The help was judgement-free and the volunteers and staff are efficient. We're definitely in a much better place than we were before and we can't thank them enough for everything they've done for us. If you're looking for help or just trying to figure out where to start, I recommend getting on their wait list, it's worth it!

Thank you to Laura-Bee and everyone who came out to help us!"

-A.R.

**THANK YOU! WE ENJOY WORKING WITH YOU AND ALL OF OUR ROW RIVER NEIGHBORS -RRVCP**

# Row River History Corner

## The Life of a Pioneer by Nona Kelly

by Katy Vaughn

"I was born March 28, 1889, seven miles east of Cottage Grove on the south side of the Row River a short distance above where the spillway of Dorena Lake is now located. My father, Cage Van Schoiack, took up a homestead there on which we lived until I was eleven years old, when we moved to the north side of the Row River to a thirty acre piece of land that my father and mother bought from an uncle, Greenbury Van Schoiack, and had built a house on it.

We moved there on October 19th, 1900. I will remember this because my sister Belle was born that night. This piece of land joined the homestead that my parents then owned, but it was very inconvenient for my older brother and I to get to school, a distance of two miles which we walked. My father had to take us across the river in a rowboat as there were no bridges near us at the time. We attended school in a one room schoolhouse first known as the Kirk School and later changed to Dorena School. About thirty to thirty-five students attended and all eight grades were taught by one teacher.

If we had to make a trip out to Cottage Grove in the wintertime it was an all-day trip with and team and wagon or hack. The mud in lots of places would be hub deep as there was no gravel on the road. While in town we would go to the grocery store owned by Lewis and Veatch where the folks would get a dimes worth of cheese and a dimes worth of crackers, and we would sit around the wood stove and eat our lunch.

We always had plenty to eat because my folks always raised a big garden and my mother canned and dried a lot of food for winter. I can remember us putting out five

sacks of corn in a day to dry. We dried lots of apples and prunes, too. The folks always had cows, pigs, and chickens so we had meat, lard, butter and eggs at home, but there were nine of us to feed so it took a lot of food.

I have seen my father cross the river when it would swim the horse he was riding, or wash the back end of the wagon around. Later a bridge was built across the river near Cerro Gordo known as the Kelly bridge. It was torn down by the government when the Dorena Dam was built."

Thanks to the Cottage Grove Historical Society for making this available. It was probably written in the 1960's or 70's.



Photo: Nona Kelly on left. Curtis Irish Archive

### Want More History?

**The History Pub** is a free event exploring the town's rich past, including mining history and local lore.

When: **2nd Tuesday of the month, 5-7 pm at the Axe & Fiddle**, 657 E Main St, Cottage Grove, OR.

Presentations often focus on local history, featuring guest speakers, and sometimes include trivia with prizes.

The Cottage Grove Historical Society also hosts monthly talks, and Bohemia Mining Days actively teaches and celebrates regional mining history.

## Meet Your Neighbor: George Swain

There are some people whose work speaks long after the tools are set down. George Swain is one of those people.

Across the Row River Valley, water trailers sit ready in driveways, fields, and along rural roads. Each one carries the mark of George's hands and the quiet promise that someone cared enough to prepare for what might come. George was born in Disston and has spent his life knowing this land in a way few do. He knows the back roads, the timber routes, the hidden places. This valley is not just where he lives. It is part of who he is.

At the center of his life was Kris, his wife and his best friend since childhood. They met in third grade at Culp Creek School, coming from Disston and Dorena, and from that point on, they were side by side. They fished Dorena Lake together, camped, explored, and built a life grounded in companionship and shared purpose. Kris was there in the shop too, learning, helping, and working alongside George. She was his partner in every sense.

Even in small things, their life together shows through. The headstone George designed at Fern Grove, with the boat etched into it, tells their story in a way words cannot.



In honor of Kris, the Sunshine Club created the Kris Swain Fire Fund, a reflection of the same care that defined her life. The fund supports families who have lost their homes to fire, providing both financial assistance and a handmade fire quilt as a gesture of comfort, dignity, and community support. It is sustained through the sale of water trailers donated by George and Kris, allowing their shared work to continue giving, even in the face of loss.

Those who wish to carry this care forward may **donate to the Kris Swain Fire Fund** through the Sunshine Club. Write your check to Row River Sunshine Club, PO Box 124, Dorena, OR 97434 and add Kris Swain Fire Fund.

George's skill as a millwright and fabricator gave him the ability to build almost anything. What he chose to build for this community matters. He gave his time and effort to create water trailers not for profit, but for protection. For neighbors. For a valley that faces real risk. And he continues.

Now, that work is beginning to reach further. **Lane Workforce Partnership has recognized the value of what George has created. There is growing interest in teaching students across Lane County to build these trailers, carrying forward both the design and the purpose behind them.**

In that way, George's work does not end with what he has already made. It grows.

His life is a reminder that lasting impact does not come from recognition. It comes from showing up, from building something useful, and from caring enough to give it away.

George Swain has done that, again and again, for the Row River Valley.

**Thank you George for all you do for our community. You are a treasure to us all.**



# WE WANT YOU AS A VOLUNTEER!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY?

Email: [Landstraj@rowriverfire.org](mailto:Landstraj@rowriverfire.org)

Row River Rural Fire Protection District is always seeking volunteers for different levels of commitment and interest. Please email [Landstraj@rowriverfire.org](mailto:Landstraj@rowriverfire.org) for an application and information on what volunteering opportunities look like. All training, medical examination, and equipment fees covered and provided by RRRFPD based upon applicant eligibility.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the Row River Rural Fire Protection District will be initiating the budget process for the 2026-2027 financial year (July 1, 2026 to June 30th, 2027)

Per ORS Statutes and Oregon Local Budget Law, this is a regulated, governed, public process that will be initiated and followed over the coming months, ultimately resulting in the filing of the adopted '26-27 budget with Lane County by July 15, 2026.

The Budget Officer is looking for up to 5 community members (and 2 alternates), willing to volunteer for approximately two (1-2-hour) Budget Committee meetings that will take place (date and time TBD) in late April or in May. The commitment is an easy commitment in general; you attend meetings, review, and approve the proposed budget. If you are interested, please contact [Fire\\_Chief@rowriverfire.org](mailto:Fire_Chief@rowriverfire.org).

For emergency dial 911 & please stay safe.

### Upcoming volunteer responder training :

April will be drafting water supply and apparatus pumper operator activities. Important for water sourcing during an incident in our area where hydrants are not an option.

May will be focused on wildland response and preparation.

June is when some our volunteers attend the annual Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association (OVFA) training weekend in Brooks, OR where different workshops and task book specific courses are offered. Our regular training will be more wildland response and preparation.

Service Calls February & March, 2026		
2		Structure Fire
1		Vehicle & Brush Fire
0		Medical Response
2		Motor Vehicle Accident
0		Other, Public Assist

### Board Position Filled on the Row River Fire District Board:

The Row River Rural Fire Protection District has voted to include Daniel Rhodes to fill a vacant Board position beginning February till June 30, 2027. Thank you Daniel for stepping up!

All are invited to attend! Third Tuesday, monthly, at the Row River Christian Fellowship building. If you have questions about taxes, ISO ratings etc, please contact [Secretary@rowriverfire.org](mailto:Secretary@rowriverfire.org) or [fire\\_chief@rowriverfire.org](mailto:fire_chief@rowriverfire.org).

## Xeriscaping: A Fancy Word for wildfire-safer landscaping

Xeriscaping is a landscaping approach that reduces or eliminates the need for irrigation by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient watering methods, and water-wise design. Common in dry regions like parts of Oregon, xeriscapes rely on native plants, mulch, and well-planned soil to retain moisture and minimize runoff. This method not only conserves water but also lowers maintenance, reduces costs, and supports local ecosystems by providing habitat for pollinators and wildlife. **Xeriscaping is an effective way for homeowners to create attractive, sustainable yards while adapting to changing climate conditions and water availability.**

If you're xeriscaping in the Row River Valley with wildfire safety in mind, the goal is to choose plants that are low in resin, have higher moisture content, and don't accumulate dry, twiggy material. Here's a short fire-wise list:

### Fire-Resistant Shrubs

- Oregon grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*) broad, leathery leaves resist ignition
- Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) holds moisture, low flammability
- Mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) good spacing, not resinous
- Red flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) soft foliage, less volatile

### Safer Tree Choices

- Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) thick bark, widely spaced canopy
- Western redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*) small, low fuel load
- Bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) high moisture leaves

### Perennials & Groundcovers

- Yarrow (*Achillea*) low-growing, not woody
- Sedum (stonecrop) retains water in leaves
- Penstemon, minimal dry buildup if maintained



### Key Fire-Wise Tips

- Keep plants well-spaced (no continuous fuel beds)
- Remove dead material regularly
- Prioritize low-growing, green plants closest to the home
- Use gravel or rock mulch instead of bark near structures
- No Juniper near structures

#### Zone 1 0-5 ft: Immediate Zone

- Non-combustible Mulch (Gravel/rock)
- Sedum & Yarrow
- No Flammable Plants

#### Zone 2 5-30 ft: Intermediate Zone

- Oregon Grape & Snowberry
- Penstemon & Mock Orange
- Prune Low Branches

#### Zone 3 30-100 ft: Extended Zone

- Oregon White Oak & Western Redbud
- Bigleaf Maple
- Reduce Dead Wood

Create Defensible Space Around Your Home

Trim & Clear Debris

Maintain Irrigation

Good Spacing Between Plants

# Think Tank Tuesday

Community Preparedness : Collaboration : Mutual Support : Advocacy

First Tuesday, Monthly 5:30-7 at Row River Christian Fellowship building, Dorena

Together  
We Can!



We will present a unit of **Be2-Weeks Ready Preparedness** at each **Neighborhood Teams Meeting** for the next **8 weeks**.

**Program.** There will be give-aways, checklists and information that will help your family be prepared for an evacuation.

**Oregon Emergency Management** has created a dynamic program that will help residents with step-by-step information and activities that will increase security and preparedness in case of evacuations. As their website says: *"Oregon has experienced a recent cycle of emergencies and disasters, including floods, drought, wildfires, ice storms, excessive heat and a pandemic. These disasters illustrate why being prepared can make a big difference."*

*A large part of OEM's mission is to empower people to be as prepared as possible in an emergency because once a disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed. That's why individuals, families and communities should take steps to "Be 2 Weeks Ready."*

**Being 2 Weeks Ready means having an emergency plan and enough supplies for you and everyone in your household to survive for at least two weeks following a disaster.** This may sound overwhelming, but you're probably more prepared than you think! This **Be 2 Weeks Ready** program is designed to help you start from where you're at and build your self-reliance and community preparedness step-by-step."

We will be working through the **Be 2 Weeks Ready** program and share their comprehensive tool kit. The tool kit contains eight units that provide essential information and practical

steps to ensure you are prepared for emergencies. Each **Think Tank Tuesday** we will go over one or more of the following units.

**Preparing to Prepare, Your Emergency Plan, Food Plan, Water Plan, Waste and Hygiene Plan, Shelter Plan, First-Aid Plan, Emergency Management**

**Based on early 2026 reports, Lane County and the surrounding Oregon region are facing concerns regarding a potential 2026 fire season due to a dry winter and low snowpack.**

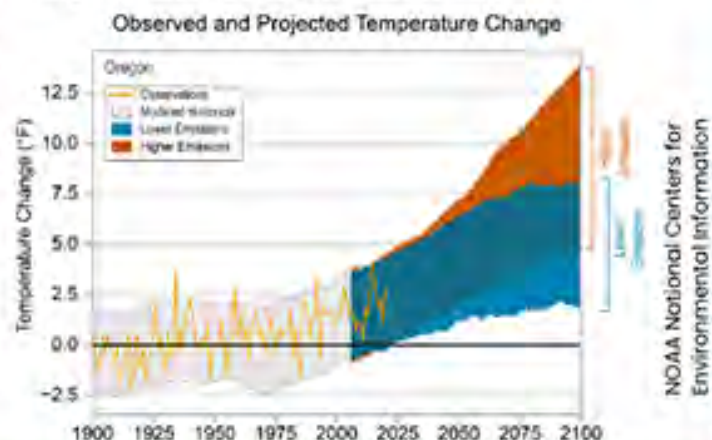
## Lane County 2026 Fire Season Outlook

**Dry Conditions:** A "snow drought" was reported in January 2026, with mountainous areas experiencing only 6-17% of average snowpack.

**Wildfire Risk:** Above average fire activity is anticipated for 2026 due to forecasted weather patterns and dense vegetation.

**Timing:** While the peak fire season typically runs from July through September, an early start is possible if spring rains fail to compensate for the dry winter.

**Fire Season Stages:** Spring burning in Lane County is permitted between March 1 and June 15. The official fire season and burn ban typically begin in late spring (around June).



## CREATURES OF THE ROW RIVER VALLEY

### Facts & Observations

*with guest writer Laura Bee*

### Cougar (Puma Concolor)

As we welcome the arrival of spring in the Row River Valley the landscape is buzzing with new life. While many of us are out enjoying the warming weather, it is also the time when one of Oregon's most elusive residents, the **cougar**, becomes more active. Understanding these powerful predators is key to sharing the valley safely and respectfully.

#### Biology and Habitat

The Cougar is Oregon's largest cat species. Adult males typically weigh between **140 and 175 pounds**, while females are smaller, rarely exceeding **110 pounds**. Known for their tawny, cat-like appearance and a tail that can be nearly three feet long, they are masters of stealth.

Cougars are highly adaptable and inhabit various landscapes across Oregon, though they prefer forested areas with plenty of "stalking cover" like brush and trees. In our region, they rely on the dense canopy of the **Cascades** for denning and ambushing prey.

#### Prey and Movement

As apex predators, cougars play a vital role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem by keeping herbivore populations in check. Their primary food sources are **deer and elk**, though they will also eat smaller mammals like raccoons, beavers, and even porcupines.

Cougars are solitary and territorial, with home ranges that can span over **100 miles**. While they don't migrate in the traditional sense, they often follow the movement of deer herds. During the winter and early spring, they may move to lower elevations where snow depths are less and prey is more abundant.



#### Spring Behaviors and Logging

Spring is a transitional time. As the snow melts, cougars and their prey move back into higher-elevation forests. It is also a period when young cougars (around 12 to 24 months old) may disperse to find their own territories, which sometimes pushes them closer to human-populated areas.

**Logging and forest management** also impact these patterns. While large-scale clearing can temporarily disrupt habitat, forest practices that encourage the growth of young vegetation actually benefit deer and elk populations, which in turn can support a healthy cougar population. However, increased road traffic and machinery from logging can lead to higher human-wildlife encounters and habitat fragmentation.

#### Keeping Animals and People Safe

To protect your pets and livestock in the Row River Valley, consider these **safety measures**:

- **Secure at Night:** Bring pets and livestock into fully enclosed barns or sheds from dusk until dawn, when cougars are most active.
- **Clear Brush:** Trim dense vegetation around homes and play areas to eliminate hiding spots.
- **Deterrence:** Install **motion-activated lighting** or sirens around animal enclosures.
- **On the Trail:** Always hike in groups, keep dogs on a leash, and stay alert during dawn and dusk.

If you do encounter a cougar, **do not run**, this can trigger a chase response. Stand your ground, make yourself look larger, and maintain eye contact while backing away slowly.





# Row River Valley Water District

Contributor  
Cindy Igou  
Commissioner

## WATER WISE

Spring is coming! Planning your garden includes planning how and time of day you water. Do you have a drip system? Is your landscape a **xeriscape**? With planning you can manage your water usage to use less ... Use less = pay less. Read more about Xeriscapes on Page 6.

## RRVWD FACTS

- Did you know that the Water District cannot legally work on water lines on the customer side of the water meter?
- Do you understand how **backflow**\* into the water system can happen? How to prevent?

## GENERATOR SAFETY

- If you are planning to use a generator, consider hiring a licensed electrician (Lane Electric installed mine for free) to hard-wire a transfer switch adjacent to your existing circuit breaker box. Using a transfer switch eliminates the risk of electrical "backfeed" into power lines, which can kill utility workers repairing downed lines, and damage the generator and any equipment connected to it.

- Turn off your generator before refilling.
- Use a 1 or 2 gallon gas container to refill...each gallon of fuel weighs 6 lb
- Use an appropriately sized extension cord, usually 10, 12, or 14 gauge. A long or undersized cord can damage the generator and appliances. The lower the number, the thicker the cord and the more electricity it can carry.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs - heat can build up and spark a fire.
- Do not run a generator indoors or in an enclosed space, such as a garage or basement. Internal combustion engines produce deadly carbon monoxide gas.

Go to **Generator Safety - Lane Electric Cooperative** for lots more information.

RRVWD meetings are held each month at Row River Church. Second Tuesday at 6 pm.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: We will need volunteers to help with landscaping in the spring....coming soon!**

**\*Backflow** is the dangerous reversal of water flow in a plumbing system, allowing contaminated water to enter clean drinking supplies. It happens in two main ways: backsiphonage, when a drop in pressure creates a vacuum that pulls pollutants backward, and backpressure, when higher pressure in another system forces contaminants into the potable water line. Common causes include water main breaks, heavy hydrant use, irrigation systems, and boilers.

When backflow occurs, it can introduce harmful substances such as bacteria, sewage, pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals. This contamination can affect water taste, odor, and color, and may lead to health issues like gastrointestinal illness, skin irritation, or worse.

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*Hey there! Are we looking for your number? We are still missing contact (phone) information for many of our customers. Is your neighbor willing to be your contact? We would call for updated information but we don't have your number.*

*-RRVWD*

# APRIL & MAY

## RRVCP Community Event

**Think Tank Tuesday,  
April 7th & May 5th, 5:30- 7:00pm**

RRCF\* 37553 Row River Rd

We will have food for you!

*Together  
We Can!*

## Upriver Food Bank

**February 20th & March 20<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-5:30**

at Child's Way School  
37895 Row River Road,

All Are Welcome!



## Dorena School Highlights

**STEM club** Wednesdays 12:30-2:30  
**Storybook Theater** Mon/Tue/Thur 3:00-4:30  
**Spring Garden Club** Tue/Thurs 3:00-4:30  
**4/17 MS Dance** 4:00-6:00  
**5/2 Dorena Night Ems Game** 5:30-8:00

## Row River Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21st & May 19th, 6:00pm**

RRCF\* 37553 Row River Rd

Open to the Public

## Row River Water District Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 14th & May 12th 6:00pm**

RRCF\* 37553 Row River Rd

Open to the public



## People's Place Drop-In Center

*A Space of Belonging*

**Mondays, 12-2:30pm**

People's Place drop-in center open now!  
Community Meal, Resource Exploration  
**Rural Organizing Project (ROP) Building,  
632 E Main St. in Cottage Grove**

All Are Welcome! FREE!



## Sunshine Club

**Wednesday, April 1st & May 6th,  
9:30am-12:00pm**

Row River Christian Fellowship (RRCF)  
37553 Row River Rd

Potluck lunch included



## Row River Grange 34360 Row River Rd.

**Gentle Yoga: Thursdays 10-11am**

**Mother's Day Garden Bazaar Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11-4**

**Sewing Club:** Last Monday each Month 7-8:30pm.

**Sewing Retreat: April 10th & 11th, 9-5:30**

\$10/person/day, bring sack lunch, snacks to share, projects and machines, fabric to trade/share. All ages, kids bring adults.

Coming soon, Tuesday night markets: bi-weekly  
**Tuesdays from 3:30pm-8:30pm** vendor applications opening soon, email [rowrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto:rowrivergrange@gmail.com)

**Business Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday ea. month, 5:30pm  
Potluck follows at 6:30pm. All welcome!

\*The Row River Christian Fellowship (RRCF), also known as the 'little white church'  
All are welcome to Sunday Services at 11am.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Where is our property Fire Tax going?**

A: 100% of your fire tax goes directly to the Row River Rural Fire Protection District (RRRFPD), totaling approximately \$150,000 annually. These funds support emergency fire and medical response, including training, equipment, fuel, and maintenance. This funding keeps our responders prepared and our community protected.

**Q: How are the Fire Stations being funded?**

A: The stations are funded through community fundraising, private grants, and public funding, led by the nonprofit Row River Valley Community Partnership. This is active, ongoing work, with local support, submitted grants, and public funding pathways all moving the project forward. Each step of this effort is building the station.

**Q: Why is it taking so long?**

A: These projects require meeting governmental requirements while securing funding, completing design, and preparing the sites before construction can begin. Both projects are steadily progressing toward construction.

**Q: How can I help?**

A: Your participation matters. Joining Think Tank Tuesday, working on wildfire mitigation at home, and making a tax-deductible donation show clear community commitment and help secure the funding needed to build our fire station.

**DONATE AT: RowRiverValley.Org or mail a check to PO Box 4, Dorena OR, 97434**

(Backflow, continued from page 6)

Preventing backflow is essential for protecting public health. Backflow prevention at home protects your drinking water from contamination caused by reversed water flow. Simple measures include installing backflow preventers on irrigation systems, maintaining air gaps, and avoiding hose submersion. Regular testing and proper plumbing maintenance help ensure harmful bacteria, chemicals, or debris don't enter your household water supply.

## Letter from the President

**RETA COCHRANE**  
RRVCP BOARD PRESIDENT



I am so excited to see Neighborhood Teams starting to blossom in our valley! Having lived here for over 40 years, I've realized most of my connections are through work. It's time to change that and strengthen our local neighborhood bonds.

### Building Connections

- **Success Story:** Karen has launched a Facebook group Wicks and Booth Camp Kelly Rd, and it's already bringing people together.
- **Coming Soon:** In my corner of the valley, a few neighbors and I are meeting next month to plan a community get-together. We hope this inspires others to do the same!

### Disaster Preparedness & Safety

I am also volunteering with the Red Cross to identify designated disaster shelter areas. My goal is to ensure these sites are fully supplied and supported by the Red Cross if needed.

Currently, I am:

1. Completing certifications to facilitate local volunteer training.
2. Preparing to staff these shelters with trained community members.

I'll be reaching out with more details as things progress. **Thank you for supporting the Row River Valley Community Partnership as we work to make our valley safer and more resilient.**

*Together We Can!*

### Think Tank Tuesdays

FIRST TUESDAY,  
5:30-7:00  
LITTLE WHITE CHURCH  
Dorena

# CHECK IT OUT!

Because of your involvement, this project is gaining real momentum. Your support through local giving, Think Tank Tuesdays, and neighbors stepping up for one another is making a big impact.

Congresswoman Val Hoyle has committed to advance our Dorena Fire Station project through the U.S. House appropriations process as the session moves forward. Lane County is working alongside us to help move the stations toward construction. We have also submitted over \$1 million in requests to private funders, building the support needed to bring this project to life.

We are moving forward together, step by step. If you haven't been a part of action, we welcome you to join your neighbors to help make an impact in our community.



Active Disston Station Fundraiser on NOW go to [RowRiverValley.org](http://RowRiverValley.org) or send a check to address below.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS:



Contribute, Participate, Celebrate with us. We need **you!**

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