

Baker Bits

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FOR MT. BAKER RIM COMMUNITY CLUB

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Happy Holidays!

Photo by Burt Deeter.

MBR News & Updates

Many folks wonder how we publicize events and the updates made by the Board of Directors from time to time to MBR Rules and Property Standards. Our website, which has been redesigned and updated (Thank you Kristen!!!) has a section on the HOME PAGE titled: **WHAT'S NEW**. You can set your browser to alert you when we update this page (or anything on our site) and be on top of any and all happenings that we post.

The MBR Office will be closed for the holidays on December 24th, 25th and Jan. 1

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings:

@ the Clubhouse

Fri., Jan. 20, 8 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 17, 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Feast & Celebration:

Saturday, Dec. 31st

Join us to ring in the New Year with good friends, good food and dancing! \$25 per person. Tickets are available through the MBR Office or by contacting Dawn Chaplin at 599-3012.

Polar Bear Swim

Sun., Jan. 1st at 1 pm

Come join us at the Mt. Baker Rim pool for this chilly tradition of cleansing the previous year, with a dip in the pool. Hot cocoa will be served to warm up.



Rental Fee Increase goes in effect January 1, 2017

The tenant registration fee that is charged per rental occasion was increased from \$20 to \$25 and will be put into effect beginning January 1st 2017. The increase is to offset the expense MBRCC accrues when dealing with renter related issues, such as: increased garbage and recycling costs, increased staff time in the form of: answering renter questions, arranging gate access, giving directions, letting renters use the office phone to contact rental agents or friends, arranging key pickup or drop-off, increased wear and tear on roadways, guiding renters on phone panel usage, after hours help (renters come to gatehouse or office looking for help when rental agencies are closed for the evening), contacting agents or members to turn in rental forms, billing associated with rental fee, billing associated with violation fees assessed on renters, etc. While MBR staff is happy to help anyone who contacts us, the increasing number of rental houses has resulted in increased staff time.



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RENTER (TENANT) REGISTRATION FORM
(Approved 2/6/2013. Updated 11/18/16.)

This form must be completed and signed only by the owner or property manager of MBRCC property, and submitted to MBR office or mailed/faxed to the MBR addresses shown on this letterhead prior to the earliest date of occupancy by renters (tenants). Failure to file this completed form prior to the occupancy by renters may result in fines levied against the MBR member's account. The form must be **completely** filled out for renters (tenants) when the owner is not present during the "rental occasion".

THERE IS A \$25 FILING FEE for Each Rental Occasion. MBRCC members will be billed monthly for this fee. Family and non-paying guests do not require the \$25 fee.

This is to notify the MBRCC Board that the following renter/tenant(s) have permission to use our MBRCC property, and will adhere to the community rules and regulations.

RENTER (TENANT) INFORMATION

Name of Renter(s) _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____
 Telephone No. _____

RENTER (TENANT) VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Vehicle #1 Description _____ License No. _____
 Vehicle #2 Description _____ License No. _____
 Vehicle #3 Description _____ License No. _____
 Vehicle #4 Description _____ License No. _____

RENTER (TENANT) DURATION OF STAY:

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

MBRCC OWNER INFORMATION:

Owner's Name _____ Gate Card No. (#1) _____
 MBRCC Lot No. _____ Gate Card No. (#2) _____

I/we, members of MBRCC, understand that it is our responsibility to inform our renters (tenants) of the rules & regulations of Mt. Baker Rim currently in force. Policy for Renters (Tenants): I/we understand that: **Renters (Tenants) may not use club facilities such as the swimming pool, clubhouse, wifi access, tennis courts, and pickle ball court.**

SIGNED: MBRCC Member Owner/Property Manager _____ Date _____

Look for the updated Renter Registration Form on our website: www.mtbakerrim.com.



FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN MBR

Once again, we wanted to remind all members that Mount Baker Rim does not allow Fireworks - EVER! Even though Whatcom County regulations do allow certain types of fireworks on very specific days, we have chosen to be more restrictive for safety reasons. Be sure to tell your family members, guests, and tenants that they cannot, at any time, set off Fireworks on your private lot, anywhere around the Mt Baker Rim community properties, or in the immediate area around the club. There is an automatic fine issued each and every time, and to be clear, the fine can be issued retroactively if we get a report from a member or staff at a later date. No warnings are given due to the seriousness of the fire danger. The fine can reach the **maximum fine allowable** - which is **\$650** - so please follow this important rule! Each member is ultimately responsible for the actions of their guests and renters, so you may want to check in with your rental agency and ask that they inform people as they check in. Together, we can help keep our beautiful green surroundings pristine.

Notice: New wording added to Minimum Property Standards regarding Stored Vehicles

Recently the MBRCC Board met to discuss and clarify the rules regarding stored vehicles. There was some vagueness in how a stored vehicle was defined and in how we enforce this rule. Our Minimum Property Standards document defined a stored vehicle in section 2.2 as one that is in place for a period of time longer than 30 days. The Board believes that the intent of this rule is to avoid private lots from accruing so many vehicles that it would become unsightly. It was not intended to keep members from owning vehicles that are well maintained, licensed, but not moved every 30 days. There has always been a requirement that any vehicle present in or operated on MBR streets or parked on private lots must be currently licensed and registered consistent with Washington State laws. It was clarified that a stored vehicle is one that is unregistered, unlicensed, and uninsured. If your vehicle is licensed, insured and registered, there is no requirement to move it every 30 days. Members will still be required to keep their lots sightly and free of stored materials. RV's, boats, trailers, snowmobiles and other sports equipment must still be stored in a screened enclosure or permanent structure to hide them from view. Please contact the office or Caretaker with any questions or for further explanation. Below is the Minimum Property Standards section 2.2, with the recent updates in red:

2.2 PLACEMENT OF VEHICLE AND MATERIALS ON MBRCC LOTS

*Any motorized or towed vehicle present in and operated on MBRCC streets, or parked on MBRCC lots, must be currently licensed and registered consistent with Washington State laws. Permanent structures must be provided for storage of vehicles including, but not limited to, **uninsured and unlicensed automobiles and light trucks**, boats (shorter than 25 feet) ATVs, go carts, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc. for periods of time longer than 30 days.*

Glacier Emergency Phone

There is now an emergency phone mounted on the Glacier Fire Station exterior door. Calls to 9-1-1 can be placed when you witness an accident or medical emergency and do not have access to a phone.





Community Disaster Planning

Glacier Fire and Rescue has posted an informational article on their website regarding emergency preparedness. The article has helpful and possibly life-saving tips and advice for residents written by Glacier Fire Chief, Ben Thompson. The article can be found at: glacierfire.org/News.html.

Mt. Baker Rim Event Calendar

JANUARY 01, 2017	POLAR BEAR SWIM
FEBRUARY 11, 2017	SWEET HEART POTLUCK & DANCE
MARCH 17, 2017	ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE
APRIL 15, 2017	EASTER EGG HUNT & DANCE
MAY 06, 2017	CINCO DE MAYO POTLUCK & DANCE
JULY 21, 2017	SUMMER CARNIVAL BARBEQUE & DANCE
AUGUST 05, 2017	FAMILY FUN DAY BARBEQUE & DANCE
SEPTEMBER 02, 2017	LABOR DAY POTLUCK & DANCE
OCTOBER 21, 2017	OKTOBERFEST DANCE
OCTOBER 31, 2017	HALLOWEEN
NOVEMBER 11, 2017	FALL POTLUCK & DANCE

Please contact the MBR Office if you are interested in helping with any of the events being planned.



Winter Weather and Road Conditions

This winter has gifted us with plenty of snow! The snow plow truck and sander have been working full time trying to keep the roads passable. Here are a few interesting numbers from the last 30 days of 2016: Four storms each bringing 6 inches of snow or more. Two storms bringing 2-4 inches of snow. Lowest overnight temperature was 7 degrees. 400 miles driven inside MBR in the plow truck. 9 yards of sand dropped on the roadways.



Remember to stock your winter essentials! Have a shovel handy. Buy some salt or bags of sand to keep icy walkways safe. Keep your faucets dripping slowly and heaters running when you are away from your home and the forecast calls for low temperatures. Expect power outages: stock candles, lanterns, flashlights, and a corded phone. Watch for snow and ice falling from rooftops. Contact a local handyman or snow removal company ahead of time to clear the berms and snow from your private driveway. Build a snowman!

