

Dear Mt. Baker Rim Community Club Members:

It's a beautiful spring here in Mt. Baker Rim and our 2022 Annual General Meeting is just around the corner. The AGM will be held on **Saturday, June 25th, 2022 at 1:30 pm**. The board has decided that this year's AGM will once again be held online via the Zoom platform in the same manner as we have held it the last two years. Please mark your calendars so you can join us!

Much like last year, the online meeting will have an initial setup period to allow everyone to join and get acquainted with the format. The setup period will start at 12:30pm—with the meeting called to order at 1:30pm. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom please make sure you sign in early to get yourself comfortable with things so as to not disrupt the meeting.

Your participation is important to the efficient continuation of Mt. Baker Rim operations. In order to hold the AGM a quorum is required and sometimes this number is difficult to reach, so we ask that you please consider joining -at least for a little while- if you can.

We would like to send out a special thank you to Titti Ringstrom for volunteering to help moderate the AGM for us again this year!

Online voting will start the day after the meeting has concluded and will be conducted using Election Buddy—the same as we did the last two years. Results will be sent out via email after voting closes.

We currently only have one open seat on the board. Our interim director Heather Hofmeister who is currently filling it has been a pleasure to work with and is planning to run for a full term, we hope you will vote for her!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our current board of directors:

Arnost Fronек – Member-at-Large / (Unexpired term)

Ben Williamson- Property Standards / (Unexpired term)

David Hill- Secretary / (Unexpired term)

Dawn Chaplin- Member Relations / (Unexpired term)

Heather Hofmeister- Violations / (Interim Director) (OPEN SEAT BUT RUNNING AGAIN)

Rheannon Schoephoester – President / (Unexpired term)

Rip Robbins – Grounds and Maintenance / (Unexpired term)

Rob Woods – Treasurer / (Unexpired term)

Steve Pand – Legal & Insurance / Vice President / (Unexpired term)

We also have our staff who have been working hard to keep MBR up and running, and we certainly wouldn't be where we are without them! If you haven't had a chance to meet them yet, please do take a few moments to introduce yourself to them when you see them around the neighborhood and thank them for their hard work!

Laura Meyers, Bookkeeper and office help

Michael Wilson, Community Manager
Ken Sather, Groundskeeper
Christopher Starks, Part Time Assistant Groundskeeper

Here's a little look at a few of the things that have happened here at MBR in the last year.

MEMBER COMMUNICATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For those of you who may not be aware, we'd like to let everyone know that we now have a new tab on our website entitled "Announcements". One concern we were receiving from the membership was that they wanted a better way to be kept up to date on current MBR information. While there are always the meeting minutes posted online that you are welcome to read, some members wanted to see more specific and frequent information on things like clubhouse repairs, or the pool opening dates etc. We have created this new "Announcements" section to help provide this information to our members. This has been received very well so far. While some members wanted to see apps such as Facebook, or Nextdoor used so that they could comment on the posts and share their thoughts, the board found that these types of social platforms often lead to childish behavior and downright cruelty, and we do not want to have a thread such as these to be how we communicate with our membership. We want to bring our community together through healthy communication not watch members bicker. So while our "Announcements" tab does not allow for members to comment, the board is always available by email, and we do welcome your thoughts! If you see something in particular that you would like more information posted about, please feel free to email me at Rheannon@mtbakerrim.com, and I'll see what I can do.

All board members have their own email address and these can be found on our website, or you can also send an email to the entire board at once by using the board email: mbr_board_only@mbakerrim.com.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION:

As of writing this letter we are planning to hold a "chipper day" in April with lots of help from the DNR (dept. of Natural Resources) and we are very grateful to them for helping us clean up fire hazards in our community free of charge to us. We hope that it will go off smoothly without a hitch and can become a regular event for MBR as their funding permits. We also would like to thank Mike our community Manager for all the time he put into organizing this event, and Laura our bookkeeper for helping notify everyone and organize the members who'd like to have a share! Each year our summers seem to get hotter and hotter and wildfires become more of a concern for us, so we are very thankful for this help. If you can help support DNR for their efforts by making a contribution to them, please do consider it!

CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS:

We know that many of you are anxious to see the clubhouse repaired and with summer just around the corner many are wondering about the pool too. There is some information about this on our announcements page, but in short- we have met with companies, received and reviewed estimates, chosen a repair company, and placed our deposit. We are now just waiting our turn in line for repairs which are estimated to begin late April 2022. These repairs are just the first phase which includes raising the floors. After this portion is completed we can begin assessing the plumbing for phase two. The full scope of phase two will not be known until the first phase is done, so stay tuned for more updates on this later. We appreciate your patience as we all await the re-opening of our beloved clubhouse!

POOL:

As some of you may remember, last year around closing time for the season the pool heater broke. We think you'll be happy to know that we are making some great updates for our pool that should make things run more efficiently.

We are purchasing a great new system that will enable us to actually eliminate the need to purchase expensive chlorine and instead we can make our own.

This system will pay for itself in just one summer of pool use and will save us hundreds of dollars on chlorine every summer in the future.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:

We know there has been quite a bit of chatter about issues in the garbage and recycling center. Thanks to Arnost Fronek our Member At Large Director we now have some great new cameras installed which will help us capture violators of our trash area much more thoroughly. These new cameras are very clear, and we will be using them to enforce our rules more strictly. There has been discussion amongst the board to figure out a more long term solution for the garbage and recycling area such as expanding it, possibly moving it to another location all together, or also the option of adding a card reader and stronger security to this area, however these options have been put off for a little longer while we continue to focus expenses and efforts on getting our clubhouse repaired and back open, and our new pool set up completed.

MBR has many projects waiting in line such as the pool resurfacing, some paving repairs, and drainage issues etc, and we are handling them as we can.

There has been much more going on in MBR than I have the space to write about here, so please join us at the AGM to hear from each director on what's been going on in their position for the past year. The AGM is also another opportunity to hear from all of our members on their concerns or suggestions, but we also would like to remind you all that you are always welcome to email the board if you have any particular questions or concerns anytime of the year.

We hope to see you all at the AGM!

~ Rheanon Schoepfoester, -President, Mount Baker Rim Board of Directors

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