

Baker Bits

Official Communication for Mt. Baker Rim Community Club

Prepared by MBR Office and Approved by the MBR Board Secretary

Happy New Year



January 2016



Welcome to 2016, we hope you will find the January Bits fun and informative. We have pictures from Halloween, the first snowfall, and Granny Gooch's Cookie Day. Bitsy Bear got out on a few hikes late fall; find the bear in the picture and guess the location. Some of the information included in this newsletter are articles updating the trash/recycling policies, the safe use of the fire pit in the club house, and the call to keep wildlife wild.



November 15th: the first snowfall for our winter season and a “Life Event” for our caretaker, Allison. She was out with the plow and snapped this photo of a snowman made by MBR kids.

A friendly reminder: please do not park on the roads or road edges in the Rim. This is especially important during the winter when the plow needs to clear the full width of the roads of snow and ice.

Pull all the way into your driveway, off the community right-of-way or about 15 feet from the edge of the asphalt. Please inform any guests or renters of this rule so they too can be in compliance.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Much appreciated!

Member Events:



Polar Bear Swim

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 1pm at the Pool!

FYI: No New Year's Party at this time.

Unfortunately, at this time there is no one in the role of member events. The caretaker, Allison, is continuing a few events for the kids such as the Halloween Party, the Polar Bear Swim, and helping

the Gooch family as they once again offer their Granny Gooch Christmas Cookie Event! Please call the Office if you or a group of you are interested in taking the lead for Member Events. Some of the past events included an Easter Egg Hunt, July Family Day, Thanksgiving Pot Luck, and much more.



October 31

The Halloween Party and Trick O' Treating at the Rim was a success. More than 25 local ghouls came to enjoy the pizza and games.



December 12

Thank you Mike, Angie, and Granny Gooch !!!

Once again the Gooch Family offered a day of cookie decorating and crafts for children at the Rim. Granny Gooch baked 25 dozen cookies. The kids were given colored sugar, candies, and pre-dyed and bagged colored frosting to decorate their cookies. In addition, the Gooch family brought an abundance of decorations for the children to make ornaments. Granny Gooch, we are blessed by your generosity. Thank you so much!



Santa Visits Mt. Baker Rim

Thank you Board Member Roy Graham! For several years now, Roy has been able to 'arrange' a visit from Santa. The room full of children warmly welcomed Santa; they sang along with Santa; and they shared their heart-felt wishes with him. Thanks again Roy.

TRASH COMPACTOR

There is a **NEW CODE** to unlock the Trash Compactor door.

The new code is:

C 1 4 7 9

Board Meetings:

The Third Friday of Each Month

(Except December and June)

The next meeting: **January 15th 8pm**

Meet in the Mt. Baker Rim Club House

Burglaries in Maple Falls and Glacier

You are probably aware of the increase in burglaries in the 542 East area over the past year. One suspect, thought to be responsible for over 60 thefts, is in custody. Fortunately for MBR, gated communities have seen dramatically less theft than non-gated communities. Many groups are responding to this situation. In October, the County Sheriffs held an informational meeting in Glacier; approximately 70 people attended. The MBRCC has added security cameras in multiple locations around the Rim. If you see suspicious activities or individuals, call 911. Please also call the Office to keep us in the loop and allow us to view camera footage with a specific date and time.

Some things to keep in mind:

- ☺ There have been no reported thefts for Mt. Baker Rim!
- ☺ Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other!

1. Do you see Bitsy Bear? Where was the bear hiking?



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS

The following information is taken from a Public Health website. Visit the links below for more information.

Feeding wildlife can cause:

Property damage	Disease risks
Rat and mouse problems	Noise disturbance
Community litter	Neighbor disputes
Wild animal bites for your pets.	

Raccoon can spread a dangerous roundworm egg that is hazardous to children. Raccoon “latrines” contaminate soil, making it unsafe for gardening or playing in the yard. In November, the MBR Board added a ban on feeding wildlife to the MBRCC Rules and Regulations. A fine is associated with the violation of this rule.

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/animals.aspx>

Clubhouse Fire Pit

**Are you building a fire for the first time in years?
Or are you unfamiliar with the Rim's fire pit and flue?**

Read on for help with the Rim's fire pit and avoid filling the clubhouse with smoke! 😊



The flue panel pictured here is located on the back side of the fire pit.

The large **C** means closed. The large **O** means open. 😊

The clubhouse indoor fireplace is for use by all responsible members to enjoy a warm and inviting fire. However, there are some rules and guidelines to ensure a safe experience.

Follow Steps 1 – 5:

Step 1: Open the flue. This allows the smoke from your fire to rise up the chimney!

The flue is located on the back of the fire pit. It is a black handle marked with the letters C and O. C is the closed position; O is the open position. Turn the handle to O and leave flue open.

Step 2: You must provide your own paper and matches/lighters to start the fire. There are too many children in the facilities to safely leave out fire starting materials.

Step 3: Burn only paper or wood. Kindling and firewood are stacked behind the fire pit. Do not burn trash or plastic.

Step 4: Build a reasonably sized fire. Consider how long you will be in the clubhouse and use the minimum of firewood.

Step 5: When you are leaving the fire, use the bucket of sand located nearby to smother the fire. It is not necessary to extinguish the fire completely, but to contain it to avoid sparks leaving the fire pit. **Leave the flue open!** The caretaker will shut the flue in a timely manner.

Reminder: You are responsible to monitor any fire that you build. The area is under video surveillance. If needed, there is a fire extinguisher mounted next to the kitchen door, and in the event of an emergency, call 911. If, for example, the fire spreads beyond the fire pit, call 911. Always contact the MBRCC office if there is a fire mishap or emergency.

Call 599-2946 or email office@mtbakerrim.com

Thank you for your diligence in keeping our Clubhouse a safe
and fun place to congregate!

Road and Traffic Alerts

Work continues on 542! As you all know by now there is a one lane closure between Rifugio's Restaurant and Mosquito Lake Road. This is work to repair a culvert. The work should be done by the end of January. The second area of construction is on the way to the mountain or 6 miles east of Glacier. This work is to shore up the road where the Nooksack has eroded the bank.

<http://search.usa.gov/search?affiliate=WSDOT&query=542>



2. Again, can you find the bear hiding?
Where is this hike?

See the last page for answers!

Violations



October/November/December

Improper Dumping \$100

Unreasonable noise \$100

Over 16 Written or Verbal Warnings,

with only 2 fines!

Thank you all!

ZERO TOLERANCE ON DUMPING

There are four new surveillance cameras set up to monitor the trash compactor and recycling area. There is a zero tolerance policy on improper dumping.

Please follow the rules and guidelines for our trash compactor and recycling area.

- The compactor is for household trash only.
- No toxic or combustible materials.
- No auto batteries, oil, tires, or petroleum.
- No furniture, large appliances, or construction debris.
- No yard waste.

Please help keep the area clean and tidy; never leave anything on the ground. If you wish to give away free items, you can display them on your own lot with a sign, post pictures on the bulletin boards, or advertise in the Nextdoor website. If you leave them at the compactor area, it will be considered littering and you may receive a \$100 fine.

We appreciate your reports to the office when you have seen suspicious dumping. So if you "see something, say something" and help us police the area. Call 599-2946 or email office@mtbakerrim.com.

And thank you for sorting your recyclables and flattening your cardboard boxes. Remember also that the compactor should be used by adults only; monitor children and pets in the area.

TO CONTACT THE MBR OFFICE

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Visit the Office: Thursday & Saturday 9-1pm & 2-6pm

Friday 9-1pm & 3-7pm

1st & 3rd Sundays 9-1pm

Closed : Monday – Wednesday

Bitsy Bear was hiking near the Tomyhoi Tarns in picture #1 and at Skyline Divide in picture #2. It is a bit of a drive, but Skyline offers great views for a hike or a picnic. ☺

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