

Dear Mt. Baker Rim Community Club Members:

It's my pleasure to announce that Mt. Baker Rim's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday June 24th, 2023, at 1:30 pm.** Please mark your calendars so you can join us!

The Board has chosen to hold this year's AGM online via the Zoom platform once again. I'd like to acknowledge that we know there are some members who would strongly prefer an in-person AGM, and your voices have not gone unheard. AGM planning begins in January and with all the unknowns on the clubhouse at that time, and the knowledge that it may not even be open until very close to the AGM date, it was just too difficult to predict things for this year. We appreciate your understanding. The board is discussing all available options for 2024 including the possibility of a hybrid meeting with both in person and Zoom options.

We are pleased to announce that there will be a gathering for owners at the clubhouse immediately following the AGM for those who would like to attend. Both beef and vegetarian burgers, as well as hot dogs will be provided. The details of this will be posted or sent out later. We hope you can attend!

All voting will again be online this year. Voting will start the day after the meeting has concluded and will be conducted using Election Buddy, the same way we have been doing it in recent years. The results will be sent out via email after voting closes.

We currently have 4 open seats on the Board.

2 current Board members will be running again.

David Hill (current secretary), &

Rheannon Schoephoester (me- current president)

We are both full-time residents who care greatly about our community. We have chosen, after much thought, to run again because it is important to us that MBR be well represented and taken care of.

Both David and I would really appreciate having your votes again!

We will also have two other board seats available.

Through this awesome little community, I have found two full-time residents who are also passionate about Mt. Baker Rim as a community and are perfect candidates for our Board. They both are highly qualified in ways that will be of great benefit to the community. They were recommended to me by multiple locals and have both stated that they would love to run for the Board at this time. I really hope you will give them your votes!

These are:

Brad Middleton &

Jolie Matkowski

The AGM is also another opportunity to hear from our members about their concerns or suggestions during the Member Comment Period. We would also like to remind you that these don't have to be saved up for the AGM. Members are always welcome to contact the Board any time of the year with your comments, and if anyone has questions or concerns, those should be directed to us in an email or written letter.

Here's a look at a few things the Board's been working on for the last year.

CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS

A large focus of the MBR Board over the last year has been the clubhouse repairs. These have taken an extensive amount of time for many Board members working together to keep the project moving along to completion. As most of you likely know, we discovered that the clubhouse foundation had sunk, and some repairs needed to be made. The sinking foundation caused issues with the plumbing, walls, and other aspects of the clubhouse as well.

The first phase of repairs consisted of raising the floor and fixing the structural issues. Many large holes were cut through the concrete inside and outside the clubhouse. Large support pilings were inserted into each of these openings and the voids were filled in with an injectable foam agent to support the empty spaces. The access holes were then filled back in with concrete.

During the second phase, there were required touch ups and some cosmetic updates added to spruce things up while work was already being performed.

The plumbing had settled causing blockages and other issues and needed to be redone. The Board decided that it was in our best interest to remove the plumbing from underneath the concrete floors and relocate it into the walls while we were having to work on it anyhow. This will make any future plumbing repairs far simpler and cheaper. There was one wall that had to be completely removed and rebuilt in the women's bathroom because it had separated from the floor and the sunken floors had to be leveled and resurfaced in the upper walkways, main staircase, & in both bathrooms.

While doing this work the Board voted and by majority decided to replace the toilets, vanities, mirrors, light fixtures, stall partitions, faucets, & shower heads. The Board also voted later and by majority decided to remodel the entire sauna by removing the cedar walls, benches, and floors and adding back in all new cedar walls and benches and making the floors concrete with removable cedar floor mats. By majority vote we also decided to replace two exterior doors with new ones.

One major focus when choosing new flooring, paint, and other color options of the remodel was to brighten up the clubhouse as much as possible. With it being an older building it was quite dark in some places and the lighter colors have really brightened it up and reflect light much better.

The clubhouse has taken many months and countless hours of work from contractors, staff, and volunteer Board members to complete. We hope that our members will once again gather to reconnect and get to know one another, and that it will create an increased sense of community in MBR.

GATE UPDATES

MBR continues to have problems with a select few members who choose to violate our rules regarding vacation rentals. We'd like to commend all our members that choose to cooperate and work hard to follow the rules and register their guests properly. Those who violate the rules are the minority not the majority. Because it continues to be a time waste for the Board and staff tracking down the few members who choose to defy the rules, we have voted and approved a new camera entry system that will be coming soon. This system will automatically track all those who are coming and going from MBR with license plate reading cameras. This will make fining abusers much simpler.

NEW REQUIREMENTS

For those of you who may not yet be aware, we'd like to make sure that everyone knows we have a few new requirements regarding vehicles in MBR:

- 1) All owners must now register their vehicle plate numbers in the portal. You can do this under the main page of your portal account just below your name and phone number.
- 2) All property managers AND owners who rent are now required to register all their business vehicles for themselves and their cleaners/ workers etc. This should be entered into the manager section of the MBR portal.
- 3) All Vendors/ repairmen are required to be registered with MBR if an owner is not onsite with them while they are at their home, unless they are a business who is privately registered with MBR holding their own gate cards registered in their business name by MBR.

WIFI ISSUES

Several Board members over the past few years have taken turns meeting together with representatives from Snowline, Snowater, Ziply Fiber, Port of Bellingham, Whatcom PUD, and many other resources to try and figure out a way to bring fiber internet services to Glacier. While we do not have this yet, these efforts have not been in vain. Collectively, hundreds of hours have been volunteered on this project and we get closer and closer every day. Grant money is slowly becoming available and MBR, as well as the other communities up here, are all well represented on these matters and continue to work away at it. Together, with Snowline and Snowater, we wrote a letter to congress representing all three communities and our hundreds of members to ask that they please address these issues. Things are heading in a positive direction in this regard, so stay tuned for more info.

Finally, I'd like to mention that there is much more that has happened over the last year, so please join us for the AGM to hear from each one of our Board members on what's been going on in their position.

I'm also excited to add that we have hired a new Community Manager, her name is Hannah McDermott. She will be joining us in May, and we are really looking forward to working with her. If you see her around the block, please take a quick minute to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

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