

BAKER BITS

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Mount Baker Rim *Community Club* quarterly newsletter

Happy Fourth of July!



*A Big THANK YOU to everyone who organized and attended this year's Annual General Meeting on June 10th. Approximately **60 people** showed up and met with ideas and support for a solid future at the Rim. Members who attended enjoyed a meal from the **El Agave Mexican Food Truck**.*

Pool & Clubhouse Hours:

Monday – Thursday:
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday – Sunday
& holidays:
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Adult swim
Daily:
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
(Adults only, please)

The MBR Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4. So staff can enjoy family time



CONSTRUCTION ON HWY 542

Strider Construction crews are building a bridge deck over Hedrick Creek at milepost 32 as part of a fish-passage project. One lane of the highway will remain closed until October to allow them to work safely. Crews will eventually detour traffic onto a bypass lane north of the highway and reduce the speed limit through the area to 25 mph.

S'mores and fireworks season is upon us

The board and staff want to remind you to stay safe this summer. Enjoy the holidays and use caution where fires are concerned. The severe winter storms in the foothills and in the forests have left much fuel for forest fires laying on the ground. This means although it may not seem "dry" the debris would allow for a fast-spreading situation should any fires or smoldering ashes start it off.

The Burn Ban notice sandwich board is placed at the gate when Whatcom County places a ban on recreational fires.

Remember **NO FIREWORKS**

Since Canada Day and the Fourth of July Holidays are fast approaching, 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 clubhouse. 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. There is a reason we instated this ban, and it is because there have been so many close calls, with shrubs and grassy patches igniting from sparks, and neighboring roofs

bearing the brunt of the damage. Just a few days of sunny weather will dry our forests out and we will be back in the "danger zone". According to the National Fire Protection Association, on a typical 4th of July, fireworks cause more fires than all other causes combined. There is no such thing as a "safe and sane" firework - it is an incendiary device which shoots into the air or along the ground and cannot be aimed or controlled! Thanks for reading and please let the office, caretaker, or the staff know if you do see any firework activity. Together, we can help keep our beautiful green surroundings pristine.



Upcoming Events:

Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks in Glacier:

Tuesday, July 4th
Donation jars for the fireworks are in Graham's, Wake n' Bakery and Chair9.

Next Board Meeting:

Friday, July 21, **7 p.m.**
@ the Clubhouse
(Note earlier start time)

Summer Carnival BBQ and Karaoke:

Saturday, July 22
Karaoke at 7 p.m.
@ the Clubhouse

Family Fun Day BBQ And Karaoke:

Saturday, Aug. 5
Karaoke at 7 p.m.
@ the Clubhouse

Be cool at the pool

Some guidelines for using the Mt. Baker Rim swimming pool



- Please plan to exit the pool 10 minutes prior to the Clubhouse closing, no exceptions. The closing times are for the entire facility - the front door will close at the above times & showers are unavailable after closing.
- Please pick up all pool toys when you leave. When they are left in the water, they block the skimmers and affect the pool chemistry. They may also block the pool covers and need to be fished out with a hook or net. Every little bit you do helps the staff save time, thanks!
- The pool is for members and their immediate family and guests. Short-term renters are not allowed to use the facilities. As a member, you are responsible for the actions of your family and guests, so be sure to pass on the rules to anyone using your gate card.
- Adult swim is from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each day. Even if you arrive with kids and see the pool empty, you must wait until 10:30 a.m. to let the kids swim. This is only fair – the other 11 ½ hours of operation are kid friendly. ☺
- Do not hold the door open for people you do not know. All members have access to the clubhouse through their gate cards, which we monitor in the office. Do not prop the doors open. This is the only way we have to control and track who uses the facility.
- No inflatable devices or toys are allowed – to clarify, these are things like: inflatable rafts, inflatable life rings, or anything that wraps around a child or that a child can be placed into. We do allow: coast guard approved life vests, kick boards, foam water wings, and pool noodles.
- No food or beverages are allowed within the pool area. Water contained in clear bottles is allowed. All other food and beverages must be kept and eaten outside the gated pool area.



For those of you wondering why the strict rules on toys and inflatable devices, the statistics show that inflatable toys give a sense of false security. They can disguise a child in trouble by blocking the view, can easily deflate while in the water, and have an alarming tendency to tip over. Parents use the toys as life preservers – not their designed purpose – and they are used by kids that cannot swim without them, making them more likely to venture out into deep water.

Guests and family are allowed to use the pool and clubhouse

The owner/member does not have to be present with their guests. This is why you may not recognize each person or family using the pool. We have been getting many complaints about people using the pool by members who do not recognize them. It is a good idea to be courteous to the guests and family members of your friends and neighbors. As an owner at Mt. Baker Rim, we encourage you to share your home. Please remind your guests to be aware of and follow the MBR rules while visiting, and remember, you are responsible for the visitors you allow into the Rim. Only weekend (short-term) renters are restricted from using the pool and clubhouse. Renting owners are required to provide them gate cards that are specifically set for renters.



Volunteers Needed!!!

Saturday, July 22
KID's CARNIVAL



Members are needed for different carnival game stations. This event is for the kids!! Help out with air hockey, bean bag toss, ring the bottle, ping pong target, go fish, water balloon toss and more. We are interested in finding a face painter if you or someone you know has artistic skills. Please contact Dawn Chaplin at dawnchaplin@shaw.ca or 599-3012.

Bear Smart =

Keep our bears and wild. Keep our resident wildlife safe.

Black bears and grizzly bears have been residents of the North Cascades ecosystem since prehistoric times. Native Americans coexisted with both species of bears for thousands of years. The grizzly is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and considered endangered at the state level, however the North Cascades serve as one of the few grizzly recovery zones in the lower 48 states. Bears are opportunistic omnivores with a typical diet of less than 10% fish or meat, and much of that is carrion from winter killed deer and elk. More than 100 plants in our Cascade zone have been identified as bear food. Bears are always seeking food. Humans can unintentionally provide attractive food for bears and they have excellent memories that allow them to locate seasonally available food. While



you are more likely to hit the Lotto jackpot than you are to spot a grizzly in the Rim, chances are you may run into a black bear now and again. It is against state law and Mt. Baker Rim's Rules and Regulations to feed wildlife. A fed bear is a dead bear. Please don't let carelessness cause the death of a bear. Bears are always seeking food. Don't let them find yours! Please use this list of reminders to help maintain the natural beauty of the place you have come to enjoy.

1. Feed your pets inside. Do not leave pet food outside overnight.
2. Don't let bears access garbage. Garbage kills bears. Keep your garbage secure.
3. Bring food and ice chests indoors. Bears can smell a meal from a mile away.
4. Don't feed the birds. Seeds and Hummingbird fluid are among the strongest bear attractants.
5. Never approach or feed a bear. Although seldom dangerous, they are wild animals and are unpredictable. Keep your distance!

Remain calm. Bears are often in this area. If they find no food rewards, they will not stay. Enjoy watching the bears, but remember to keep your distance.



Many locals and visitors are thrilled to discover these and other gems hiding around Glacier. Remember to take your photo with the rock you find, hide the rock in a new hiding spot and post your photo online at “**glacierrocks**” Facebook page.

Storing your toys

*New rules regarding the storage of “fun stuff” on your MBR lot. This includes **boats, ATVs, motorcycles** and other **seasonal or sports equipment***

Thanks to a collaborative effort by a few Members and Directors this past winter, snowmobiles and other sports equipment on trailers is allowed seasonally. The following is from the updated Rules and Regulations; Nothing may be stored or allowed to accumulate outside on a private residential lot, including boats, cars, trucks, trailers.

Exceptions are made for the following; Seasonal sports vehicles and vessels on or off of a utility trailer may be parked upon a MBR lot as follows:

Snowmobiles allowed from November 1 to April 30 (See Minimum Property Standards for off-season restrictions.)

Boats under 17-feet are allowed on a trailer from April 1 to October 31 (See Minimum Property Standards for off-season restrictions.) **ATVs** are allowed for no longer than 7 days without Board or Caretaker approval (See Minimum Property Standards for longer storage options.) **Motorcycles:** Street legal cycles may be parked year-round on owner’s lot. **Motorbikes:** Unlicensed dirt bikes, or motorized cycles that are not WA State street legal may be parked year-round on owner’s lot, but may NOT be driven on any MBR roads or property.

4 New Board Members were voted in at the AGM in June.

Many Thanks to our Board!

The Rim is fortunate to have such a great group working together. We cannot thank these volunteers enough! To the Directors who are moving on; Phil Hobman, Roy Graham and David Hill, Thank you for your years of service on the Board. Your hard work is appreciated.

Board of Directors 2017 – 2018

President: **Peter Berow**

Vice President/Dir. At Large : **Lida Vacek**

Secretary: **Sally Hewitt**

Treasurer: **Ed Keller**

Violations: **Dodi Fox**

Grounds & Maintenance: **Dennis Larson**

Minimum Property Standards:
Mark Ablondi

Member Relations: **Dawn Chaplin**

Legal & Insurance: **Seth Carson**



Building storage for your toys?

The Minimum Property Standards has also been updated regarding the storage of these seasonal items.

Section: 2.7 STORAGE OF CAMPERS, SEASONAL SPORT EQUIPMENT AND UTILITY TRAILERS **Storage enclosures of seasonal sport equipment, and utility trailers** must be in a garage, a shed, or fenced area, sufficient to keep out of view from front, side and back of lots where it applies. All set-backs apply, 25' from the property line, 5' from sides and back property lines and 10' from any other structure for storage shed or garage, except when enclosure is a fence. Fence enclosures may be a minimum of 2 sides or more as needed to conceal equipment from view, and a maximum height of 7 feet, as allowed by Whatcom County. One side of a fenced enclosure may be a residence or shed located within the set-backs upon the property. Materials must be in keeping with approved MBRCC structural requirements. Pre-approval of location and materials are required.



Artist Point is open for the season!



Dirt Bikes and ATVS

The Mt. Baker Rim roads are meant for **legal, licensed** vehicles only! We require folks with OHVs to trailer them within Rim borders. All of the paths on Mt. Baker Rim property are intended for foot and bicycle traffic only; motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited. We would like to urge everyone who is on the

road in any type of vehicle to drive cautiously, within the speed limits posted and remain aware that our community is pedestrian friendly.



Join us at the clubhouse for some family fun and games this summer! July 22 is the Summer Carnival and August 5 is Family Fun Day.

RVs in the Rim

The same rules regarding RVs and Camping trailers in the Rim have been in place for some time. RVs and camping trailers are allowed **with prior approval** from the Caretaker or a Board Member for (7) days.



Gatecard Security



The staff and Directors have begun a gate card verification project to **deactivate invalid cards**. At the 2016 AGM the issue was raised. There was discussion related to controlling the number of outdated Mount Baker Rim gate cards that are still in

circulation. In response to this, a request to update contact information and verify active gate cards was mailed in late 2016 to all members with the annual dues statement. The response has been very positive. We were able to shut off a number of lost cards and plan on a follow-up request to members we did not hear from directly by phone. If you have provided us the numbers from your gate cards, we want to thank you for your cooperation. It is our goal to have the unverified cards shut off

by the end of the year. If you are concerned that you may have one that you cannot locate, rest assured that we can reactivate those cards if you find them at a later time.

To verify your gate cards you can download the form from our website. Go to mtbakerrim.com and under the heading: Owners, Documents. You can fax, email, mail or drop it by the office and leave it in our secure, night drop slot. Please check your cards and get those numbers to us so we can complete this security project.



Mount Baker Rim
Community Club

GATECARD INFORMATION

Return to:

P.O. Box 5074
Glacier, Washington
98244-5074
Phone (360) 599-2946
Fax (360) 599-3313
E office@mtbakerrim.com

Owner Name _____

Rim Address/Lot # _____ Phone: _____

Please list the numbers from your gate cards or FOBs:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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