



Mt Baker Rim

Community Club

Dear Mt. Baker Rim Community Club Members:

It is my pleasure to announce that Mt. Baker Rim's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday June 29th, 2024, at 1:30 pm**. Please mark your calendars so you can join us! Sign in will begin at 12:30 pm so that everyone has plenty of time to get themselves set up and familiar with things.

The Board has chosen to hold this year's AGM online via the Zoom platform once again.

While we would love to be able to host a gathering after the AGM, Dawn, who usually plans this, is dealing with family health concerns and is not able to handle it this year. The clubhouse will be open for our members after the AGM, so we hope you feel free to wander over there and bring your own snack or beverage and get to know one another.

VOTING

All voting will be done electronically using Election Buddy just like the past few years. Voting will begin the day after the meeting has concluded and the results will be sent out via email once it's completed.

OPEN SEATS

We currently have up to 5 open seats on the Board depending on whether the new Bylaw change passes*. I'll add more about this change below.

2 current Board members will be running again, and one other member has submitted a bio. All bio's will be attached at the end of this letter. Please read them over so you can get acquainted with those who are running for a seat.

Steve Pand currently handles our Legal & Insurance Board position, and he is also our Vice President. Steve has been a huge asset to this community and Board, helping us with a lot of complicated issues over the past 3 years. It is a relief to know he's running again and willing to help us further. I hope you will consider the benefits of keeping him on considering his unique skill set and ability to help our Board so much.

Dawn Chaplin currently handles our Member Relations Board position. Dawn also volunteers for our Social Committee and hosts many fun gatherings throughout the year for our membership. Dawn is great at helping our members get to know one another, which I believe can lead to a much better sense of community because it brings people together.

There are 2 other expiring terms who will not be running again, but we thank both Rob and Arnost for their volunteer time and efforts on the Board. We also have one other seat that has been sitting empty. With Rob's term expiring I wanted to mention that the Treasurer's position can be very tough to fill and ideally should have someone who has at least a little experience in finance. If you know of someone qualified and they are interested or willing to join the Board please ask them to submit a bio to our office.

Deborah Lazaldi is also running for a seat on the Board. Her bio is attached.

RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

If you are interested in an interim position on the Board please submit a bio to Laura at books@mtbakerrim.com. These will be reviewed at the July Board meeting. Please note - when you run to be on the Board you do not run for a specific position. After the AGM is finished, and voting closes, the Board holds a private meeting and decides who is most qualified for each position and assigns them.

MAKING YOUR OWN VOICE HEARD

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. All of this and much more will be discussed in detail at the AGM, so please join us there!

NEW BYLAWS*

As mentioned above, the Board has discussed and voted on a new Bylaw change in regard to the number of positions on the Board, dropping the number from 9 to 7. In the past, it has frequently been difficult finding enough members to run and stay on the Board in order to have all of the positions filled, leaving us with empty seats. When there is an empty position that is critical for the function of MBR, another board member must fill that gap in addition to their other board obligations.

The Board has voted and passed a new Bylaw to present to the membership that would remove the Director at Large position, which doesn't have any specific duties, and combine the Member Relations position with the Grounds and Maintenance. By dropping one position and combining another we could reduce the number of seats to 7 instead of 9, which will be easier to fill. We anticipate that this could allow us to be more productive.

This of course requires a full membership vote, so it is now up to you all to decide on. If this passes and it doesn't work out for the better, we can certainly gauge that and reassess it at next year's AGM.

There will be a couple of other Bylaw changes to vote on as well.

CARD AUDIT

For security and the financial protection of our membership, we are currently conducting a full gate card audit of every single card in our database. If you have not received your email letter about this, please reach out to Cardaudit@mtbakerrim.com to ensure your cards remain active. We really appreciate everyone's help with this project!

We will have more information about the need for this at the AGM.

GATE UPDATE:

Last year's letter mentioned that we had a new gate system coming soon with better cameras for tracking violators. Since this was mentioned, I wanted to update everyone with a little more info. This new system has been delayed. We had initially hoped to do the project more in-house, but sometimes things prove more complicated than they might seem initially. We thank everyone who has put in time and effort for this project. It is still in the plans for MBR, however currently we are reassessing what is the best way to bring this about. We appreciate your patience and hope to have some more detailed information for you soon.

COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS / LICENSE PLATES / GATE CARDS

For those of you who may not yet be aware, we want to make sure everyone knows the following rules:

- 1) All owners must 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 are 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 and use their own gate cards except if an owner is onsite with them while they are at your home.
- 4) Owners may not lend their gate cards to vendors, cleaner's, property managers etc. to use. If an owner has filled out the Property Management Authorization form with our office their manager may hand off their renter specific gate cards to renters, but they may not use these themselves. For private rentals your cleaners and workers must be registered on their own with MBR and hold their own gate cards.

IN CLOSING

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.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Rheannon Schoephoester, President, Mt. Baker Rim Board of Directors

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MEMBER BIO'S

Steve Pand

I am a lifelong resident of Washington and have been at the Rim since 2005. I received my BA from the University of Washington and my JD from Seattle University. I have practiced law for over 30 years with a primary focus on Construction Contracts, Defects/Defaults Bonding and Insurance. I have had previous experience serving on the City of Covington Washington's Economic Development Council and on the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. In my spare time, I volunteer for International Childrens' Network a world children's organization helping orphan and at-risk children obtain an education. I am married and have two children. As a family, we have spent years hiking, skiing, snowboarding and enjoying the outdoors.

Dawn Chaplin

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dawn Chaplin and I am volunteering for a director position on the board. My husband (Jim), my daughter (Ellena) and myself have been a member since 1991. Have previously been on the board in different positions last one was secretary. I also am Social for the Rim. I put on about twelve events a year and I am looking for members to join the Social Committee. I am retired. I previously worked for The Royal Bank of Canada Western Visa Centre in Merchant sales and Collections 14 years. I take being on the board seriously and will represent the members to the best of my ability. I am from Vancouver B.C. Canada. I feel it is important to listen to the members and understand what they want within the community. We love the Rim. It's a great getaway for us and we have met many good friends. Thank you.

Deborah Lazaldi

I am interested in serving on the MBR BOD primarily because I live here with my newly acquired Husky dog Bowie. I have had a place here since 2005 and finally full time this year. I hike these beautiful mountains, including a summit of Mt. Baker, and call this my ski home. I volunteer for the Washington Trails Association building trails and for the Foothills Community Food Bank. In my former life I was an Assistant General, a Washington Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals Judge and worked in private practice in my small firm representing both injured workers and Self-Insured Washington Employers in Worker Compensation matters. I volunteered for the King County Bar Association free legal clinic. I now spend my time hiking with Bowie and other wonderful women friends in this community, reading, bringing on various streaming services, cooking and entertaining visitors. And of course traveling the world! I must tell the members that I want to pinch myself every single morning I wake up in this beautiful place. I walk around the Rim that is so beautiful and reflects the Baker vibe. I feel lucky to be here and look forward to further serving this special place.

Sincerely, Deborah Lazaldi