



Sun Mt. Ranch Club Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2020



News from the Treasurer

Well folks, the good news is we are staying within our budget so far this year. In your 2020 dues mailing you will notice an option to sign up to get your dues and annual general meeting notices by email. Help save the club money and OPT-IN. Ultimately it will be more efficient. And please, if your mailing address needs updating, put us on your change of address list.

We have a good start on the Capital Improvement Reserve - currently we have \$43,216. This money will help pay for major road improvements and facility and park upgrades, hoping to avoid future special assessment.

We have new computers now, as our old ones were basically on their last legs and the key card computer completely crashed. Everyone should have working key cards now and card replacement fees have gone up from \$25 to \$50 to help cover our costs - so keep good care of your cards.

Just a reminder to all, for the next two years, dues will increase by \$25/year to keep up with the ever-rising costs of maintenance of all our facilities - roads, pool, clubhouse, garbage and recycling. In the Methow, people pay \$35/month per house to have their garbage and recycling picked up. That alone is \$420/year.

Thank-you to the 55 lot owners who have already paid their dues in full and the 25 owners who have paid half. Lastly, an early heads up that your treasurer and secretary will be needing help with the mailing of the annual general meeting notice this summer. Again, the best help would be opting in to receiving email notices of your dues and the meeting.

AGM HIGHLIGHTS:

We have 303 lots, and 280 lot owners. Out of the 280 lot owners, only 26 attended the AGM and without the 8 proxies we would not have had the required 10% quorum. We need your participation to conduct business that affects us all.

Please look on our improved website and check out the draft of last year's AGM. There are some changes in our community such as construction and improvement fees and other information there for you.

Our next AGM is Saturday, September 26th at 9am. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend. We need to hear from you - our community.

Kudos

We want to give a big thank you to some members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and helped improve our community.

First of all, a big thank-you to Kitty and Ryan Ryker for organizing the rebuilding of the north entranceway. I know that several people helped - Julie Meier, Rick Rottman, Lee Snowdon, and Steve G.

It looks great. And thanks to Kitty for tirelessly cleaning the dumpster area - it looks SOOOO much better. And to Ryan and Steve G. for straightening the cement stops again. And to Rick Nordby and Rick Rottman for building the cardboard containment and straightening those cement stops.

Thanks to all the board members for their work behind the scenes here in the neighborhood and a thumbs up to Kathi Cherrier who has cleaned up the files and dragged us kicking and screaming into the 21st century by starting online dues notices and other notices! This will ultimately save us all some money on less postage and saves the board a lot of time. Lastly, we want to thank Steve Giambone for helping make this newsletter happen and getting our website truly up and running.



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Recycle/Dumpster News

Wow, the area has seen a lot of use, even this winter! The dumpsters have been going out once a week, whereas in the summer it can sometimes be twice a week, but people are recycling more and more. A few new signs have been put up reminding people that items must be **EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY** and **NO GLASS**. Thank you all for doing so much recycling! Wastewise (which picks up the recycling and dumpsters) uses the recycling center in Twisp to bale their items from us and the whole valley which is helping keep Methow Recycles in business. Anything that is not recyclable becomes garbage so please put it in the garbage area. You can take your glass to Methow Recycles in Twisp, Tues, Thurs, and Sat. Unfortunately, we are still getting non-household items in the recycle area and the dumpster areas. Recent examples are: cabinets, lawn furniture, tricycles, a kid's basketball hoop, televisions, foam insulation, sheetrock materials. Some of these items could go to the Senior's Center to be resold and non-working televisions can go to Methow Recycles. Some stuff just needs to go to the dump. And please remember to put all garbage in plastic bags so the ravens and crows have a tougher time getting at it and won't make such a mess. The messes make our costs go up and our dues go up. If you see a mess, take a moment and clean it up. We are all in this together.

Thank you

Kitty Ryker - Director 1

and

Karen Mulcahy - SMRC Secretary

Reminders to All

We hear from people from time to time about certain things they would like to see improve around the neighborhood, and with questions too. Let's all be good neighbors and try to be better about some of these things.

Keep your dog on a leash and under control - and pick up the waste - dog waste is **NOT** normal for the environment.

Please keep the speed limit to 15mph. Damage to the roads costs us all!

Please make sure the dumpster doors are fully closed when you leave. Allowing non-residents access to our facilities will cause increased pick-ups to be scheduled and we all pay more then. Anything that is not recyclable but is placed in that area has to be moved to a dumpster by someone so read the sign at the back that tells you what you can recycle. Keep your key cards safe and don't lend them out.

WE HAVE A FACE BOOK PAGE - CHECK IT OUT AND POST SOME GOOD PICTURES IF YOU WANT. There is a link at the bottom of the first page of the website that will take you right there.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR IMPROVED WEBSITE. CLICK ON ALL THE TABS AT THE TOP WHICH WILL REVEAL MANY MORE AREAS - OLD NEWSLETTERS, MINUTES, THE BYLAWS, OUR EVACUATION PLAN AND GOOD LINKS TO OTHER IMPORTANT WEBSITES.

"2020 Greetings members!

The SMRC Trail Committee crew is planning a work party for Saturday May 24th from 10:00 to 2:00 or so to blaze out the Phase II trail from the end of Phase I trail twin off of Chokecherry to the proposed Little Twin Lake Overlook Greenbelt Picnic area. If interested in helping out, please contact Steve at 360-201-6601.

Cold beverages and snacks will be provided!