





Sounds of the Loon



Rum Ridge President's Message July 27, 2024

2024 ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY JULY 27th, 9 A.M. RUM RIDGE PAVILION

Greeting to all Rum Ridge families.

It's time for our 52nd annual business meeting, picnic and an opportunity to socialize with our friends and neighbors. Participation for the past several years has been excellent with as many as 65 lots represented. Given this, we have decided to begin the meeting at 9 A.M., an hour earlier than previous years. The extra hour will give the members more time to discuss the items on our agenda, while allowing the picnic to be served on time.

Upon arrival, all lot owners should register with Secretary Bob Ludwig so that we have an accurate count of the total lots represented. This includes any PROXY authorizations that you may have received from other lot owners. For those owners unable to attend, we encourage you to give your proxy authorization to a fellow lot owner; or send it via U.S. Mail to P.O. Box 654; or e-mail it to: raludwig184@gmail.com

As we approach the 7/31/24 end of our fiscal year, our Treasurer, Debbi Webber reports that we are in solid financial condition; we have \$10,000 in reserves, and we will be able to add to that amount with the proposed budget. The Board does not propose raising the annual dues. They will remain at \$850/year.

A couple of highlights from the past couple of months:

The docks were installed on May 11th, a week or two earlier than normal. Headed up by Jody Perry, the crew was comprised of 20-50 year old participants, and were installed in less than 3 hours. All of the 70+ y.o. former installers were told to take a break; all except Bob Ludwig since he has the tractor.

The May 18th work day was a huge success with several major projects undertaken and completed. Overhanging branches were trimmed along Loon Landing; site distances were improved at the Loon Landing-Rum Ridge-Moose Hollow intersection; 6 benches were built, stained and placed at scenic locations along the Blue trail and an impressive operation headed by Chad Boone and "Sully" replaced a deteriorated 50' walkway along the Blue trail.

Two Board of Director positions expire this year. If you have an interest in seeking one of these positions, please let any board member know and we will be sure that you will be on the ballot.

If your time and schedule permit, please plan to attend the annual meeting, and bring along your family. We need your thoughts on how you would like the board to conduct the business of Rum Ridge. After the meeting, Marie Shields and a group of volunteers will coordinate the annual picnic. If you would like to share your favorite dish, please complete the attached form and return it at your earliest convenience.

Hope to see you on July 27th.

Blaine Hopkins