



Edelweiss Maintenance Commission

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SPECIAL EDITION: 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

CAST YOUR VOTE on the following four items.

President's Message by Pat Leigh

ANNUAL MEETING & ART FAIR Save the Date!

Saturday, May 29, 2010, is the date of our Annual Meeting at the Edelweiss Swimming Pool. We will start the potluck at noon and our formal meeting will begin at 1 PM.

CELEBRATE ART! This year we are inviting our many talented Edelweiss members who enjoy creating art and arts & crafts to share their talents by setting up exhibits and making their art available to members. If you have art or a special talent that you want to promote at the annual meeting, please set up your exhibit around the pool by 11:30 AM. Members, bring your checkbooks! If anyone has a canopy or tent, feel free to set up exhibits on the volleyball court outside the pool area.

KID ART CONTEST KIDS 12 & UNDER! We will set aside an area for kid art. Ron Bomba will be the judge and present a ribbon for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize, along with a special surprise to the three lucky winners.

TRAILBLAZERS FUN FOR KIDS! Trailblazers Chair, Jan Fohrell will have FREE STICKERS for any kids who visit her Trailblazers table at the Annual Meeting to tell her about the Edelweiss trails they have hiked.

TRAILBLAZER WORK PARTY! Mark your calendar for SUNDAY, May 30th from 10:00 am to noon. We will make more progress on the River Trail. It is located between lots 100 and 101 on River Road, right off of Goat Creek Road and leads from River Road to the campground without having to walk along Goat Creek Road. It will not only be safer for our community members, but you will also have the enjoyment of a nature walk.

During the work party we will be cutting back shrubs, carving out the trail from the hillside, moving rocks, placing logs and spreading chips. To receive the latest information, get on the Trailblazer e-mail distribution list. Send an e-mail to Will and Jan Fohrell and they will add you to the list. wfohrell@comcast.net

If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting, and want your vote to count, please be sure to give your proxy to a friend, neighbor or Board member who shares your views. When you give your proxy to another member you are giving them the right to vote their conscience on your behalf. For another person to exercise your proxy they must have, in writing or via email:

YOUR Name and Date
EMC Lot Number or Numbers (one vote per lot)
Purpose of Proxy: (EMC Annual Mtg. 2010)
Assigned to: Proxy carrier's name

1 - Election of 3 EMC Board Members (If you would like to serve on the Board, please let me know.) Officers will be elected by the members of the Board at a brief meeting to be held on site after the Annual Meeting.

2 - A special assessment of \$225 per lot for the year 2010 only. Campground lots are exempt. This money is to be spent solely on needed improvements to our water system as described in detail on our website and below.

3 - Should the EMC contract for an independent audit of our books at a cost of \$5000 or more? WA State law requires that each year EMC members vote for or against an audit. See details below.

4 - Should the EMC conduct a 6-month experimental recycling program with bins at the campground garbage area? See details below.

BALLOT DETAILS:

1 - NEW CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD are coming forward. Meet the candidates at the Annual Meeting.

2 - WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE CALLS FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF \$225 per lot for the year 2010 only. (Campground lots will not be subject to the assessment.) It is imperative that the water line from the Cassal Booster Pump to the Reservoir be replaced as soon as possible. The current supply line is not buried deeply enough and the quality of the piping is suspect. If this line were to fail, water would

not be delivered to the reservoirs. This line has been designated as a major priority in several engineering reports and additionally by management. An estimate has been obtained to complete this work and the cost is included in the 2010 proposed budget but passage of the special assessment is needed to have adequate funds. Feeder lines for Ayers Court, Blue Grouse Lane and part of Mustard Mountain Rd will be installed in the same trench, resulting in a very large savings as compared to doing the work in a separate project.

Please read the detailed explanation on our website at: <http://www.edelweissmethowvalley.org/>

Also feel free to contact Pat Leigh, President, Karen Reneau, Treasurer, or Dick Volckmann, General Manager, via email or by phone with any questions you might have.

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3 - WA State Law: RCW 64.38.045 - By VOTE OF MEMBERS AN AUDIT CAN BE WAIVED. SEE PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW. Financial and other records - Property of association-- Copies -- Examination (1) The association or its managing agent shall keep financial and other records sufficiently detailed to enable the association to fully declare to each owner the true statement of its financial status..... (2) All records of the association, including the names and addresses of owners and other occupants of the lots, shall be available for examination by all owners, holders of mortgages on the lots, and their respective authorized agents on reasonable advance notice during normal working hours at the offices of the association or its managing agent. The association shall not release the unlisted telephone number of any owner..... (3) At least annually, the association shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a financial statement of the association. **The financial statements of associations with annual assessments of fifty thousand dollars or more shall be audited at least annually by an independent certified public accountant, but the audit may be waived if sixty-seven percent of the votes cast by owners, in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the association at which a quorum is present, vote each year to waive the audit.**

(4) The funds of the association shall be kept in accounts in the name of the association and shall not be commingled with the funds of any other

association, nor with the funds of any manager of the association or any other person responsible for the custody of such funds.

4 - RECYCLING SERVICE, YES OR NO. FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, if members vote in favor of recycling in Edelweiss, all members currently subject to garbage fees will pay an additional amount to support a new recycling service.

Full-time: \$1.50/month X 6 = TOTAL \$9
Part-time: \$.80/month X 6 = TOTAL \$4.80
Camping Lots: \$.50/month X 6 = TOTAL \$3

During the course of this experiment, we will have recycling containers at the EMC garbage area for the items that consume the most volume in our trash bins.

-- Plastics (ONLY No. 1 and No. 2)
-- Aluminum
-- Cardboard

EMC's garbage bill is based on the number of dumpsters set out each month. We hope that the cost benefit of recycling will pay for itself by reducing our garbage bill enough to pay for a permanent recycling program of all materials accepted at the Methow Recycling Center at no additional cost to members.

LOGO CONTEST WINNER!!!



We would like to thank everyone who entered our logo contest for your interest and enthusiasm. We hope you agree that our new Edelweiss Logo represents our community in a timeless,

uplifting and professional manner.

A hearty congratulations and heart felt thank you to graphic artist John Adams of 11 Fawn Road, who not only designed our logo, but spent many volunteer hours designing letterhead and working with our webmaster to perfect colors for the EMC website.

John's website is: <http://www.johnadamsdesign.com/>
For a real treat, click on the link to his watercolors. And for art lovers in Seattle, John Adams watercolor, *Gold Creek*, is featured in the NW Watercolor Society's 70th Annual Open Exhibition at the WA State Trade & Convention Center until July 17.

For a sneak preview, click on the *Promotional Brochure* for the show at the website for the NW Watercolor Society: <http://www.nwws.org>