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Marina Cay Homeowners Association Spring 2024 Newsletter

Spring has sprung here in Bigfork in the most traditional Montana style. The weather has been a mix of unpredictable snow, rain, and sun. Around the property we are busy getting ready to welcome you and your guests this summer! There has been a lot of activity to update you on starting with...

The Bigfork Bridge: The historic single lane bridge in downtown Bigfork was closed in January. It has been slated for replacement for several years, however a recent inspection showed it was no longer safe for vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Montana Department of Transportation and Flathead County have looked at several options for a temporary fix and ways to expedite construction of a new bridge, but at this time, it looks like it will be closed for at least two summer seasons. The good news is that all the beloved Bigfork events are still happening, including the 4th of July Parade. There may be some adjustments to accommodate the bridge closure so if you are planning to attend any event, be sure to confirm the details.

Tiki Bar & Pool Usage:

ELK, LLC, who owns the resort building, has shared that, at this time, the pool and Tiki Bar will be closed for the 2024 season due to their inability to find an operator to manage the facility. Currently, the gas dock is slated to be open, however those details have not been shared with us at this time. The HOA owned, year round hot tub, located in the Courtyard will be open for homeowners and guests daily from 10am-10pm. If you rent your condo, double check that this information is reflected accurately to help ensure happy guests.



Annual Homeowners Meeting: Join us Saturday, June 1st for the Annual General Meeting for the Marina Cay Homeowners Association at 10:30 am in the conference room at Marina Cay Resort. We would love to see you in person but, if you are unable to attend, let us know and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting.

Flathead Lake: There have been lots of calls and emails asking what to expect regarding the lake levels this year and the truth is, we do not know for certain, nor does anyone else to our knowledge. The Flathead Beacon has been a good source of information as it becomes available, with the most recent lake level article published on May 6th, which you can read on FlatheadBeacon.com.

Summer Staff: You might see some new faces around the property this year. We have hired some extra help to ensure the property is pristine! Shawn Hall and Michael McCarty will be helping this summer. Shawn is retired FBI and the wrestling coach at Bigfork High School. Michael is a senior at Bigfork who will be graduating this year and will begin pursuing a law degree in the fall. Be sure to give them a wave when you see them. Also, Mr. Lawn, owned by Giles Thorton, will be handling the mowing this season. They will be on the property each Wednesday mid-morning.

New to Bigfork: Birch Provisions is the latest addition downtown, opening upstairs in the former Grille 459 space. Birch will be open for breakfast and lunch and has a wonderful retail selection with an emphasis on charcuterie boards and picnic basket type items. We also heard there will be a coffee and ice cream shop opening on the west end of the Bigfork Inn this summer, although the main restaurant is still under construction. And, Sweet Peaks Ice Cream has returned to Bigfork and is being dished up at Lake Baked.



New Owners: Please join us in welcoming:

Courtyard 234: Sandy Baker
Waterfront 355: Eric Gladen

Condos for Sale:

Waterfront 359: \$545,000

Courtyard 135: \$299,000

Remodeling Reminder: The Marina Cay Good Neighbor Policy allows non-emergency remodel work on weekdays during the off-season. All work must be completed by Memorial Day, which this year is May 27th.

Boat Slips: There are still a few weeks available for you to make a reservation for a boat slip. The weekly rate for owners and their guests is \$110/week and can be made by emailing marinacayhoa@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to a beautiful summer and the return of many of you!