



**Bull Run Mountain Civic Association**  
 PO Box 374  
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# BULL RUN BULLETIN

## July 2015

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow neighbors, I hope you are enjoying the summer and taking a break from the grind to spend some time outdoors. The BRMCA has been busy since our last newsletter. Our directors and a few dedicated volunteers have greatly improved our clubhouse and will continue with upcoming projects to include the expansion of our parking area. Please consider attending our fall open house, the renovations are impressive. In addition to our clubhouse projects, we provided road maintenance and resurfacing recommendations to the county Public Works office. In addition, we reiterated our recommendation to reduce our tax levy, leaving our community with enough funds for snow removal, routine maintenance, and the rolling resurfacing of roads (roughly 20-25% annually). We recently updated our Roads Charter to formalize our Road Committees acceptance of, and need for, resident participation. All residents, members or not, are welcome. Please consider working with us to help maintain our roads, improve our clubhouse, and foster a greater sense of community on our beautiful Bull Run Mountain.

Regards,

Josh Weinstein, President, BRMCA

### 2015 BRMCA OFFICERS

**President – Josh Weinstein**  
**Vice President – Alan Bratburd**  
**Treasurer – Deborah Buckingham**  
**Secretary – Jane Sudol**

### BRMCA BOARD, MEMBERS AT LARGE

**Director – Jim Price**  
**Director – Glenn Cruickshank**  
**Director – Paul Scheingold**  
**Director – Matt Roth**  
**Director – Eric Davies**

Roads Point of Contact - Matt Roth  
 FireWise lead - James Price  
 Clubhouse Manager - Michelle Cruickshank  
 Webmaster - Bruce Roemmelt

### COMMUNITY WEB CONTACTS

Board members, Activities Committee and FireWise: [board@brmca.net](mailto:board@brmca.net)  
 Road Committee: [roads@brmca.net](mailto:roads@brmca.net)  
 Clubhouse Committee: [clubhouse@brmca.net](mailto:clubhouse@brmca.net)  
 BRMCA website: [website@brmca.net](mailto:website@brmca.net)

Roads Voicemail #: 703-753-3024

**Monthly Meetings.** Normally the Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Clubhouse on Ridge Road. Check the BRMCA Calendar on the web site. ([http://www.brmca.net/?page\\_id=39](http://www.brmca.net/?page_id=39)) to confirm dates and times. Residents are invited to attend.

### Annual Meeting and Elections

September is time for the annual meeting of the BRMCA. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 12 at noon at the Clubhouse. The annual director elections will be held at that time. Three board positions are up for election this year (as in every year, our three-year board positions expire on a rotating basis.) The terms of Directors Deborah Buckingham and Glenn Cruickshank and Alan Bratburd expire this year. Alan is retiring from the board after 9 years and the board wants to thank him for of greatly-appreciated service.

BRMCA members will be mailed election ballots in August.

**Autumn on the Mountain**

BRMCA will be hosting a fall family funfest Saturday afternoon, **October 10th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM**

**Moon Bounce**, with lots of games and prizes for both adults and children of all ages. **Music and DJ**, face painting, plus popcorn, hotdogs, cotton candy, and soda of all flavors.

**Entry fee is \$6.00 for 11 and under and \$9.00 for 12 and up, but donations are always welcome**

go [www.brmca.net](http://www.brmca.net) for more information



### Clubhouse Report, Use and Rental

A number of community volunteers have spent dozens of hours this summer helping with a complete make-over of our clubhouse on Ridge Road. We painted the interior, upgraded the kitchen, replace lights, redid the bathrooms and put a beautiful new wood laminate floor in the clubhouse. We upgraded the heating and air conditioning system, replaced all the windows and replace exterior doors. We also did significant clean-up work around the outside of the clubhouse.



As a result, we now have a first-rate meeting facility that we can proudly offer the community for event use. We have been revamping the clubhouse rental agreement and will be publicizing the availability of the clubhouse to individuals, businesses, organization and other groups who typically need meeting facilities.

Because we now have a meeting hall that is comparable with other area meeting facilities, we will be changing the rental structure to be more competitive with those



rental facilities. We continue to offer BRMCA member discounts for rentals. You can find out more about the clubhouse at the BRMCA.NET web site in the clubhouse section, and you can get a copy of the rental form and prices there.

*Michelle Cruickshank, Clubhouse Manager*

### Interested in roads issues? Want to be on the BRMCA Roads Committee?

Any mountain resident, whether a BRMCA member or not, can be a member of the BRMCA Roads committee. The only requirement is that you show up regularly at the committee meetings and commit to working in a positive, constructive, and collaborative manner for the betterment of the roads. If you are interested, contact Matt or Josh. *Matt Roth, Roads POC*

### Your Inputs/Suggestions Invited

Help us make our community into a community? What kinds of events would you like to see, such as ;

Watercolor classes? A dog park? Knitting, crochet or scrapbooking? Community garden? Family game night? Toddler/parent morning? Yoga? Tai Chi? Exercise/fitness class? Poker night? Interest in 4H? Dog obedience or puppy classes? Raising Poultry? Weekly Happy Hour? Children's Story Hour? Monthly or yearly garage sale? Possible Garden or flower arrangement classes. Spring Plant Sale? Bee Keeping?

Possibilities are unlimited, so let your imagination run wild. Would you like us to facilitate community activities? Can you recommend activities or events you enjoyed when you lived somewhere else?

We are limited in resources but if you'd like to participate or even lead some of these activities, we'd like to talk with you. Contact us at [Board@BRMCA.net](mailto:Board@BRMCA.net). and put **CLUBHOUSE IDEAS** in the subject line.

### Attention Readers

If you have friends or new neighbors who have recently moved to Bull Run Mountain, please tell them of our newsletter and web site. Suggest they get in touch with our [board@brmca.net](mailto:board@brmca.net) and give us their name, address and e-mail. Their names will be added to our list and a copy of the newsletter will be mailed to them. We'll use their e-mail for announcements and information. Of course, we hope they will join our association, still at the same low rate of \$50.00 for the year.

## Free Brush Chipping Service Available Again:

Our community received another grant from the VA Department of Forestry through its Firewise Program to remove "fuel" (dead brush, cut trees, etc.) from The Bull Run Mountains residential areas. With these funds, the civic association can pay for chipping of the brush, etc..

During the last two weeks in October 2015, chipper operators will drive all the roads of the Mountain looking for piles of brush, logs and tree debris. The capacity of the chippers will be up to 9", that's nine inches, in diameter.

The contractors will be looking for communal piles of brush first, and then for individual piles along the roads and at the ends of driveways. This year, thanks to an increase in our grant, the contractors will also be able chip and remove individual felled trees left along the roadside **as long as the cut end is in the right-of-way and can be reached from the road**. We encourage you to work with your neighbors and get the brush into as few piles as is practical. For communal piles, turn-arounds, driveway ends, wide spots and mailbox areas will work best, the more level, the better. **Do not block access to the mailboxes.**

**Homeowners need not be present for cut brush to be picked up and chipped, as long as the brush can be reached from off their property.**

Please pile the debris so the cut, or fat, end of the brush or limbs is pointing out. That's the end that will be fed into the chipper first.

Property owners wishing for the chipper to come onto their property will be taken care of **after** the brush that has been brought to the collection points, driveway ends and roadsides has been removed, time permitting and on a first-come, first-served basis. **For these cases, the homeowner or resident is required to be on-site when the chipping is done.**

If interested, please contact the BRMCA Firewise Program representative via e-mail (preferred) at [firewise@brmca.net](mailto:firewise@brmca.net). Or telephone our message line at 703-753-3024

## Learn not to Burn

Free Food, Soft Drinks, and Fire Protection Education

FireWise Program Meeting

**Saturday September 19, 2015**

**Noon until 2:00 p. m.**

**Clubhouse on Ridge Road**



- (1) Pick-up your guide to emergency evacuation in the event of wild fire in our neighborhood
- (2) Hear Ms. Gena Williams, Virginia Department of Forestry, FireWise Program administrator explain defensible space for home protection
- (3) Enjoy good food and good company

### Fire Safety Project

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**Grant Money Available  
For  
Brush Removal**

**To:**

**Annual Firewise Meeting and Annual BRMCA Board Election Meeting  
Noon on Sept 19, 2015 at the clubhouse  
Details Inside**