

President's Update August 2025

I will begin my mid-summer update with some good news: Finally, some blueberries! When I was on the Mountain at the end of July some very industrious blueberry pickers in my family gathered enough blueberries for the first pie of the season. I also heard rumors of peach ice cream at the Kluchman's which made me wistful as that is one of my favorite memories from childhood. I hope as the summer days go by each of you has the opportunity to be brought back in time; to be truly present in a moment; and to dream of future days on Mount Riga.

That brings me to the first bullet point in my update - a crew dedicated to preserving our past, keeping our mountain beautiful today and making our future bright...

- A huge thank you to all who came out for Community Day over July 4th weekend! Volunteers came out in droves and took on a wide variety of projects. I don't think I've ever seen the area around the kettle look so wonderful. The tennis courts and cemetery got some needed TLC. We had so many people even Bald Peak was able to get some attention. Special thanks to the Maintenance and Security Committee, particularly Andrea and Ethan who organized (and cooked). Thank you also to Michael Kluchman for installing the plaque honoring Jim Dresser on the new bulletin board. This is our community at its best.
- On July 26th the community gathered once again, this time to commemorate Alice Combes. Reflections on a life well-lived and kooky earrings were the themes of the day. We will always remember Alice's dedication to and love for the Mountain and hear the echo of her laugh.
- Chris Moore is already planning the Labor Day party and looking for volunteers, please consider helping. Many hands make light work.

On the business side of MRI, I can report the following:

- On July 15, 2025 I received a letter of resignation from David Cory. At the Board meeting on July 27, 2025 the directors unanimously voted in Mary August Olsson as interim director for the rest of this year. A vote will be held at the October 5, 2025 AGM to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the Group 3 term which expires in October 2027. We wish to thank David for his many years of service to Mount Riga.

Mary August is a life-long Mt. Riga community member, the daughter of Andrea Combes and Eric Olsson, and granddaughter of the late Alice Combes. She served on the Nominations Committee, and has actively participated in community day and other community events. Mary August is a Physician's Assistant with a specialty in gastroenterology. She and her husband Jacob Mattus live in Media PA. We congratulate Mary August on her appointment and welcome her to the Board.

David also served as a member of the Audit Committee and will be succeeded by Will Storey.

- The Board voted to re-open the Ostrander Guest Beach for the Summer 2025 season with limited hours and hired Glen Chappell as beach monitor.

We can't rely solely on Glen and Thomas. There are still some folks who don't like to read signs and have been trespassing at people's camps or driving up to the guest beach with their kayaks because "Mudge Pond is full". If you see something, say something. Step in and ask people (kindly) where they are going or what they are doing, remind them of MRI

policies regarding private property and lake access. If you don't feel comfortable, text Thomas and/or look for a neighbor to help with the situation.

- In response to shareholder feedback, the Audit Committee will be taking on an initiative to change the notification requirements in the MRI Shareholder Restriction Agreement. Currently, notification must be sent via certified mail which is costly and time consuming. The new language would allow for notification to be sent electronically. More to come...
- Our Emergency Action Plan for the Upper Lake Dam was approved. Both dams will be inspected this fall.
- Thank you to our citizen scientists for continuing our lake water testing program and conducting monthly testing. Generally, Upper Lake clarity testing results are improved over last summer and have improved a bit each month this year. Lower Lake clarity has had positive results with degradation in July, which could have been impacted by a significant thunderstorm that occurred a day and half prior to the testing. Our limnologist, Hillary Kenyon, will visit both lakes in August and conduct our annual aquatic plant surveys. As of last year's survey, there were no invasive plants, including hydrilla, in either lake. Thank you to all community members for following best practices and our rules of no outside boats, floats, or gear. Prevention is the utmost priority.

Upcoming deadlines and reminders:

- The Date of Record has been set as August 15, 2025. Only those shareholders registered on that date will be allowed to vote at the AGM scheduled for Oct. 5, 2025.
- In addition to the Group 3 vacancy mentioned above, the terms of three (3) Group 1 directors, David Kluchman, Will Storey and Anne Williams, will expire this October. Nominations/Candidate information should be submitted to the Corporate Secretary by August 15, 2025 to be included in the AGM packet. This is not a deadline for nominations, only a deadline for any information to be included in the AGM mailing. Please email Hilary Blaker at secretary@mountriga.org.
- The AGM will be held on October 5, 2025 at 11:00 am in the community garden. Notice packets, including proxy information, will be sent out at the end of August/beginning of September. As a reminder, it is a shareholder's responsibility to keep their contact information up-to-date. Please consider opting in for electronic communication so that important MRI communications can be sent via electronic means. Contact Roxanne at office@mountriga.org.
- The next Board meeting will be held on October 1, 2025.

Happy Summer!

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