

Hello Potawatomi Property Owners!

December 20, 2020

Happy holidays! The past year has been a challenge for all of us, and I hope things will start to return to some sort of “normal,” very soon. As this year comes to a close, I want to take a few minutes and update you on some projects that we have been working on for 2021.

Budget. The Board and I have put together a comprehensive budget for 2021. We met via Zoom on November 21st and went over the projections, line by line. I am happy to report that all Board members were able to participate in the budget retreat, and I believe we have come up with a good game plan for 2021. Obviously, the future of the pandemic will have an affect on our rental operations, so we may need to make some revenue adjustments in the spring.

Annual assessments. Being my first year as President, I had no idea how much work is involved in this process! This year, we used some new software to minimize the handwritten work. I feel confident that we didn't miss anybody, but if you do not receive an invoice prior to January 31st, please contact us via the website Contact Us form. One of our challenges is keeping our owner database up to date and recording all of the property transfers each year. You may not realize it, but Potawatomi has over 800 individual lots that need to be tracked! Reporting any changes regarding your ownership information helps us keep our database accurate.

Past due assessments. Unfortunately, some folks are in arrears with prior year assessments causing the Association to expend valuable time and resources in collection efforts. Please pay your assessment before the April 1st penalty deadline. The last thing we want to do is go to court. Litigation is time consuming and expensive. However, assessments are a legal lien against the property and the Association will do what it takes to satisfy the lien. With our switch to QuickBooks, it will be easier to generate past due statements and aid in our collection efforts.

Donations and Volunteers. On a lighter note, I expressed in the assessment letter our sincere thanks to all of the folks who volunteer resources to the Association. In 2021, we will be creating a page on the website dedicated to volunteer and donation opportunities. Potawatomi is a unique community within the Town of Barnes and Bayfield County. Much of the Association work is done by volunteers and we want to make sure we give everybody a chance to contribute as they are able.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank Board members Rick Tello, Michelle Boheim and Joe Girten for their ongoing work. I also want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year! Please stay safe and keep well.

Rob

P.S. Watch for the next Drumbeat newsletter in January!

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