

Inside the Rim

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WRA HALLOWEEN PARTY -Join us for a spooktacular time.

The Annual WRA Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chalet.

This year we will host a "treat potluck." Please bring a few cookies or another kid-friendly treat to share and we will provide the beverages. There will also be various stations for games, crafts, and tattoos and of course a costume parade.

We need volunteers to help with the Halloween Party. If you are able to help out please email Kathy Hyland at events@WildRim.org, or call 425-281-8413.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR PJ & MOVIE NIGHT

Please join in an enjoyable opportunity to meet neighbors at our Neighbors PJ & Movie Party Sat. Nov. 17th, 6:30 pm at the Chalet. Adults and kids, put on your PJs and slippers, bring a comfy pillow and come to the WRA Chalet to eat popcorn and watch Disney's "Brave" (rated PG) with your neighbors. This movie has had great reviews from kids and adults too.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The work of Wilderness Rim is conducted by volunteer committees and a volunteer board. If you have any interest in participating, please consider joining a committee and having a voice. The committee meetings and board meetings are **your** meetings—please attend when you can. **We will welcome you.** You can also contact all committee chairs by calling the office at 888-0087.

ARC: The Architectural Review Committee has a new Chair, Matthew Rourke. Cutting trees? Building a fence? Painting? To see if you need to request approval from the ARC, please check the ARC Guidelines on the WRA website (click "WRA Information" on the right). Also, the ARC Action Request form is on the website or you can pick one up at the office. The committee's WRA email is ARC@WildRim.org.

Park: We are pleased to announce the bridge on the lake trail has been re-built. A huge thank you to the volunteer effort that went into getting this designed and planned and to Rich, Todd, Al, Doug, Chris, Jacob, Matt, Dave, Jennifer, Donna, Cindy, Ellen, Chuck, John, Harry, Jerry and Jeff for giving labor and time to get the bridge built. For more information, email Ellen at park@WildRim.org.

Communications: Updating the design/function of the website is in progress. Forms for ARC, member concerns, payment arrangements, rentals and submissions for the site/newsletter are there now or soon will be. Suggestions and help are welcome! If you have any time or interest in learning more about our web design or have skills to share, please contact Donna at communications@WildRim.org, call 831-4733, or go to www.wildernessrim.org.

Special Events: Parties for Halloween, Christmas/Holidays and Winter are in the planning stages. Kathy is looking for ideas and welcomes help. Please email events@WildRim.org or call Kathy at 425-281-8413. Upcoming: Nov. 17th—**MOVIE NIGHT**; Dec 8—Christmas/Holiday Party.

Water Utilities: Joyce invites homeowners to participate. Email is water@WildRim.org.

Public Safety: Our groundskeeper's lawn mower was recovered and returned to the owner. The police are continuing to investigate. Email is safety@WildRim.org.

Wilderness Rim Association

PO Box 315
North Bend, WA 98045

Phone: 425-888-0087

Fax: 425-888-2136

Email:

WildRim@wildernessrim.org

Or office@WildRim.org

Website:

www.wildernessrim.org

Water Emergency????

In case of low water pressure, loss of water flow, breaks in mains or questions about your water bill, please call:

Sallal Water Association
425-888-3650

October & November Events:

Board Meetings at Chalet

- ♦ October 10 7pm
- ♦ November 14 7pm

Committees Session at Chalet

- ♦ October 3 6pm
- ♦ November 7 6pm

Committees in sequence	Chair
Budget & Finance	(Jamie Rosen)
Water Utilities	(Joyce Jansen)
Public Safety	(Brian Mogridge)
ARC	(Matt Rourke)
Park	(Ellen Smith)
Communications	(Donna Greathouse)

Additional Committee Meetings

Park at Chalet

- ♦ October 6 1pm
- ♦ November 3 1pm

Special Events at Kathy Hyland's

- ♦ October 2 7:30pm
- ♦ November 6 7:30pm

Announcements:

Park Mini-Sessions-Work Parties:

Email Ellen Smith to learn about sub-committee efforts for the Association at park@WildRim.org

Special Events wants you! If you can join us for dessert and planning, 425-281-8413 or events@WildRim.org.

Communications Committee is looking for help with the website. Email communications@WildRim.org

Read this newsletter (and other news) on our website.

Join us for some Social Fun:

HALLOWEEN PARTY Chalet
Costume Contest

Saturday, Oct 27 1pm-3pm

Movie Night (see article) Chalet
November 17 "Brave" 6:30 pm



Knotweed—Noxious Weed Invades the Rim

Knotweed has been identified beside Cedar Falls Road at the River Bend curve, in other places on Cedar Falls Road, and in the Rim lots owned by the County and in the infiltration pond area. Recognizing this plant is important because we need to do what we can to keep it out of our neighborhood. There are pictures of it on the WRA website. It is a very aggressive plant that chokes out native plants.

Eradication of the knotweed plant must be done very carefully and methodically and can take years. The roots extend up to 20 feet out and 7 feet down for each plant. Damaging the plant or inadequate cutting can cause it to spread more quickly and widely from where you cut.

King County has done one treatment on the plants found this summer.

For small areas, cut it regularly and carefully (from Spring to freeze) and dig up the roots completely. Generally, it is recommended to also treat it at the roots with chemicals to kill it. Details on how this can be done are on the WRA website or at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds.aspx>.

The best way to stop knotweed is to not import soil. Much of the soil available in this area has knotweed. **Use only commercially treated/sterilized import soil.**

Cascade Park Picnic Shelter Update

Work will begin in October or November on our picnic shelter-straightening project. For safety reasons, the work area will be enclosed by security fencing. If you visit the park, please respect the workers and their work space. Thank you to the volunteers who helped evaluate the bids and met with the contractors to discuss the work and specifications.

Reminders

There are still **sand and sandbagging materials** at the Chalet. Anyone wanting to make sandbags before the rains start is encouraged to do so. A work party can be set up if interest is shown. Call the WRA office at 888-0087 if you have an interest in having, or helping with sandbags.

Winter Road Conditions: Who knows when the first snow or icy morning will be here? On icy days, remember to wait at the "Y" for the car ahead of you to get down onto Cedar Falls Road. The unofficial "Wilderness Rim Winter Road Conditions Watch" Facebook page is a good resource – consider signing into it if you haven't already.

Bears have been seen all around in the Rim, even in the center section in the green belt and in yards. Please remember this was their home before it was ours. There is a new law about not accidentally feeding bears (applicable text is on our website). You can be fined by the State for attracting large wildlife, so be informed. Bird and squirrel feeders, compost and garbage cans are attractants.

Our Pets not Our Pests



We recently had a request at the office asking the Association to do something about a constantly barking dog. Many of us at one time or another have made a similar request of a neighbor, the HOA, police or animal control. Having a constantly barking dog nearby that you can't control, because it isn't your dog, is really annoying. Most everyone agrees with this statement.

If you own a dog, please go ask your neighbors if your dog barks when you are not at home.

Don't wait for the neighbor to get irritated enough to have to come tell you. And please don't assume because no one is complaining that your dog isn't sometimes a nuisance.

All you cat owners out there, if your kitty is allowed to wander free, please know that she or he is most likely using your neighbor's garden as a litter box. There may not be a leash law for cats, but allowing them to wander can create a nuisance that isn't very neighborly.

It is your pet, please take responsibility for making sure it isn't a pest to someone nearby who is trying to be a good neighbor opting to not complain to you.

If you have been asked to keep your dog from barking then you already know there is an issue. If you have dealt with it, then, "Thank you."

REMINDER
Water bills
are due October 31,
2012

For all billing questions,
please call Mary at
425-888-3650.

Make your checks payable to
WRA but mail your check to:

Sallal Water Association
PO Box 378
North Bend, WA 98045

Security Patrol Assessment

The special assessment approved at the annual meeting for our Security Patrol is included in this billing cycle. It is due October 31, 2012. If you are interested in making payment arrangements, please contact the WRA office @425-888-0087 or download the request form from our website.

Board Members

Wil Chromey
Donna Greathouse Neel, Secretary
Kathy Hyland, Vice President
Joyce Jansen, President
Stephen Miller
Brian Mogridge
Andrea Nelson
Suzanne Perkins
Jamie Rosen, Treasurer
Janet Sailer
Ellen Smith

New Office Assistant: Betty Moe

KING COUNTY CONTACTS

King County Sheriff's Station in
North Bend 425-888-4433

Toll free number 800-325-6165
Animal Control 206-296-7387
Building Permits 206-296-6600
Culverts Cleaning 800-527-6237
Plowing, Potholes,
Road Repairs 206-296-8100

(Toll Free: use 1-800#, then last five digits of direct line as extension.)