



# Inside the Rim

April— May 2013

## Wilderness Rim Association

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WRA Office Hours  
Tues.-Thurs.  
10:00a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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### The 2013 Annual Meeting is Almost Here!

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Wilderness Rim Association homeowners is coming and plans are underway! The meeting will be at 10:00 am in Cascade Park on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your homeowners' association and meet the Board of Trustees, committee members and your neighbors.

We plan to have additional special presentations in addition to the local volunteer EF&R firefighters and King County Police officers responsible for extra security for Wilderness Rim, such as Firewise, a nationally recognized community organization dedicated to making your home and neighborhood safer from forest fire, an expert in drought-resistant plants and noxious weeds, and other interesting service providers.

At this meeting we will be voting on candidates for the many open positions on the Wilderness Rim Board of Trustees and six positions on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) that helps preserve the sylvan nature of our neighborhood. Come to the meeting so you can talk to the candidates in person before casting your vote.

If you're ready to be a candidate please contact the WRA office at 425-888-0087 or by email to [office@WildRim.org](mailto:office@WildRim.org) and let us know. We will provide candidate information forms to facilitate the ballot packet preparation. We will also be voting on whether we want extra King County Police coverage in the Rim and various Bylaw amendments to bring our documents into compliance with new laws and regulations.

### Water Emergency or Questions

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

### April & May Events:

#### Board Meetings at Chalet

- ◆ April 10 7pm
- ◆ May 8 7pm

#### Committees Session at Chalet

- ◆ April 3 6pm
- ◆ May 1 6pm

Committees (in sequence)	Chair
Budget & Finance	Wil Chromey
Water Utilities	Wil Chromey
Public Safety	Brian Mogridge
Policies/Procedures	Suzanne Perkins
Park	Ellen Smith
Special Events	position open
ARC	Matt Rourke
Benevolent Fund	Danelle Coley
Communications	Denise Lystad Donna Greathouse

#### Announcements:

- ◆ Sadly, due to advanced age, disease and storm damage the cherry trees near Brewster Lake will be removed in the near future.
- ◆ If you have a late fee on **water** or **assessment** that you feel should be waived, please send a clear statement of the explanatory facts to [office@WildRim.org](mailto:office@WildRim.org).
- ◆ Special Communications Preference Form enclosed. Please go to [www.wildernessrim.org](http://www.wildernessrim.org) to make it fast and easy to respond.

#### Needed!!

- ◆ Volunteers to help organize a community-wide garage sale.
- ◆ Volunteers to help organize a bar-beque after the annual meeting.

Please contact the office at 888-0087.

Read this newsletter and more detail for some of these articles on our website.

[www.wildernessrim.org](http://www.wildernessrim.org)

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

The work of Wilderness Rim is conducted by volunteer committees and a volunteer Board. Please consider joining a committee and having a voice. The committee meetings and Board meetings are **your** meetings—please attend when you can. **All homeowners are welcome.** You can contact a committee chair by calling the office at 888-0087 or emailing the appropriate address(es) below.

**ARC:** Matthew Rourke is the chair. The committee's email is [ARC@WildRim.org](mailto:ARC@WildRim.org).

**Benevolent Fund:** Danelle Coley is the chair of this new committee for collecting donations and assisting homeowners who require a little extra help paying their assessments and water bills from time to time. If you are interested in participating, email Danelle at [BFund@WildRim.org](mailto:BFund@WildRim.org).

**Budget and Finance:** Wil Chromey is chair. Email him at [treasurer@WildRim.org](mailto:treasurer@WildRim.org)

**Communications:** The new website at [www.wildernessrim.org](http://www.wildernessrim.org) should be up by May 1; watch for announcements on the entrance bulletin boards. The newsletter is posted in color on the website. For more information, contact Donna or Denise at [communications@WildRim.org](mailto:communications@WildRim.org).

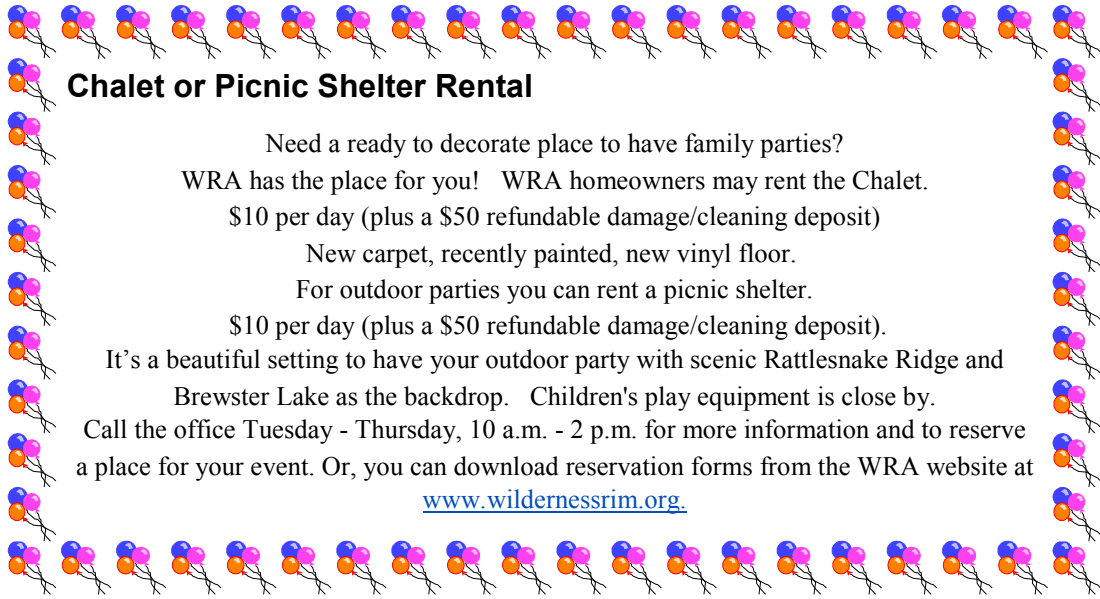
**Park:** Wilderness Rim, including Cascade Park, is an ever changing landscape. Even the sign is changing. We will have a planning meeting in the next few weeks for the entrance and the Y, the park, the children's playground and natural area, and the sign. (We might need a new one.) Please find your interest and join with us in the planning. Thank you to the many folks who have given their help so far, and we look forward to meeting more of you. For more information, email Ellen at [park@WildRim.org](mailto:park@WildRim.org).

**Policies and Procedures (PandP):** Suzanne Perkins is the chair. This is a new committee to document, organize and memorialize WRA policies and procedures. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Suzanne at [PandP@WildRim.org](mailto:PandP@WildRim.org). Check the website for times and dates of meetings.

**Public Safety:** Brian Mogridge is the chair. Email is [safety@WildRim.org](mailto:safety@WildRim.org). Safety reports are posted on the website.

**Special Events:** The committee's email is [events@WildRim.org](mailto:events@WildRim.org).

**Water Utilities:** Wil Chromey is the chair. The email is [water@WildRim.org](mailto:water@WildRim.org).



**Chalet or Picnic Shelter Rental**

Need a ready to decorate place to have family parties?  
 WRA has the place for you! WRA homeowners may rent the Chalet.  
 \$10 per day (plus a \$50 refundable damage/cleaning deposit)  
 New carpet, recently painted, new vinyl floor.

For outdoor parties you can rent a picnic shelter.

\$10 per day (plus a \$50 refundable damage/cleaning deposit).

It's a beautiful setting to have your outdoor party with scenic Rattlesnake Ridge and Brewster Lake as the backdrop. Children's play equipment is close by.  
 Call the office Tuesday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for more information and to reserve a place for your event. Or, you can download reservation forms from the WRA website at [www.wildernessrim.org](http://www.wildernessrim.org).

**REMINDER**  
**Water bill payments**  
**are due April 30, 2013**

For **water** 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**

\*\*If you have a late fee on water you feel should be waived, send a clear statement of the pertinent facts to [office@WildRim.org](mailto:office@WildRim.org). Mary at Sallal no longer addresses these concerns.

**How much water is in that cup of coffee next to you on your desk?**



**Well, about a cup, plus the bathtub full of water (50 gallons) it took to produce the beans for it. One cup of tea takes 8 gallons to produce. - lochnesswatergardens.com/pondblog**

**Wilderness Rim Takes Another Step into the Electronic Age!**

To be more environmentally friendly and save publication costs, the newsletter will soon be available for distribution electronically. Included with this newsletter is a form for you to fill out so you can receive the newsletter and notices by email. In the future we plan to send water bills by email also. By providing us with your email address(es) you enable WRA to save Assessment Dues and be more "green". WRA's policy is to never sell or distribute this contact information.

**Firewise: A Community Resource**

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Firewise Communities Program ([www.firewise.org/information/who-is-this-for/homeowners.aspx](http://www.firewise.org/information/who-is-this-for/homeowners.aspx)) provides guidance to communities for creating properties that will be resilient in the face of a forest fire. The program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters.

Based on expressed interest in the program within the community, the Board of Trustees has invited forestry and fire professionals from the program to the WRA annual meeting this July. They will be on hand to present information and talk to the membership about Firewise Communities planning and voluntary participation in the program. It should be a very interesting and educational component of the meeting.

**Road Resurfacing — Holding the Edge: Citizen Assistance Request**

When King County resurfaced the loop road 3/8 gravel was used for the road edges up to 12" wide on the shoulders. "DOT Spec shoulder grade gravel" is the standard for this purpose. King County Roads Services Division is concerned about "losing the edge" as the gravel washes away, spreads, or fails to support the edge of the asphalt which may crack and break away. Please call the King County Roads at 800-325-6165 X 68100 to report potential problems including cracks or low spots. Specify the area that needs more gravel to support the road edge by intersection or address.

Board Members

- Wil Chromey, Treasurer
- Danelle Coley
- Donna Greathouse Neel, Secretary
- Joyce Jansen, President
- Cherie LaTourette
- Denise Lystad
- Brian Mogridge, Vice President
- Suzanne Perkins
- Matthew Rourke
- Ellen Smith
- Charles Walsh

**Admin. Assistant: Betty Moe**

**W E B S I T E**  
**— NEW LOOK —**  
**check it out May 1**

**Reminders**

**Pet Owners:** All dogs and cats need to be registered and licensed in King County. There is a leash law in effect here. Licensed animals are more easily returned when lost.

**Neighbors:** Be a good neighbor and call 911 if you observe any suspicious activities in your neighborhood.

Please check out more information about latest doings in the Rim, water conservation, and homeowner forms and information on our website at [www.wildernessrim.org](http://www.wildernessrim.org).