

INSIDE THE RIM



FEBRUARY & MARCH, 2014



[Special Meeting of the Membership](#)

The Board of Trustees has adopted a new budget for the current year (2013-2014) to better serve the needs of the Association. Washington State law requires the Board to present the budget to the membership for approval at a meeting called for that purpose. This Special Meeting of the Membership will be at 10:00am, on Saturday, February 15th, at the Chalet.

This is a balanced budget proposal that recognizes WRA's requirement to set aside the Water Surcharge (that is not spent for current Capital Improvements) into the Restricted Water Reserve. This new budget also reflects the Board's recent decision to reduce costs by having our billing work done by our own staff. An increase in office hours is budgeted to improve customer support for members at our own office. Additional obligations for the financial audit and the Water Reserve and water rate studies approved by the Board for better management of our water system are also included. These two studies will be paid for by a \$1.34 surcharge each billing, for the next twelve billings, to distribute the cost fairly among members: \$16.08 per member over two years.

The volunteers who are your Board of Trustees are working hard to make good decisions for our Association. Please attend the upcoming Membership Meeting and vote to ratify this new budget.

[WRA Office Resumes Billing Duties](#)

WRA is again preparing bills and collecting member payments. Office hours have been increased to better serve member needs.

Payments no longer go to Sallal. Please bring your payment to the office, drop it in the drop box, or mail it to P.O. Box 315, North Bend, WA 98045.

Please update your records with the office via email or by sending the information requested on the back of your water bill. Landlords need to review the additional information that is available on the website.

You may arrange assessment payments to avoid late fees. To make payment arrangements, contact Suzanne in the WRA office.

WILDERNESS RIM ASSOCIATION

OFFICE

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Wednesday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Thursday

PHONE: 425-888-0087

FAX: 425-888-2136

E-MAIL: OFFICE@WILDRIM.ORG

P.O. Box 315
North Bend, WA 98045

WEBSITE

<http://WildernessRim.org>

WATER SERVICE

Low water pressure?
Broken water main?

SALLAL WATER ASSOCIATION
(425) 888-3650

The online newsletter contains links to articles on the WRA website. Registration is required to access private articles (like security reports and budgets) that are for WRA members only. Printed copies of the articles are available from the WRA [office](#).

Send comments to:
Communications@WildRim.org

[Wild Weather](#)

Wilderness Rim is 600 feet higher than North Bend. Sometimes that 600 feet makes a big difference in the weather. Thanks to Scott Johansen's Personal Weather Station, you can now get a weather report specifically for Wilderness Rim. Look for the "[WEATHER](#)" links on the website's home page.

[Danger: Thin Ice](#)

Every few years, Brewster Lake freezes over. It is so beautiful and interesting that it is very tempting to try to walk across it.

Please don't. Thin ice is extremely dangerous!

Even if you don't fall in, you may have to rescue someone who has. Please see the web post "Danger: Thin Ice" for a video about what happens when you fall in, how to get out, and how to safely help someone else.

[New Wilderness Rim Sign](#)

Doug Greathouse spent over 30 hours repairing and reinstalling the sign at the entrance to Wilderness Rim. (*See the website for a picture!*)

The sign is better than new and has been relocated so that it is more noticeable. Thank you, Doug!

[Budget Q&A Session](#)

Jessica Besso, CPA, a Budget & Finance Committee member, is hosting a Budget Question and Answer session at the Chalet on Saturday, February 8th at 11:00 am and on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 pm.

More articles on the website...

- ◆ [Five Ways You May Be Wasting Water Around The House](#)
- ◆ [Guidelines for Attending Board of Trustees Meetings](#)
- ◆ [Grant Opportunities for Projects in Unincorporated Areas](#)
- ◆ [Snow Plowing](#): "...King County might be cutting services for snow plowing to our neighborhood this year..."



Meetings

See our website [calendar](#) for updated times and locations.

[BUDGET Q&A](#)

February 8th, 11:00 am

February 11th, 7:30 pm

[SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP](#)

February 15th, 10:00 am

[BOARD OF TRUSTEES](#)

February 12th, 7:30 pm

March 12th, 7:30 pm

[COMMITTEES](#)

Architectural Review

February 5th, 7:30 pm

March 5th, 7:30 pm

Budget and Finance

February 26th, 7:30 pm

March 26th, 7:30 pm

Communications

February 22nd, 9:30 am

March 15th, 9:30 am

Park

February 5th, 6:30 pm

March 5th, 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Safety

February 5th, 8:00 pm

March 5th, 8:00 pm

Water Utilities

February 4th, 7:30 pm

March 4th, 7:30 pm

Reminder: The deadline for submitting Bylaw Amendments is March 12th.