



# INSIDE THE RIM

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2014

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**Payments Due**

## *WRA 2014 Annual Meeting Report*

The 47th Annual Meeting was productive and successful followed by a tasty barbecue and friendly neighbors catching up and getting acquainted.

Congratulations to the fifteen percent of WRA members who chose to have their voices heard and voted electing Chris Hardy, Ben Larson and Jeff Sowell to the Board of Trustees.

Board meetings will now be on the third Wednesday of each month and in 2015 the Annual Meeting will be on the third Saturday of September. Most of the Bylaw amendments passed bringing the Bylaws into compliance with the RCWs and adding other changes to improve and protect the Association. Complete election results may be seen on the WRA Website or at the office.

Rimmers approved the 2014-2015 Budget and decided to up the Security Patrol to \$40 per lot (payable by Oct. 31) to hire King County officers to help protect our neighborhood. Patrols will continue without interruption.

## *What's new with the Board?*

Steve McDonald has been re-elected as Board president. Chris Hardy will serve as vice-president, with Kimberlea Miller as secretary and Donna Greathouse Neel returning as treasurer and chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Once the officers were selected, President Steve McDonald appointed committee chairs. With the input of the trustees the following appointments were made: Communications, Jim Besso; Park, Matthew Rourke; Water Utilities, Ernie Henrie; Neighborhood Safety, Jeff Sowell; Special Events, Kimberlea Miller and Jessica Besso.

WRA's administrative email address structure is changing to match the website domain "WildernessRim.org." The addressee portion will remain the same, just remember to change your "WildRim" to "WildernessRim." For example, [office@wildrim.org](mailto:office@wildrim.org) is now [office@wildernessrim.org](mailto:office@wildernessrim.org).

## *WRA now has electronic billing!*

FINALLY! Electronic billing options are here for WRA members! If you don't want to receive your bill through the U.S. mail, you can now sign up for paperless billing!

Starting in September, WRA can send you notice by email when your bill is available to securely view and **pay online**. It is a free, easy and secure way to be environmentally friendly and save time for yourself. We will have the ability for you to have your payments made automatically from your checking account or you can login and make your payments at your convenience. If you want to sign up for any of these options, please email [office@wildernessrim.org](mailto:office@wildernessrim.org) with your lot # and a note that says, "I want electronic billing/billpay." **If you sign up for e-billing and the auto-pay option before September 10, 2014 you will receive a \$5 credit on your September 30, 2014 water bill!** More details are online or contact the helpful WRA Office for answers to your questions.

Please check the website for updates as we implement these new features or contact the office for more information.

## **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

**New email!**

[OFFICE@WILDERNESSRIM.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@WILDERNESSRIM.ORG)

*P.O. Box 315*

*North Bend, WA 98045-0315*

### **WEBSITE**

<http://WildernessRim.org>

## **WATER SERVICE**

Broken water main?

Low water pressure?

Contact:

**SALLAL WATER ASSOCIATION**

**425-888-3650**



The water charges for a four-person household should total about \$70. If your water bill seems high please contact the **WRA** office at 888-0087.

Meters hidden by brush, grass or otherwise blocked will cause estimated bills for water use. Members are responsible for keeping meters open to access.

*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. Large Print and printed copies of the articles are available from the WRA office. Send comments to: [Communications@WildernessRim.org](mailto:Communications@WildernessRim.org).*



## Japanese Knotweed in the Rim

Japanese Knotweed is on the Washington quarantine list (prohibited plants list) and it is prohibited to transport, buy, sell, offer for sale, or to distribute plants or plant parts, seeds in packets, blends or "wildflower mixes" of this species, into or within the state of Washington.

Fill dirt may be contaminated with Japanese Knotweed and an infestation could take hold before it is even identified. King County has already treated several areas within Wilderness Rim but may not have the funds to assist further.

To learn more visit: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/AnimalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds/weed-identification/invasive-knotweeds/Japanese-knotweed.aspx>



## Rainbow Fishing Derby

A happy group of fishers came out early on July 12 for the Rainbow Derby. A bright crisp morning resulted in some great weather for fishing leaving everyone feeling like a winner. The biggest fish was caught by Alex R. and his first prize choice was a fishing net for his next big catch. The second place fish was caught by Briana W. and in third place was Tasia P. Both chose a shiny new tackle box as their prize. Evan R.'s guess of seven fish caught came closest to the actual catch of nine and he left with some very nice lures, and bubbles in case the fish aren't biting the next time he is at the lake. Our raffle winner was McKenzie W. who will be ready to go fishing next time with some new line and bobbers. The remaining raffle winners were Byron D. who now has a new fishing rod and reel, Caleb W. who netted some hooks and weights and Jacob A. who now has lures and bubbles to add to his next fishing trip to Brewster Lake.



## Who Let the Dogs Out?

Barking dogs getting on your nerves? Are your neighbors' dogs driving you to distraction? Are your dogs the barkers? Doesn't really matter. Man's best friend needs to be trained to give our neighborhood some peace. Protection is one thing. Incessant barking can produce an unwelcome effect on the neighbors. Ask your neighbors if your dogs are barking when you're away and if you're home, please train your dogs to ensure a peaceful environment. Thank you!

## Administrative Coordinator Hired

Office hours have resumed on Thursdays with the hiring of the new Administrative Coordinator. Jessica Besso, who has given many hours to the association as a volunteer, has accepted the position. She was previously hired as our bookkeeper. She is looking forward to serving and meeting her neighbors. Please stop by to say hello. Her husband Jim is in his second year of his term on the Board and has recused himself from the hiring process and will not participate during Board deliberations concerning the new employee. Per WRA Bylaws and Board motions, the employees are supervised by the president.

## Water Conservation Tips:

- ❖ Washing a car uses about 150 gallons of water, so by washing less frequently you can cut back your water use.
- ❖ A gallon of gasoline takes nearly 13 gallons of water to produce. Combine your errands, car pool to work, or take public transportation to reduce both your use of energy resources and the amount of water used.



## Meetings

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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- August 20th, 7:30 pm
- September 17, 7:30 pm

### COMMITTEES

#### Architectural Review

- August 6, 7:30 pm
- September 3, 7:30 pm

#### Budget and Finance

- August 13, 7:30 pm
- September 10, 7:30 pm

#### Communications

- August 16, 9:30 am
- September 20, 9:30 am

#### Neighborhood Safety

- August 6, 7:00 pm
- September 3, 7:00 pm

#### Park

- August 6, 8:00 pm
- September 3, 8:00 pm

#### Special Events

- August 12, 7:00 pm
- September 16, 7:00 pm

#### Water Utilities

- August 13, 7:00 pm
- September 10, 7:00 pm

Please remember to enjoy *Inside the Rim* in full color on the WRA website.

Electronic billing and e-pay are now available. Learn about it in this newsletter and on the WRA website.

WRA contracted Greenbelt Trail maintenance work started in late July and will continue through late fall.

### EVENTS

**GARAGE SALE**  
**AUG 1-3**

**MOVIE NIGHTS**  
**AUG 15 & 23 @SUNSET**