



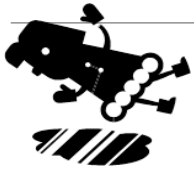
INSIDE THE RIM

DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015

Payments Due
MONDAY
Dec 29

Christmas Get-Together in the Rim!

Come eat goodies and see Santa at the Chalet! There will be hot cocoa and Christmas songs. Meet your neighbors and enjoy some holiday cheer! Drop in for 10 minutes or two hours - all are welcome! Please come to the Chalet on **Saturday, December 6 from 1-3 p.m.** events@wildernessrim.org or call 425-888-0087.



Winter Safety Tips *Winter*

At 1000 feet elevation in the Rim, the first icy morning has already arrived. On icy days, please remember to wait at the top of the hill for the car ahead of you to turn onto Cedar Falls Road. Also, parking your car on the roadside could get it snow packed in by a snowplow. Please do not use clumping cat sand for traction. The unofficial "Wilderness Rim Winter Road Conditions Watch" Facebook page is a good source of up-to-the-minute information from your neighbors. Winter driving tips and other tips for being prepared for winter conditions are also on the [WRA website](#) and [WRA Facebook](#) page.

Winterizing Your Home - Inspect the chimney or have it inspected. Make sure there are no bird nests or leaves – consider a chimney cap if you don't have one already. Inspect the interior to ensure it is clear of debris. Make sure the wood stove flue is secure and sound.

Photo Contest Winners



The WRA Fall Photo Contest was a fun success! Thank you to all who participated! The un-credited pictures receiving the most "likes" were:



First Place: Lesley Webb "Mom, Can We Keep Them?"

Second Place: Jim Besso "Peaceful Reflections"

Third Place: Jeanne Jackson "Brewster's Autumn Glory"

View the pictures on Facebook or WRA's website here:

<https://wildernessrim.org/photo-contest/>. Get your camera ready for another photo contest in 2015!



Update on Electronic Billing Options

Over one hundred fifteen members have now enrolled in the new electronic billing process. This saves money for everyone. There is no charge by WRA to members; additionally, you won't be subject to late charges if you are set for automatic Bank Draft payment of your account. Bank Draft payments will be drawn from member bank accounts the first week after the printed due date as a way of encouraging members to use the Bank Draft option. If you haven't enrolled yet, now is the time to sign up for the next billing cycle. Please contact the WRA Office via email at office@wildernessrim.org or call 425-888-0087 and leave a message.

Members are charged late fees for not paying their WRA account on time. All payments must be received by WRA by the printed due date unless you sign up for Bank Draft or are on Payment Arrangements. **This month the printed due date for payments is Monday, December 29.**

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

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OFFICE@WILDERNESSRIM.ORG

P.O. Box 315

North Bend, WA 98045

WEBSITE

<http://WildernessRim.org>

PLEASE NOTE: THE DUE DATE FOR THIS BILLING IS

DECEMBER 29, 2014

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BILL PAYMENT PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Did you know that the average four-minute shower with an old shower head uses twenty gallons of water? Replace it with a low-flow shower head and you can cut that down to 10 gallons; by using a WaterSense showerhead, you could save even more.



WATER PRESSURE LOW?

Contact:

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



WRA—Now a Firewise Community

WRA's Board of Trustees has authorized joining the [Firewise Communities Program](#). This National Fire Protection Association program is dedicated to reducing and preventing wildfires and is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the US Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters. The cost of membership may be offset by recorded individual and corporate activities to reduce wildfire risk in Wilderness Rim. All residents and owners in Wilderness Rim are at risk should a wildfire happen here.

This is the best group effort to minimize this fire risk to the community. Last December, Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources and King County Forest Services were in Wilderness Rim chipping downed branches at no cost to homeowners. **Another chipping event is being planned!** Please contact the WRA Office online, via email, or telephone to participate. Community volunteers will be needed to organize and participate in these efforts. Look for updates on the WRA website and in the WRA newsletter.

Park Tree Planting Continues

As trees are removed due to old age and disease, the Park Committee makes every effort to replace them to maintain our woodland home. Madrona trees were recently planted to enhance the evergreen nature of Cascade Park. You can see more pictures of the [planting on the WRA website](#). To get involved please attend a Park Committee meeting the first Wednesday each month.



Holiday Spirit in the Rim—Food Drive & Lighting Contest

For the first time in recent history of Wilderness Rim, we are having a neighborhood decorating contest! Who can dazzle us with their yard art? Is there a Chevy Chase among us? Best house, best block, best tree, best mailbox! Light up the Rim and win some great prizes. We are looking for volunteers to be judges. Contest runs from December 15-21st and winners will be announced the week of the 22nd. Events@WildernessRim.org. Also in the spirit of the season, WRA is collecting canned food in the office for the local food bank. Please stop by and donate if you are able to share this year.

Neighborhood Safety Committee

The purpose of the WRA Neighborhood Safety Committee is to encourage a healthy and safe community by fostering relationships and communications between WRA membership, the WRA Safety Committee, and our private King County Sheriff neighborhood safety patrol. The WRA Safety Committee will be working with our King County Sheriff's Deputies to increase patrols during this holiday season in response to packages being stolen from porches last year. Please call 911 if you see suspicious activity. Remember to lock your doors and practice good personal safety measures.



Water Conservation Tip:

You could save 150 gallons of water each month by shortening your shower by two minutes. Multiply for a family of four and that can really add up!

Meetings

Please visit the WRA website [calendar](#) for up-to-date times and locations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 17	7:30 pm
January 21	7:30 pm

COMMITTEES

Architectural Review

December 3	7:30 pm
January 7	7:30 pm

Budget and Finance

December 10	7:30 pm
January 14	7:30 pm

Communications

December 5	FRI 7:00 pm
January 3	9:30 am

Park

December 3	6:30 pm
January 7	6:30 pm

Water Utilities

December 10	7:00 pm
January 14	7:00 pm

Neighborhood Safety

December 3	7:00 pm
January 7	7:00 pm

Special Events

December 9	7:00 pm
January 13	7:00 pm

Want any Bylaws changed?
Please send your submissions to
the BOT by March 18, 2015.

IMPORTANT DATES

**PAYMENTS DUE
DEC. 29**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
DEC. 6, 1-3 P.M.**



**CHRISTMAS
DEC. 25**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
JAN. 1**



**GAME NIGHT
JAN. 16**

