

# Inside the Rim



FEBRUARY & MARCH 2015

# Message from <u>President Steve McDonald</u>



It is hard to believe that another year has passed! I hope 2015 is even better than last year for all of you. I might have had my share of eating a little too much and taking some of those long winter naps. The year was brought in with a bang with fireworks in the park and some fun company at the Chalet. To get you planning for a healthy step (no pun

intended...well, yes!) in this new year, please mark your calendars now for the **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rim Run/Walk coming Saturday, May 16, 2015.** Put on your shoes and get out there! Chase after those dreams and make them reality. Let us all work together in finding ways to continue making our community a great place to live!

# Easter Egg Hunt and Peep Roast!



Mark your calendar! Come with your kids from toddler to twelve to enjoy hunting for Easter eggs in our park in sections designed especially for them. BYOB (bring your own basket) and search for candy and prizes. After the eggs are found, we'll enjoy a marshmallow "peep" roast, rain or shine! Hot cocoa too! Adults, please bring your marshmallow roasting sticks and join us Saturday, April 4th in Cascade Park. Please contact

events@wildernessrim.org if you would like to help out.

## Holiday Light Contest Winners

Over 200 homes in the Rim had lights on them this year! Thank you to everyone who shared some cheer this season with their neighbors, and thank you to our sponsors, Boxleys and Ace Hardware.

**First Place**: 17007 426th Ave SE **Second Place**: 17403 SE Cedar Falls Rd **Third Place**: 17436 426th Ave SE

See more pictures on the website of many places that were considered by the judges in this tough competition.



# Winter Driving

While this winter has largely dealt us an ample of supply of wind, rain, and gray skies, it is safe to say that at some point this season, we will receive our fair share of snow and ice.

When that happens, it is important to be aware of the King County snow routes. The main loop of Wilderness Rim remains

within the King County Primary snow route map, along with Cedar Falls Road and Uplands Way. The Interstate and State Route 202 are part of the WSDOT plan, and the roads within the incorporated areas of Snoqualmie and North Bend are the responsibility of the respective communities. More information is available at the following sites:

WSDOT: http://www.wsdot.com/winter/WinterOps.htm

King County:

http://kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Roads/SnowAndIce.aspsnowroutes

North Bend: http://northbendwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5241

# WILDERNESS RIM ASSOCIATION

### OFFICE HOURS

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

OFFICE@WILDERNESSRIM.ORG

P.O. Box 315 North Bend, WA 98045

### WEBSITE

http://WildernessRim.org

PLEASE NOTE: THE DUE DATE FOR THIS BILLING IS

### **FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BILL PAYMENT PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Where is your water shut-off valve?
You should know how to turn off
the water in your home. If you
experience a water emergency in
your home, please call a plumber.
WRA/Sallal can be contacted for low
water pressure, loss of water flow, or
breaks in mains.

Sallal: 425-888-3650 WRA: 425-888-0087

PLEASE KEEP YOUR WATER
METER CLEAR OF DEBRIS AND
OBSTACLES. THANK YOU!
NEXT METER READING:
MARCH 20-22

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.

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### Are You Firewise?

WRA's Board of Trustees has authorized WRA to join the <u>Firewise</u> <u>Communities Program</u>. This program is dedicated to reducing and preventing wildfires. All residents and owners in Wilderness Rim are at risk should a wildfire happen here. The Firewise website is an excellent resource: <u>www.firewise.org</u>. If the program looks interesting to you, please consider joining an active group of members that are currently planning an educational event followed by Chipper Days. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Training Event: April 4<sup>th</sup>
Chipper Days: Early May

While reviewing the website and applying Firewise practices around your homes, please keep track of time spent on Firewise activities. It is important to track and report your time so that Wilderness Rim can maintain recognition with Firewise USA. You may submit hours to the WRA office at any frequency by phone, email, or written log. Please continue to look for updates on the WRA website and in upcoming WRA newsletters, or come to the next meeting Wednesday, February 5th at 7:30 PM.

## Treasurer Transition

The WRA Board of Trustees has elected **Ben Larson** as treasurer, replacing **Donna Greathouse-Neel**. The Board would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Donna for her time and efforts as a volunteer. We wish Donna well and hope that she will be willing to serve again in the future. Please show your support for our new treasurer by attending Budget and Finance meetings, particularly if you have served in the past as a WRA board member. Your experience is valued by our community.

# New Signage in Wilderness Rim

A signage system is one of the most important and influential image makers for a residential community. Would you like to be part of the team developing new signs for the Rim? The <u>Communications Committee</u> is working on a comprehensive plan for signage for the entrances, office, park, and greenbelt trails. Please contact the office or <u>communications@wildernessrim.org</u> if you want to help out with this project.

# Water Quality Reporting

How good is our water quality? Besides the annual Consumer Confidence Report that you receive, you can now monitor the monthly water sample results online at the Department of Health's website: <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/eh/portal/odw/si/Intro.aspx.">https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/eh/portal/odw/si/Intro.aspx.</a> Also available are compliance reports, permit status, and water use efficiency. If you would like to get involved with the team managing our water system, please contact <a href="water@wildernessrim.org">water@wildernessrim.org</a> or come to a Water Utilities Committee meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

# Water Leakage Rates...Did You Know? Estimated Faucet Leakage Rates (number of drips):

60 drops/minute = 192 gallons/month 90 drops/minute = 310 gallons/month 120 drops/minute = 429 gallons/month

## Meetings

Please visit the WRA website <u>calendar</u> for up-to-date times and locations.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 18 7:30 pm March 18 7:30 pm

### **COMMITTEES**

### **Budget and Finance**

February 11 7:30 pm March 11 7:30 pm

### Communications

February 6 FRI 7:00 pm March 7 9:30 am

#### Firewise

February 4 7:30 pm March 4 7:30 pm *Park* 

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### **Water Utilities**

February 11 7:00 pm March 11 7:00 pm

### Neighborhood Safety

February 4 7:00 pm March 4 7:00 pm

### Special Events

February 4 8:00 pm March 4 8:00 pm

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

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

PAYMENTS DUE FEB. 23

GAME NIGHTS FEB. 20 & MAR 13



DAYLIGHT SAVING MAR 8



EASTER EGG HUNT & FIREWISE EVENT APRIL 4



RIM RUN MAY 16

