



INSIDE THE RIM

Payments Due
MONDAY
Aug 24

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2015

No Increase in Annual Dues Assessments

The July bill includes the annual HOA dues assessment of \$80 due August 24th. WRA has not had a dues increase since 2010. You may choose to pay over six or twelve months if you contact the office or fill out the form online here:

https://wildernessrim.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/WRA_AssessmentServiceAgreement.pdf

Avoid late charges! Please pay on time or make payment arrangements.

The 2015-2016 WRA Budget adopted by the Board is also available online here: <https://wildernessrim.org/budget-proposal>. It is similar to last year's budget with no dues increase. This has been made possible due to the efforts of several volunteers who have taken on the duties previously contracted out for grounds and building maintenance. Your skills and talents can help WRA keep dues from increasing. You may contact the office or the park committee to volunteer to keep expenses down.

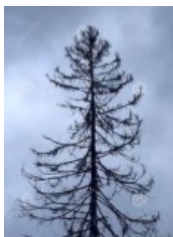
Defend Your Home From Wildfire

Please report the hours clearing a defensible space around your home with the WRA Office. These hours are used as an offset against the Firewise fee for WRA's membership. Raking leaves, clearing brush, and cleaning rain gutters are all part of maintaining a defensible space around your home.

Removing ladder fuel around your home might make the difference in saving your home. According to the Dept. of Natural Resources, 59 of the 67 structures on properties where hazard-reduction work had been done before the Carlton Complex fire were able to be saved. Field strip your cigarettes and dispose of them properly. We can't prevent lightning strikes but we can prevent man-caused forest fires.



Look Up, Look Up



The WRA meter reader has noticed many dead and dying evergreen/conifer trees while out in the neighborhood reading the water meters of homeowners. These trees on members' lots are hazardous to life and property and need to be brought down safely as soon as reasonably possible. Trees are dying because of ice storms and lightning strikes. Even worse, some trees have been infected with root rot that is spread underground from tree to tree. It is imperative that this be addressed and resolved. Please check your conifers for color and needle content. It is better to bring down the tree than have it fall on your house and cause catastrophic damage and possibly injuring a person. WRA recommends seeking professionals to bring down large trees.

WRA Officer Transition

Steve McDonald and Fernando Platin, Jr. left the WRA Board with our gratitude for their service to the community. Wil Chromey was elected president and Joyce Jansen elected treasurer. Wil and Joyce will hold these positions until after the September 2015 Annual Meeting when new trustees will be elected. If you think it's your turn to help out, please contact the Annual Meeting Committee or the Office and throw your name into the hat.



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

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PLEASE NOTE: THE DUE DATE FOR THIS BILLING IS

AUGUST 24, 2015
PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BILL PAYMENT PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

WATER TIP: In-sink 'garburators' require lots of water to operate properly, and also add considerably to the volume of solids in a septic tank which can lead to maintenance problems. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing food waste.



REMINDER: UNAUTHORIZED MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE GREENBELT OR CASCADE PARK.

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.

September 2015 WRA Annual Meeting

Please watch your mailbox for the official notice and ballot for the September 19, 2015, WRA Annual Meeting. Your packet will include information on the agenda and ballot items. Several Bylaw Amendments are scheduled for the ballot this year.

Five trustee and six Architectural Review Committee (ARC) positions are available. If interested in running, please contact the WRA Office and request a candidate information page. Membership elections will take place at the 2015 Annual Meeting Saturday, September 19, 2015, at Cascade Park. Elected trustee positions are for a three-year term while ARC positions are for a one-year term.

Please contact the Annual Meeting Committee amc@wildernessrim.org or call **425-888-0087** for information. Candidates are requested to provide a short bio for the Annual Meeting information flyer.

New Cutting Edge Online Billing System

With this July billing, WRA is emailing invoices to all members who have provided their email address. If you would still like to receive a paper bill, please let the office know or go online to change your options.



This new billing system means even more options for WRA members: you can now pay by phone with check or credit card, update your own account preferences online, and of course view your balance and transaction history any time. The association changed billing providers to improve customer service, reduce cost, and increase security.

You can check it out here: <https://wra.secure.munibilling.com>

Security Patrol—What You're Paying For

Due to continued King County budget constraints, KC Sheriff's Deputies are frequently unable to respond or provide the police coverage that Wilderness Rim residents request. Through a special assessment and private contract, WRA hires three off-duty King County Sheriff's Deputies to make random patrols in Wilderness Rim. This year the unused portion of the fund is being used to pay for coverage for July through September.

The Security Assessment remains at \$40 per lot if approved by the membership in September. This amount will be billed to the members with the September billing and covers the months of October 2015 through September 2016. Questions may be directed to Safety@WildernessRim.org.



Water Quality Report

Sallal Water Association recently mailed the annual water quality brochures for Wilderness Rim as part of their maintenance contract with WRA. You should have received one and may be wondering why there are no tests for 2015. This report is for the calendar year 2014 and not all water analysis tests are required every year. The every third year test for lead and copper was done in July 2015 at ten homes in the Rim and the results are not in yet. The Washington State Department of Health sets the standards for testing and Wilderness Rim water passes with great results. Our water is so pure that no pretreatment, including chlorination, is needed. Our water looks and tastes great and is arguably the best water anywhere!



Which do you prefer?



Your name on the ballot or a dues increase?

Meetings

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 19	7:30 pm
September 16	7:30 pm

COMMITTEES

ARC

August 5	7:30 pm
September 9	7:30 pm

Budget and Finance

August 12	7:30 pm
September 9	7:30 pm

Communications

August 15	9:00 am
September 5	9:00 am

Firewise

August 5	7:00 pm
September 2	7:00 pm

Neighborhood Safety

August 5	7:30 pm
September 2	7:30 pm

Park

August 5	6:30 pm
September 2	6:30 pm

Special Events

August 5	8:00 pm
September 2	8:00 pm

Water Utilities

August 12	6:30 pm
September 9	6:30 pm

Your water meter will be read the weekend of September 19-21. Please be sure it is accessible to the WRA meter reader and free of obstacles.

IMPORTANT DATES

**WATER AND ASSESSMENT
PAYMENTS DUE
AUG. 24**

**WRA ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 10 AM**