

# INSIDE THE RIM

October - November 2015



## *Good Turnout for Annual Meeting*

Member participation generated nearly 100 ballots. A quorum was reached with mail-in ballots and another 35 members came in person to the 48th Annual Meeting. The two special assessments on the ballot were approved. The 2015-2016 Budget was approved as were all but one of the proposed amendments to WRA's Bylaws. The membership rejected the contact information Bylaw, which was proposed to align with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the WRA Water System.

## *Special Assessments Approved*

Both the \$40 Security Patrol and the \$15 Playground Safety assessments were approved by the voting members at the 2015 Annual Meeting.



The \$40 Security Patrol per lot will be included on September bills and is used to hire off-duty King County Sheriff Deputies to randomly patrol Wilderness Rim through September of 2016.

The \$15 per lot Playground Safety assessment will be included on March 2016 bills. The enclosures around both play areas will be completed and the surface will be improved with twelve inches of pea gravel. Volunteers are needed to help with the playground improvement during the summer in 2016.



## *Election Results*

Members voted to approve the Bylaw amendment to return the Board to eleven trustees. Incumbents returning are Wilfred Chromey, Donna Greathouse Neel, Joyce Jansen and Steve McDonald. Newly elected trustees are Mia Buse-Stone, Jessica LaBissoniere, and Lenny Stoltman.

Elected to the ARC are Doug Greathouse, Steve McDonald, and Fernando Platin, Jr. Election results are also on the WRA website.



**Fall Back – Daylight Saving Time**  
**Ends Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 a. m.**

## **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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### WEBSITE

<http://WildernessRim.org>

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DUE  
DATE OF THIS BILLING IS**

**OCTOBER 26, 2015**

*PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BILL  
PAYMENT PLAN ACCORDING.*

Water conservation comes naturally when everyone in the family is aware of its importance, and parents take the time to teach children some of the simple water-saving methods around the home which can make a big difference.



### **WATER PROBLEMS**

Call: 425-888-0087

[office@wildernessrim.org](mailto:office@wildernessrim.org)

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## Tree Trimming By King County

King County had crews in the area trimming back the overgrown vegetation at the road edges. Their maintenance methods have caused dozens of concerns from Rim residents. If your trees have limbs that have been battered or cut off in the middle the best recommendation would be to seek professional tree service help or trim the branches back to the tree trunk to protect the health of your tree. WRA does not perform roadside maintenance on private property. Concerns should be directed to King County Roads at 206-296-8100.



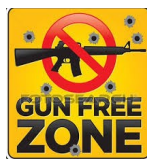
## Wilderness Rim Shakeout

Wilderness Rim Association has joined the Great American Shake Out and encourages you to join millions of people worldwide who will practice how to **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 15 during the **Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills**. This means that wherever you are at that moment – at home, at work, at school, anywhere – you should **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment, and stay in this position for at least 60 seconds. Visit [www.shakeout.org/washington](http://www.shakeout.org/washington) to learn more.

The main goal of the **ShakeOut** is to get Washingtonians prepared for major earthquakes, so use the **ShakeOut** as an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. More information is available at <http://www.earthquakecountry.info>.

## No Shooting

Wilderness Rim is designated a no shooting zone by King County and hunting is prohibited. At the September Board meeting, the trustees made it part of WRA's regulations that all corporate properties are off limits to hunting and to the discharge of any firearms or the use of bows and arrows. This restriction was effective immediately and covers all community areas including Cascade Park and the Greenbelt.



## Thank you!

Many thanks to Kimberlea Miller, who has resigned after two years as a trustee and as an officer.

## Board of Trustees

Officers were elected and a new member of the Board was appointed at the September 23rd meeting.

President: Wil Chromey  
Vice Pres: Jessica LaBissoniere  
Secretary: Mia Buse-Stone  
Treasurer: Joyce Jansen  
Trustees: Jim Besso  
Donna Greathouse  
Gerard Grohl  
Ernie Henrie  
Steve McDonald  
Lenny Stoltman

## Committee Chairs

Budget & Finance:  
Treasurer, Joyce Jansen

Communications:  
Jessica Besso  
Donna Greathouse

Park:  
Doug Greathouse  
Joyce Jansen

Water Utilities:  
Ernie Henrie  
Lenny Stoltman

Neighborhood Safety  
Gerard Grohl  
Jessica LaBissoniere

**Members are encouraged to  
join any of the WRA  
Committees.**

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## Toilet Leak Detection Program

Enclosed in this newsletter is a toilet test strip. The dye strip goes in your toilet tank and can be divided to be used in more than one toilet. The process is simple. You are encouraged to use the strips. They can help you save money if you have a leak. It also helps to keep the community in conformance with goals to reduce wasted drinking water and to keep the water consumption reasonable.

## Cracking Down on Backyard Eggs



Keeping chickens and ducks is prohibited by the Wilderness Rim Restrictive Covenants. This is the number one complaint received by the WRA Board of Trustees forcing action against this fowl enterprise. Residents with fowl birds must immediately find new homes for their egg layers before civil action is directed at the homeowner. **A significant concern is that rodents and predators are attracted to the area by these birds, eggs and their food. This is a violation of State law.** Every member has the right to speak to a neighbor who is violating this covenant to remind them they are breaking the rule and possibly creating a nuisance, which is also a violation of the Restrictive Covenants.



## Lead & Copper Test Results

In July, water samples collected from nine Wilderness Rim homes and the WRA Office were tested by Water Management Laboratories, Inc. in Tacoma for lead and copper. These two harmful substances may be present in drinking water after exposure to home water pipes.

WRA drinking water is safe and well below any actionable level either by Washington State or federal standards. This test is conducted every three years. Results are posted on the Department of Health website.

## Financial Audit Completed

The Independent Auditors' Report for WRA's Financials is available to WRA members online. For the third year in a row, WRA received a clean audit opinion.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**PAYMENTS DUE  
OCT. 26**

**NEW MEMBER AND  
TRUSTEE ORIENTATION  
OCT. 3 9AM**

**RIM PHOTO CONTEST  
THRU NOV. 14**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY  
OCT. 24—SEE ARTICLE**

**GAME NIGHTS  
NOV. 7  
NOV. 21  
DEC. 12  
5 TO 10 PM**

**HALLOWEEN  
OCT. 31**

**TIME CHANGE  
NOV. 1**

**THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOV. 26**

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
& CAROLING  
DEC. 5  
AFTERNOON**

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS  
JUDGING STARTS  
DEC. 21**

WRA Office Closed on National Holidays

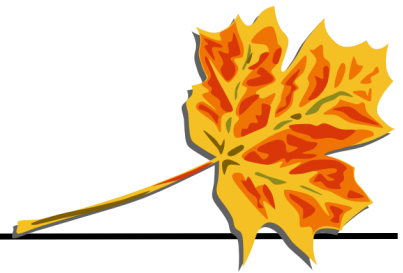


Attend meetings = Help your community!

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## WRA 2015 Halloween Party



The Halloween Party may be cancelled this year due to lack of volunteer participation. Volunteers are needed to bring events to the community. Kimberlea Miller as a volunteer is chairing the event but can't do the job alone. If you want your kids to enjoy this Halloween tradition in the Rim please contact [events@wildernessrim.org](mailto:events@wildernessrim.org) to show your support. Kimberlea is excited to support the community with this event!



## WRA Photo Contest 2.0

Do you have some great pictures in the Rim or know of someone who does? Here is your chance to win a prize and share your talents with your neighbors! Send your JPG pictures as an attachment to [Office@WildernessRim.org](mailto:Office@WildernessRim.org) with the approximate location in the Rim and your contact info. Prizes are awarded for the most Facebook "likes" and by members voting at the office where the images can also be viewed. More information can be found here: [www.wildernessrim.org/photo-contest](http://www.wildernessrim.org/photo-contest)

## Testing for E-coli

WRA drinking water is tested monthly for the presence of coliform and E-coli bacteria. All recent tests have come back clean and are available online. Brewster Lake also has tested below actionable levels for E-coli, but please remember that the lake is **not** drinking water.



## Eggs Missing?

If you're wondering where your eggs went – they may have made an appearance on your neighbor's car. The acid in the egg and scratches caused by the shell can cause permanent paint and finish damage requiring a complete paint job costing thousands of dollars. Eggging cars is a crime so call 911 if this happens to your vehicle. When the egg thrower is arrested, charges can be anywhere from disorderly conduct, littering, and vandalism. Punishment can be from community service, to restitution, to jail time producing a criminal record for the offender. Crack down on this foul behavior.



## WILDERNESS RIM ASSOCIATION

### Meetings

See our website [calendar](#) for updated times Meetings are generally in the Chalet.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 21 7:00 pm

November 18 7:00 pm

(new start time)

#### COMMITTEES

##### **Architectural Review**

October 7 7:30 pm

November 4 7:30 pm

##### **Budget and Finance**

October 14 7:30 pm

November 11 7:30 pm

##### **Communications**

October 3 9:30 am

November 7 9:30 am

##### **Park**

October 7 6:30 pm

November 4 6:30 pm

##### **Water Utilities**

October 14 6:30 pm

November 11 6:30 pm

##### **Neighborhood Safety**

October 7 7:30 pm

November 4 7:30 pm

##### **Special Events**

October 7 8:00 pm