



Inside the Rim

Wilderness Rim Association Newsletter

April/May 2017

New Water Rates and Water Bill Mailing Address

New water rates will go into effect with the next billing on March 27th. On January 18, the Board of Trustees (Board) passed a motion to increase the base water rate from \$36 to \$44.82 beginning at the end of March to cover the cost of a wholesale water rate increase from Sallal Water Association (Sallal). The base rate covers water usage from 0 to 200 cubic feet per billing period, which means that all residents will pay the increased fee, regardless of total water use. The fees for water use above this rate will remain the same. For water rates, see "WRA Water Rate and Fee Schedules" at <https://wildernessrim.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Water-Rate-and-WRA-Fee-Schedule-2017.pdf>.

In addition, starting with the March 2017 bill, we ask those who drop off their payments at the Wilderness Rim Association (Association) Office, or mail their payments to the Association, to send their payments directly to Sallal. Their address is Sallal Water Association, P.O. Box 378, North Bend, WA 98045. In addition to providing water to Wilderness Rim, Sallal also is responsible for member billings and payments.

Additional Homeowner and Security Dues to be Billed in Late May

Last July, the Board decided to charge members for their Association homeowner dues and security patrol dues every two months, rather than requiring members to make a lump sum payment in July as was done in the past. However, these dues were not assessed when bills were sent out in late July 2016, as the transition to billing these dues every two months had not yet been approved by the membership. Thus, an extra set of dues will be assessed with the late May billing so that there will be a total of \$80 assessed for homeowner dues, and \$48 for security patrol dues, for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2017. Your homeowner dues in May will be \$26.66 and security patrol dues will be \$16, twice what they normally would be. The Association apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause members.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Association Easter egg hunt will occur at Cascade Park on Saturday, April 8th, at 10am. Egg hunts are broken out by age groups. BYOB (bring your own basket) and search for eggs filled with candy and prizes. After the eggs are found, we'll enjoy delicious hot cocoa and a marshmallow "peep roast," rain or shine! Be sure to bring your marshmallow roasting sticks. If you would like to help with the egg hunt, please contact events@wildernessrim.org or the Association Office (425-888-0087) for more information.

Neighbor-helping-Neighbor

During the recent snow and wind storms, the Office received several calls from members who needed help removing downed trees, large limbs and branches, and snow. Other members asked for assistance with water leaks. These members were unable to do the work themselves due to their age, health, income status, or other factors. If you have time and are willing to help members in need, please call the Office (425-888-0087) and ask to be placed on the Neighbor-helping-Neighbor list. If you are a member in need of help, please contact the Office and we will try to line you up with someone who can help.



Wilderness Rim Association

Office Hours

9:00am – 2:00pm Tuesday
2:00pm – 7:00pm Wednesday
12:00pm – 6:00pm Thursday

Contact Information

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Water Emergencies

Please direct water emergencies to Roger Lillejord, Satellite Management Services (425-829-6425). Billing questions should be directed to Sallal Water Association (425-888-3650).

Board of Trustees

President: Stuart Paulus
Vice-President: Jim Besso
Treasurer: Ryan Fiedler
Secretary: Veronica Smith
Trustees: Diana Arny, Alan Bruckner, Thomas Grisso, Mike Kenyon, Heather Larson, Jaime Oberg, and Cale Sweeney

Special Thanks To...

Special thanks to all the folks that helped plow the streets, shovel neighbor's driveways, and otherwise make life easier for all of those dealing with the snow!

Free Firewood

The Association is currently soliciting bids to cut down or top dead and dying trees in the park and greenbelt. To help us reduce costs and provide firewood for members, tree logs and limb debris will be left at the base of the tree. Limbs and other debris will be chipped and used on the trails, while tree logs will be made available to interested members who help the Park Committee with log removal (using a tractor). If you would like to help on this project in exchange for free firewood, please call the Office (425-888-0087). We hope to cut down trees later this spring.

Sheriff's Report

January and February were pretty quiet months for the patrol officers. Much of their time was spent patrolling neighborhoods and Cascade Park, and walking through the greenbelt in search of homeless camps. An officer helped to remove a fallen tree that blocked the roadway. Another patrol officer came into contact with teenagers smoking marijuana, and in lieu of charges, put them to work cleaning up the grounds. To review security patrol reports, go to <https://wildernessrim.org/security-reports/>. You will need to log in as a member to see the security reports.

Membership Concerns

During the past 2 months members have brought several concerns to the attention of the Board of Trustees. These include:

- Cutting down of live trees. A member asked what could be done to stop the cutting down of live trees by other members. Some areas of Wilderness Rim are starting to look a bit bare of trees. Although the Association Architectural Guidelines (see <https://wildernessrim.org/wp-content/documents/ARCguidelines9408.pdf>) state in Section 2.1 that the purposes of the guidelines include (1) "to improve, secure, and maintain the architectural integrity and environmental quality of Wilderness Rim, and (2) to assure that the natural wooded and sylvan setting of Wilderness Rim is protected for all residents and owners," they do not prohibit the cutting down of live trees. The Guidelines do state in Section 12.1 that "trees removed for safety or other reasons shall be replaced to maintain the natural sylvan environment of Wilderness Rim." The Office (425-888-0087) can provide you with a list of tree care companies that have certified or consulting arborists that can help you better understand if your trees need to be removed. Also see <https://wildernessrim.org/tree-removal-standards-for-the-wilderness-rim-area/>.
- Trail signs for Cascade Park and the greenbelt. A member suggested that the Association prepare hiking trail maps and trail signs for Cascade Park and the greenbelt. Maps are available in the Office showing the trail around Brewster Lake and through the greenbelt, but the Park Committee decided that signs will not be installed since there are only two primarily trails in the Wilderness Rim.
- Vandalism in Cascade Park and trash in the greenbelt. The teeter totter, trash cans, and picnic tables were recently vandalized in the park and trash was dumped into the greenbelt. The Park Committee will remove the teeter-totter and have it repaired locally. The Committee removed the trash in the greenbelt and will remove the graffiti from the picnic tables and repair the trash cans. If you would like to help on these projects, please contact the Office (425-888-0087).
- Fence across greenbelt. A Board member observed that another member was building a fence across the greenbelt, blocking travel through the greenbelt. According to Architectural Review Guidelines 8.7.2 for the Association, "any fence or wall bordering any WRA greenbelt shall be set one foot inside the member's property line." The member was asked by the Architectural Review Committee to remove the fence.

Water Bill Due April 24

Board of Trustees Meeting

Monthly, 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm

Committee Meetings

Architectural Review

Chair – Doug Greathouse
Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 7:30pm

Budget and Finance

Chair – Ryan Fiedler
Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 7:30pm

Communications

Monthly, 1st Monday, 7:30pm

Neighborhood Safety

Chair – Jessica Besso
Monthly, 1st Monday, 8 pm

Park

Chair – Robert Beeler
Monthly, 1st Monday, 6:30pm

Special Events

Chair – Jessica Besso
Monthly, 1st Monday, 7:30pm

Water Utilities

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm

We need volunteers for all of the committees. Email trustees@wildernessrim.org or call the Office (425-888-0087) if you would like to volunteer for a committee.

All meetings are at the Cascade Park Chalet unless otherwise noted