

# Inside the Rim

Wilderness Rim Association Newsletter

June/July 2017

## Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Wilderness Rim Association (Association) Easter Egg hunt was held at Cascade Park on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a great team of neighbors this year to make the event a success! Thank you to



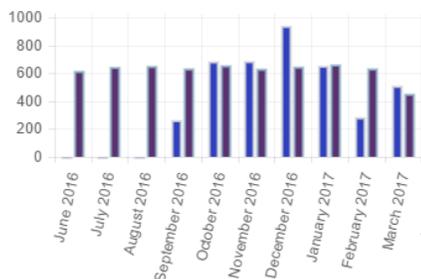
Jeremiah Besso, Mike Kenyon, and Hannah and Jaime Oberg for stuffing and hiding eggs and helping wherever needed the morning of the event; Robert Beeler, Lori Crowningshield, Thomas Grisso, Amy Kenyon, Stuart Paulus, and Wanda Peters for stuffing eggs; Megan Schweppenheiser for serving the s'mores and peeps and hot cocoa the morning of the event; Diana Arny for the fun Easter bunny sightings and for decorating the morning of the event; Jim Besso for manning the fire pits; and special thanks to Jessica Besso for organizing the event and making sure all had a good time.

## How Does My Water Use Compare to My Neighbors' Water Use?

During the March billing, several members were alarmed to have received very high water bills. With the help of leakage detection services, customers found their sources of water leaks (usually broken pipes, perhaps resulting from the cold weather) and fixed them. A common question members keep asking is: How does my water use compare to other members' water use?

On average, members use about 1,100 cubic feet of water every 2 months. A cubic foot is equal to about 7.5 gallons. The 20% of members that use the least amount of water use up to about 500 cubic feet per billing period (two months). The next 20% use about 500 to 750 cubic feet. The middle 20% use about 750 to 1000 cubic feet. The next 20% use about 1000 to 1200 cubic feet. And, the top 20% of water users use about 1200 to 3000 cubic feet per two months. Top water users often include those with broken pipes or leaky toilets. In general, water use is also higher during the summer than during the winter. If you would like to see how your water

Monthly Usage: Last Year v. Current Year  
Unit: Cubic Foot



use this year compares to last year, go to the Association's payment website at <https://wra.secure.munibilling.com>. If you haven't done so already, you will need to set up a user name and password to use the site.

If you think your water use is high, turn off all the water in your house, and then check your water meter (located in a black box near the street and usually between your house and your neighbor's house) to see if the meter is still showing water use (look to see if the small silver "wheel" is rotating). If so, you probably have a leak. Contact the Office (425-888-0087) and they will give you tips to help you find your leak. If it makes you feel any better, a 2015 article in the Seattle Times noted that the average family of four in Seattle uses about 1,600 cubic feet per two-month period and paid \$110 for water for that period.

## Water Leakage Survey

Based on water meter readings in recent years, the amount of water lost in our water system between where the water enters the Rim and where it reaches homeowner water meters has been calculated as high as 17%. Several factors could account for this loss, including flushing of fire hydrants, use of water by street sweepers, broken or faulty meters, and broken pipes. To get a better idea of water loss, Association volunteers and Sallal Water Association (Sallal) employees read meters on March 18 and April 1 to get a better idea of water loss over a short period of time. Based on the survey, estimated water loss was about 25%. To help determine where water leakage may be occurring, a leakage study will be done by Utility Services Associates and our water system operator in June (tentatively June 5-9). There may be some traffic diversions and short-term water shut-offs during the study period.

## 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:** Thomas Grisso  
**Trustees:** Diana Arny, Alan Bruckner, Thomas Grisso, Mike Kenyon, Heather Larson, Jaime Oberg, and Cale Sweeney

## Water Quality in Wilderness Rim

The Association is pleased to report that drinking water provided to members exceeds established water-quality standards. Our 2016 water quality Consumer Confidence Report is posted on-line at <https://wildernessrim.org/water-quality-reports/>.

## Additional Homeowner and Security Dues to be Billed in Late May

Last July, the Board decided to invoice members for their Association homeowner dues and security patrol dues every two months, rather than in a lump sum in July, as was done in the past. However, these dues were not invoiced 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 invoiced with the May billing cycle 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 \$26.68 and security patrol dues will be \$16, twice what they were in prior bills this fiscal year. The Association apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause members.

We also ask those who drop off their payments at the 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.

## Park Employee

Lori Crowningshield, who was our park employee in 2016, has returned to help maintain the park for 2017. Lori did a great job in 2016 to make sure the park, greenbelt, and entrance were neat and tidy. Please say hi to Lori when you see her. She will be using the lawn mower and other equipment during Monday through Thursday, so keep an eye on the little ones if Lori is working nearby.

## Annual Meeting in September

The Association Annual Meeting will be on September 16, 2017. If you would like to help with the Annual Meeting, please contact the Office by June 30.

## Sheriff's Report

March and April were quiet months for the patrol officers. Much of their time was spent patrolling neighborhoods and Cascade Park and the greenbelt. Officers checked for vehicle violations and gave warnings to an individual that was going 32 miles per hour, and another person who rolled through the stop sign. They gave out stickers to the children in the park. 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 included damages to the picnic tables and shelter roof in Cascade Park. On a positive note, the broken teeter totter was repaired and put back into the play area. Thanks to Jaime Oberg and Robert Beeler for fixing the teeter totter and for making other improvements to the play area. Business use of park and chalet.

A second concern was regarding a nature play group business that wanted to conduct classes in Cascade Park. The Board informed the business that park rules prohibit the use of the park for business use, and park use is limited to members and their guests.

## Water Bill Due June 26

### Board of Trustees Meeting

Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00pm

### Committee Meetings

#### Architectural Review

Chair – Doug Greathouse  
Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:30pm

#### Budget and Finance

Chair – Ryan Fiedler  
Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30pm

#### Communications

Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

#### Neighborhood Safety

Chair – Jessica Besso  
Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 8 pm

#### Park

Chair – Robert Beeler  
Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30pm

#### Special Events

Chair – Jessica Besso  
Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

#### Water Utilities

Chair – Mike Kenyon  
Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm

**We need volunteers** for all of the committees. Email [trustees@wildernessrim.org](mailto: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**

