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Wilderness Rim Association Newsletter

August/September 2017

50th Annual Meeting in September – Request for Nominations and Pro and Con Statements on Proposed Bylaws and Assessment Proposals

Please plan to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting of Wilderness Rim Association (Association) at Cascade Park on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at 10am. Watch for the official postcard notice for the Annual Meeting that will be sent out in late August. The notice will tell you how to vote and provide you with information on the candidates, proposed bylaws, and assessment proposals.

As in 2016, there will be four methods for voting - Electronic Voting, Vote at the Meeting, Vote by Mail, or Vote by Proxy. You should receive a postcard from IvoteHOA in mid-August with instructions on how to vote electronically on your computer. Voting information will also be posted on the Rim website at wildernessrim.org. **If you do not receive the postcard by August 28, or would like to receive a paper copy of the ballot and voting information, please call or email the Office (425-888-0087; office@wildernessrim.org) and we will mail or deliver a voting packet to you.**

In addition to voting on candidates for the Board of Trustees, Architectural Review Committee (ARC), and Advisory Committee, members will also vote on proposed bylaws, homeowner and security assessments, and an advisory vote regarding water system consolidation. There will also be guest speakers from the King County Sheriff's Office, Eastside Fire and Rescue, and Sallal Water Association. After the meeting, the Association will host a barbeque for members.

This year, we are asking for members to provide pro and con statements for the proposed bylaws and assessments and the advisory vote regarding water system consolidation. Information regarding the proposed bylaws and assessments, and the advisory vote regarding water system consolidation, will be posted on-line at wildernessrim.org by August 2nd. In addition, the Association is asking for the names of those who would like to run for open positions on the Board of Trustees, ARC, and Advisory Committee. The duties of these positions will be provided at wildernessrim.org, on the electronic voting site, and with paper ballots.

If interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, ARC, or Advisory Committee, please submit your name and a short statement (a paragraph or two) as to why you want to be on the Board, ARC, or Advisory Committee. If you would like to write a pro or con statement, limit it to a few paragraphs. Submit your name and biosketch, or pro/con statement, by email to office@wildernessrim.org, by mail (WRA, PO Box 315, North Bend, WA 98045), or hand deliver to the office drop box behind the Cascade Park Chalet. **Nominations and statements must be received by the Office by August 11, 2017.** This information will be included in the ballot information provided to the members later in August.

In addition to sending out information packets to members, we will hold a Question-and-Answer meeting at the Cascade Park picnic table shelters on September 7, at 6:30pm. If you have questions regarding the Annual Meeting and items on the ballot, please come to this meeting.

Tentative Homeowner Assessment Increase and Security Patrol Assessment Decrease

The Board of Trustees voted to increase Homeowner Association Assessments from \$80 to \$100 annually, and decrease Security Patrol Assessments from \$48 to \$36 annually, for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. These changes will be reflected on your bill in late July 2017. Assessment increases must be approved by the members at the annual meeting in September. Should the membership not approve the assessment increases, you will be given a credit on your bill in September 2017 for the excess payments made in July 2017. More information will be provided with the Annual Meeting information you will receive in August.

Wilderness Rim Association

Office Hours

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

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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: Alan Bruckner, Thomas Grisso, Mike Kenyon, Heather Larson, Jaime Oberg, Brad Summers, and Cale Sweeney

Mark your calendar! Neighborhood Garage Sales August 4-6 and Movie Night in the Park August 18! Bills are due Monday, August 28.

Being a Good Neighbor

Recent nice weather has led to an increase in member complaints. Nearly all could have been resolved by members following Rim Restrictive Covenants and Architectural Guidelines (available on-line at <https://wildernessrim.org> or at the Office), King County Ordinances, or by talking to their neighbors and working with them to resolve the issues. Issues Included:

- Dogs Barking and Off Leash. Dogs and children have recently been hurt or harassed by dogs off leash in neighborhoods or in the park or greenbelt. Dogs must be on-leash at all times in Wilderness Rim. Members have also been disturbed by loud barking dogs. If your dog is a barker, keep them inside or get a barking collar from a pet store. The Board does not have the power to intervene. Dealing with barking and off-leash dogs is a legal action handled by King County. If you cannot get your neighbor to quiet their dog, please contact King County at <http://kingcounty.gov/safety/regionalAnimalServices/~media/safety/regionalAnimalServices/documents/AnimalComplaints.ashx>.
- Bright Lights on Houses. Several members raised concerns about very bright house lights that light up the neighborhood and make it difficult for nearby neighbors to sleep at nights or enjoy the stars. According to Architectural Review Guideline 8.9.1. Lighting. "Outdoor lighting shall not be intrusive on neighboring properties or roads." If you have a bright light, consider a lower wattage bulb, a smaller, less intrusive light fixture, or a security light. Also, consider turning off the light when you go to bed at night.
- RVs and Camping Trailers. RVs and large trailers have popped up everywhere. Although great for camping, they are now taking up space on roads and some are being used for long-term living in the Rim through hook-ups to septic and propane tanks. Restrictive Covenant 7 prohibits the use of a trailer or RV as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

Bottom line - Treat others as you would like to be treated!

Water Leakage Study

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. A leakage study was conducted by Utility Services Associates and our water system operator in June. During the 1-week survey, several leaks were found and our water system operator is working to fix those leaks. Water to member homes near the leaks may be shut off for short periods while the leaks are fixed. The Office will notify homeowners before their water will be shut off. We hope these efforts will result in a substantial reduction in the amount of water lost from our system.

We Need Your Help Removing Vegetation from Around Your Meter Box

During recent meter readings and the leakage study it became evident that many member water meters are covered with vegetation that makes it difficult to access and read the meters. Please check your meter and make sure it is not covered with vegetation. Meters are generally grouped in two's and found between you and your neighbor's house. If you cannot find your meter, or need help removing the vegetation, please call the Office at (425) 888-0087.

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/>.

Special Thanks To...

Diana Arny and Veronica Smith for serving on the Board of Trustees. They provided great insights to the Board and the community and will be missed.

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, 8:00pm

Park

Monthly, 1st Monday, 6:30pm

Special Events

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

Water Utilities

Chair – Mike Kenyon
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