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Wilderness Rim Association Newsletter October / November 2018

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

The voting for the 2018 annual meeting is complete! There were a few bumps in the road, but overall the process went smoothly. 124 voters cast their ballots which was lower than last year's turn out, but in line with turnouts generally since we started electronic voting three years ago. There were a few technical issues reported and most were resolved prior to the polls closing. We thank you for your participation and patience with the lengthy ballot.

As many of you know there is currently a debate going on in the community and on the board about the voting process and what it ought to look like going forward. As part of this debate the board would like your thoughts on the 2018 annual vote. Please let us know what went well, what went wrong, things we should keep doing and things we could do better. We value your input and want to hear your thoughts.

What were the results of the election? A select few members are contesting the 2018 WRA Annual Meeting. The Board is in the process of consulting an attorney and will update the membership when it has the results. Thank you for your patience.

Email trustees@wildernessrim.org or service@agynbyte.com.

KING COUNTY FRANCHISE FEE UPDATE

On August 1, 2018, Judge Samuel Chung made an oral ruling granting a summary judgment in favor of the utilities. WRA is waiting on the written ruling and probable appeal by King County. The BOT will decide going forward if there is an appeal to suspend collection of KC RoW Rent until the appeal is over. The original \$6.11 will be held in reserve.

Post WUC meeting, Mike Kenyon meet in person with King County Councilwomen Kathy Lambert to discuss Judge Chung's ruling. She confirmed the Council is waiting for the written ruling and followed by Council's legal staff recommendations as to the possible appeal.

On September 4th, Judge Chung signed his ruling. The Seattle Times reports that King County plans to appeal to the Washing State Supreme Court. See link for article.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/judge-rejects-king-county-plan-to-charge-utilities-rent-for-use-of-roads/>

WUC recommends a letter campaign to King County Executive Dow Constantine <mailto:kccexec@kingcounty.gov> Main phone: 206-263-9600 Fax: 206-296-0194. Please let Executive Constantine know **no new fees, taxes, rent for Unincorporated King County** before Wednesday, October 3rd. Thank you.

Wilderness Rim Association

Office Hours

By Appointment

Contact Information

Phone: (425) 747-0146

Fax: (425) 747-4169

service@agynbyte.com

Water Emergencies

Please direct water emergencies to Roger Lillejord, Satellite Management Services (425-829-6425). Billing questions should be directed to Agynbyte service@agynbyte.com.

Board of Trustees

President: Jim Besso

Vice President: Alan Bruckner

Treasurer: Ryan Fiedler

Secretary: Ben Larson

Trustees: Thomas Grisso, Joyce Jansen, Mike Kenyon, and Brad Summers. Please contact trustees@wildernessrim.org if you would like to be involved!

Committees

Water Utilities: water@wildernessrim.org

Budget & Finance: bnf@wildernessrim.org

Neighborhood Safety: safety@wildernessrim.org

Park: park@wildernessrim.org

Special Events: events@wildernessrim.org

Communications: communications@wildernessrim.org

Firewise: firewise@wildernessrim.org

Check out www.wildernessrim.org/calendar for the latest events, and if you want to help please contact Events@wildernessrim.org.

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NEW BILLING DUE DATE AND AGYNBYTE PORTAL

Please note the new simpler bill due date and late date. The **first day of the month will be the due date** and the **last day of the month will be the late date**.

You might need to update your online banking bill pay information. Please make sure payments are addressed to:

Wilderness Rim Association
c/o Agynbyte LLC
PO Box 52997
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2997

Does everyone have their accounts with Agynbyte set up? Go to www.agynbyte.com and click the "Owners" tab at the top. You can set up your registration online or call (425) 747-0146.

REQUEST FOR METER MAINTENANCE

Do you know where your water meter is? Do you know it is probably in need of some TLC? Per WRA's water rules and regulations, access to your meter "shall not be blocked or obstructed in any way by fences, trees, shrubs, yard waste, vehicles, etc. Members shall keep the area around meter boxes clear of trees, shrubs, weeds and debris to ensure that WRA meter readers can access the meter obtain an accurate reading. Fences on the member's property must have cutouts designed to allow access to WRA meters or other equipment. Gates, with or without locks, are not permitted as a provision for reasonable access to WRA equipment. WRA agents may use any reasonable means at their discretion to protect themselves from injury while attempting to read meters or operate WRA equipment. WRA is not responsible for damage to any member's fence, structure or vehicle that is obstructing the utility easement while performing work on WRA equipment. Failure to provide clear access to WRA equipment may result in possible interruption of water service. Charges will be applied to the member's account if clearing of debris and vegetation is required."

Bottom line: please check your water meter and make sure it is accessible to the meter reader. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREE FIREWOOD

There are tree rounds in the Greenbelt available for firewood (you haul). Please contact park@wildernessrim.org if you would like to collect some for your family.

REMINDERS

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times!
- Water conservation starts with you! You can find lots of tips at www.wildernessrim.org and search on "troubleshoot."

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