

Hello Neighbors,

Thank you very much for all of your efforts to lower our water bill. This month's bill was \$1600 less than our last bill, but still more than we've paid before. The March payment of \$250 will be charged on Wednesday, March 20. This amount is hardship for all of us but there was no other way to meet our financial obligations. We will make another assessment of the HOA fees in three months. Hopefully we can all meet to discuss the issues facing us going forward.

The water bill is the HOA's biggest expense and concern:

The past 3 month's water bill was much higher and last months was almost twice as much.

According to the Portland Water Bureau there was no rate hike, they checked for a leak in the main line and they checked the water meter. Their conclusion to the alarming spike in our bill was due to a huge increase in our **WATER USAGE**. The Water Bureau is willing to work with us to see what we can do to reduce our monthly water bill.

Recommendations: *Water Bureau and plumber/contractor

CHECK for water leaks inside and outside. *We had a plumber check the outside faucets for leaks.

One of the biggest culprits would be leaking toilets! That's gallons of wasted water everyday! The plumber/contractor can come and check for any leaks inside and outside of your condos. He may not be able to do bigger repair jobs but can offer recommendations. Please email me to let me know if you are interested in hiring him. He was able to fix two leaky toilets in my condo.

If you have had a leak and it was repaired the Water Bureau may be able to readjust our water bill. They need dates and receipts.

Besides water savings to lower our water bill, here are other ways the HOA has and will be cutting expenses:

Robin and I are both volunteer board members. We pay the same HOA fees. Robin keeps our condo

complex clean and takes care of weeding and general maintenance. Whatever you can do to help would

be greatly appreciated. Our biggest project was the staining and maintenance of our fencing. The staining

has helped to preserve the fence a few more years. Kathy does the financials.

Cutting expenses next month: We will be going to a new HOA payment method. We will be using "**Zelle**" for fee payments which will save a lot. It will take a little more effort but there is no cost.

Everyone will need to set up a Zelle account or payments can be made by checks or cash. More information will be coming.

If you have any questions please contact me: kathylmcgraw@aol.com

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Keep up the good work in lowering our water bill.

***If you are a condo owner please pass the information along to your renters.

Kathy McGraw