

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

We hope you enjoyed reading the first issue of BAF Newsletter last month. The Governing Council of BAF and a few other members have been talking to their respective communities on issues affecting apartments in common, and we have been able to generate good rapport and support for our causes. The need for wider reach of the BAF newsletter was emphasized during our BAF meet on 17th June 2017. When we all meet next for any of the BAF meetings, we do hope there will be more “ayes” for having circulated the BAF Newsletter to our larger community! BAF members are welcome to contribute with their articles as well by writing to info@bafonline.org.in

BAF members continued their lively and meaningful Whatsapp chatter, on various topics of interest. Issues discussed in June included GST Compliance & Registration under KAOA. All discussion issues are being noted so that we may have some White Paper or Expert Panel discussion to offer clarity and take them to a logical conclusion for the benefit of each member association.

BAF members attended a civic event by United Bangalore on Lake Preservation & another event on SWD and STP issues in a ‘Corporate Meet’ – and interacted with policy makers and contributors. Going forward, we hope that more members will attend such events to voice their concerns and get issues heard at the right places, and also update each other on the crux of such discussions.

During June, BAF also filed the writ petition on retrospective STP for the 2nd batch of associations. There was also a hearing for the first batch of petitioners, which was adjourned with an order to serve notice to BWSSB.

On other relevant news:

The plight of Bellandur Lake was highlighted in an interesting way by holding a - ‘Revive Bengaluru Marathon for Greener City’ along the lakeside on June 5th 2017.

CPCB and KSPCB have given directions to BWSSB for technology upgradation of existing STPs. Perhaps this needs to extend to all STPs so that they actually function and efficiently so.

There appears to be further delay in notification of RERA rules in Karnataka, despite the Central Government notifying RERA with effect from April 30, 2016.

There have been a lot of queries on the applicability of GST for apartment associations. BAF is putting together a note on the same with the help of experts and will be releasing the same in the next few days.

Until the next edition it is bye from us!

With Warm Regards,

Team BAF



Better take steps: Green Court warns Karnataka on Bellandur Frothing

Jun 01, 2017

The country's top green court today issued a strong warning to the Karnataka government and the civic authorities of state capital Bangalore for failing to control the pollution in the frothing, fuming Bellandur lake.

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Bengaluru runners brace the stink, sprint for Bellandur Lake's health

Jun 5, 2017

Running a marathon amid overpowering stench and next to clouds of foam may not be everyone's idea of a Sunday.

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KSPCB Tasks BWSSB with improving STPS

Jun 6, 2017

BWSSB has received a fresh challenge as per the new norms set up by both Central Pollution Control Board and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to upgrade its technology and improve the turbidity – cloudiness or haziness – of water in sewage treatment plants (STP) by the end of December.

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Residents find innovative ways to save their lakes

Jun 8, 2017

A simple mechanism called 'trash boom' is now being used to remove weeds, water hyacinth and bring the aquatic life back to Avalahalli Lake in JP Nagar.

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Citizen activism adds colour to this neighbourhood

Jun 9, 2017

For an area plagued by traffic congestion, narrow roads and a large number of tech parks, the absence of basic infrastructure enabled citizen activism take centre stage.

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E-waste producers and Processors told to follow norms or face action

Jun13, 2017

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Monday directed e-waste (electronic waste) producers and processors to abide by the e-waste Management Rules, 2016 or face action in coming days.

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Where's the road, ask residents

Jun19, 2017

There is certainly a reason to worry when rain makes the drains flow out. And it is only natural to panic if rains not just cause a hassle but also make the roads disappear.

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Bengaluru land, property records to be linked to Aadhaar from July

Jun 20, 2017

The Aadhaar footprint is expanding. After PF, income tax returns and bank accounts, now land records and property documents will be linked to Aadhaar numbers in Bengaluru. The move, aimed at tackling benami properties and streamlining records, will be implemented from July.

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BBMP pulled up for failing to produce power from debris

Jun20, 2017

Citing its failure to produce power from garbage at the Mandur landfill despite spending Rs. 73.34 crore on the project, the legislature committee on public undertakings on Monday indicted the BBMP and advised the government to order a probe into the same by anticorruption bureau (ACB).

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RERA Association may approach HC over delay in forming rules

Jun 20, 2017

Members of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) Association along with many aggrieved citizens are planning to knock the doors of the Karnataka High Court against the government for delay in notifying RERA rules.

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Nandi Hills to turn cycle- friendly zone on weekends soon

Jun 20, 2017

In a bid to encourage people to cycle and enjoy the wilderness of Nandi Hills, the Horticulture department in Chikkaballapur has come up the novel idea.

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