



Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter from Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF). The newsletter is a compendium of articles that appear in the media, relating to apartments as well as other relevant civic issues. The newsletter will help keep you updated on the latest events, happenings & issues of interest to the apartment residents' community. This is our humble initiative to build awareness among the apartment residents on relevant civic & social issues. And it is imperative that we all participate collectively at apartment and community level on such issues. Lack of awareness and inaction is no longer a luxury – given the social and environmental impact, costs, rationale and possible passing on the buck by various civic agencies.

There have been increasing incidences of fire on lake bed, of lake frothing and toxic foam in the air, starting from across different lakes in the city. Lake pollution is legacy problem from over a decade ago, which has continued unabated without adequate resolution by civic and planning agencies, as our city has grown rapidly. This goes to show that the extent of the problem is far higher than what was originally thought. This perhaps resulted in the STP laws of 2006.

Now, as responsible, law abiding apartment residents, if we have installed STPs, **let us ensure that the STPs are functioning properly and if not, the sewage generated is safely let out into underground sewer drains.** If you are facing any challenges with STP installed in your apartments do write to info@bafonline.org.in for support.

BBMP has initiated to **distribute free saplings to citizens,** with an intent to make the city more green. We urge you to make use of the opportunity to get those saplings from BBMP and plant them in your community. BBMP has made a **special provision of bulk buying for resident welfare associations.**

BBMP extending the property tax deadline for 5% rebate till 15th June, 2017, is good news! Please do make use of the opportunity to pay your property tax on time as well.

Finally, despite rains arriving in Bangalore, the **city is still facing a severe water crisis** and Cauvery water supply has been extremely erratic. We urge all apartment residents & other citizens to use water very judiciously. It not only makes civic sense, it makes commercial sense too with tanker water becoming more & more expensive. **BAF will shortly be coming out with a paper on water conservation techniques & systems,** which hopefully can help you utilize our most precious resource in the most efficient way possible.

Until the next edition, it is bye from us!

With Warm Regards,

Team BAF



Varthur Froth Erupts Again

May 29, 2017

Looks like there is no respite for citizens residing around Varthur Lake. The toxic froth has returned with the heavy rains and thunderstorms. Despite repeated complaints from people living around the area, all the government agencies could do till date is inspections and transference of responsibility.

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Property tax rebate deadline extended till June 15

May 29, 2017

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Monday announced extension of 5% rebate facility for property tax payments till June 15, 2017. The deadline hitherto was May 30. The move from the civic body comes in the wake of problems being faced by citizens in tax payments in both online and offline modes owing to the technical glitches in the property tax software.

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Growing reliance on tankers, bore wells by apartments point to crisis situation

May 29, 2017

Although the city has expanded rapidly in the past two decades, failure of the government and civic bodies to ensure continuous water supply all parts of Bengaluru remains a cause for concern. Apartment complexes across the

city are heavily reliant on borewells & tankers to meet their water requirements.

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GST rollout: Home buyers benefit if government cuts stamp duty

May 29, 2017

Planning to build or buy your dream home? You may want to hold on for some time, as developers led by CREDAI, Bengaluru, are trying to convince the Karnataka government to cut or abolish stamp duty and registration fees in the wake of the goods and services tax (GST) being implemented from July.

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Documents FIs look for before sanctioning loan

May 28, 2017

Before buying your dream home, conduct realty check about the background and credentials of the builder.

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Now Subramanyapura lake froths

May 28, 2017

Reduced to a reservoir of sewage due to indiscriminate dumping of sewage and waste from the apartments, residential layouts and slums in the vicinity, Subramanyapura lake too started frothing after the pre-monsoon showers on Friday night.

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Five days after launch of 'Green App' 50,000 requests made

May 27, 2017

Amid rising concerns over depleting green cover in the city, BBMP launched the "Green App", with the aim to distribute 10 lakh free saplings to citizens. Within five days of its launch, there have already been 50,000 requests for saplings, with 5,000 citizens having downloaded the app - a clear indication that Bangaloreans are keen on seeing the city recover its green blanket.

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Overflowing sewers, dug-up roads a bane

May 24, 2017

Playing outside is no longer fun for children of Saraipalya in northeast Bengaluru's Thanisandra after heavy showers on Saturday resulted in overflowing sewers and potholed roads.

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A lake to remember: Bengaluru's Hulimavu lake has only a fraction of its earlier splendor

May 24, 2017

Hulimavu Lake was once serene, crystal clear lake which was reached by all sides from Chikkamanahalli, through Bannerghata Main Road and from Hulimavu. We lived in the middle of the then Hulimavu, of course it has grown bigger in size and the perimeter extends till Bommanahalli.

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STPs must for all apartments having 50 or more residential units

April 28, 2017

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has issued a final notification making sewage treatment plants (STP) and dual-piping system mandatory for all existing apartments having 50 and more residential units / buildings measuring 5,000 sq mtrs and above, whichever is lower.

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