

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

BAF had its first Cluster Council team meeting on Jun 3rd 2018– to provide framework for cluster formation. Meeting was attended by almost 80 members & there was representation from all clusters to take this initiative forward. Subsequent to that – various clusters have had meetings to constitute their teams led by a president and secretary in each cluster. Hats off to the many cluster members who braved the rain and travelled to various parts of the city with the sole objective to formulate the Cluster Councils. Most cluster councils are in formation stage, members are requested to approach respective clusters or zonal GC to ensure they participate and resolve apartment related issues collectively to their benefit.

Do note – the Cluster Council President and Secretary will form a part of monthly GC meet and all Cluster Level issues will be heard and support provided to resolve them to members.

During the month BAF followed up with BWSSB offices on:

1. STP penalty still being levied on apartments and also non- refund of old penalties post the new order of Feb 2018.
2. Provisioning of underground sewage network in Bellandur area
3. Apartments being forced to put up STP & not connect to UGD network despite being in sewered areas
4. Apartments being levied unnecessary penalty for non submission of OCs which is a mandate by builder and not RWA.

BAF has been successful in getting commitment from the highest office at BWSSB that all above matters will be sorted out immediately and this process of co-operation will continue.

BAF team met theDGP, Karnataka Fire Safety department to seek clarifications on illogical and impractical notices issued by district fire offices that threatened apartments with withdrawal of OC due to building civil structure deviations and training requirements among other things. In the meeting it was clarified that most of such structural issues RWA cannot be held responsible especially when fire NoC has already been given at OC stage. It was clarified that for many buildings constructed prior to issue of National Building Code – the rules cannot be enforced retrospectively by any district office. A detailed representation was submitted to the DGP of BAF & Beyond Carlton seeking abolishing of unfair practices towards apartments and drafting appropriate policy including – on site training of residents, standard costs etc. These clarifications have brought relief to many member apartments.

During the month BAF also provided its views byelaws of Pet Licensing policy issued by BBMP that claimed apartments were in favor of restricting number of pets or discriminating on ownership breed. BAF does not support this & subsequently with all such inputs from various forums including BAF– this policy has been put on hold by HC.

BAF team also met the Mayor and presented the BAF Apartment Charter- seeking various clarifications and solutions to issues w.r.t. SWM, non issuance of OCs for old apartments & unfair penalties being levied etc.

BAF has also taken up the issue of commercial LT5 tariff applied to STP and fire system loads and that too retrospectively from 2011 by BESCOM. This is in clear violation of KERC guidelines on the same. BAF team has presented this issue to KERC and we have been guided to connect with Consumer grievance cell and seek relief as they have already made it clear to Bescom that it should be charged at domestic tariffs only.

During the month BAF has released the updated GST primer with clarifications for benefit of all new and old members. This is available on our website in the knowledge base section.

Looking forward to an engaged cluster level participation in the coming months and keep continuing the good work!

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Projects having completion certificate after July 2017 under ambit of RERA

June 02, 2018

Developers will no longer be able to keep themselves of the purview of the real estate (regulatory and development) act on the pretext of having got the completion certificate.

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Rs 1000 fine for Bengaluru Dog owners who fail to get A license for their Dogs

June 04, 2018

In the upcoming days, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will make it compulsory for dog owners to get a dog license. What's more is that the dogs will get a radio collar with an embedded GPS enabled chip which. Non-compliance with the new rules will lead to a hefty fine of Rs. 1000.

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50% interconnectivity between Bengaluru lakes lost: IISc study

June 05, 2018

That Bengaluru's lakes are in dire straits is well known. Now, scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have only confirmed this further. According to a recent analysis done by them, Bengaluru has lost 45 to 50% of interconnectivity among lakes, owing to encroachments and unplanned development. This has not only resulted in decaying of lakes due to sewage inflow, but has also led to frequent flooding of areas in the neighbourhoods.

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Karnataka mulls 5% tax on plastic to curb use; CM fete green citizens

June 06, 2018

The state government is mulling levying a 5% tax on the production and sale of plastic products, chief minister HD Kumaraswamy said at a World Environment Day event organized at the department of forest, ecology and environment here on Tuesday.

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Waste-to-energy project: French firm begins feasibility study

June 07, 2018

Three months after the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and French company 3Wayste to set up a waste-to-energy plant in Chikkanagamangla near Anekal was signed, the environment technology company on Wednesday launched the technical feasibility study for the project.

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Eye on routine

June 08, 2018

Some years ago, on Civil Services Day, I watched former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh present awards to young officers (most were from the IAS but there were a few from the other civil services), for something exceptional they had done.

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Life in panathur is a nightmare: Residents complain of traffic mess, crumbling roads, lack of streetlights

June 12, 2018

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The stink in Kalkere

June 13, 2018

It's not just toxic discharge or encroachment, but harassment of women, drinking and drug use along walking path are giving the area a bad name

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NGT panel: Bellandur Lake Bengaluru's biggest septic tank

June 14, 2018

The city's biggest lake has become its largest septic tank and the blame goes to the government and civic agencies, which have failed to discharge their duties, a commission appointed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has concluded.

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Advance deadline for STPs to March 2019

June 14, 2018

For the past few years, the deadline of 2020 was repeated by the State government for setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), which would stop entry of untreated sewage into the lake. However, the commission said there was 'no proper' justification not to expedite completion of the STPs, particularly in the Koramangala and Challaghatta valley.

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Apartments with sewage treatment plants get tariff concession

June 15, 2018

There was a silver lining to the hike in electricity charges with apartment dwellers set to benefit. The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) rolled out a concession for apartments with sewage treatment plants

(STPs) by pairing tariffs with consumer installation.

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Electricity bills to go up by 25-38 paise per unit

June, 2018

KERC's new tariff has some good news for apartment complexes with STPs and for industrial consumers.

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This monsoon, citizen's demand 10,000 recharge wells

June 17, 2018

With a new government in place, just as the monsoon kicks in, Citizens for Bengaluru (CfB) has decided to put forth one of its key demands from the citizens' manifesto released before the polls: recharge wells for Bengaluru.

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One more chance to link BPL ration cards with Aadhar

June 20, 2018

The government will give BPL card holders one more chance to link their ration cards with Aadhaar for obtaining their monthly quota under the public distribution system.

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Clear Stand on licensing pet dogs, Karnataka High Courts tells BBMP

June 21, 2018

The high court on Wednesday directed the Palike to inform by Thursday its decision on the notification issued under the BBMP (Pet Dog Licensing) By-laws 2018.

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From 2019, buy vehicle only if you have parking space

June 21, 2018

The transport department has decided to implement its earlier proposal to restrict registration of new vehicles in Bengaluru city limits if there's no parking facility.

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Drains designed for disaster

June 23, 2018

Devastating floods had trapped the city's low-lying areas in a twister of rain-induced woes last year, and the years before. As lakhs struggled to endure the dangerous fall to absolute chaos, the storm water drains (SWDs) lay there encroached silt-filled and in dire need of a drastic redesign. This year could be worse.

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BBMP struggles to pay service providers

June 23, 2018

After presenting a budget with an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore and claiming to have sufficient funds, the BBMP is struggling to clear payments to the tune of Rs 1,600 crore to various service providers.

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Hunsur tops in solid waste management in South Zone

June 24, 2018

Hunsur town in Mysuru district won the South Zone Award for Best City in Solid Waste Management in the Swachh Survekshan 2018 announced by the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs on Saturday.

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Citizen groups send wish list to CM

June 24, 2018

A group of citizen activists and organisations have written an eight-page letter to Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy with a list of demands as part of the newly launched #BengaluruDemands campaign. A copy was marked to Deputy Chief Minister and City Development Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara.

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Madivala Lake transforms into Biodiversity Park

June 25, 2018

From just another lake in the city with a walking path along the bund to a biodiversity park, Madivala Lake has undergone a massive transformation over the last two years. The 272-acre park in BTM Layout, which was under development since the end of 2016, is now home to many native species of flora and fauna. It is set to be inaugurated in the coming months.

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Only one of nine public parking slots to come up for now

June 25, 2018

With close to 74 lakh vehicles on its roads, Bengaluru is grappling with traffic-related problems. But the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) appears to be in no hurry to pitch in to solve some of them.

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Optical fibre cables a constant threat to motorists, pedestrians

June 25, 2018

It is not just potholes, lack of lane discipline and traffic congestion makes Bengaluru roads unsafe. Now, dangling optical fibre cables (OFCs) are proving to be equally dangerous

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Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board racks up Rs 3 Crore fine from rainwater harvesting defaulters in a month

June 28, 2018

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board has raised nearly Rs 3 crore in penalties (from May 1-31) from 83,026 commercial and non-commercial consumers which had not installed rainwater harvesting structures

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Bengaluru: Panel recommends BBMP's decentralisation

June 28, 2018

The three member BBMP restructuring committee on Thursday asked the government to decentralise the Bengaluru civic agency into five corporations and mandatorily incorporate city's name to safeguard Brand Bengaluru image.

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