

# SunLand

## BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being within a few months of completing my three year tenure as a member of your Board of Directors, it is amazing not only how fast the time has gone, but how many fellow homeowners I wouldn't have met had it not been for my position on the Board. That has been a huge plus on the side of volunteering to serve our community. And now, that opportunity is once again at hand and can be yours!

During the next few months, our nominating committee will be looking for three community minded homeowners to replace myself and the two other retiring Board members. This is an especially wonderful opportunity for newcomers who want to get involved in the inner workings of SunLand. We must keep in mind that a great number of the "sourdoughs", as we say in Alaska, have already served either on our Board or on the golf club Board or on one of the various committees. If you enjoy living in SunLand not only because of its beauty, but because it's enforceful covenants contribute to maintaining the property value of your home, now is the time to step up and serve! Local governance is always preferable to outside oversight, so please, give this opportunity to have a say in the life of our community some serious thought. New Board members will be elected at our annual meeting in September. Our nominating committee chairman Eleanor Guion (683-8070) and I (681-5274) would be

very happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the responsibilities involved. We meet at 12:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month at The Gathering Place and the community is always welcome.

Recent circumstances have once again brought to light the need to alert all of our homeowners to periodically review the R&Rs so that you do not suddenly find yourself facing a fine for having unknowingly done something in variance to one of the rules. Everyone received the recently up-dated R&Rs in our last mailing which can be found in the front of the new telephone directory. Important key issues relating to parking, animal control, garage sales, landscaping maintenance, tree cutting, fencing permits, etc. can be referenced there. It is especially important for those of you who rent out your home to get these rules into the hands of your renters, for it is the homeowner who will be the one responsible for any fine incurred by the renter. We have always abided by the concept that ignorance of any rule does not eliminate responsibility.

I know rules can sometimes be bothersome, but they are essential to a safe and well maintained community. So, the rule of thumb is, when in doubt, consult the R&Rs! The very last thing we want to do is impose a fine on anyone.

Monica Ostrom, President

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

My time serving you on the SLOA Board is short-lived. Although we just arrived in SunLand six short months ago, my husband's job is taking us back to Pennsylvania in May. We will keep our home here and return in six years! Thank you to all of the friends and neighbors who have welcomed and supported us during these life transitions!

Since my last report to you, our SLOA operating balance as of April 1, 2013 was \$205,357.87, and our reserve fund balance was \$136,439.82.

All Board members have been working on their proposed committee budgets for 2014, which are due to me by April 30. I will then develop the first draft of the complete budget before handing over the reins to my temporary replacement, Bob Willis, who so graciously accepted Monica's invitation to serve in my absence. He will then present the proposed budget to the membership in the August Bulletin and during the Annual Membership meeting in September.

Best wishes to our SunLand community and continued success to our SLOA Board members who serve us!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda De Ivernois, Treasurer/Secretary

## RECREATION

I am the new Recreation Chairman primarily charged with the responsibility of maintaining the swimming pool and tennis courts. My family (wife and two adult children) and I have enjoyed living in SunLand since 1985. Recently retired from the practice of law, this represents my first involvement in service to the SunLand community.

While the position represents a challenge, past Chairman Larry Laing advises that painting and repair of the picnic tables is progressing well and on schedule for the pool opening. I look forward to the assistance and information that Larry will continue to provide in my job. C.V. Tondreau has also provided me with valuable guidance and information regarding maintenance of the tennis courts which are ready for use by avid tennis players willing to brave the elements.

I look forward to representing all of you on the Board and will value your support and assistance as I serve you as Recreation Chairman.

Ron Bell, Chairman



Ron "erasing" graffiti from the practice board

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## SECURITY & ROADS

During the past month the street light heads have been replaced with the new L.E.D. (light emitting diode) design heads. As you traverse our streets at night you will now see the different quality of light that the L.E.D. lamp produces and how bright the light is on the corners. This new head will last up to 200,000 hours, with a low expectancy of 70,000 hours, as compared to the old units that had a life expectancy of 24,000 hours. The difference in maintenance costs alone on the new head will save us enough in the next three years to make up the difference in cost of L.E.D. Also, the new heads use 1/4 the power that the old fixtures used! Here's to a brighter and greener future in SunLand!

There are still on-going concerns with citizens allowing their dogs to run free off leash. Please keep in mind the SLOA rules that state your dog must be on leash or otherwise restrained when outside. The fine has increased and ignorance is no excuse. Be advised that if the fines are not paid when issued, you or your tenant will be barred from using the facilities (such as tennis courts or swimming pool) until the fine is paid.

I have been working with the County on refurbishing the cross walk markings and repairing downed or leaning street signage. I traverse SunLand area every day but cannot catch everything that needs to be addressed without your help. If you notice an issue with streets or street lighting, like pot holes or leaning signs or stripping gone away, please contact me and I will address the issues with the county.

Spring is here and summer is coming to an area near you soon. Please keep in mind that when driving throughout SunLand we are

cognizant of all the walkers in the road. Drivers need to recognize walkers early and SLOW DOWN when passing walkers. I have noticed on several occasions that vehicles passing walkers on Taylor Blvd will move into the opposite lane but do not slow down. Be careful when walking or driving throughout our development.

Our security company, Security Services NW (SSNW), is no longer performing vacation house checks as part of the overall Security contract. Unfortunately there was a house check list with 50 plus homes listed. Some have been on the list for over 2 years! Due to the homes that were being checked, SSNW did not have enough time to actually drive our development like they should be doing. This was discussed at a recent Board meeting and it was decided that if you want a vacation check on your home you will need to contact SSNW personally and pay their fees, which are about \$15.00 per check. Please be advised that Celeste will no longer contact SSNW for house checks, you will need to do that yourself.

Thanks to all of you that help out in our community. It will only work if we all work together and help out our neighbors, watch-



ing their homes when we can and paying attention to strange vehicles and even the public that comes through SunLand. Be careful and thoughtful of your neighbors, you never know when you will need their help or when you can help out unless you try.

Have a great spring and wonderful summer!  
Jeff Edwards, Chairman

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## LANDSCAPING & PARKING

The robins and hummingbirds are back, the daffodils and tulips are almost finished blooming and the SunLand gardeners are out in full force cleaning up the winter debris. An enormous thank you to all of the homeowners that are maintaining their properties in a pristine manner.

However, there still seems to be a problem with garbage cans being left in front of residences instead of in the garage or along the side of the house. It really does spoil the beautiful landscaping when utilitarian objects are left out.

Also, we have noticed an unusual lot of dandelions and weeds in the graveled parking strips and in the ditches in front of some properties. SLOA is responsible for the upkeep of the ditches in front of the green belt areas but homeowners are responsible for keeping the ditches weed free up to the start of the paved street surface.

Parking, however, is another problem that seems to be escalating on our streets. Please remember that there is to be no overnight parking on the surface of our streets and to park only in your driveway or on your graveled parking strip. Parking on landscaped surfaces is strictly prohibited. If more parking space is needed for some reason, please remember to ask your neighbors for permission to park in front of their houses. Also, commercial vehicles are prohibited from overnight parking. There are fines in place for violations of the parking rules.

As you walk or drive through the neighborhoods take a minute or two to enjoy and appreciate the variety of landscapes that we are fortunate to have in SunLand. There are some amazing yard sculptures ranging from a life size Viking to a miniature Victorian

bicycle planter to some marvelous glass art pieces.

Thanks again for all of the hard work and dedication SunLanders are putting into their homes. You all are responsible for the wonderful reputation that SunLand has.

Eleanor Guion  
Myrna Runkel

## GREENBELTS, VACANT LOTS, AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

As the weather improves and the spring vegetation growth spurt gets underway, maintenance of our greenbelts and vacant lots becomes especially important. As the SLOA Board member responsible for oversight of these properties, I ask that SunLand residents continue to treat the greenbelts as parts of their own neighborhoods and to let me know if issues – for example, dead or dying trees – arise in these areas. We are fortunate to have Tim Mannor working to maintain our greenbelts.

Additionally, please let me know if problems arise on vacant lots in your neighborhood. These might include overgrowth from a vacant lot onto an adjacent property, or the not-so-neighborly use of a vacant lot as a dump for brush or grass clippings. Thanks! My contact telephone is 360.477.4934 or email <[kendall.casey57@yahoo.com](mailto:kendall.casey57@yahoo.com)>.

Kendall Casey, Chairman

## RV STORAGE

A new security system is now in place and operational, but please remember to check your stored vehicles periodically to ensure that the doors are locked, tarps are secure and other items are ok.

Jim Hammond, Chairman

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## ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Several days ago we experienced sun through broken clouds, then a cold wind came up, then gray clouds and a light mist, then a heavy downpour, then bright, warm sun and rain together. This all happened in a period of about 30 minutes so it must be spring.

For the Architecture Committee it is a busy time of the year, reviewing new house plans, and visiting with neighbors that are planning additions or new fences or perhaps replacing a deck and repainting the house. With all of the work that goes on in spring this is a good time to review the SunLand Owners Rules and Regulations to make sure you are up to date on the latest. There have been changes this year. The revised Rules and Regulations were included with the Yearly Sunland Directory you received earlier this year.

Most of you know the routine. You just get an application from Celeste in the SunLand office, fill it out and return it to the office. The Architecture Committee will stop by, usually within a week, to discuss your project with you. When the approved application is returned to you, you are good to go. If you are not sure whether your project requires an application and review by the Architecture

Committee feel free to give me a call at 683-4051.

There are new residents and renters in SunLand who are not aware of or have forgotten about the Rules and Regulations. Please be a good neighbor to those around you that may be planning to remodel, want to remove a tree or have other projects, and remind them of the Rules and Regulations. You may help them avoid having to remove what they built and/or a substantial fine.

Have a good spring!

Jim Wells, Chairman

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

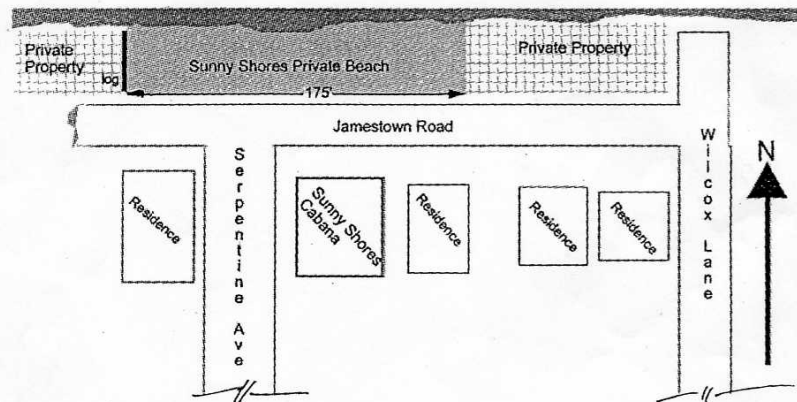
The deadline for applications from students for a Sunland scholarship was April 15. The committee will review these to select the final group to be interviewed. The selection meeting will be on April 23. We will then interview the finalists on April 30. On behalf of all SunLand owners, the committee was able to fund three scholarships of three thousand dollars each. We thank you for your generosity. The winning students will be profiled in the next newsletter.

Jerome Kasher, Chairman

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## SUNNY SHORES BEACH CABANA

As the weather warms and you get the itch to walk on our beach, please remember that the properties on the east and west sides are privately owned. This illustration shows the 175-foot area that belongs to SunLand and Sunny Shores owners. Please respect the boundaries.





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## SUNLAND WATER NEWS

### **It's Free!**

Get free help in evaluating the operation efficiency, and effectiveness of your underground irrigation system. Clallam Conservation District is partnering with SunLand Water District as well as installers and operators in the private sector to conduct evaluations of small and large irrigation systems. If you would like to take advantage of this one time opportunity call the Clallam Conservation District office at 360-452-1912 ext 103.

### **Backflow Protection Assemblies (BPA's)**

If you have an underground irrigation system you are required to have a state approved BPA ahead of it. The BPA is required by law to be inspected and tested every year by a certified Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT). You can get a list of installers and testers from the water district office or by contacting the Clallam County Health Department.

### **Water Meter Setters**

This year Scott will be contacting homeowners to schedule the installation of meter setters on Hurricane Ridge Drive, Leslie Lane, some of SunLand Drive, and parts of each of the multi-family dwelling neighborhoods. All water service connections must be metered before 2017.

### **Don't Forget the Bugs**

Remember not to put paints, chemicals, medications, personal care products, handy wipes, or anything non digestible down the toilet. These are a problem for the bugs at the treatment plant. The least expensive way to keep these items out of the water cycle is to not put them in.

### **Conservation**

Please conserve water whenever you can. This not only reduces the impact on the water in our aquifer, it also reduces wear and tear on pumps and other equipment. Some things you can do to help are:

- Water every other day
- Plant drought tolerant vegetation
- Don't water in the heat of the day
- Clean drives and walks with a broom not a hose
- Repair any leaking pipes or fixtures
- Install low flow fixtures

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## SUNLAND WATER DISTRICT CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

SunLand Water District, which encompasses the 440 acres of SunLand, is a public municipal corporation, governed by three commissioners, elected at regular county elections for 6 year terms. The daily operations are performed by a manager, a clerk, and five full time employees. The District also manages the sewer system. Commissioners hold monthly Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Water is supplied from two on-site wells and is stored in two covered reservoirs adjacent to the wells. A pressure pumping system is located at each reservoir with a series of three pumps so as to provide a constant pressure in the distribution mains. The two systems are interconnected in such a way that each system independently can provide fire flow requirements to the entire community. A standby generator is an integral part of the system and in the event of a power outage is automated to supply power to the pumps. The major mains are 6" in size and are a looped system.

SunLand Water District has been mandated by the State of Washington to begin actions to comply with the Water Use Efficiency Rule. We:

- Have installed 35 randomly placed consumption meters and are reading them monthly.
- Are installing meter setters and then meters in preparation of consumption metering to better identify where our water is used and where it is lost.
- Are gathering data and recommendations as to how we can re-define our rate structure to encourage conservation.

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all EPA and state drinking water health standards. SunLand Water District vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. Two bacteriological tests are conducted per month; inorganic elements are tested once every three years; and other elements are tested as directed by the Washington State Department of Health, all by an accredited laboratory. The results of these tests are available at the Water District office.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. As with most groundwater sources, calcium is picked up and transported with the tap water. Although this poses no health hazard, it is moderately hard at 170 parts per million and can leave a residue on glassware, dishwashers, and plumbing fixtures. Some residents have chosen to install softeners at their home or at the point of use to address the aesthetic issues that come with hard water. Lead and copper are two contaminants tested for at SunLand. Past tests have shown no detection of the elements in your water. This report will keep you informed of all new lead and copper results.

Some people may be more vulnerable to substances found in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

For more information contact your SunLand Water District Manager at 360-683-3905.



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**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL:**

May	Karen Bulkeley k kb1@wavecable.com	681-5398
June	Gail Nelson – June 1-15 ghnelson@live.com Joan Hartnett – June 16-30 jhart456@msn.com	582-3770 681-5444
July	Helen Stratton helliott136@olypen.com	681-2137
August	Renee Jones rjnjjwa@yahoo.com	582-9683

*The volunteers listed above have charge of the Gathering Place reservation book in the months listed*