

# SunLand

## BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the months fly by I truly understand that time stands still for no one. Since my retirement in February this year I have been traveling back and forth to southern California to help out my ailing parents. I then realized that we have many parents right here in our own community. As we age and begin to have health issues our children travel to SunLand and this brings families that are not familiar with our surroundings. Taylor Blvd will be a safety concern until we can keep pedestrians off the street surface and give them all a safe path to walk on.

Please drive safely throughout our community and if you are walking the streets please be courteous to vehicles. Regardless if you believe you have the right of way as a pedestrian, you will not win the battle against a vehicle. Be safe out there. Your Board of Directors is working on having a pathway installed for safe walking along Taylor Blvd and we are working with the county as partners to make this happen.

Have a great summer and welcome back to our snowbirds!

Jeff Edwards, President

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Although we do not as yet have an outside professional review of our financial records for 2013, our records lead us to conclude that it was a good year for SunLand. Revenues relative to budget were 102.2%, 86% of those funds coming from membership dues. Other non-budgeted funds came from document processing for the sale of sixty-five homes over the course of the year. At the same time, our expenses were only 89.8% of those budgeted.



Since 2006 when membership dues were raised by the Board of Directors to \$195 per year, unused budgeted funds each year have been placed in a contingency fund. With the Board's decision these funds may be appropriated for one time or special projects it approves. The Board placed \$21,000 of unused 2013 dollars into the contingency fund. As of this writing, this fund amounts to \$145,726.

We have now concluded the first quarter of the current fiscal year. To date, 902 homeowners have met their 2014 dues obligation.→

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This has generated \$175,890 or 99.6% of dues budgeted for this year. It also combines with other revenues to give us 95.3% of budgeted 2014 revenues.

As for expenses, in the first quarter one might expect to see 25% of the budgeted funds spent. Only two lines exceed this percentage (SLOA center—30.8%; tennis courts—27.8%). Over all, we have expended just 16% of budgeted funds to date.

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We had a wonderful turnout for DESSERT WITH THE SUNLAND BOARD in the SunLand Ballroom on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were lots of conversations with neighbors and friends and Board members were available to answer questions on a variety of subjects. You can recognize who was there; we are the ones that put on a little around the waist. There was cheese cake and apple pie and cherry pie and –mmmmmmm - I could go on, but I need to exercise to work off some of those calories. (A safe walking path on Taylor would certainly help.)

Response, from those who called, has been very positive so we will consider having another get together, perhaps a barbeque this summer.

Election of three new Board members is coming up in September and we are looking

for candidates, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AS A BOARD MEMBER. We meet once a month for a few hours. Board members select the committees they are comfortable working on. Often members of the SunLand community come to Board meetings to raise issues and discuss their concerns so, as a Board member, you are aware of everything that is going on in our community.

Please consider being part of the decision making process that keeps this community running smoothly. It is your community, and your values and ideas will help shape the future of SunLand. Please feel free to call either Jim Wells at 683-4051 or Eleanor Guion at 601-8070 to indicate your interest or if you have questions.

## SECURITY & ROADS

Spring is here and most of our Snow Birds are back in town. This is a great time to remind you of some basics to help ensure your safety and comfort.

- 1) The Security light issue is still a problem. Please check your light to make sure it is working or if the light bulb is burnt out. We need to have all lights operating and your attention is greatly appreciated. **Please note that Solar Lights may not meet the lighting standards of SunLand.**
- 2) Before retiring for the night, check your garage door and make sure it is closed. Darkness is an invitation to enter an open garage door. We are talking with the Security Services Patrol to notify you of open garage doors when they patrol.

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Nothing like a knock on the door at 2:00 AM to let you know your door is open.

- 3) 3) We have recently had a few cars vandalized. Tires were slashed and windows were broken. Parking in the garage will stop this. Do not park on the street.
- 4) Sadly, there was little to no interest about starting a Neighborhood Watch program. We ask that all of you keep a watchful eye on our local neighborhood. If you see something that needs attention – act on it and let us know. If an incident occurs and the Sheriff’s Department is called please let us know and send us a copy of their report.

There are several issues submitted to me regarding the roads in SunLand. I am working with the County Road Department to find resolutions. One of those issues is the entrance at Taylor Road and Sequim Dungeness. You will see four reflective markers to warn motorists of the sharp curve.

We are working on the sharp right turn at Greenway and Taylor. There is a severe drop off turning south off Taylor onto Greenway. The County will add to the shoulder that will make the right turn easier and safer.

Randy Skoglund, Chairman

### **GREENBELTS & VACANT LOTS**

We have recently worked on a portion of the greenbelt area on the south side of Taylor Boulevard east of Greenway Drive to remove dead trees and branches and clear some of the undergrowth, in order to reduce potential fire hazards and generally improve the appearance of the area. If the budget permits, I intend to have more of our greenbelts cared for in the same fashion before the fall.

The principal budget issue at the present time is that SLOA may have to pay for the (extensive) cleanup of two vacant lots in SunLand whose owner appears unwilling to care for them. If necessary, SLOA will place a lien on those properties and recover the funds when the properties are eventually sold, but in the meantime SunLand homeowners will have effectively fronted the money for this work, and that money will not be available for other maintenance of our communities.

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### **LANDSCAPING**

The robins are back, the daffodils and tulips are beautiful this year and, unfortunately, the weeds are having a wonderful spring. SunLand really looks great this year but those nasty weeds are beginning to take over again. The parking strips are especially bad this year. A bit of vinegar or Round-Up will solve the problems in short order.

Many thanks to those of you who have helped your neighbors with their gardening challenges. A beautiful SunLand depends upon all of us and this time of year is especially challenging. Within the next week or two we will be sending out gentle reminder postcards to homeowners whose yards need a bit more care. If professional help is needed, we maintain a list of homeowner recommended lawn and garden help.

## RV STORAGE

Spring is here and the park has been active with travelers returning from vacations and boaters going out for the fishing season. The weed treatment has been applied in the park area and berm on the west side of the park. Thanks to Tim Paschal, Division 17 Greenbelt Liaison, the berm has been sprayed and trimmed.

Those of you who filed a loss report for losses from the nasty theft these past few months should have been informed by the Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney's office concerning restitution claims. Hopefully you have responded.

The PUD has upgraded the transformers that supply power to the park. There was a short power outage while this was completed. It is recommended that if you have a power hook

up you may want to check your unit in case the shut down turned off a device that needs to be reset manually.

Hope you have a happy camping and fishing season!

Jim Hammond, RV Storage Chairman



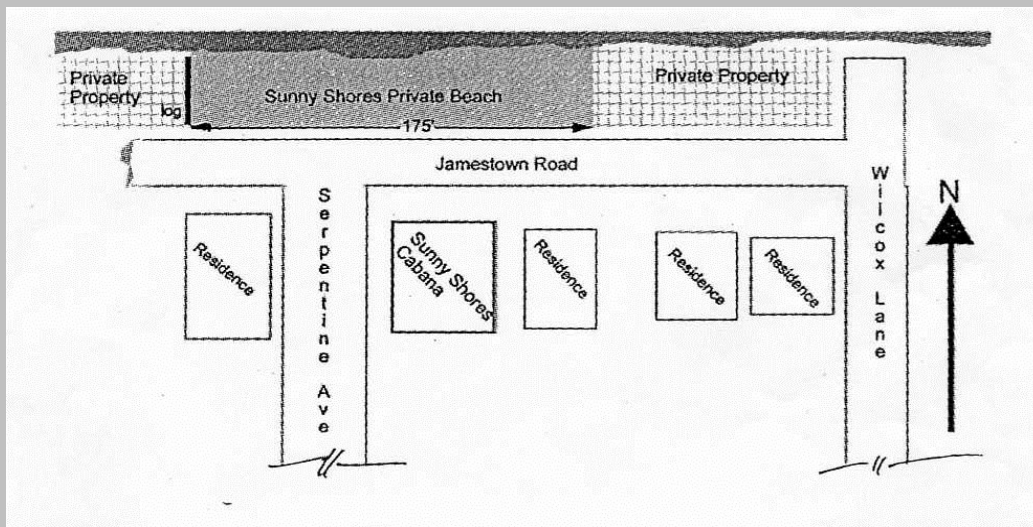
## PARKING

Please remember that automobile parking is restricted to garages, driveways or graveled parking strips in front of your homes. Also, the strip in front of your neighbors is not available for your use without permission from your neighbor. Recreational vehicles must be parked in the RV Storage facility.

## SUNNY SHORES BEACH CLUB

The diagram below shows the boundaries of the property on the beach that belongs to SunLand and Sunny Shores residents. Beyond these points are PRIVATE PROPERTIES. When you or your guests visit the beach please observe the boundary lines and treat all requests from adjoining property owners with respect.

Respectfully,  
The Sunny Shores Beach Club Board of Directors.



## THE JESS TAYLOR AWARD

The Jess Taylor Award is presented to one of our members each year that has performed *outstanding service for our community*. Many of your neighbors have volunteered many hours for the betterment of the community, and your SLOA Board wants you to help us recognize them.

If you know of someone who you believe deserves this award, please submit a nomination in writing to the SLOA office, with details of how this person has contributed. The SLOA Board will consider all names submitted and will announce the name of the recipient at the Annual Meeting in September.

## WATER NEWS ~~~~~

- ❖ Our primary well at SunLand has a new, more dependable, and more efficient pump.
- ❖ As a reminder, those SunLand neighbors living closest to the treatment plant need to know that we will be emptying out the very old facultative lagoon this spring and you may experience some funny smells.

You know what it smells like when you stir up the mud in an old pond. That's what we'll be doing. This is a onetime event and should take only a couple weeks at most, so please endure.

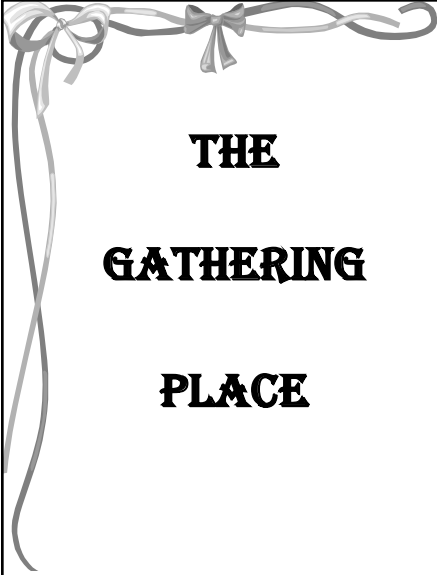
- ❖ Please continue putting your non-digestible and personnel care products in the trash, not the garbage disposal or the toilet, and please take your old medications to the police station.
- ❖ The Water District repaired one of the two pumps in the main lift station at Cassalery Road. That pump had been in place for twenty years and has pumped more than 30,000,000 gallons of you know what. Thank you for conserving water usage while that work was underway. There's no way to shut off the sewer system, so sometimes we just have to work together to reduce the flow as much as possible.
- ❖ Spring is here and irrigation season is on us. Everyone with an irrigation system needs to have that checked out to make sure it's in proper working order and that means having your backflow protection assembly tested too. Please remember to have your BPA tester send the results to the Water District. Also don't forget, if you have an odd numbered address you irrigate only on odd dates, and if you have an even numbered address you irrigate only on even numbered dates.
- ❖ Scott is back out there installing water meter setters. Remember, state law says every connection needs to be metered. Most of you have meter setters in place. If you don't, please contact the Water District so we can schedule that for you. This includes all multi-family units as well, the Department of Health has told us that one large meter on a street won't meet the requirement of the law.

Mike Langley, Manager



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	August	Rene Jones rjnjjwa@yahoo.com	582-9638

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