



# SunLand

## BULLETIN

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### President's Message

We are starting another year and looking forward to the challenges ahead. This year's Annual Meeting reinforced the fact to me of the concern for the growing deer population. I have been working on this issue for the three previous years that I have served on the Board with no real resolution. I remember the first time that I contacted the State Game and Fish and their first response was to use deer resistant plants. They did not seem to realize that we had over 400 acres of area that were already developed and populated. Their next, and current, stand is that the deer were here first and we have to learn to get along. The most recent development came when one of our residents suggested the sterilization of the deer. At first it was meant to be a joke but, after some study, it seems that there is a program already in progress in numerous areas around the country doing exactly what was proposed. If you are interested, google the Clifton Ohio Deer Population Project.

In talking with the person that was responsible for that project, I contacted our Game and Fish again and got another lame excuse. I have added their response at the bottom of this note.

What they are not taking into consideration is the pending issues we are rapidly approaching with the current herd. The fawns we see each spring are great to watch as they run around the area, but what is happening is they are not learning what they need to survive. Their mom's have been born and raised in SunLand and know only the easy way of life for them here. There are no natural predators to make them

aware of their surroundings and they are becoming used to human presence. This is eventually going to lead to confrontations between the deer and our members. It could happen with a doe protecting a hidden fawn as someone walks by or from an aggressive buck during the mating season.

The health of the herd is another issue. As the size of the herd continues to grow, the possibility of various illnesses will have an opportunity to spread. The possibility of Lyme Disease could easily make its way to our members. It has been said that that could not happen, but it was also said that the disease would never happen in Washington.

The deer issue is one of the more emotional problems we have to deal with. No one wants to lose all the deer, but if we do nothing, it may become out of our control. If any of you have any ideas that we may explore, please do not be bashful about letting us know about them. We are currently in touch with the names mentioned in the attached letter (see p.2) exploring the possibility of controlled hunts, transportation and any other avenue we might have.

Fred Smith

President

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Mr. Smith,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the deer issues in the SunLand development. We are aware of the deer issues in the vicinity and appreciate the SunLand Homeowners Association's willingness to step forward to help identify further solutions. It is apparent that you have already done some research and we look forward to exploring options with you.

Urban deer management is a complex but increasingly common problem for communities like yours, as it is in other parts of Washington. These problems are generally due to urbanization and human growth in areas that were once undeveloped habitat, feeding (either directly via foods like apples or corn, or indirectly via tasty ornamental landscaping and gardens) and the resulting habituation of wildlife, and lower hunting pressure near urban and suburban areas. Urban wildlife problems tend to be more difficult and time-consuming to address simply because there are more governmental jurisdictions and private citizens in the mix and local regulations that can preclude or complicate otherwise effective options. However, safety concerns and property damage that come with over-abundant deer populations are serious, so developing a community-wide plan of action is well worth the time and effort for all involved.

Like the city noted in your email, communities in the East and Midwest have been grappling with these issues for several decades and have tried many different approaches to reduce urban deer problems. Some of these approaches include passage of city ordinances to prohibit feeding of wildlife, actively supporting use of deer resistant landscaping, development of urban archery hunts to reduce numbers and change movement patterns, and lethal removals conducted by qualified contractors. As you have also noted, some communities have opted to test out medication- and surgery-based methods for reducing reproduction of adult does.

Quite a bit of research on effective urban deer management has come from all of those efforts listed above, and there are now case studies and other resources that have been developed to help other communities navigate the process of building a commu-

ity-based deer management plan. The most effective plans are those developed at the local level through a public process that includes input from both private citizens and local and state governments. Ideally, the end product is an adaptable, long-term plan supported by all of the stakeholders involved. It sounds like your community may be an ideal place for this kind of approach given the involvement already generated.

With regard to using sterilization to reduce the impacts of deer in your neighborhood, use of this particular method is not feasible with the vast majority of free-ranging deer herds. The SunLand community rests within a larger area with a quite robust deer population. To work well, both sterilization and contraceptive approaches require a substantial proportion of the population be treated and this effort and cost must be maintained in perpetuity. The annual workload and cost involved in such an undertaking also increases when a treated population is being continuously 'refreshed' with an influx of animals from surrounding areas, as would occur in this instance. Given these concerns, this proposal is not something that we can support with staff, funds, or the permits that would be required to capture and handle deer for this kind of work. However, we are interested in working with your community to explore the range of options available and point you toward resources to help you continue to develop a community-based plan. We have local staff who can assist you with getting started and provide guidance and resources through the process. Matt Blankenship is our Wildlife Conflict Specialist that covers your area; he can be reached at: [360-986-6209](tel:360-986-6209). Our District Wildlife Biologist, Anita McMillan, can be reached at [360-457-4601](tel:360-457-4601). Please feel free to contact either of them or myself at the number below.

*Brian Calkins*

Region 6 Wildlife Program Manager

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Montesano, WA 98563

[360-249-1222](tel:360-249-1222)

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## ROADS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

As many of you may have noticed, there is a new pedestrian crosswalk at Taylor and Fairway. As a reminder, this is only for pedestrians. Golf carts are considered vehicles and must yield to other vehicular traffic on Taylor or Fairway. Vehicle drivers please be aware that not all golf cart drivers know or follow the law. Let's be careful out there.

SunLand has an active Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) working under the auspices of the Clallam County Fire Department #3. To best serve the SunLand Community if a mass casualty event occurs, the team needs 26 people. The team now has 10 involved, certified members. Training for CERT is ongoing. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Blaine Zechenelly at blaine.zechenelly@outlook.com.

Phil Merlin, Chair, Roads and Security

## *Sunny Shores*

The Sunny Shores Beach Club cabana will be closed for the winter months from December 1st through March 31st.

SSBC Board of Directors

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

This will be very brief due to the lack of substantial subject matter. We are working and moving forward on the new pickle ball and bocce ball courts. Unfortunately, we will not get them done this fall. After the court surface is laid, it must cure for at least 30 days before we can seal, paint and stripe the court. We have started receiving bids and there is a possibility on not being able to do the bocce ball at this time. This is subject to the final bids and negotiations. I will keep all of you informed as we move forward.

Fred Smith

## RV LOT COMMITTEE

As a new member of the Board, I'm still feeling my way through the job and determining what needs to be done, what we are allowed to do, and how to go about it. A quick review of all the spaces in the RV lot shows that most folks are very compliant, with well maintained boats, campers, trailers, and vehicles in their respective locations. There are, however, several areas of concern that need to be addressed. These include:

- Vehicles/trailers that are in severe disrepair and obviously have not been moved in many years. Some are covered with moss/mold, have flattened tires, and have not had their tabs renewed in a long time.
- Some areas have various levels of debris scattered around them.
- In a few spaces, the fence is being used to hang equipment.
- The vegetation on the west side of the lot is growing through the fence and will be trimmed back or removed.

The RV lot is a place where SunLand residents can park their campers, trailers, and extra vehicles, as this is not allowed within the residential areas. However, spaces at the lot are just that – parking places for licensed equipment. They are not intended to be open storage lockers where “stuff” can be spread around, or final resting places for derelict vehicles. As such, I hope to conduct a work party in the next couple of weeks and we will gather up all the wood scraps, cement blocks, trash, and miscellaneous debris from the lot and haul it to the Port Angeles landfill. Users should ensure that any loose material they wish to keep is contained in their boat, trailer, or vehicle, and not laying around on the ground or hanging from the fence. If you require a ladder or step to get up into your boat, please be sure it is tucked neatly under your trailer. I wish to make this a clean, safe, and attractive area for all to enjoy.

Michael Gawley, Chair, RV Lot

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Fall is here. The leaves are turning, the days are getting shorter and chimney smoke is now a common sight. We are officially three quarters through our fiscal year and SunLand is still financially strong. Last year as of September 30 we welcomed 62 new homeowners (couples are treated as 1). This year we are at 70 new homeowners! I think we are doing a great job promoting the community and it's evident by our growth.

We have collected \$244,360 in income. Dues represent \$206,863; the RV lot received \$16,757; document processing fees amounted to \$14,000 and the rest are comprised of pool memberships, fine collections, etc.. We have spent \$180,202 in expenses. Most departments are within budget, except for the Pool (this happens every year at this time); Professional Services (due to audit) and Office Supplies (purchased a new computer earlier this year).

Since this is my last year, I will be training Missy Church-Smith to eventually take over the Treasurer position. She will do great! We did finalize the budget at the annual meeting in September. Thank you to all who attended and placed a vote.

	2018 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	
Dues	\$205,875
Interest	\$200
Reimbursements & Misc	\$2,350
RV Storage	\$16,000
Swimming Pool	\$1,500
Transfer Fee	\$12,500
	<b>\$238,425</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Gathering Place Room	\$1,000
Greenbelts & Maintenance	\$45,062
Landscaping	\$1,000
Office Services	\$34,987
Office Supplies	\$5,097
Professional Services	\$8,575
Publications	\$11,750
Reserve Account	\$22,875
RV Storage	\$15,780
Security	\$22,400
SLOA Center	\$9,716
Swimming Pool	\$40,696
Taxes & Insurance	\$11,635
Tennis Courts	\$2,820
Welcoming & Nominations	\$2,700
	<b>\$236,093</b>



Jennifer Sweeney, SLOA Treasurer

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## SunLand Scholarship Winners



Cathy Dao  
Stanford University



Danica Miller  
Washington State University



Carmen Wilwert  
Iowa State University

You will soon be receiving a request from the SLOA Scholarship Committee soliciting your annual tax-deductible gift to the SLOA Scholarship Fund.

The SunLand community has been awarding scholarships to local students since 1990 and is 100 percent funded by the generous donations of residents of SunLand. The committee has awarded scholarships to students studying at Peninsula College, in vocational training, and at four-year colleges and universities.

The SLOA Scholarship Committee evenly weighs five criteria: Academic Excellence, Activities, Employment and Savings, Financial Need, and Presentation. This year the committee interviewed eight finalists from whom the three recipients were selected. They are:

**Cathy Dao, Stanford University, International Studies.**

**Danica Miller, Washington State University, Architecture and Design, a SunLand resident.**

**Carmen Wilwert, Iowa State University, Physical Therapy.** All three had high SAT scores, took honors courses, maintained a 3.75 or higher GPA and were involved in music, sports, and community service.

We also hear periodically from past recipients:

Eric Anderson completed his first year at Western Washington with a double major in computer science and music while maintaining honor roll status for the year.

Katherine Landoni completed her third year in the Honors College as an Honors Scholar in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

Waylon Lam announced his graduation from UW in Business within four years, the first college graduate in his family who own Paradise Restaurant in Sequim.

Angela Bentz completed her third year at Barnard College, Columbia University, with honors.

We hope that you will once again consider adding the SLOA Scholarship Fund to your annual giving.

The Scholarship Committee:

Jerry Kasher, Gerry Busch, Patricia Casey, John Palmeri, and Pat Willis

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## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

October 2017, and it's looking like fall is upon us. It's getting a little frosty in the mornings and a little warmer in the afternoons. Everything is looking really good.

Your architectural committee has visited 41 homes since the summer report and most of these submitted have been for home improvements, and tree removal. Your committee has reviewed and approved all but two of the 41.

Just a friendly reminder.....that **all construction and home improvements**, no matter how minor or major do require review and approval from your architectural committee before you can proceed. Remember, that you, as members of SLOA, by applying for these applications continue to maintain the highest in standards as set forth in the SunLand community CC&Rs. We have had a few of our members proceed with projects without the approval of the architectural committee and they were fined anywhere from \$100.00 to \$1000.00 and for those that did not pay the fine a lien was filed and recorded with the County Clerk's Office, for payment in future with interest.

If you cannot make it to the SLOA office to see Ricki for an application, the application can be obtained on the [www.sunlandowners.com](http://www.sunlandowners.com) website. Before submitting your application take a minute to review the requirements in the CC&Rs and R&Rs to make sure that your proposed project is in compliance. To ignore this process could result in having you remove your home improvement and/or be subject to a fine. Your architectural committee is here to help and guide you through this process, should you have any questions, comments or concerns, give me a call 360-461-1843 and we can discuss your project or I can stop by to go over your proposed ideas and/or plans.

Jac Osborn, Vice President and Chair, Architectural Committee

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We hope you have had a chance to review and explore the updated SLOA website! <https://www.sunlandhomeowners.com/>

Our goals were to make the site user-friendly and mobile-friendly, provide pertinent and timely information, and showcase our beautiful area. Soon to come are a calendar on the home page, and a password protected Members Only site; this portion of the website will host the 2018 Roster and general financial information.

This issue of the quarterly SLOA Newsletter marks the transition to e-distribution; Ricki has contacted all SLOA Owners to confirm e-mail and preferences for delivery. If you have not yet updated your information with Ricki, please do so as soon as possible; accurate contact information is key to a smooth transition. Electronic distribution not only provides convenient access to news of interest, but also substantial savings of funds previously spent on printing and postage.

Thanks to all of you for working with us to improve not only communication, but also quality of life for all of us who call SunLand home.

Missy Church-Smith, Chair, Communications





## ATTENTION BOWLERS

SunLander's have dusted off their bowling balls and are back throwing strikes at Laurel Lanes. Each Tuesday afternoon at 3PM, six teams are giving it their all! After bowling, many of these keglers meet for dinner at a Sequim area eatery for food and refreshments. There is an opportunity for our league to add two teams and there is always a need for subs to fill in during vacation times. To that end, the SunLander's bowling league is hosting several "fun" afternoons at Laurel Lanes to introduce or reintroduce folks to this terrific winter sport. The first "fun" afternoon will be November 16 at 3PM. The cost is \$5/bowler for 3 games. You don't need a ball or shoes as those will be made available. Several of our league bowlers will be bowling with you. This is just for fun, so if you are a beginner, no worries; if you have been a bowler but are rusty, no worries! In fact, our league includes bowlers with averages as low as 87 pins per game! If you are going to participate, please let us know in advance so we will know how many lanes to reserve. Email Ray at [dejong@olypen.com](mailto:dejong@olypen.com) or call [360-683-8855](tel:360-683-8855) to let us know. Fun is guaranteed! If you want to go to dinner after, I know you will have company!

## TRANSFORMERS

Clallam County PUD has asked residents to please check transformers (junction boxes) that may be on their property. The boxes are above ground and are green. PUD requests that there is a 10-square foot space around the boxes so that they can have access if needed. If you have any questions, please call Ricki in the SLOA office at 360-683-7473.



## RACCOON PROBLEMS?

If you are having problems with these cute little critters, please call Ricki in the SLOA office (360-683-7473). Your Association has contracted with a licensed, live trapper to capture and relocate them to a more appropriate home.

Also remember that it is illegal to feed wildlife. Keep the areas around birdfeeders free of seed and keep pet food in sealed containers. Like other "criminals" these guys are opportunists.

**360-504-0231**

One of the many ways *Soroptimist International of Sequim* contributes to our local community is through the **Medical Loan Closet**. New and used equipment is loaned on a short-term basis to those living within the Sequim school district free of charge; however, donations are welcome.

For more information: <http://sisequim.org/what-we-do/medical-loan-closet/>

To borrow equipment: call **360.504.0231**; leave a message and a *Soroptimist* member will contact you to set up an appointment at the **Medical Loan Closet**.



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PLACE*

**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL:**

*November*    **Debby McGehee 360-477-4089**  
**debbymcgehee@gmail.com**

*Dec, 1-9*      **Ginny Friess 360-681-0701**  
**algin2@wavecable.com**

*Dec. 10-31*    **Thelma Sullock 360-681-6840**

*January*      **Melody Albertson 360-683-4788**  
**malbert516@gmail.com**

*February*     **Penney VanVleet 360-682-0071**  
**pvv@olypen.com**

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