

# SunLand

## BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I recall the statement I made at our annual meeting in September after being introduced as your new President, little did I realize just how prophetic it was! When referring to your all volunteer Board of Directors I said, "SunLand is your community and we are just the caretakers." We are, in essence, a small town which requires oversight of all support systems that sustain any community.

Well, our first month and a half in office required a whole lot of caretaking! We've had to deal with a serious dog event, a second break-in at the RV storage lot with several motor homes being burglarized, in addition to a collapsed drainage pipe in the wash stand, and the unauthorized and illegal cutting of 13 trees on our hillside bluff by a still unknown person. Our five new board members had to forego their expected gradual orientation time and become veterans overnight! But I am truly grateful to have such an outstanding group of volunteers who have stepped up to serve you. So, do treat them with a cooperative spirit should they have to contact you regarding any noticed variance to our Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) keeping in mind that they are "volunteers".

During my two years on the Board, the same three issues continue to surface and be of concern requiring most of our time. They are animal control, landscaping issues, and tree removal.

Because of the number of continuing dog complaints, back in May of 2012, the Board of Directors felt compelled to change the fine system for unleashed and uncontrolled dogs. Rule #3 clearly states in part that, "Dogs shall be walked on a leash or otherwise restrained when outside." We want everyone to be aware that a \$100 fine will occur on the first offense with no written warning necessary. It is fundamentally a safety issue, as you never know how your dog will react to an approaching stranger or child. And, because of a recent injury incident, this fine will be strictly enforced. We ask for everyone's cooperation for the good of all of our residents.

And the one thing that is commonly overlooked in the otherwise very attractive landscaping is attention to weeding the gravel parking strips in front of our homes. I have found that applying Casoron at the first appearance of weed growth in the spring will eliminate new growth for the entire year! It saves a lot of work. (Cont.)

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Real estate agents have told me that the first thing potential home buyers comment on is our many beautiful trees. Without doubt, they are SunLand's most signature asset and as such deserve to be preserved whenever possible. Given the recent tragedy of the unauthorized cutting of 13 trees, I urge you to review Rule #15 in the R&Rs which requires approval from the architectural committee before any trees in excess of 20 ft. high can be removed. Our architecture chairman has a committee of three very reasonable fellow homeowners who will thoughtfully consider any appropriate request. And, by the way, the fact that we have a good set of enforceable CC&Rs was also mentioned as an attractive selling point.

Over the next couple of months, your Board is diligently going through the process of reviewing and bringing up to date all of our R&Rs and their related fines to better serve you. As a result, the mailing of your new directory with the rules included in the front may be delayed to accompany our next newsletter. The R&Rs can also be found on our website (<http://www.sunlandowners.com>) where you can also download all request forms. We encourage you to reference them whenever a question arises as to the specifics of any given rule.

And, as a final note, beginning in January, your Board has decided to meet on the third Tuesday of every month as usual, but has changed the time to 12:30 PM. We meet in the Gathering Place at the SLOA office building and all homeowners are welcome to attend at any time.

Monica Ostrom,  
President



## SECURITY, STREETS AND LIGHTING

As fall has arrived it is time to make sure all your outdoor lighting is in good repair. Lights tend to keep bad elements at bay. I am also working with the P.U.D. to receive grant funding to work on all our street lights. The wooden street light posts have been refurbished and some of the heads have been upgraded. Grant funding is available through the P.U.D. and the Bonneville Power Administration to make improvements to our street lighting in cost savings as well as better lighting. L.E.D. lighting is the next wave, cheaper to power up, more light than what we now have, and maintenance and replacement has been proven to be seven to ten times longer than what we can expect from the lights we now have. Funding has been set aside in the budget to work on the street lights and I am just awaiting P.U.D final assessment on their grant funding before we proceed further. Watch for brighter intersection lighting in the future!



School has restarted and school busses are busy in the mornings and afternoons taking care of our next generation's leaders. It is wise, as well as the law, to allow these vehicles plenty of room and not to pass when they stop to allow children to exit. We all know these laws but I have witnessed, just last week, someone passing a school bus on Taylor Blvd. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY and obey the laws, you never know when our next President will be walking around the bus to get home safely.

Security is and always will be an issue. We

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all need to be more cognizant about what is going on around us. Security Services Northwest is still our night time surveillance team and they are wandering around our streets at night when most of us are asleep. We, as friends and neighbors, are still a big part of our own security. Watch out for your neighbors and their homes. If you see something/someone suspiciously wandering around your neighborhoods, keep a watchful eye. Get license plate numbers, color and type of vehicle and let us know. I am new this year and I am learning a lot about our area. I also drive around day and night to see what is happening and get a better understanding of our community. I have lived here 14 years and I am still learning how to get around Sunland. If you notice a Blue Ford Ranger driving slowly through your streets, it is I, Jeff Edwards SLOA Board member in charge of Security! Say hello and if you have a concern contact me. I am here for you, at least for the next three years!

Jeff Edwards, Chairman  
Security, Streets, and Lighting

### **GREENBELTS, PARKS AND WEED CONTROL**

The responsibilities of this position on the SLOA Board include (1) maintaining control of vegetation growth on vacant lots; (2) overseeing the maintenance of greenbelts, parks, swimming pool ground and tennis court areas; and (3) dealing with fallen and/or diseased trees in these areas. New to the SLOA Board and to this position, I have been familiarizing myself with the relevant SunLand geography and with the resources available to help me in carrying out these responsibilities.

Kendall Casey, Chairman

**Kendall Casey** was appointed to fill a vacated seat on the Board of Directors. Here's a little bit about him:

My wife Patti and I have been full-time residents of SunLand for three years (and part-time residents for two years before that). We came to Sequim from the San Francisco Bay Area, where I worked, and continue to consult occasionally, as an electrical engineer at SRI International in Menlo Park. We are social members of the SunLand Golf and Country Club and have found SunLand to be a most agreeable place to live. My service to the community to this point has been to chair a SLOA working group whose purpose was to address and resolve certain conflicts between SLOA and SLGCC that had arisen a few years ago. I hope to contribute further to the SunLand community as a member of the SLOA Board.

I was born in California and grew up in Hawai'i, graduating from Punahou School in Honolulu. I was an undergraduate at the California Institute of Technology and a graduate student at the University of Southern California, finishing with a PhD in electrical engineering. My professional life included time in the US Air Force, the academic world, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and private industry, and was principally devoted to research in electromagnetic theory and related areas of applied mathematics for defense and intelligence applications.

My life in retirement is becoming dominated by music. I sing and play guitar in a Hawaiian trio (called Holomua, meaning "move forward") with two other area musicians from Hawai'i who share a love for Hawaiian language, music, and culture. Most recently, I decided I would like to learn to play classical organ. I have since found a teacher and am enjoying (but also being humbled by) studying the King of Instruments.

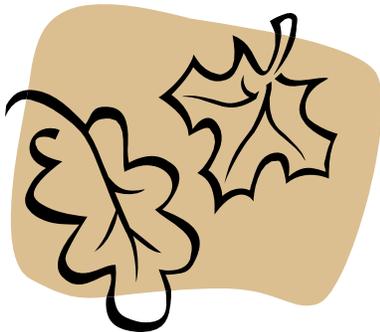
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## ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

I would like to welcome Nancy Harlan and Loretta King as new members of the Architecture Committee. It has been a very busy month. The Committee responded to six applications in the past two weeks involving a new fence, tree removal and tree trimming as well as a storage building.

A reminder to everyone: As I write this the rain is starting to fall. Please make sure your roofs, gutters and drains are clear of leaves, needles and other debris that could cause backups and flooding.

Jim Wells, Chairman



## RV STORAGE

I am off to a scary start in watching over the RV Storage area. First of all there was a break-in and a number of vehicles were vandalized. Stolen items include TV's, a kicker motor, binoculars and locks that were broken or smashed. Hopefully each of you that have stored vehicles therein have checked your property for damage and reported it to the authorities. We have repaired the fence that was cut open. (All previous cuts were also repaired.)

We have received a letter of resignation from Lanson Ross who, with his dog, has been the gate keeper and on site security person for more than the last 4 years. Due to health con-

siderations and the death of his dog he is moving to a residential area where he will not live alone. We give him a note of thanks for his service.

A review of the area reveals a number of projects that will require some attention; some immediate and others longer term.

Most recently we attacked a major problem at the wash down pad. The drain was totally plugged underneath the pad, necessitating the cutting of the pad and replacing the drain. This was finished the week of October 22. The sewer drain is operable and you are still able to flush your gray and black water tanks.

Shorter term, there are a number of spots that will need graveling. This will be accomplished on an as needed basis and spread over some time.

Longer term, we are looking at a few projects such as:

- (1) At least 10 spaces with electrical hookups that are not RV type electrical hookups that may need to be changed or repaired. This was referred to by Eldon Dennis in Bulletin 37 dated February 2010.
- (2) Security of the Park area is now somewhat questionable in light of recent break-ins and without an on site person. All of the security lights from PUD are now operational and functioning.
- (3) Expanding the entrance gate to allow a larger vehicle with a dingy attached to enter the lot without overhanging on to Woodcock Road. This is being addressed. However, in the meantime if you have such a situation it is suggested that you first unhook the dingy, drive it in and then follow with your RV.

Jim Hammond, Chairman

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## OFFICE NOTES

Please help us to save time, money, and maintain accurate records!

When you have a change of name, mailing address, telephone number, or email address, please notify the office as soon as possible. It will save time and money in mailings and could make a huge difference in the time it takes to notify you in the event of an emergency.

Another good measure would be for you to provide us with the name and phone number of a relative or other contact person who will know where you are when on vacation, or cannot be reached for any other reason. This information will be kept in your file for reference in an emergency.

When using our RV Storage facility, you are given an assigned space, and you are asked to provide a description and license number of the vehicle you will be storing in that assigned space. If you change vehicles or are required to get new plates for an existing vehicle, please notify the SLOA office.

Also, please do not put anything in another space just because it appears empty. The person who has it rented may return and will be unable to park in his or her assigned space, further complicating the issue. If you are unsure of your space number we'll be happy to help with that information.

Your help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated!

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## LANDSCAPING & PARKING

SunLand is still looking great these days in spite of the recent rain and wind storms. A big thanks of appreciation to those residents that have been diligently keeping on top of the debris that has been coming down. As the weeds once again begin to sprout in our parking strips as a result of the rains I have found that an application of vinegar works inexpensively and effectively. It is a lot easier on the back than pulling them by hand.

We are updating our list of recommended landscapers, lawn mowers and yard helpers. If you have any workers that you would like to recommend, please let us know.

Just a word or two about parking in SunLand. As we all know, parking is very limited for our guests and not all of us have a parking strip in front of our homes. Please be considerate of your neighbors and ask them for permission if you would like space for your overflow guests to park.

Also, a reminder that vehicles must not be parked on the road surface at any time. Our streets are narrow and space for emergency vehicles and other large vehicles must be maintained.

Eleanor Guion, Chairperson



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# WELCOME

## NEWCOMERS TO SUNLAND

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### **ANNE AND JERRY FULLER**

102 Fairway Place

Anne and Jerry moved to SunLand on August 27, 2012, after living near Salem, Oregon for 25 years and Anchorage, Alaska for ten. They celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on August 24 and have two married children, Annie (32) and Joe (30). Annie and her husband, Phil (who hails from England) live with their baby daughter, Olivia in Camas, Washington. Olivia is Anne's and Jerry's only grandchild and being closer to her is a major factor they left Alaska. Their son, Joe is in the air force. He and his wife, Lindsey live in Minot, North Dakota.

Anne is originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, where Jerry met her while on assignment. Jerry was born in the Lansing, Michigan area. He had completed his education at Michigan State University before Anne moved to Michigan in 1973 to attend the same college.

Jerry retired in June 2010 from his position as a Medicaid Director for the State of Alaska. In Oregon he worked at different capacities for the State. Anne, who retired four years ago, taught school for 30 years to "at risk students" from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to adult. She has also taught GED to prison inmates for one year.

Both of them are eager to do volunteer work in the community. Jerry hopes to join Habitat for Humanity and apply his building experience having constructed their log home in Oregon and their cabin at their fishing property in the Kenai Peninsula. He also would like to assist in beach clean-up effort, especially relative to the Japanese tsunami debris. He enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Anne has a 4<sup>th</sup> degree, black belt in judo. She won the National Judo Championship in San Francisco in 1979. Four years ago she suffered a stroke which affected her speech but she continues to recover. She would like to volunteer in a capacity where she can support health care.

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

The SunLand Board of Directors and Welcoming Committee greeted about 20 new residents on September 18 at the Gathering Place. New Board President Monica Ostrom briefed the gathering on issues of interest to SunLand homeowners. Welcoming Committee members hope to be in touch with recently moved-in residents to share a packet of information and answer questions. If we have missed connections, please contact us at [slgreeters@yahoo.com](mailto:slgreeters@yahoo.com) or call Pat Willis at 797-1251.

Pat Willis, Committee Chair

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## WATER DISTRICT NEWS ~~~~~

Wow! What a fall, one that just kept going on and on. But it's over now, so don't forget to drain your irrigation systems and make sure you're protected from the frost. Every year the water district is called to shut off someone's water due to frozen and broken pipes.

### REMEMBER SCOTTY?

Scott's still here, but he severely damaged his right arm requiring surgery mid-season and hasn't been out there in the community installing the meter setters as scheduled. He's on the mend now and will be very busy next year helping meet the requirement to get meters on all water connections. So look for this friendly water district person, as he'll be visiting you in 2013 if you reside on SunLand Drive, Leslie Lane, Hurricane Ridge Drive, or in one of the multi-family neighborhoods, and have yet to have a water meter setter installed.

These installations are averaging \$300- 400 for both parts and labor. If you have an underground irrigation system you'll need a state approved backflow protection assembly. Those units are running about \$200 at Home Depot and if you don't install it yourself you will need a certified BPA installer or

plumber to do so. We have a list of these folks at the Water District office.

### NO LEAD OR COPPER

Thank those of you who participated in the lead and copper testing, many of you being repeat samplers. The Department of Health wants to test the water at the same sites over many years to determine if lead and/or copper will eventually show up in the water. To date there has been no detection of either element at all. We'll be asked to do this again in two or three years.

### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

~ Roof drains and sump pumps should not be connected to the sewer.

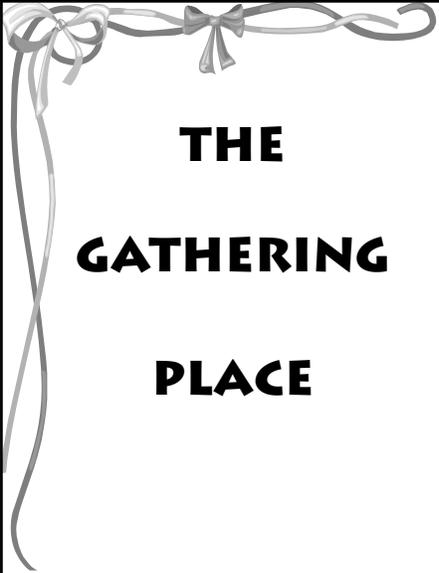
~ Remember to limit the amount of non-consumptive material that you put down the kitchen garbage disposal, as the bugs at the sewage treatment plant can't digest those any more than you can.

~ Don't put medications or personal care products in the toilet.

~ Conserve water, it'll save you a lot of money in the long run.

Mike Langley, Manager





**THE  
GATHERING  
PLACE**

**FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL:**

<b>November</b>	<b>Gail Nelson</b> ghnelson@live.com	<b>582-3770</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Ginny Friess</b> algin2@wavecable.com <b>Sandy Davidson</b> ldavidson@wavecable.com	<b>681-0701</b>  <b>683-5292</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Judy Kelley</b> jskelley@olypen.com	<b>477-4526</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Gladys Dressler</b> gdresler@olypen.com	<b>582-3877</b>

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



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