



BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year this time, we face the same questions and sometimes the same answers. With a new President and a new Board in place, we start all over again trying to put in place answers to problems that are there every year. The only constant is that the issues are always there but with a new (sometimes) idea as to how to proceed.

Last year Randy Skoglund started a process that we are committed this year to continue. We wanted to improve the standard practices within the SLOA system and bring them up to date. We had a very aggressive Board working in the various areas to improve the pool, tennis courts, landscaping requirements, the RV lot and the overall infrastructure like the CC&Rs.

While a lot of these projects were completed, there are some that will be ongoing. Bobbie Piety has done a tremendous job starting to form better relationships with renters, the landlords and neighbors. Frank Shimek has been instrumental in improving numerous landscapes, greatly improving the appearance of our neighborhoods. By the time you read this, the committee working on the changes in the CC&Rs should be close to being able to send out a new format for your approval.

The rest of the issues with the basic structure and management of SLOA will be an ongoing job for this Board and all the rest to follow. If we don't make adjustments and changes to improve the efficiency of our systems, we will never be able to produce desirable results.

I mentioned Frank Shimek earlier. Frank announced that he has sold his house and is moving with his wife back to Spokane. I want to thank Frank for his service and dedication to our organization and wish him well in the future.

Fred Smith, President

SLOA (YOUR) CONTACTS

The SLOA Board of Directors is preparing a survey for all residents to assess how we might better use the SLOA website for the benefit of residents. The survey, which will be short and not take a lot of time to complete, will come to you via e-mail. In order to insure the largest possible response, please be sure that the SLOA office has your *current* e-mail address on file. Some folks change e-mail addresses with some frequency, making it difficult to stay in touch. If you are one of those folks, or if you have not received an e-mail, most likely via "Let's Communicate," from SLOA within the last few weeks, please send a quick notice to the office at sloa@olympen.com to make sure that you are on our list and we can add your voice to the survey.

In preparation for the survey, it would be helpful if you could take a few minutes to visit the website, www.sunlandhomeowners.com to see what you like, don't like, would like to see added or deleted, or any other ideas for the update.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

This is my first term on the SLOA Board and I have assumed the duties of Architectural Committee Chair. Recently, I placed an emit notice inviting anyone interested in assisting me on the Committee to fill three openings. I am happy to report that I received several calls expressing an interest to serve. I plan to get in touch with everyone within the next couple of weeks.

In the short two weeks since I assumed the chair, I have received 11 applications for home improvements: house painting, concrete driveway replacements, tree removal, front doors and fencing. So far, everything is going great. The applicants have been in compliance with our CC&Rs and the Rules and Regulations of SLOA. All improvements, major or minor, require the approval of the Committee. The Committee is responsible for maintaining our SLOA standards.

You should have a copy of both documents and, if not, you can go to the SunLand Owners Association website, www.sunlandhomeowners.com. Keep in mind, if you are planning to make any cosmetic changes to your home's exterior (painting, windows, doors, etc.) or, if you're planning to install a fence, need a tree removed, want to replace your driveway or add a room addition, you must obtain an application from the SLOA office for authorization. Before submitting the application, please take a minute to review the requirements in the CC&Rs and the R&Rs to make sure that your proposed project is in compliance. To ignore our permit process may result in having to remove your improvement and/or pay a fine. I am here to help. Please call with any questions regarding your project; we can discuss or I can stop by to go over your proposed plan.

Jac Osborn, Chair, Architectural Committee

GREEN SPACES

As winter storms are now upon us, it would be much appreciated if homeowners would report any broken limbs in trees or fractured tree trunks in the Green Spaces.

Work continues on cleaning up the few vacant lots that have been left untended for many years. I have had good success working with the absentee owners

one-on-one and the work will continue through the winter, weather permitting.

The entrance beautification project is continuing as planned. Currently irrigation is being developed for the south side of Taylor Drive. We are working with an irrigation company for cost analysis and a time table.

After that is in place, we will begin adding more vegetation to include flowering shrubs and ornamental plantings.

Steve Loska , Chair, Green Spaces

SUNLAND RENTAL PROPERTIES

This is a reminder, as we are still getting sporadic notifications from landlords as to who is occupying their properties. We need to know. If you are not sure whether or not you have notified us, please do so ASAP to avoid a fine.

SunLand's current Rules and Regulations state that landlords must notify SLOA of any changes to their properties' tenancies within 30 days, else they can be charged with a \$500 fine for failure to do so. It is paramount that we know who is living where, in case of an emergency, and how to contact them.

IF YOU RENT OUT YOUR PROPERTY, BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE SLOA OFFICE OF YOUR TENANTS' NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION within 30 days of occupancy changes. You can send this information via the U.S.P.S. or e-mail to the SLOA office. Failure to notify SLOA of occupancy changes will result in fines.

Renters must be aware of the Rules and Regulations and comply with them, else the property owner is responsible and will surely pass along the fine to you. Renters should also familiarize themselves with the Rules and Regulations that come with living in a planned community. Your landlord or rental agency should have provided you with this information. If they did not, you should contact them and request this information. Renters are also welcome to attend SLOA board and general meetings, as mentioned on the SLOA website: www.sunlandhomeowners.com.

Bobbie Piety, Chair, Rental Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

SunLand has seen unprecedented growth in 2016. The chart shows the past home sales over the last 10 years. The sales of 2016 are only as of September 30th. As our community and economy grows, I can only expect our expenses to rise in cost. Your Board will be working on managing these costs in the future year by sticking to strict budgets and planning major repairs through the reserve account. I urge everyone to do their part in managing expenses by maintaining our facilities and greenbelts (ex., illegal greenbelt dumping triggers additional clean-up costs).

We have received \$240,142 in income. This is mostly comprised of our collected dues in the amount of \$204,959, but also includes \$10,400 in home sale transfer fees, \$1,485 in pool passes and \$16,574 from the RV Storage Lot. The total income received is 3.9% or \$8,917 more than the expected amount of \$231,225. By the end of the 3rd quarter, we should have spent approximately 75% (\$167,272) of our anticipated expenses. We are just over that amount having spent 79.7% (\$177,856). This is a difference of \$10,854. Like previous years, this is expected as more residents are enjoying the pool and greenbelt maintenance is in full swing. This year we also hosted a burger night at the Country Club, which was not originally budgeted.

YEAR	SALES
2016	62
2015	74
2014	52
2013	64
2012	38
2011	42
2010	37
2009	52
2008	27
2007	49

Jennifer Sweeney, Treasurer

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee oversees the needs of the SLOA pool and tennis courts which means the Committee is going into partial hibernation with the bears. After a successful pool launch this summer that resulted in record usage, aquatics will go on hold-status until next spring when we will reopen for recreational swimming and classes.

However, the tennis and pickleball courts will continue to be available to all SLOA members. For those of you that have been frequenting the courts, you know that a key is required for entry. However, if you have not received or changed your key in the last month you will need to do so in order to continue whacking the ball over the net. For those who are getting a key for the first time, there is a \$25.00 deposit required that will be returned when you return your key at some point in the future. If you possess an older key for which you have paid a deposit and want to trade up, that deposit will be used for your new key. To exchange or pick up a new key, simply stop by the SLOA office and see Celeste. She will be happy to assist you.

As we move through the winter recreational downtime, if you have any questions or suggestions for your Recreation Committee, please contact me at tmerrill@tommerrill.com or leave a message with Celeste in the SLOA office.

Tom Merrill, Chair, Recreation Committee



Residents of Division 8 enjoy their annual Block Party on the recently acquired Green Space on Hurricane Ridge.

SECURITY & ROADS

The good, the bad and the ugly

The good: Next month we will have two meetings on earthquake safety. Both will be in the clubhouse from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

11/10 Fire Chief Dan Orr on Cascadia Rising, the threat to the Olympic peninsula.

11/17 Jim Buck on camping in your home

The bad: In the first county meeting on the road plan for 2017 we had only 15 people from SunLand to support the Sequim-Dungeness and Woodcock round-about. We need many more. There will be another meeting before the final decision is made.

The ugly: Our security service has been giving notice on security lights out, which many people have ignored. This is covered in section 8 of the Rules. This has a \$25 fine, which we will be enforcing.

Phil Merlin, Chair, Security and Roads

HAVE A CLUB...

WANT TO JOIN A CLUB...

While reading through the history of *SunLand* "A fine place to live" we discovered that in the past there have been many clubs or groups with common interests meeting in our community. Perhaps there still are, but it's hard to tell. So if you have a SunLand group or club that you would like your neighbors to know about, please send us an e-mail to macdiver24@gmail.com and include the word "bulletin" in the subject line. Be sure to include your contact information and we'll include it in upcoming Bulletins. Some of the past groups included Book Clubs, Knitting Groups, Quilters, a Ski Club, Fishing Club, Cooking Club, Hikers, Birders, Painters and many others.

2016/2017 SLOA Board of Directors

Fred Smith, President

Jennifer Sweeney, Secretary/Treasurer

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Steve Loska (Green Spaces, Parks and Lots)

Tom Merrill (Recreation)

Phil Merlin (Security)

Frank Shimek / TBA (Landscaping)

David Jelin (RV Storage)

Jac Osborn (Architecture)



The state Department of Ecology has awarded the SunLand wastewater treatment facility its 2015 Waste Water Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance award.

The SunLand treatment facility is part of the Sunland Water District, which serves over 900 homes.

This is the second time SunLand has been awarded for achieving full compliance with its national pollutant discharge elimination permit.

Of over 300 systems in the state producing class A effluent, around 100 reach this level of efficiency.

This award is the result of exceptional effort by dedicated, technically trained employees and the "committed plant operator, Mike Cays," according to Mike Langley, SunLand Water District Manager.



SLOA BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors reminds all residents of SunLand, both owners and renter/tenants, that the Board meets, subject to special notice, on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in The Gathering Place on the first floor of the SunLand office building. All are welcome.

If you would like an item placed on the agenda, please send it to the SLOA office (sloa@olyphen.com) at least seven days prior to the next meeting.

Beginning with the December meeting, SLOA will post the preliminary agenda and committee reports on the SLOA website five days prior to each Board meeting. You will also receive an e-mail alert via "Let's Communicate" reminding you of each meeting. The documents will also be available for review in the lobby of the SLOA office.

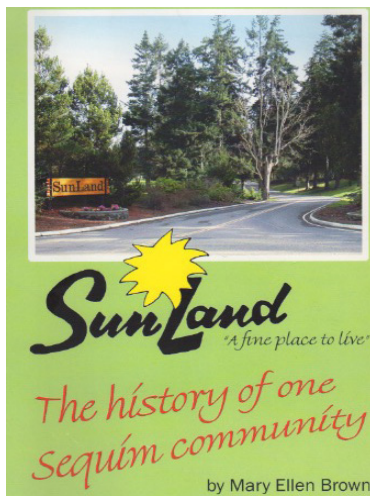


HALLOWEEN PAST

We came to SunLand when I was just eight years old. It was 1978 and our family left the Marine Corps for a fabled place where it never rained, people were always friendly and you could occasionally find golf balls in your back yard. My father, Jim Perkins, became the resident general partner and we settled down into our new home on the twelfth tee.

I was one of the rare SunLand “trick-or-treaters” in 1978 and the lady at the first house was so shocked to see a young person at her door on Halloween and so unprepared that she promptly wrote me a five dollar check and offered my dad a scotch and soda. I believe I also got a can of tuna that night.

Christina Perkins, SunLand Alumna



From *SunLand* “A fine place to live” by Mary Ellen Brown. This is currently out-of-print, but is available at the Sequim Public Library and occasionally shows up at local garage sales. It’s a fun read with many interesting anecdotes and a lot of the legal history surrounding our development.



SunLand SCHOLARSHIPS

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:

Eric Anderson, Western Washington, Math/Computer Science/Music Technology; pianist, synthesizer for Cinderella Operetta.

Jessica Craig, University of Washington, Biomedical Engineering; close to receiving her pilot’s license.

Alexis Cronin, Whitman College, Environmental Science/Geology; aspires to work at NASA and become an astronaut; first tenor saxophone in Sequim City Band.

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. They were three of the five valedictorians at this year’s Sequim High School graduation.

We also hear periodically from past recipients: **Katherine Landoni** completed her second 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 second year at Barnard College, Columbia University, with honors.

Coming Soon: Look for the annual letter from the SLOA Scholarship Committee, requesting contributions to the scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Committee

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



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