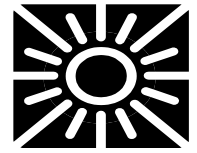


# Sunland News



JUNE 2006

## Annual Meeting

**2006 ANNUAL MEETING:** The meeting was presided over by retiring President **Bill Hoxie** and Board Member **Phil Meenach**. Other Board members present were **Ken McNeal, Ron Dicklin, Mike Moran, Jim May, Scott Seely and Doug Shorb**; **Jack Kling** was absent.

**BILL HOXIE RETIRING:** Following the sale of his property, Bill Hoxie was forced to retire from the Board in accordance with Sunland's Bylaws. He was presented with a farewell gift in appreciation for his many years of service and the projects he accomplished. They include acquiring funds for the new boat launch, upgrading the water system to meet State Dept. of Health requirements, a new swimming pool and bathhouse, conversion of the old bathhouse to mower storage and office space, replacement of the aging and leaking water tanks with a new 150,000 gallon concrete storage tank, park additions and improvements including concrete picnic tables, horseshoe pits, and a new roof on the pavilion, among other improvements to benefit Sunland members. Bill will be greatly missed by all.

**WATER:** Funds remaining in the 05/06 Water Project account were used to purchase pipe, hydrants and parts to continue replacing the 4" mains next fiscal year. There are 6,600 feet remaining. The remaining funds allowed for purchase of 5,000 feet of pipe and components. This year's work eliminated some major leaks that had not surfaced because of the type of soil we have. The new 8" mains will make leak detection easier. When installation of the 8" mains is complete, fire insurance rates may be reduced from 7-10%.

Sunland received a draft of the new Health Department water conservation regulations. These are expected to be finalized in September. They include installation of meters at all new construction beginning October 1, 2006 and at all existing homes within the next 10 years. The meters will be read to track water usage. There are no plans for billing for water usage at this time. The Board will look into grants and/or low-interest loans to finance this project to reduce the financial burden to members.

By January 2007, Sunland must document water usage and report consumption and conservation methods, both planned and currently in place, to the State. A water con-

sumption report is already in place, indicating that our conservation efforts, as well as detection and repair of leaks have successfully reduced our consumption by approximately 15%.

**SPRINKLER SCHEDULES:** As stated above, irrigation conservation has been successful—maybe a little too successful. Most members have changed their sprinkler timers to operate between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. Because of this, too much water is being drained from the storage tank during that period, bringing the level dangerously low.

To correct this situation, those with **ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES** need to set their timers to run **BEFORE MIDNIGHT**; those with **EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES** need to set theirs for **AFTER MIDNIGHT**. Besides the conservation issue, there is no benefit to daytime watering of lawns or gardens due to evaporation. Daytime watering exceptions will be allowed for newly installed sod.

**VOTING REGISTRATION:** William Varney, Grant County Elections Auditor, discussed rules for registration at secondary residences. Persons must maintain and occupy the Grant County residence part time. Mail does not need to be received at the secondary residence. Ballots can be mailed to the voter's primary residence.

The benefit to voting in Grant County is to have a say in who our local government officials and commissioners are, both County and PUD. Registration forms are available at the Sunland office.

**WIRELESS INTERNET & SUNLAND WEBSITE:** Doug Shorb reported on progress with acquiring wireless internet service. Saddle Mountain Internet appears to be a better choice than Aspeedynet. Saddle Mountain will require a tower; they offer service starting at about \$29 per month with no start-up fee. A contract is being prepared.

The Sunland website is nearing completion. More on this at the next meeting.

**FINANCIAL:** The proposed 06/07 budget was discussed. It was presented for vote and approved unanimously.

Dues and assessment payment plans are offered to all members. Balances must be paid prior to the end of the fiscal year for which they apply. Late fees of 18% are added after balances are 90 days overdue and are repeated periodically until received. When balances are overdue for long periods, further collections methods in the form of garnishments will be pursued.

**3RD OF JULY CELEBRATION:** Volleyball and tennis tournaments, a kids parade, picnic in the park, golf cart races and fireworks are planned for Monday, July 3. Fireworks, parade and tournaments were added to encourage greater participation. Members were asked to submit their  
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## ELECTION RESULTS

Candidates receiving the most votes for the five Board positions are **JACK BIELINSKI, RON DICKLIN, JACK KLING, JIM MAY AND SCOTT SEELY**. Congratulations to each of you.

The 06/07 Water Project Assessment passed by a wide margin.

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objections in writing to the office to request that fireworks be eliminated next year.

**ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:** Incumbents running for re-election are **Jim May** and **Ron Dicklin**. Appointees to be voted on are **Jack Kling** and **Scott Seely**. Other candidates are **Jack Bielinski** and **Steve Fiorito**. There were no nominations from the floor.

Whenever a special assessment is required, a vote of the members is required. On this ballot, a special assessment item is for continuation of the water project to replace 4" mains with 8" mains. The amount proposed is \$250 per lot. A third year will be required, but the assessment will be based on the amount necessary to complete the project.

**PLANNED COMMUNITY MEETING:** The next meeting will be held July 15 following the regular Sunland Board Meeting at the old office next to the fire hall. Members may submit their ideas and concerns to be considered for inclusion in the planned development proposal.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** Has there been any consideration to change the bylaws to allow one vote per lot instead of one vote per member? (sic)

**A:** Sunland Bylaws state that one vote per member is all that is allowed. Changing the bylaws is a difficult and expensive task and is not planned at this time.

**Q:** At one time Sunland had a "no fences" restriction. There are lots of fences up now. (sic)

**A:** Sunland's original covenants governing buildings have been superseded by Grant County building regulations. Whatever Grant County allows is permitted at Sunland.

**Q:** How are Board officers determined?

**A:** At the meeting following the annual meeting, the trustees elect the next year's officers.

The next Board Meeting will be held July 15, 9 a.m at the old office next to the fire hall. This is the time to present concerns or have your questions answered. All members are encouraged to attend.

## ***In Memory . . .***

Former long time Sunland resident **Sherly Fischer** passed away recently. We extend our deepest condolences to **John and Carla Fischer** and to the rest of her family and friends.

One of Sunland's original residents, **Bill Murray** passed away on July 1 at his daughter's home. Bill bought his property in 1965 and was a full-time resident until his accident a few years ago. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

## **FIRE and SAFETY**



Sunland volunteer fire department is looking for a few good men and/or women to help fill their dwindling numbers. Applications may be picked up at the office. We need your help.

## ***SPECIAL THANKS***

Sunland wishes to express its gratitude to Brian and Lynda Mead for their contribution and installation of the new American flag on the park flagpole. Many thanks to you both for your generosity and service to Sunland.

## ***IN GRATITUDE***

A huge thank you to the volunteer fire department and to Kathy Mugnos who happened to be on duty at the pool on June 3 when I fell in our driveway and broke my ankle. Kathy is a surgical nurse, and with her calm assurance and the quick response from our fire department, I was quickly on my way to the Quincy Hospital where my break was assessed. I was then transported to Wematchee for orthopedic surgery.

I am grateful that we have residents who give so freely of their time and skills to help us in times of need.

Thank you!  
Mary Jammerman

## ***THANK YOU, FIRE DEPARTMENT***

Thanks to the Sunland Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response when I fell off my roof last month. It's great to know we have such dedicated people at Sunland to come to our aid when we need it.

Many thanks,  
Jack Bielinski

## ***Pool Gate Problems***

Thanks to a burned out computer, card reader and obsolete software and hardware, a new gate security system was required. And, as is so often true with computers, the new hardware and software don't speak the same language. New keys are being issued as people come to the pool.

We haven't given up hope that the new system will be able to recognize our old keys after some programming wizardry, so keep your old keys until further notice. We should know within the next week if they are still usable. If not, you will be issued a new key for each of your active free or purchased keys. In the meantime, we ask that you be patient with us and get along with one new key. Sorry for the inconvenience, but we don't want to issue any more new keys than necessary to keep the expense at a minimum until we know for sure the old ones won't work. Thanks for your patience.

Members who have an outstanding balance for dues and/or assessments will not receive a new key until their account is up to date.

## Community Info



**Do You Vote in Grant County?** Registration forms are available at the Sunland office.

**Pool Hours:** Open hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The pool may be closed during bad weather, contamination or low attendance.

**Store Hours:** Cap'n Ron's Store open daily, 9-9.

**Trash Cans:** Waste Management will be providing each customer with fork-lift style trash cans in the near future. There will be 3 sizes to choose from; pickup charges will be according to size. Initially, no charge will be made for the cans themselves.

**Pool Hours:** The pool is open daily, 9am to 9pm unless we have bad weather or no attendance. Pool attendants' phone numbers are posted on the gate. Check their working hours and call the appropriate attendant. They will be happy to open up for you.

**Deposit to use the Pavilion:** There is a \$100 deposit required to reserve the pavilion for private gatherings. Your check will be returned after the event if there is no damage and trash has been removed.

**Burning Barrels:** PUD requests that all burn barrels be removed from PUD shoreline property. Burn barrels were banned by Washington State DOE several years ago due to health concerns. More information is available on the website [ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/outdoor\\_woodsmoke/burn\\_barrel.htm](http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/outdoor_woodsmoke/burn_barrel.htm). Grant County PUD appreciates your cooperation.

## Planned Development Community Meetings

June Cade is chairing a committee working on the Planned Development Community proposal and would like as much input from the members as possible. So please get yourself into a "*Wouldn't it be wonderful if....*" mood and submit your ideas and suggestions in writing to June or drop them by the office before the next meeting, Saturday, July 15 following the regular monthly Board meeting. Or, come and join in the discussion and planning.

### Pool Accident

A man was seriously injured in a diving accident at the pool. **Bert and Rita Martin and Mike and Patty Steadman** helped him out of the pool, along with members of the pool staff. We're happy to report that he is recovering.

There are good reasons for the rules at the pool. We have numerous NO DIVING signs posted because our pool is only 5 feet deep at the center. Please be aware of the pool rules. They are for your safety.

## QUACK-QUACK-QUACK

Sunlanders, duck hunters, friends—mark your calendars! Sunland Ducks Unlimited is August 26, 2006 in the Sunland Park. Fun, food, auctions, raffles, prizes, laughs—it will all happen. Make your plans to attend now. For information, call Doug & Margaret Anderson, 206-362-8535 or Randall & Marti States, 509-785-3602.

## Services



**Concrete/Construction.** Charley 785-2678.

**Dave Watson Construction**—785-9013

**Sunland Contracting**—SUNLAC\*066BC. Jim Mathews, 509-785-5671, fax 509-785-1017.

**Ag-West Services:** 509-787-5942. Spider/Pest control.

**Bishop Spray Service:** 509-760-4958. Spider/insect control.

**Lawn Care/Landscaping:**

**Alfonso Landscaping**—System sprinklers, lawns, tree trimming. 509-787-5089.

**Sun Basin Lawn Care:** Tree trimming, thatch & fertilize lawns, turn water on & off, Call Arlin 509-785-5101.

**Dura-Shine Clean Window cleaning** 509-488-3534 or 509-989-1140; email address [Carlos@dura-shineclean.com](mailto:Carlos@dura-shineclean.com).

**Fick & Co. Roofing**—Quality work, all types. Jim Fick, phone/fax 425-745-8848.

**Heaven's Best Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning,** 509-765-0332.

**House Cleaning:** Shelly Nelson, 785-3301 or 509-750-3544.

**Joe's Carpet Cleaning**—253-852-3554.

**Matt Horn's Professional Window Cleaning:** 509-787-7701.

**Mike's Accessories: *Battery Doc*** Portable battery charger, 1.25amp for lead acid/gel cell 12V batteries. Call for details 206-795-9585. [www.mikesaccessories.com](http://www.mikesaccessories.com).

**Painting:** 40 yrs exp, free estimates. Rusbuldt Painting, 206-730-1475.

**Sunland Resident Realtor,** Karen Saenz Penix. Lives & works here, 509-785-8585 or stop by 1180 River Dr SW.

**Waste Management of Wenatchee** ~\$8/mo. 800-572-4559.

**Abacus Construction Services**—Licensed/bonded/insured. #ABACUS964DC. Ken Miller 509-785-2494.

**Dogwatch Hidden Fence Systems** Now available in Sunland for fraction of usual cost. Professional installation by Sunland resident. 866-526-9200, [www.doggytrainer.com](http://www.doggytrainer.com).

**Mightyshine Window Cleaning:** 762-2838

**Darren's Cultured Stone Design** 425-787-5043

**Wind River Interiors** Floor tile, etc. 509-932-5066 or 509-932-6433

## Emergency Phones



**Sheriff—Emergency** 911

**Sheriff—Non-Emergency** 1-888-431-9911

**Fire** 911

**Water Problems** 509-398-1731

**Power** 509-754-5079—After Hours 509-754-3541

**Before You Dig** Call 800-424-5555 for underground phone & power wires to be located and marked.

## **Sunlanders Plan Cruise**

Winter is long, dark and cold, so why not join some of us for fun and relaxation in the warm part of the world on a 15-day cruise through the Panama Canal. Departure is set for March 31, 2007 with return on April 14. There are several wonderful stops along the way with side tours available.

Contact Jim and Margie Mathews for more details, 785-5671.

## **\$\$\$ — OVERDUE — \$\$\$**

Memorial weekend brought outstanding bills to the attention of several members. Thanks for your payments. The following people still owe for one or more of the following accounts: 04/05 Dues, 04/05 Water Assessment, 05/06 Dues, 05/06 Water Assessment and late fees.

Anderson, Bruce	McEwen, Shawn & Hiede
Aycox, Jason	Melburn, David
Bennett, Lee	Odle, Deborah
Blacketter, Kim	Quinn, Rolland
Dinneen, Molly	Rasmussen, Dale
Greenlaw, Scott	Remington, Ed
Harm, Bill	Scott, Mathew
Henderson, Wm.	Vert, Paul
Jackson, Jay	Whitney, David

Other members arranged for a payment plan but have a balance due. The outstanding dues, assessments and late fees total \$13,228.82.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Sunland purchased two new picnic tables last year and two more this year. Last year's tables were vandalized with graffiti and had to be sanded and refinished. The cost involved renting a belt sander, driving to Ephrata to pick it up and return it, purchasing stain, refinishing and the labor and mileage costs to do the work.

Now, we are dealing with new graffiti and even carved names in the recently refinished tables. Anyone knowing children whose names are **Nicole** and **Alex** or **Roxy** and **Cole**, with someone named **Sammi** who is of interest to **Nicole**, as well, should be aware that the cost to repair the damages from last year were approximately \$300. We will have to incur this expense a second time because of the damages caused by these children. Also etched into the table is the date **10-23-05** which seems to have some significance.

This cost is paid with money from everyone's dues. So, Parents, it's time to let your children know that their artwork is not appreciated. If you want them to learn the lesson well, let us know at the office and we'll have them do the sanding by hand. A little physical labor may be a better learning tool than a lecture would accomplish.

## **July 4th Weekend Fun**

The weekend festivities were a roaring success. The organizers were taken by surprise when about 150 kids showed up to participate in the parade. There was a train to ride in and on, and bicycles of every size and description. Kids and their vehicles were decorated in patriotic colors and awards were given in several categories. The kids had a great time.

Hundreds of spectators enjoyed the golf cart and bicycle races. The volleyball and tennis tournaments were held in the morning with only a few participants. It is hoped that more will turn out next year for these events.

Trophies and medals were awarded to winners in all categories.

A professional fireworks display ended the day with a really big bang. They were spectacular. Comments received were 100% positive. Most everyone followed the fireworks ban; instead, they enjoyed the show at the park. Can't wait until next year!

## **Classified Ads**



**FOR SALE** House w/120' of waterfront on west end of cove. 2 master brms, 3 baths Great for 2 families. 2-car garage.. Quiet cul-de-sac. 1187 River Dr. \$599,000. 206-953-7159.

**FOR LEASE** Top floor and roof top deck at the store for restaurant or ????. 509-785-5555 or 509-398-5555.

**LOT FOR SALE** Approx 100'x100' corner lot w/septic. 768 Section Ave. \$195,000. 509-785-5555/509-398-5555.

**1993 FOUR WINDS** 18' open bow, OMC out drive. Excellent condition. \$5800. Ken, 425-508-7735.

**1990 25' MALLARD camping trailer.** Fair condition, make offer. 13' Lite Siesta trailer. Fair cond. Make offer. Both may be viewed at 788 Section Ave. 253-631-2987.

**LOT FOR SALE** Over 400 ft of waterfront; sandy beach; southern point of Sunland. \$639,000. Call Karen 509-785-8585.

**16.25 Nahanni** fishing/ski boat w/50hp Yamaha engine. Walk through to bow. Fish & depth finder. Almost new. \$13,000. 509-785-6703.

**LOT FOR SALE** Extra large 50x190 view lot w/water, septic, power. Space for house on Section Ave side & garage on Boyer. \$275,000, Mike Moran 206-571-2538.

**2001 TERRY 5th wheel,** NW Edition, like new. \$10,400. 253-209-3546 or 253-905-4630.

**FREE: DINING ROOM SET** Oval w/leaf, + 4 chairs w/casters. Larry Lewis, 750 River Drive SW.