

Winter Newsletter

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A Must Read

For decades, two heroic statues, one male and one female, faced each other in a city park, until one day an angel came down from heaven.

"You've been such exemplary statues," he announced to them, "and I'm going to give you a special gift. I'm going to bring you both to life for thirty minutes, in which you can do anything you want." And with a clap of his hands, the angel brought the statues to life.

The two approached each other a bit shyly, but soon dashed for the bushes, from which shortly emerged a good deal of giggling, laughter, and shaking of branches. Fifteen minutes later, the two statues emerged from the bushes, wide grins on their faces.

"You still have fifteen more minutes," said the angel, winking conspiratorially.

Grinning even more widely the female statue turned to the male statue and said, "Great! Only this time you hold the pigeon down and I'll poop on it's head."

Annual Meeting — Election of Officers and Directors

The annual Board meeting was held on June 26, 2010. Members whose terms had expired were: Becky Andersen, Ken Townsley, and the open position. Elections were conducted and the following were elected to the Board: Becky Andersen, Ken Townsley and Rene Cook. Due to resignations and conflict of interests our current board is as follows:

You can contact the Board via e-mail at: board@sunsetlands.org.

2009-2010 Board:

President: Tom Andersen

Vice President Tammy McBane

Secretary: Becky Andersen

Treasurer: Ken Townsley

Development: Wayne Frye

Maintenance: Kristi Rainey

Environmental Enhancement: Rene Cook

Sadly, we bid farewell to Ken Townsley. For some odd reason, he thinks the weather in Las Vegas is much more appealing than what we have in soggy Ocean Park.

Happily, Rene Cook has offered to step in and fill the Treasurer's position. We are very fortunate to have Rene's expertise and calm sensibility.

We also have another fine addition to our Board — Pam Reynolds. Pam has accepted the Environmental position. She is well qualified, having worked on land-use issues in the past.

The infusion of new and fresh ideas is exciting! If you get a chance, come to a Board meeting — meet your crazy neighbors and throw a few ideas in the pot yourselves!

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Loomis Lake Clean-Up Project

Dear Sunset Sands Member,

I reside in Sunset Sands and I am the chair person for the Loomis Lake Group. We are a group of concerned residents, state and county officials, who are organizing in an effort to clean up the lake. As many of you know from experience, the Lake is not user friendly, because of the infestation of Brazilian elodea and Eurasian watermilfoil. The Department of Ecology has advised us there is grant money available. The model that Ecology follows for these types of projects, is to provide up-front grant dollars to get the local group started, but the local resident or government needs to take over the project. If we get the grant, the Lake will be cleaned up and a local group such as ourselves

would need to commit keep it cleaned up.

So far, we have 23 members and have had five meetings. With the assistance of Pacific Conservation District and the Director of Vegetation, we have been successful in submitting a request for a planning grant. We expect to hear from the Dept of Ecology by January 2011, advising us if we will receive the grant. If the grant is received, a lot will need to be done in the next five months in order to submit the paperwork for the grant to do the actual clean up.

Agenda items consist of :
Holding several public meetings for input, re-organizing our group, bringing in more committed members and find-

ing ways to fund the follow-up cleaning .

Residents from Tides West, Sunset Sands, Dunes Church Camp, Pacific Conservation District , Pacific County Director of Vegetation, Audubon Society, WA State Parks, Grass Roots Garbage Gang, WA Conservation Commission, County Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife, and others make up this group and/or support it's endeavors . We need your help

I am inviting anyone interested to please contact me. You need not make all the meetings, but your input would be invaluable.
Rene Cook
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Tree problems?

*Going to church doesn't
make you a Christian
anymore than standing in
a garage makes you a car!*

Many of us have "Problem Trees " on our property. We have an opportunity to get these trees removed at cost. The Pacific Conservation District is willing to work with us to take care of the problem. The PCD will evaluate your problem

trees and provide an estimate for removal. Any trees to be removed in the greenbelts will require Board approval prior to removal. Contact Rene Cook at
rene@sunsetsands.org
or call 360-244-2780.

Provide your property address, contact information, number of trees and location on property. The information will be submitted to the PDC.

Please contact Rene by the first of year.

Profit and Loss Overview – June 2010 through May 2011

	<u>June - Aug 10</u>	<u>Sept - Nov 10</u>	<u>Dec 10 - Feb 11</u>	<u>Mar - May 11</u>	Total <u>Jun - May 11</u>
<u>Income</u>	2,401.71	1,422.02	46,983.59	8,261.97	59,069.29
<u>Expense</u>	16,769.20	14,056.04	12,476.46	11,110.52	54,439.22
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>4,394.49</u>	<u>12,634.02</u>	<u>34,507.13</u>	<u>2,848.55</u>	<u>4,630.07</u>

Christmas Party and Prime Rib Potluck

Back by popular demand, a delicious prime rib will be served for the Association Christmas potluck.

The festivities begin at 5:00 ish with a BYOB cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 6:00 (to coincide with Gene Beach's rumbling tummy!)

Please bring a companion dish or dessert. Companion dishes include: Potatoes (your choice of preparation), vegetable dishes, salads, rolls (butter is helpful) and refreshment of your choice. Oh! For crying' out loud...don't forget about desserts! Coffee, cups, paper

plates and plastic ware will be provided.

Bring your appetite and your Christmas *spirits* and join us for a really fun time and good meal.

Santa will be there and we'll have a "white elephant"* gift exchange. White elephant gifting is a great way to *regift* those lovely items you got from Aunt Jane or Uncle Tanoose.



Santa's favorite elves!

2011 Project Wish List

Following is a list of projects according to needs and wants:

Needs

- New **card key system** (our old system has finally bit the big one and is so obsolete that repair parts cannot be purchased)
- Roof for barbecue shed (remove existing cedar roofing and replace with steel)
- Replace John Deere riding mower
- Interior clubhouse doors

Wants

- Club chairs for clubhouse (I wonder if that's where the term "club" chair originated???? Curious...)
- Clubhouse landscaping

Evelyn's Advice:

People never grow up. – they just learn how to act in public.

Clubhouse Changes

Clubhouse hours have been changed to reflect member's (those who attend meetings) suggestions. Parties and functions will be asked to close it down by 10:00 p.m. unless special arrangements are made.

Although telephone service has been supplied to all members (including free long distance service).

However, either someone walked off with the phone (which is totally useless when not at the clubhouse) or it sprouted wings and flew off (you be the judge...) Either way, the phone is no longer available.

Wi-Fi, the computer and big-screen television with satellite hook up are still



It's just a myth! Santa really doesn't live at the North Pole — he lives in this lovely farmhouse in Maine (along with a crabby wife who has to do absolutely everything!)

available to all members. Treat them properly and remember — they are for all of us to use and enjoy!



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Merry Christmas

from the fun folks who brought you this newsletter!

Becky Andersen

Evelyn Davis

Unfortunately, Connie Hathaway could not join us this year because she couldn't find a bottle of the "Pink"!

Sharon Bohan was also absent as she is our local social butterfly!

A note from Becky:

Life is better at the beach

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!



Lovely setting — too bad it's not here!

Tidbits

Welcome back Evelyn Davis!!! You heard that right — Evelyn has graciously created a new position for herself. She is our Aide-at-Large. Evelyn will be answering the Association phone (as she's done for decades) and issuing new card keys. In case you were wondering, the Association phone number is 360-665-5432 — give her a ring (don't call her... just give her the ring!!!)

Special note to landlords: although your renters have no voting privileges, their input would be appreciated. Please let them know they are welcome at monthly Board meetings and potluck/game night functions.

Special thanks to Bob Thomson. For those of you who do not live in Sunset Sands, Bob is our caretaker. He performs regular duties, such as cleaning of the clubhouse and shower houses, maintaining the park (which is in excellent condition), mows and picks up trash on all roadways, removes fallen trees, maintains all equipment, and does daily rounds of the entire Association to make sure everyone is safe. If anyone is concerned about their property, please give Evelyn a call and she will make sure Bob gets the message to check on it for you.

THANK YOU BOB!!!