



Newsletter Title

December 2011

Christmas Party & Prime Rib Potluck

Sunset Sands
Community Association

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

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The festivities commence on December 17th and begin at 5 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



Over the river and through the woods
to the clubhouse we go! clubhouse we go!

spirits and join us for a really fun time and good meal.

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.

Annual Meeting — Election of Officers and Directors

The annual Board meeting was held on June 25, 2011. There were four positions open on the Board. Elections were conducted and the following were elected to the Board.

2009-2010 Board:

- President: Pam Reynolds
- Vice President Tammy McBane
- Secretary: Becky Andersen
- Treasurer: Rene Cook
- Development: Wayne Frye
- Maintenance: Kristi Rainey
- Environmental Enhancement: Don Haverkamp

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.

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

2011 Project Wish List — Completions

Last December, the Board made a simple project wish list and we're happy to announce that we've completed the majority of the list. The following are some, but not all, of the completed projects:

- New card key system
- New roof on barbecue structure
- New dog park on Shorty's Island — complete with gate
- Outbuilding roof repair — plus Wishing Well repair
- Clubhouse carpet cleaned
- Additional security cameras

Congratulations on a job well done.!

Members — if you see a particular need or something to add to the 2012 Wish List, please contact any Board member with your suggestion!



Denny...could you turn up the heat in my office? My hands are freezing!!!!!!

Gorse the Invader!!!

According to Rene Cook, gorse is a nauseous weed — and she's *sick* of it!!!!

Gorse is a Class B Noxious Weed. It is harmful to environmental and economic resources. Washington State Noxious Weed Law states that Property owners are required to control gorse on private lands.

Impacts

- Displaces native and beneficial plants
- Extreme fire hazard — the oily foliage and seeds are highly flammable.
- Individual plants develop dense dead matter in their centers, and stands produce extremely high amounts of litter.
- Seeds can be viable for 34 years or more.
- Gorse quickly spreads by seed or by vegetative growth from stumps after mechanical injury caused by brush clearing or fire.

Description

- Perennial, evergreen shrub ranging from 3' to over 10' tall
- Sharp spiny thorns develop as the plant ages

- Blooms in late February and March.

Detection and Prevention

- Isolated small populations can be dug up, but should be monitored for several years for plants growing from root fragments from the seed bank
- Hoeing may effectively be used to uproot seedlings. Larger plants and their roots may be extracted by larger hoes, pulaskis, or claw mattocks
- Cutting stems will remove above-ground growth only and is a temporary treatment
- Cutting is recommended before herbicide application

“The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you've got it made.”

Groucho Marx

Nothing In Life Is Certain But Death and Dues!

"Annual dues are \$125 per year, per lot and are due January 1st with a grace period until January 31st. Key cards will be deactivated if your dues payments are not received by February 1st. A \$25 late fee will be added if payment is received after February 1st."

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- The above translates to: Dues statements were mailed November 28th — if YOU did not receive your statement, please contact Rene Cook and she will *gladly* send you another.

\$15 will be charged to *re-activate* your key card.



Bob T — is that you with a green pot on your head?

Got a "Lot"? — Clean It Up!!!

SSCA members are proud of their investment in Sunset Sands. In an effort to keep our property values up and our Association attractive to all, the Board encourages all members to take pride in their investment by cleaning and maintaining their property. If your lot is vacant, please check for downed and dangerous trees and have them removed. Perhaps you parked your favorite RV on the lot when you bought it — in **1980** and simply forgot your beloved 12' travel trailer or didn't have the opportunity to use it

— now it sits forlorn and rotting in the salt air. Please....do us all a favor and dispose of her carcass.

Pacific County requires that all RVs be licensed. SSCA Covenants state that RVs not only be licensed, but permitted on property for up to one year during construction.

Silence is golden
but duck tape is silver.
Anonymous

Clubhouse Rental Fees

Effective July 1st, clubhouse rental fees are as follows:

1— 25 persons	=	\$50
26 — 50 persons	=	\$100
51 — 75 persons	=	\$150
Refundable cleaning deposit	=	\$300



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Editor's Corner

A big **THANK YOU** goes to all those who volunteered their time and resources this last year! Your efforts have made our community a more desirable place to live and vacation.

Over the past several years, our community has become more cohesive — neighbors helping neighbors — making new friends. Potlucks and game nights have been tons of fun — from the little guys who show up in Halloween costumes to the older folks who just put on their everyday wrinkled suits and join in the fun!

Clubhouse rentals have increased — birthday parties, reunions, weddings, family events and watching sports events on the big screen. It is a great place to gather whether you have a small or large group of people.

The park offers so much in the form of wildlife watching [eagles, swans, geese, ducks — lots of bird watching!], a place to let your dog run free, basketball and football if you can dodge the goose poop on the lawn.

All of this is what makes Sunset Sands THE most desirable area of the Long Beach peninsula.

Thank you to Kristi Rainey, Tammy McBane, Lestia Price, and Tom & Becky Andersen and for all their creative genius in decorating the clubhouse for special events.

Wayne Frye — thank you ever so much for your ever faithful diligence in reading every single word in every single edition of the minutes. This last line is for you!

Becky Andersen

"Proofread carefully to see if you any words out"

