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## President's Corner

Our Association Annual meeting in July was well attended and there was plenty of feedback from the membership regarding several issues we had to deal with. Phil Gothro presented budgets for both the Association and Water Company. While the Water Company budget is looking good, the Association budget is, "cutting it really close this year," Phil declared. Perhaps it is time to consider a dues hike? Thoughts?

Phil also informed the membership the Water Company would transfer to the Association \$2000.00 in the form of a capitol draw to help with expenses. This total is limited by the Utilities and Transportation Commission but it does show a return on our investment.

Another topic which got interesting reviews is the idea of renting gate keys to water customers for the same rate members pay for dues, on a yearly basis, I might add. In-fact, several water customers were present and pitched the idea. The idea was motioned and brought to the floor for discussion and whole heartedly passed with conditions of course... So if you see some new faces out there, say "Hi," and welcome our "Guests," to Scenic Shores.

The board would like to thank all those who participate in this process, either in person or by submitting proxies, without their voice we cannot achieve the work required.

One more thing, Paul Wamsley, our water chair is retiring sometime in October and we want to thank him for his service and wish him well. Thank you.

## **Volunteers Needed**

This is always an ongoing issue. Scenic Shores is looking for a few good people to help out. Are you that person? Don't have the time you say. We are happy to have any time you can spare. So why don't you give us a try, your spare time will make all the difference in the world. Drop Shannon a line and I'm sure she can find something for you to do.



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## What's Happening, What's about to Happen and What Has Happened!



### Back to School

School started last Tuesday so that means you have been or will be seeing a lot of kids out in the early mornings and late afternoons. Drivers need to be careful and look out for not only children on the streets but harried people late for work. Please watch for them and drive slowly around corners and on the main roads.

### Stranger Danger

Teach your children not to talk with strangers, don't take candy from a stranger or never approach to see his nice puppy. Don't approach a motor vehicle for someone asking directions. Set up a code word with your children in the event of an emergency. dog in the car.

### Daylight Savings

Good seasons start with  
good beginnings.  
Sparky Anderson



In 2013, this occurs on  
Sunday, November 3.

### Park Update

Have you been down to the well field/park lately? If not you should. I know the park maintenance started out slow this year, but in recent weeks our maintenance team and volunteers, (Ken, Scott, and Don) have stepped up and really hit a home run. You will notice a new rock wall installed at the boat launch. This was done to dissuade persons from launching between the docks. Additionally, Water Bob helped to get the tennis court up to par... Looks nice. Now the beach! What can I say? Kyle has got it looking like a resort. Love it! Kyle has some plans for next year, so if you have an idea drop us a line and we will see if it's feasible.

I would like to take this time to point out the new bulletin board on the bathrooms. If you have something you want to post, go ahead, just don't forget the push-pins. There is another one at the water tower site. A big thanx to Gordon for making them up for us. I would like to personally thank all our volunteers. You give your time to enrich the lives of other's. It is the most selfless act I know of. From the boat races, Easter Egg hunt to Trash Daze and beyond, it is the volunteer who make it possible. Thank you...

## Bulletin Boards

We have set up two bulletin boards in the Scenic Shores Community. One is near the Water Tower on Scenic Shores Drive and the other is located down at the Park near bathrooms. This will be a good place to post notices, i.e. baby sitting, volunteers needed or lost animals.

## Scenic Shores Website

The market place is up and running on the Scenic Shores Community website. If you have a website you'd like linked, call us, drop us a line or email Customer Service and we'll get our tech guy to set it up.

## Ideas?

With most of our activities in the spring and summer, the BoT would like to hear from you about ideas of things to do in the fall and winter. I'm thinking about a Christmas tree burning party in January. So, if you have something you would like to see, or to volunteer to start up, give us a call and let's see if it is feasible.

## Animal Control

As I sit here pondering what to write for the fall newsletter a barking dog interrupts my train of thought. "Not again." I say to myself, "I could get this done if I had some peace and quiet." Animal control has become an issue in our association with unleashed dogs, stray cats and you guessed it, barking dogs. While Thurston County has only one animal control officer in the field, they will come out if an animal has been trapped on your property. If you know the owners address they will contact the stray's owner and perhaps issue a citation. But we have to take the first step, I know it's hard, but it's up to us to do the reporting and work with Animal Services to solve problem animals. Without you it doesn't work.

What you need to know if you are bothered by a barking dog.

This comes directly from the Thurston County Website:

"Any person who harbors, keeps, maintains, or has temporary custody of a pet animal shall be responsible for the behavior of such animal whether the owner knowingly permits the behavior or not. Such person shall violate the terms...if such person's animal constitutes a nuisance pet animal... Nuisance pet animal means a pet animal that...habitually or continually disturbs the peace of any individual or neighborhood by barking, whining, howling or making any other noise..."

A citation could be filed against the owner, but that requires two steps, and the dog owner has ample warning that it will occur. A citation is based on statements made by those who are disturbed by the noise.

Statement of Complaint:

First you must fill out a 'Statement of Complaint,' this is a two page form. On the front is the "Statement of Complaint" written by the complainant outlining the ongoing issue, i.e. barking dogs. The second page is information to help you fill out page one. In regards to dogs, Animal Services "will definitely take action when dogs are exhibiting menacing behavior. Menacing behavior may include growling, snarling, bearing of teeth, snapping, lunging or jumping accompanied by the aggressive facial gestures and of course any attempt to bite or jump on a person".

Let's remember, there's no time of day that dogs can legally create a nuisance or run free. A dog barking at 2 pm is just as annoying to a day sleeper as a dog barking at 2 am.

If you would like to file a complaint you can call the Thurston County Animal Services officer directly at 360-786-5455, or contact:

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## Water Works

The folks at the water company have had their hands full since the annual meeting. Bob and I attended a three day Evergreen Rural Water Fall Conference in Marysville. We got some great ideas with regards to water tower maintenance while updating the CEU's necessary to keep our licenses current.

On the last week of July, the Dept. Of Health performed an inspection of our system called a Sanitary Survey. The outcome was excellent with the inspector using words like, "system to emulate, and dedicated operators." Normally, this Survey is conducted every three years; however, with our high marks we were given a pass until 2018. Along with that, our new Green Operating Permit arrived in August, the highest attainable, another sign of how well our system is run.

Don't know if you noticed, but Bob trimmed the trees flanking the towers to increase the coatings life and decrease the chance of small rodents getting into the water and causing us headaches. Phil Gothro has entered into a new contract with the Water Company while Paul is leaving. We thank him for his dedicated service. Scenic Shores Water Company is a reflection of his duty. Thanx Paul.

With the advent of fall now is the time to start thinking of winterizing your home. Have you gotten your outdoor pipes wrapped? Don't forget to let a faucet drip on those really cold nights. The little water used now saves head aches later. Don't forget, if you see water springing up from someplace that has not had a spring before, don't hesitate to give us a call.

There is a new bulletin board at the water tower site for membership to use... feel free... Last but not least, thank you. Because of you we have this nice system and hope to keep it that way for the foreseeable future. —Phil Gothro