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Presidents Corner

I hope you all had a good Holiday.

And with the beginning of winter, we start moving towards longer days! Right! Does this mean we are over the hump towards warmer, nicer weather? When do I get to go swimming again? Ok enough of the devils advocate... But it's true... At the January meeting we will be discussing the SIRA boat races, Easter Egg Hunt and other spring things... Oops there I said it... Spring... But it's true. Spring is less than ninety days away... So come on down to the Yelm Moose Lodge and give us a hand in planning the coming events.

The water dept experienced a water main break earlier this month. We were on it in a matter of days and had it repaired quickly and cleanly. As time goes by, we are getting better at our jobs. But, we are still looking for an apprentice to help us out. Someone who can lend a hand on some of the basic tasks we do here, so if you are interested give us a call...

At the meeting we will be going over the 2019 Association Budget. We have many challenges this year, but I am proud to announce we should be able to maintain the annual dues at the current rate.

Remember, "people help to maintain something which they helped to create."

We are in need of volunteers to help out with several projects. So if you have some time to give, kindly give us a call or you can email me @ sscamember@comcast.net.

We've had a flurry of new members move into our neighborhood. I would like to welcome the Springers, Tebow's, Arnett's and Summers to our community. If you see them out and about, stop and say "Hello".

Our memorial fund is growing, the jar will be out at the meeting, if you would like to contribute that would be great. We would like to get that project going soon. To everyone, Thank You and Happy Holidays

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 19, 2019

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What's Happening, What's about to Happen and What Has Happened!**SSCA To Host Annual Meeting on January 19, 2019**

Where: Yelm Moose Lodge

When: Saturday 19 January 2019

Time: 10AM — 12AM

Who can Attend: Meeting is open to all members in good standing.

Bar Date: All written requests must be received no later than January 5th, 2019. Send to: SSCA

P.O. Box 1775, Yelm, WA 98597

Refreshments will be served...

AGENDA

Prior Minutes

Architectural

Treasurer

Water

Park

Lake Management

Legal Wrap-up

2019 Budget

Boat Races

WINTER SAFETYPREPARE FOR POSSIBLE ISOLATION IN YOUR HOME:

Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel; regular fuel sources may be cut off.

If a thermostat controls your furnace and your electricity is cut off by a storm, you will need emergency heat.

Kerosene heaters are another emergency heating option. Never use any fuel other than kerosene in a kerosene heater. Remember to open a window about 1" to allow proper ventilation.

Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood burning stove. Keep several sacks of pellets for that pellet stove.

Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure your household knows how to use them.

Temporarily close off heat in some rooms.

ROCK SALT + KITTY LITTER = SAFER WALKWAYS

Have some rock salt and kitty litter on hand. Rock salt helps melt the ice on slippery surfaces. The kitty litter gives temporary traction.

SIX INCHES EQUALS DANGER

Be wary of floods. Be doubly cautious of running water that is 6 inches deep or more, or you run the risk of getting swept off your feet.

PIPES:

Make sure your outside pipes are covered and insulated. It could save yourself a headache and the cost of repair.

PETS:

Bring your furry friends in from the cold. They don't like being out in the weather any more than you. Make sure if they do have to remain outdoors, they have adequate food and an insulated house.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !



Architectural Business

The Architectural Committee would like to wish all our community members Happy Holiday's and thank you for all your hard work with maintaining your property/homes this year. It was wonderful driving through our community and seeing all of the well-maintained yards. The AC continues to strive towards maintaining a friendly community where our neighbors work together to keep Scenic Shores Community aesthetically pleasing and valuable.

With that said: we would like to remind everyone to always **contact** the Architectural Committee before starting any projects/changes to their property. You should submit a project request at least two weeks before your start date. This allows the Architectural Committee time to review and approve your request.

We're still receiving nuisance dogs complaints. The best way to resolve this issue is for several people to call the county and complain. The more complaints, the sooner the county gets out here to do their job.

There was some concern this year over people living in campers on developed lots. We would like to remind you that the use of tents and campers is permitted on developed lots for weekend and vacation use only. (Article IX of the CC&Rs).

Another problem we continue to see are "junk" vehicles. A vehicle is considered junk or hulk, if the license tabs are expired or if there is evidence that the vehicle has not moved for a length of time. Having a hulk vehicle on your property is against county ordinance and Article IX of the CC&Rs. You can be fined \$100.00 for this violation. If you have such a vehicle, please remove from your property or simply update the tabs and use the vehicle.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD!

Water Doings

Well, it's that time of year again to prepare for those cold nights, and to think about what's needed to prevent your water pipes from freezing.

First of all, disconnect your garden hoses and cover those outside hose bibs with protective covers. If the pipes in your crawl space aren't already insulated, get it done. On forecast 'extra cold' nights, leave a kitchen and/or bathroom faucet 'drip' throughout the night. This will keep a very minimal amount of water moving through your plumbing and lessen the chance of freezing. Also, open a cabinet doors below your kitchen sinks and bathroom vanity's, especially if they are on an exterior wall. This allows warmer room air to circulate around your pipes.

If you do experience the lack of running water the morning after a very cold night, give us a call and we'll come and check it out.

We read water meters on the 19th of each month, and investigate unusually high (or low) readings immediately afterwards (within an hour or two). An extra high reading could indicate a leak, which you might not be aware of. We'll contact you if we notice something suspicious. Keeping that in mind, please contact us if, (particularly after an extra cold spell) you hear a hissing sound. This could also indicate a broken pipe. Recently, Bob got a call from a customer in the middle of the night, (yep we on call 24/7) with just such an issue. Bob responded to shut off the water at the meter. There was in fact two, broken pipes in the crawlspace. Fortunately, the flooding was minimal, but could have been less if the homeowner knew where in the house their main water shut-off valve was---DO YOU??? If not, give us a call and we'll stop over and help you locate it- no charge.

The semi-annual valve exercising, and water main flushing was recently completed and it went well. All but a couple isolation valves turned nice and smooth, and we noticed very little mineral deposit debris being broken loose during the blow-off.

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A couple other notes—Because the park bathrooms are not heated, they have been winterized and closed for the season, and water to the park turned off. The bathrooms will be reopened in March or April.

There was a water emergency in early December concerning 155th Ave. The main was repaired with minimal impact on the system. Granted a few homes had a voluntary boil order, but all was restored in a couple of days.

Your water team is also happy to announce we have had all 'satisfactory' monthly coliform test results this past year. In addition, all of the other roughly ninety-six contaminants we're required to test for, have fallen within state and federal guidelines. If you're curious, go to our website, scenicshoreswater.com, where you can find all monitoring results, past and present.

Lastly, we'd like to again remind our customers of a couple options available to you. With mail theft at an all-time high, you might want to switch over to e-mail billing instead of a postcard. Also, our 'direct-debit' method of paying your water bill is an option you might consider. Almost half of our customers have it set up that way and love it! We automatically draft your checking account on the 15th of each month, or first business day after the 15th if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Give us a call if you're interested in either of these options.

We here at 'YOUR WATER COMPANY' take great pride in delivering to you, the very best drinking water possible, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to do so!!

THANKS AGAIN and HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!