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~Hello Neighbors~



April - the Season of so many changes. All of the plants seem to be changing right before our eyes. Most of the bare branches have filled out with leaves with so many shades of green, just stunning to witness the transformation from winter to full on Spring. Gardens are getting planted all over our hill - the magic of watching a tiny seed pop up and develop is always a wonder to me. We have so many new owners that have found our little special little sanctuary. We currently have about 4 homes under construction with a few more planned to start this summer, talk about changes for these owners!

VOTE! You should have received your AGM packet this first part of the month. Please find your ballot and **VOTE** - you can complete the ballot electronically this year if you like (just follow the directions on the ballot). However, you decided to complete the ballot please do so and get it back to us as soon as possible.

Want to see the results of all the voting? Please plan to come to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 13th - meeting will start at 7:00pm and it will be held at the Sunland Golf Club. We have several speakers coming to the AGM this year. Dr. Amanda Mason of Peninsula Pet Emergency Hospital and Cheyenne Tuller, Director at Pet Emergency Group as well as Kari Edwards from the Sheriff's office and she will also be focusing on the Neighborhood Watch Program. We do our best to keep the 'actual meeting' as short as possible to allow more time for the speakers and audience



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questions. Hope to see you there!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or topics you feel the Board should address please reach out to me either by phone or email, 206-327-3261 carolep@i2iconsulting.net. I would like to encourage you to attend the monthly meetings held in the HHMC office the second Wednesday of each month at **4:00pm**. The address is 502 Still Avenue, Suite 203. There are lots of chairs in the office so join us!

We are continuing to hold the meetings via ZOOM for those traveling or otherwise unable to join the meeting in person. Information regarding the ZOOM links are on the website.



HHMC RADAR SIGN REPORT MARCH 2026 - Doug Earp

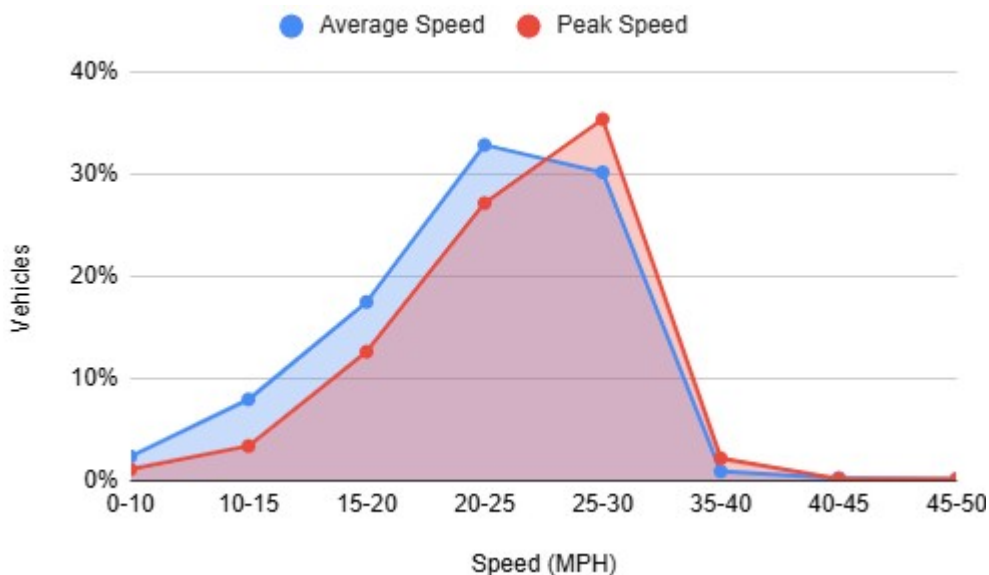
1850 Doe Run Rd, Northbound

3/8/26 - 4/4/26

28 days

	Averages		
	Daily	Weekdays (20)	Weekends (8)
# Vehicles	131	145	98
Avr Speed	23.8	23.9	23.7
# Speeders	52	56	41
% Speeders	39%	39%	42%

Daily average traffic count and speeds



Vehicle count x Speed

Average vs Peak speed

The radar sign tracks the speed of each vehicle as it approaches. When it passes it records its average and fastest ("peak") speeds. The "average speed" shown in the table above is the average of all vehicles' average speed.



The chart shows how much the traffic speeds vary, and how they are distributed, grouped into 5 MPH ranges from 5 to 50 MPH. For example, while a total of about 3700 vehicles passed going between 20 and 25MPH, only about 33 (0.9%). The blue line is based on each vehicle's average speed, while red represents their fastest speeds as they passed.

If you have any questions about these reports or the radar sign I would be very happy to answer them. Please feel free to email me at earp.doug@gmail.com.

CERT IN ACTION - Nora Davis

The CERT team recently conducted an exercise on Bell Hill in conjunction with a Sequim-wide communications exercise. This was part of a larger state-wide communications exercise. The team on Bell Hill has communications challenges due to the geography of the hill and is moving to use cell phones and satellite communications, in addition to radios. The city of Sequim is also working to install Starlink terminals at several locations. The exercise was generally considered a success with an overall score of 85 out of 100.

As part of emergency preparedness, CCFD3 CERT would like us to conduct a survey of Starlink terminal locations for possible use in a disaster. Please send your Name and street address to CERT5.captain@gmail.com, if you don't mind participating. This would be a guest account only.

As you can see from the photos below, there are a limited number of CERT members, so we are always looking for more. If you are interested in joining CERT, please contact Cindy Zechenelly at 360-504-2531 or check out the website: <https://www.bellelealand.net/about-4>. Space is available in the upcoming May training classes. Here are 2 of the 3 teams that participated



Dennis & Darlene Neeley - Dan Mannisto - Kris Fredricksen - Bruce & Karlette Winters.



MOWING - Jeff Gurnee

Ah..... The smell of fresh cut grass in the morning. Love it.

Thank you all for getting your undeveloped lots mowed on time last year.

The lots looked awesome.

June 1st - July 31st will be our window of opportunity to shine once again.



HHMC offers, for your convenience, a few local contractors that are familiar with our policies and we know have done excellent work for others. We are not stating you must use one of these contractors just offering for your ease.

Thanks again,
Jeff Gurnee
HHMC Mowing Chair AKA
Mow Man

Mike Elkhart (360) 477 7554

JT Land Services (Justin Tenneson) (360) 477 6

Eric Bickle (360) 912 2300

WELCOMING COMMITTEE - Claire Savage

The Welcoming Committee hosted a Welcome Party on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at the home of Donna and Todd Nichols. It was attended by 12 of Highland Hills' newest owners and the Committee members and their spouses as well as the HHMC President, Carole Pedersen and her husband Norman, and the HHMC IT Manager, Ernylee Chamlee.

It was a warm and friendly party, giving the new owners an opportunity to mix and mingle with other new owners and to meet and learn about Highland Hills from the other guests.





ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC - Jean Gurnee

"The initial planning session for the 2026 Potluck/Picnic will take place on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 1:00pm at 613 Fox Hollow Rd.

If anyone wants to come and chime in on the theme, help with decorating ideas and pick the date of the Potluck Picnic, contact me at 562-522-9458 to let me know so I can have enough chairs.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Duane Chamlee

The May 13 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up fast. The packets of information and the ballots were sent out April 8th. An electronic ballot is available this year. You just download it, complete it, and email to our elections@hhmcsequim.org Remember, regardless of how many lots you own, you only have one vote.



Also included is the new password (on orange paper) for the Members Only section of the website: <httpshhmcsequim.org> That password will become active on **JULY 1, 2026**. Use the existing password until then. It will be on a separate orange sheet so you can save it and maybe find it when you need it.

Any owner who **has not** received an email from infor@hhmcsequim.org with their AGM packet information, should contact Ernylee Chamlee (951-205-0311). She will ensure you get it. Sometimes our "info" emails go to spam. It helps if you put the email address into your contacts. If you have any questions at all about the email system, contact Ernylee for help.

Back Flow Inspections - Duane Chamlee



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Each year the Public Utilities District "PUD" requires any properties, commercial or residential, that have a "backflow valve" installed to have that valve inspected by a Certified Inspector to ensure that the backflow valve is functional. For the past several years Highland Hills has been able to obtain a "group rate." of \$40 per inspection.

Enrollment will be from May 1 to May 31, 2026. If you would like to be placed on the list for this inspection please contact me, Duane Chamlee, at duane.chamlee@live.com or call 360-683-5973 with your name, address, contact number, and email address. We anticipate inspections will be done in June. Timmy Wright from

Wrights Backflow Service is the vendor. If you have any questions, please email me or call me at the contacts listed.



“Thanks to our wonderful neighbors Doug and Liz. Doug has mowed the “tree stumped mound” on our shared property line. So thoughtful!” Lou and Hugh

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEQUIM

Check out the Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce calendar found online, so you can check out all the happenings. <https://business.sequimchamber.com/events>



Please Contribute to The Highlander!

All Highland Hills residents are encouraged to share ideas, pictures, poems, history or news related to the Highland Hills community.

Maybe a neighbor did something special for you, you can send them a thank you in The Highlander. Or do you have a favorite recipe from Grandma that you want to share.

Send your contributions to: Ernylee Chamlee bellelealand@hotmail.com

GET INVOLVED - JOIN A HHMC COMMITTEE!

Below are the names of all of our fabulous HHMC chairpersons. Do YOU want to get involved and help our Highland Hills Community? Please contact the Chair of ANY committee you may be interested in. You will notice some people have more than one committee responsibility. That is usually because we could not get someone new to do the job, so they took on more responsibility. You could help them out!



Architectural Chair – Carole Pedersen (Interim)

Reviews and approves house plans, request for remodels, additions, fences, etc. as required by Highland Hills PC&R and bylaws.



Annual Meeting Chair - Duane Chamlee

Responsible for setting up the AGM meeting.



Annual Potluck Picnic Chair – Jean Gurnee

Picnic usually takes place in August.

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Beautification Chair – Peggy Napier

Decorates the entrance signs on a seasonal basis.



Caring Chair – Colleen Blazier

Responds to neighbors’ request for support and services when requested.



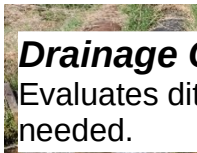
Community Involvement – Norman Pedersen

Works with owners regarding their concerns.



Database Chair – Carole Pedersen

Keeps the HHMC database up to date with new owners’ addresses and phone numbers. Manages Owner Information/E-Consent forms, including rental



Drainage Chair – Russ Stepp

Evaluates ditches and draining ponds for any needs repairs or maintenance needed.



Greenbelt Chair – Norman Pedersen

Works with Highland Irrigation District.



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Group Backflow Test Coordinator – Duane Chamlee

Arranges for backflow inspection needed for irrigation systems as required by PUD.



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The Highlander Editor – Ernylee Chamlee

Gathers articles, edits and publishes the monthly Highland Hills newsletter.



Information Technology – Ernylee Chamlee

Responsible for the office computer, the HHMC info email, the HHMC Neighborhood Map, and cloud backup of documents.



Inspector of Elections – Debbie Flint

Oversees the election process including determination that a quorum has been reached, validates and counts ballots, and reports the results at the Annual General Meeting.



Internet Chair – Lew Larson

Keeps informed about internet services that work well for Highland Hills residents.



Legislative Liaison Chair – Fritz Langenberger

Keeps us updated on any legislative issues that may affect us.



Mowing Chair – Jeff & Jean Gurnee

Makes sure all lots are mowed to protect us from wildfires.



Nominating Chair – Duane Chamlee

Recommends candidates for potential Board of Trustees positions.



Roads Chair – Russ Napier

Plans repairs and striping as needed on Highland Hills roads.



Safety and Awareness – Fritz Langenberger

Oversees and reports on safety Issues for the neighborhood including safety messages and the radar sign report submitted by Doug Earp.



Snow and Ice Removal – Jeff Gurnee

Coordinates our snow removal contracts.

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Welcoming Committee – Claire Savage

Welcomes new residence owners at their homes with information packets and a small gift. Welcomes new local lot owners and sends welcome packets to new remote lot owners. Hosts “Welcome Parties” several times a year.

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Charities and Associations In Our Area. Give Some of Your Time to:

Do you want to get involved in the Sequim community? Check these out. If something looks interesting to you, contact your Highland Hills neighbor who is a member and will help you get involved. (If you want your charity or association listed, send the information to Ernylee Chamlee at bellelealand@hotmail.com.)



Association of Naval Aviation (ANA): Open to anyone who has an interest in Naval Aviation. One does not have to have been a Naval Aviator to join. Participating members consist of other services, as well as civilian aviation professionals and enthusiasts. The group has a luncheon once a month in Port Ludlow. Contact **Jack Flanagan** at jvictory@earthlink.net



Adopt-a-Highway, an official Department of Transportation volunteer group. Our **"Bell Hill Litter Rangers"** pick up litter from Highway 101 beginning on River Road to Sequim Avenue. Join the Clean Up Adventurers! Contact **Dennis Nealey** at dnealey516@gmail.com



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Neighbor Helping Neighbor. Learn to be prepared for emergencies and how to help your neighbors with light search and rescue. Contact **Ernylee Chamlee** at bellelealand@hotmail.com



Greetings residents of HHMC. I am on the Board of Habitat for Humanity, Clallam County. We currently have several projects underway. If you are interested in volunteering or just want more information, please contact me, **Norm Pedersen**, at n.s.pedersen13@gmail.com and I will be



SequimFoodBank.org

Sequim Food Bank: Our mission is simple yet powerful: no one goes hungry in our community. As the need for food assistance grows, volunteers and community support are more important than ever. To learn more or get involved, contact **Wayne Pedersen** at wpedersen0929@gmail.com



Soroptimists: Sequim International Soroptimists supports education that will help women and girls achieve economic empowerment. It awards scholarships in four areas: Live Your Dream, High School, Continuing Education, and Professional/Technical (Vocational). The Medical Loan Closet has durable medical equipment on loan to community residents at no charge **Contact: Colleen Blazier** at



Sequim Wheelers offer free wheelchair bike rides for folks that cannot ride a bike themselves, providing fresh air and sunshine for both riders and volunteers. The ability of these types of bike rides to lift the spirits of disabled individuals was documented by Alberta health services. It found that the rides dramatically decrease depression, while improving sleep, appetite, and more. We are providing fun rides on the Olympic discovery trail in Sequim. If you would like more information, contact **Joan Curran** at



Sunrise Rotary. If you have an interest in community support projects, want more information on the Joe Rantz Rotary Youth House project, or are just interested in what we are about, **Norm Pedersen** would be happy to take you to a meeting. We meet most Fridays at 7AM at the Dungeness River Center. Norm can be contacted at



Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC) has served our community for 45+ years, providing hospice and palliative nursing care without billing anyone—ever. They also lend medical equipment, offer grief support and education to anyone. They need volunteer drivers to deliver and set up medical equipment—a simple way to make a lasting difference.



VFW Post 4760 in Sequim: Open to any US military veteran who has served the country in wartime. The Post conducts veteran assistance efforts, and honors with awards local student academic excellence, and for achievement in local Scouting organizations. Meetings are held once a month at the Post in Sequim. Contact **Jack Flanagan** at bvictory@earthlink.net



VFW Post 6787 in Carlsborg: Open to any US military veteran who served the country in wartime. The Post conducts veteran assistance efforts throughout the community and recognizes teachers, students, scouts, and first responders in Clallam County. Meetings are held at 1030 a.m. on every third Saturday of the month at the Mariner Café in Sequim. Contact Mark Dunham at markdunham_3@msn.com or vfw6787@outlook.com

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