

By Jeff Gurnee

~ Hello, Neighbors ~



It is January 2026 – as always time sure does seem to just fly by when you aren’t watching.

January – a time for fresh starts, new year - new beginnings. Well, we are already planning a few trips for the coming year – that reminded me to remind you, when you are going to be gone for a period of time and if you are comfortable please let a neighbor or someone in the neighborhood know so they can keep an eye on your property. We haven’t had any issues I am aware of, but it is a good idea. While I am on the subject –

be aware of on-line scammers as well. Seems like they are everywhere and all the time. Recently an old scam seems to have surface where the scammers are asking for help buying gift cards for a relative or a friend. Scamming people out of thousands of dollars. If it seems strange it most likely is strange. Good rule of thumb, if you don’t know, don’t click to open!

Wednesday - May 13th is Annual General Meeting (AGM) date, mark your calendars. It will be held at the Sunland Golf Club in their large meeting room. Planning on having a few guest speakers again this year so the information will be flowing. More news on that as things get firmed up.

Reminder – if you are planning on installing a fence, building an outside structure, taking down trees, replacing your roof (you get the idea) our policies require you to have permission from the Architectural Control Committee – forms for everything can be found in our policies online. It’s a simple process and we ask that you comply with the policies. The committee does their very best to turn your requests around quickly.

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Shout out this month is for all of the Birthdays and Anniversaries (you know who you are) that take place in the month of January. Way to go marking another trip around the sun. Hope your celebrations were joyful and memory making and you have many more awaiting you in your future. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or topics you feel the Board should address please reach out to me, 206-327-3261 [carolepedersen1](mailto:carolepedersen1@gmail.com)

[@gmail.com](mailto:carolepedersen1@gmail.com). I 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 continue to hold the meetings via ZOOM for those traveling or otherwise unable to join the meeting in person. Information regarding the ZOOM link can be found on our web page.

SAFETY AND AWARENES – Fritz Langenbacher



HHMC RADAR SIGN REPORT – Doug Earp

This report is for uphill traffic (northbound) in the vicinity of 1850 Doe Run Rd, from Sunday 12/7 through Saturday 1/10. *

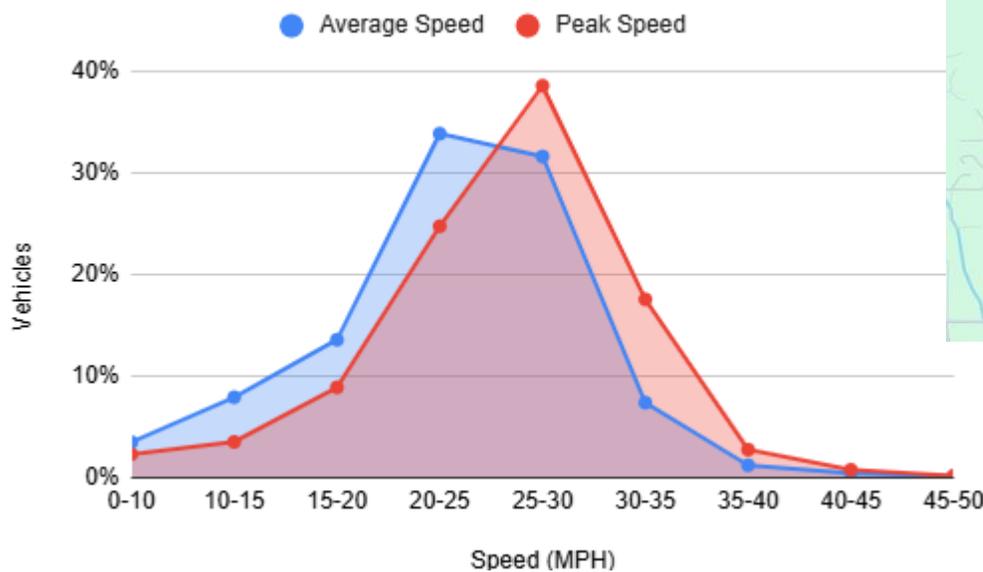
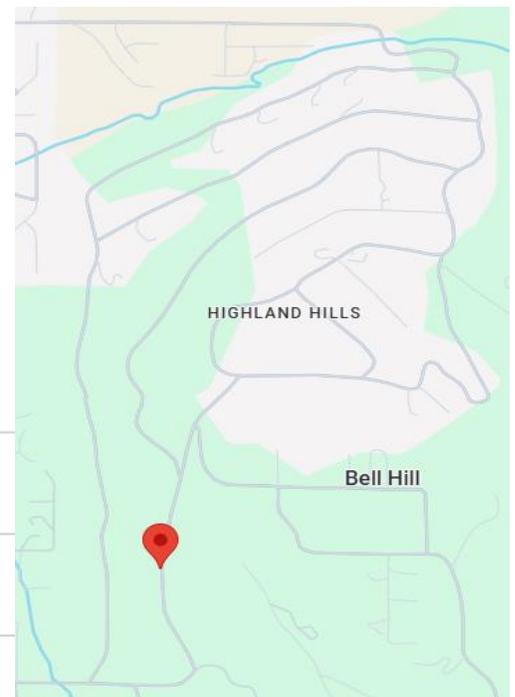
*Note: The radar sign had problems with the traffic data for these dates and are therefore omitted from this report.

- 12/16 and 12/22 - Corrupt, possibly due to electrical interference
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1850 Doe Run Rd, Northbound

12/7/25 - 1/10/26 31 days

	Averages		
	Daily	Weekdays (21)	Weekends (10)
# Vehicles	110	122	84
Avr Speed	24.0	24.0	24.0
# Speeders	45	50	36
% Speeders	41%	41%	43%
Peak Speed	55	55	55



Special Note: The radar sign had problems with the traffic data for the following four dates and are therefore not included in this month's report.

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Average vs Peak speed

The radar sign tracks the speed of each vehicle as it approaches. When it passes it records it's average speed and peak speed. The "average speed" shown above is the average speed of all 132 vehicles' average speed. The "peak speed" is the highest speed recorded for the period.

Below is a new chart to help visualize how much the vehicle speeds differ, and how they are distributed, grouped into 5 MPH ranges from 5 to 50 MPH. For example, while a total of about 1100 vehicles passed going between 20 and 25MPH, less than 100 (63 actually) passed going 35-40. The blue line is based on each vehicle's average speed, while red represents their peak speed.

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.

SAFETY HINTS FOR THE NEW YEAR – Nora Davis

Don't get scrooged by fraudsters this holiday season. Here are some pro tips to help you avoid scams and keep the good times going. Watch out for:

- Donation requests from unknown organizations. Research charities through official websites and make sure your donations are made through secure donation processes.
- Emails or texts claiming suspiciously good deals, unusual account activity, or missed deliveries. You can verify these notifications directly by visiting official websites or using suspicious web sites.
- Emergency texts claiming to be from loved ones requesting financial help. Double-check the situation by contacting the person directly before taking any action.

Black Ice

Winter is here and so is the black ice. Sometimes when you least expect it, there's just that tiny skim coat of ice on roads and driveways.

Another thing that can help out on these extra foggy days is clearing the fog lines (those white lines along the edge of the road). If the fog lines in front of your property are covered by needles or leaves, please clear them off to help drivers stay on the road.

Recent wind and rain caused a lot of leaf coverage on the roads. Be careful out there when walking or biking (or driving) as the leaves can cause the roads to be slick. In 2021 wet leaves caused two incidents of cars sliding off Doe Run Road. One car knocked over a sign post and another ran into a tree which stopped it from going over a steep embankment.

Starlink

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 being included on the list.

Emergency Supplies

Winter is here. Don't forget to put your winter go-bag in your car.

THAT'S ONE TALL CRAINE!

New construction on Ravens Ridge. Lifting roof trusses.



PUPPY WALKING

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area! Walking our dogs is great exercise for us and our pets.

REMINDER: Make sure clean up after your pet. Recently, someone found filled poo bags left on their driveway. Let's be great neighbors and not only clean up after our pets but take the trash with us to our homes.



BELL HILL LITTER RANGERS- Dennis Neely

A big shout out to those neighbors who participate in the Bell Hill litter pickup program on Highway 101. Working to make Sequim a better community! Feel free to join us - you get free exercise!

WHERE DID NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS COME FROM?

January was named for the two-faced Roman god, Janus, who looks forward to new beginnings as well as backward for reflection and resolution. The Romans would offer sacrifices to Janus and make promises of good behavior for the year ahead. Janus was also the guardian of gates and doors. He presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime. It was a place of safety where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged.

If your resolution is to get more involved in the community, you might want to join one of our HHMC Committees. We are always looking for more help to make our community better.



ANNOUNCING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 13, 2026 7:00

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a walking map that tells you how long the streets are? It's on the Members Only Page of our website

Your trash cans should not be visible from the street? (PC&R 5)

We don't feed the deer because it can make them sick. (Washington State Fish and Wildlife)

Telephone number for our neighbors are on the left-hand side of the Members Only Page on HHMC's website

The Highlander is sent by email and also posted to the website.

Completing an e-consent form saves the HHMC money because it allows us to send you notices and your assessment by email instead of a hard copy in postal mail.

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,



Annual Meeting Chair - Duane Chamlee

Responsible for setting up the AGM meeting.



Annual Potluck Chair – Jean Gurnee

Picnic usually takes place in August.



Beautification Chair – Peggy Napier

Decorates the entrance signs on a seasonal basis.



Caring Chair – Colleen Blazier

Responds to neighbors to offer 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 Information/E-Consent forms, including rental information.



Drainage Chair – Russ Stepp

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



Greenbelt Chair – Norman Pedersen

Works with Highland Irrigation District.



Group Backflow Test Coordinator – Duane Chamlee

Arranges for backflow inspection needed for sprinkler systems when they need to be turned back on in the spring.



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 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.

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Nominating Chair – Duane Chamlee

Finds 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 and ice removal contracts.



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.

Charities and Associations In Our Area. Please Get Involved!

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 bvictory@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 Neeley** at daneeley516@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 happy to help you get involved.



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



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 n.s.pedersen13@gmail.com



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.



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 cblazier@bellhill.net



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. For further info, contact **Wayne Pedersen** at wpedersen0929@gmail.com

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

HOW DID HOLIDAY START? There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14. One tells of Saint Valentine of Rome imprisoned for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor Claudius II, who believed that married soldiers were not as good as single ones. It is said that Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Her name was Julia. Some say that Valentine wrote to the jailer's daughter and signed the letter "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.



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Contribute to the Highlander:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE GREAT REPORTS SUBMITTED! All members are encouraged to share any ideas, pictures, poems, events, etc. Anything that might be of interest to your neighbors are welcome.

Love the "THANK YOU, GREAT NEIGHBOR!" Continue to send your special "Thank You" to a neighbor.

Please send information in Word format and photos in jpg or png. Thank you.

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