



# 2026

New Year, New Beginnings! As we reflect on the past year and look to the year ahead, we hope you are doing the same through the lens of optimism. As a community we are continuing to improve on our communication and connection because as the board of directors, we believe this builds a stronger community. This quarterly newsletter is one more way we are doing just that.

So, whether you've lived here for a long time or are new to the community, we hope you are building meaningful connections with your neighbors and making friends. If you'd like to get more involved, we have several opportunities for that through serving on our board, our committees, and with events. If interested, email us at [sunwoodlakes@gmail.com](mailto:sunwoodlakes@gmail.com). Also, don't forget to join us every 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm for our HOA meetings, or visit our website at [sunwoodlakes.org](http://sunwoodlakes.org) where you will find helpful information about our community.

May this be a year of new beginnings and new adventures!  
Happy New Year- HOA Board

## dream

/drēm/ *noun*

a cherished aspiration,  
ambition, or ideal

### 2025 Highlights-

Pool re-surfaced

Lake Clean Up Day

Added Budget & Forest Committees

Fishing Derby

DNR walkthrough- [see website](#)

Quarterly Newsletter

Annual Christmas Party

### 2026 Project Highlights

Swing Set Area - Early Spring  
(more info in this newsletter)

Parking Lot resurfacing  
Tennis Court resurfacing  
Adding Pickle Ball Court line  
to Tennis Court- May  
-more info in next newsletter

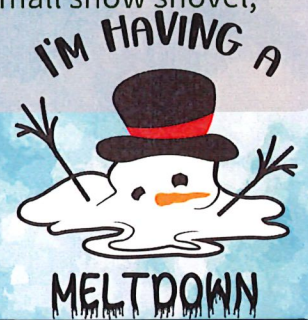




# Winter Travel Safety Tips- Preparation is key

Roads in Washington can be challenging to navigate with temperatures dropping. Sheets of ice on roads, or the occasional snow dumping can leave you stranded or worse if unprepared. Here are some tips to keep you ready and safe when on the road this winter-

1. Slow things down- speed plays a key role when driving on icy roads. Leave plenty of room between you and other drivers, and keep things slow. In the event you do slide you will have a better chance of regaining control if you keep your speed down.
2. If you start to slide, slowly turn the steering wheel in the direction that the rear of your car is sliding.
3. Keep tires inflated to the right pressure recommended by the manufacturer.
4. Replace worn wiper blades before the weather worsens- check them now and be ready
5. Keep your car stocked with essentials: jumper cables, portable jump starter, small snow shovel, emergency blanket, gallon of water.
6. Keep gas tank topped off for long road trips.



## Slow Down!

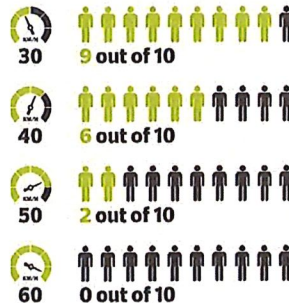
Unfortunately we are still experiencing speeding in our neighborhood. Sunwood Lakes community is a 25MPH speed limit zone. If you are reading this and you are someone who speeds in our neighborhood, you are putting yourself and others at risk. In an effort to do what we can on our end, the HOA board recently reached out to the non emergency Sheriff line about getting speed readers and patrol cars present in our neighborhood to serve as a deterrent to speeding. We also found out that we qualified for the Traffic Calming Program through Thurston County, which would allow for adding speed bumps to our problem areas. We can go through the petition process, however, because of budget cuts with the county, we would have to pay for the project and it would require support from the majority of our community.

We will be sharing more about this in the future so be sure to check our website for updates or you can attend one of our board meetings.

If you witness a reckless driver you can report the incident to the non emergency line at 360-704-2740.

And to those of you who practice safe driving, thank you for keeping our neighborhood safe.

Approximate survival rate if hit by a vehicle at the following speeds.



**Mark Your Calendars-** \*Jan 20th may affect water use 8am-1pm. Check website that week for any updates

**Jan 8th- HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm**

**Jan 20th- NW Water cleaning source meters- may affect water usage**

**Feb 12th HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm**

**Mar 12th HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm**

**March/April- Swing Set goes back up- safety fall zone completed-**

**May 1st-15th -Parking Lot project- no parking at clubhouse no rentals**