



RESORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 1 SHELTER COVE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

*Electric, Water, Sewer, Fire Protection, Search & Rescue,
Airport, Golf Links, Recreation*

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

FIRST WILDLAND FIRE TOWN HALL MEETING

The RID and Shelter Cove Fire Department invites the Shelter Cove community to an important Wildland Fire Townhall Meeting on Friday, December 14th at 6 PM at the Fire Station Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to disseminate valuable information about Shelter Cove's wildfire mitigation preplanning which will include road clearing, greenbelt thinning and a new community chipper program. This will be a chance for the RID and Fire Department to answer questions, address concerns and gather information and feedback regarding Shelter Cove's wildfire readiness. There will be a follow up meeting on Friday, January 11th at 6 PM to refine our plans and gather more feedback. See GM note on the back of your bill.

Sewer Reminder:

We recently had a small sewer spill caused by a clogged sewer line. The cause of the blockage was a tangle of "flushable" wipes. We are requesting customers please avoid using the sewer system to dispose of trash and food scraps. Pouring grease and oil into the sewer pipes is also problematic as it can cause the wastewater system to backflow into homes and businesses. The proper way to dispose of fats, cooking oils and grease is to place into a leak-proof container and dispose of them in the garbage.

Flushable wipes are not flushable.

Utility Service Shut-off Costs:

If you do not live in Shelter Cove year-round you may want to consider having your utility services disconnected to save money and to eliminate the chance of having a large water leak while you are away. The standing monthly charges are \$86.29 for a sewered home and \$45.50 for a septic home. It costs \$200 to have services disconnected and reconnected so if you are going to be away for three months or more in the sewered area you will save money. If away for five months or more in the septic zone you will save money.

Holiday Announcement:

The District offices will close on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Day and Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year.

BEWARE OF TREACHEROUS SURF CONDITIONS

Numerous past drowning events at Black Sands Beach highlight the importance of staying away from the surf-line and refraining from entering the ocean to try to rescue a victim who has been washed in. Although it may be tempting to enter the water attempted rescues from the beach usually compound the problem and add to the number of lives lost. It's important to stay on shore and call for help as soon as possible. People should follow the guidelines below and exercise extreme caution when high surf conditions are present:

- Never turn your back on the ocean. 
- Stay farther back from the water than usual, avoiding salt spray and wet areas of the beach.
- Stay off the jetty, rocks and tide-pool areas.
- Stay out of the water as sleeper waves and strong rip-tides appear along the coastline.
- Keep yourself between children and the ocean.

It is recommended that you check weather and surf reports prior to activities on and around the water.

See: <https://www.weather.gov/eka/>

DARK SKY SANCTUARY

BLM is interested in the Kings Range National Conservation Area, which includes the Shelter Cove community, being included in the Dark Sky Sanctuary Program. The program involves regulating light spillage onto neighboring properties. This issue will be placed on the December 20th board meeting agenda for public input and board action.

Fire Extinguisher Recharge Reminder:

The community may bring their fire extinguishers to the Fire House on the morning of **Thursday, December 13th**, for recharging by Eureka-Humboldt Fire Extinguisher, phone 822-2517. The cost of this service will depend on the size of the unit.

COMMENTS: We encourage your comments, so please use your bill stub to provide feedback regarding matters within the District's control.

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After Hours Utility Emergencies: 223-1225 www.sheltercove-ca.gov



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Mail Tampering:

If you observe anyone tampering or stealing US mail you can report it to Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455. If information leads to conviction there is a reward offered up to \$10,000. You can secure your mail by installing lockable outdoor individual or multiple mail boxes. The boxes have to be USPS approved and must meet certain specifications. Multiple user cluster boxes, which can serve your immediate neighborhood, are a good option if multiple people are interested. Please contact the Post Office at 986-7532 if you are interested. The District office has a list of approved USPS manufacturers.

From your GM – December 2018

I would like to take a moment to welcome all of our new cove residents. I would especially like to welcome individuals and families who have moved to Shelter Cove following the devastating Camp Fire. Our District's doors are open to you. Please come and talk to us to see if we can be of any assistance or help to you and/or your family.

Our community, our District and our fire department are starting to take new steps to prepare for the possibility of a large wildfire in our community; to begin to mitigate the risk of wildfire and to educate and inform residents on how to create defensible space around their homes and to be better prepared in case of the need to evacuate.

RID and the Shelter Cove Fire Department will host the first of many community meetings to address our need to better mitigate and reduce the risk of wildfire. This first meeting will be held on Friday December 14th at 6PM at the RID offices. All residents, property owners and interested individuals are invited to attend.

At this meeting community members will learn how they can better prepare for wildfire; assists their neighbors and help create more defensible space around their homes and around our entire community. We live in a diverse community with many minds and many ability levels. Working together we will be more effective in treating (cutting, removing) the heavy fuel loading (trees, brush, grasses) that exist along our roadways, on our open space and on our own properties.

Please join your district and your fire department on Friday December 14th at 6PM at the RID offices to share your ideas and to better organize ourselves for the tremendous job that we must complete. Light refreshments will be provided.

I know that many of you will not be able to attend this December wildfire meeting due to the holiday season. RID and the Shelter Cove Fire Department will host the next community wildfire meeting on Friday January 11th at 6PM at the RID offices.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and a very merry Christmas,

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