

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

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## **SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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Please use these emails to contact your individual RID Board members about subjects within the RID's jurisdiction.

### Two Board Appointments In Lieu of Election:

Congratulations go out to incumbent, Jac Hargrave and newcomer to the Board, Michael Schad, who were the only two people to file for filling two four-year term board member vacancies. According to elections code 10515, when the number of qualified candidates filing for a seat equals the number of available seats, those qualified candidates shall be appointed in lieu of election by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. The commencement date for these positions is the first Friday in December.

#### **Holiday Announcement:**

The District offices will close on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

#### **Road Maintenance:**

Please report road maintenance needs to Public Works Roads. Monday through Thursday at 445-7421 or you can submit a complaint online:

http://humboldtgov.org/Requesttracker/Home

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

#### FISHING SUSTAINABILITY PLAN MEETING

Please join the Humboldt Bay Harbor District on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Abalone Hall to receive information and give public comment on the plans for the future of the Shelter Cove Marina and fishing community

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### **Fire Department Response:**

The Fire Department has been receiving trouble calls regarding fire and medical concerns via their office or home phones. The department is requesting that you please call 911 for all Fire Department responses. The office phone is only utilized for non-public responses such as administrative matters.

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Upper Pacific Road is going to be renamed Pampas Grass Road . . . just kidding.

The issue about invasive pampas grass has been addressed in the Notes from the GM in previous years, and it created a small kerfuffle with some because I suggested using an herbicide to control it. Mind you, there was no brand or type mentioned, whether organic or non-organic, but some interpreted that suggestion to fit into a particular agenda. So, here we are, inundated with an invasive species that is spreading just like the other pest invasive — Douglas fir. Once pampas is this large, digging it up is a massive chore, so this time around, I suggest cutting off the flowering portion to reduce the dispersal of seeds. Pampas does not grow at the upper elevations as pervasively as the lower Cove, so those of you living above are spared this nuisance.

Along with the threat of wildfires, the Autumn season brings other detrimental events to the Cove – illegal dumping.

Along with the cannabis trimmings, which are biodegradable but still should not be dumped on public lands, were scores of what appeared to be used diapers, other household trash, and cardboard boxes. Fortunately, the dumper left a name and address, so they were promptly contacted and informed to clean up their dumping or the Sheriff would be out the following day. So they did. If cannabis cultivation is so lucrative, why can't people pay the \$8-\$12 to dispose of garbage at the dump?

The permit application for the new Community Center was submitted to the County and the District is now applying for financing through the USDA – Rural Development office. If all goes well, the plan is to break ground towards the end of next Spring. To learn more about the new CC, go to the District website or, better yet, come to the District Board Meetings the third Thursday of every month.

The District anticipates several improvements to utility systems infrastructure and recreation and parks improvements coming to fruition in the months ahead. We greatly appreciate the community's support throughout the endeavors mentioned above, and these would be impossible to achieve without your support, cooperation, encouragement, and suggestions.