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Trying to keep ahead of the snow is a challenge. The club extends a special thank you to Mike Lindelhoff, Jerry Ihrke and Charlie Nelson for volunteering their efforts.

The club is having difficulty finding companies willing to bid for snow clearing. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering or submitting a bid for clearing, **please** contact the office.

REMINDERS

- ◇ Annual meeting 3rd weekend in May.
- ◇ Interest at 12% on past due accounts. Does not apply to payment plans in good standing.
- ◇ News by web? Send an email with your name to slwcc.news@gmail.com

Be sure to check the website often for news, events, accolades and classifieds.

www.sunlightwaterscountryclub.com



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Action Needed by Residents & Owners

Our clean air, water and property values are being threatened!

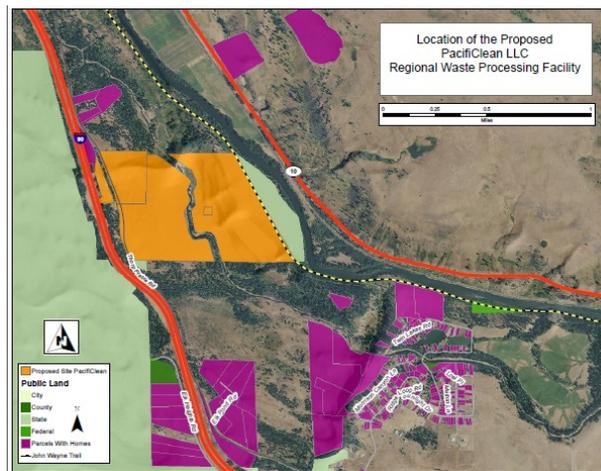
PacificClean Environmental LLC has proposed the "Elk Heights Integrated Organics Processing Facility" to be located at 8860 Thorp Prairie Road, one and a half miles west of us as the wind blows.

PacificClean has submitted a Conditional Use Permit

{CUP} to the Kittitas County Planners for review. The County Commissioners will make the final decision.

The property is 193 acres of pasture and forest on the Kittitas Reclamation District Canal, State Park Trail and at the head waters of the Yakima River. The plant would be the largest on the Pacific Coast.

The bio solids composting area of the Elk Heights compost facility (82.4 acres) will have 36 compost piles, each with a projected volume of 800 cubic yards. Fifty-foot long hauling tractor trailers will be delivering material daily to be hand sorted, ground and dumped in piles and covered. They suggest the smell should dissipate in 28 days, however with an estimated



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Thank You!

Teddi Ryland has volunteered her time and talent to Sunlight Waters for over 20 years. Formerly a Board Trustee and most recently the responsibilities of Board President for the last two years. She has efficiently run our meetings resulting in many accomplishments such as updating the

Clubhouse, pool, roads and, making our community a better place to live. Teddi suffers from Muscular Dystrophy and had to step down in January, she continues to pitch in when she can and as needed. Thank you Teddi, for your community service!!



Your Board has several openings and is looking for volunteers. Please consider getting involved and supporting our community! Contact **the office, or another board member**

Remember to come visit us on the world wide web at sunlightwaterscountryclub.com

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240 trucks arriving daily, the odorous smell will be continual. Not only will it stink, but facilities such as this around the US and in other countries have experienced fires from spontaneous combustion.

Compost Formula

- ◆ Commercial and residential food waste
- ◆ Yard waste
- ◆ Manure and bedding from herbivorous animals
- ◆ Meat and food waste
- ◆ Municipal bio solids (sewage sludge)
- ◆ Industrial solid wastes and industrial treatment sludge

With our winds in Upper Kittitas County at times clocking 40-80 miles an hour, and our history of wildfires, we have to stop this project now. Our healthy way of life will be ruined, toxic and polluted air produced, our water-table and river affected, and there is a huge threat of fire. Our property values will plummet. Those with respiratory problems may just have to give up their homes and move.

Join others who understand the hazards and inform your friends and neighbors. A local group has formed 'KittitasClean' - reach out to this group via the facebook page below . Review the entire CUP from our SLWCC website. Hand out fliers, and **most importantly**, write letters to your commissioners and to the land planning department care of Doc Hanson. Watch for announcements via Facebook, the club webpage, and signs at the mailboxes. Attend KittitasClean meetings and County Commissioner's meetings at the Court House in Ellensburg. KittitasClean may also need donations for the printing of fliers, signs and posters. The only way to stop this is if enough people stand up for their rights to live in a Kittitas Clean environment!

Two Resources:

www.sunlightwaterscountryclub.com/countyhappenings

www.facebook.com/StopPacificCleanElkHeightsWasteProcessingSite

How to respond to the State Environmental Protection Act Checklist (SEPA):

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/pdf/Commenting_Guide.pdf

December Holiday Party

The Annual SLWCC Christmas Party was celebrated at our Clubhouse on Dec. 15th.



The Clubhouse was festively decorated by Joanne Briggs, Teddi Ryland and Sherry Pepke. Fred and Carrie Niemi donated the turkey and trimmings, while guests and friends

brought tasty side dishes and desserts. After dinner and conversation the gift exchange continued the fun. George and Margie were delighted with their twin fleece blankets, just in time for the snowy evenings. Christmas Carols topped off the evening, with a few solos from the talent present!



Letter to the Editor of the Yakima Herald

Sunlight Waters Country Club residents are alarmed by a recent Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application with Kittitas County to build an 'Integrated Organics Processing Facility' on a **Forest & Range** plateau in Elk Heights on Thorpe Road (1.5m East of Indian John Hill MP89 and across the river from the Taylor Bridge Fire).

The facility is to accept human/animal waste, yard and garden waste, agricultural crop waste, meat and post consumer source separated materials, processed solid wastes, industrial solid waste and industrial biological treatment sludge of King and Snohomish counties; including the waste from the current Cedar Grove Compost Facility. Area residents, business owners and the City of Marysville have waged an expensive two-year legal and public-relations battle with Cedar Grove Composting over the smell. How can an acceptable solution be to move the stench and pollutants to the Cle Elum area?

A 24 hour a day, 7 day a week heavy equipment operation is planned on 193 acres purchased by PacifiClean. The proposed site at 8860 Thorpe Road, sits on the **Kittitas Reclamation District Canal**, adjacent to the **John Wayne Iron Horse Trail**, up to and including the **Yakima River**, and just over one mile upwind of the residential and recreational community of **Sunlight Waters**.

Although understandably concerned about the expected noise, light, air and odor pollution one can anticipate impacting our ability to enjoy our homes and the outdoors year round; we are equally concerned for all residents and business owners on the East side. Particularly for the following

- ◇ **Increased fire hazard** - compost is highly flammable; PacifiClean response to a fire "Spread the materials in a thin layer". The Taylor Bridge Fire started with a single spark – destroying dozens of homes, displacing area residents, livestock and wildlife and endangering hundreds of fire safety personnel
- ◇ **Increased risk to road safety**; 240 - 50' 17 ton tractor trailers (daily) on the highly travelled I90 corridor, culminating in exiting at Exit 93 whose design is questionable to accommodate either the volume or size of vehicular traffic proposed
- ◇ Detrimental **impact to tourism and recreation** - both the Yakima River and John Wayne Iron Horse Trail would run parallel with and immediately adjacent to 28,800 cubic yards of compost
- ◇ Potential for **contamination of the soil, water table** and the **river** itself - known pathogens, heavy metals, and bacteria associated with this waste material pose a serious potential threat to ground water

As for the expected stench; (forget for a moment sitting behind one of those trailers over Snoqualmie Pass on I90 or at Exit 93), PacifiClean owner Condon acknowledge the stink "He discussed the positioning of the facility and the fact that the wind would typically be blowing potential smells away from the majority of the surrounding homes and businesses." Mr. Condon is mistaken, for any resident or recreation user along the John Wayne Iron Horse Trail or Yakima River only need to look to Wind Farms in the East to have an appreciation and understanding for just how far and hard the wind blows through Elk Heights. Further, the Plan of Operations acknowledges it may not always be possible to identify and correct an odor source.

"We want to go where the community wants it," said (Larry) Condon; if your words indeed are true Mr. Condon we would like to see the invitation you received from the residents, local businesses, State Park Agencies, and the Yakama Nation that suggested such a facility would be welcome this close to our homes, water and recreation. Although everyone is welcome to enjoy the beauty of nature, wildlife and the stars in the Elk Heights area and on the Yakima River - for the record; consider such a facility as you have proposed – unwelcome!

300 and 400 word versions of the above letter were also sent to the Daily Record and the Northern Kittitas County Tribune

Odd Jobs



Can you paint?
Are you good at building, landscaping or odd jobs?
Can you shovel a sidewalk? In short, do you have some 'handyman skills that you can offer the community at a reasonable rate? The club needs someone for maintenance (a 'caretaker') - if you can do any or all of the above please call the office at **509.674.7303**.

Local Business Owners:

Lon Lewis, 253.307.0704, r69sbmw@msn.com. Contact Lon for your Electrical, Plumbing or Mechanical Needs.

Robert Suemori, 509.929.0517, R-N-R Construction



Please remember to carry your electronic key-card to

avoid disappointment. It's not always possible to drop everything to answer the door at the clubhouse.

Volunteer! Make a difference in YOUR community.

The Bylaws and Community Covenants and Restrictions committee is meeting monthly now through April at 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at the clubhouse.

Contact: slwcc.trustee1@gmail.com for more information about participating.

This is a once every 10 year effort!

Office: *The business office at the clubhouse is open from 12 to 3 Tues through Thurs for members to speak with the Facility Manager. Employees of SLWCC report to The Board, please direct employee related queries to the board. Thank you.*

Community Classifieds

www.sunlightwaterscountryclub.com/community-classifieds.html

For Sale

- Two (2) Lots
- Utility Trailer
- 4 All Season Tires
- Free-standing Gas Fireplace

Wanted

- Two (2) Homes
- Material for quilts

Lost

- Pet Cat (Minx) 'Stubbie'

For more info visit the website.

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Warmest welcome to our newest community members!!

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| Arthur & Alyssa Morken | James & Donna Kennedy | David Hoff |
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