

## Fire Department News

### New Fire Station Update

We are pleased to announce that the fire district has received conditional use permits from the county, has met all environmental requirements for the property, and has now received approval from the Washington State Treasury for a low interest loan to construct the new fire station. Our goal is to begin construction later this summer.

### Join Us for a Free CPR Class!

The fire department is offering a free CPR class on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Come down and have our firefighters teach you this life saving skill. To register email the fire department at: Info@wcfid17.org or call the fire station at 360-384-1480.

### Free Smoke Detectors

The Fire Department still has free smoke detectors available with a ten-year lithium battery. With this program we have now distributed over 700 new smoke detectors in our community. Stop by and get yours today! Limit of 3 per home please.

### Outdoor Burning Restrictions

The fire department would like to remind residents that all yard and beach debris fires are illegal in Fire District #17. Gas weed burning devices are also prohibited. Only recreational camp and beach fires consisting of either charcoal or split dry firewood and in an approved enclosure are permitted. Outdoor gas fireplaces are encouraged and are permitted year-round. It is important to know the regulations and current burn ban status as the fire department and the sheriff's office issues fines and fees for responding to illegal fires and they are very expensive. For more information stop by the Sucia Drive fire station or call the Fire District office at (360) 384-1480.

### This Year's Flu Clinic & Food Drive

This year's flu clinic is Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Hoagland Pharmacy needs a good turnout to make it worth them attending so please consider supporting this long-time annual community event. Several vaccines will be available. Free hot dogs will be served! Food drive items for the Ferndale Food Bank can be dropped off at the fire station.

## Mark Your Calendar:

Board Meeting – Thurs., April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Water Main Flushing – May 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Yacht Club Opening – Sat., May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting – Thurs., May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Memorial Day, Office Closed – Mon., May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting – Thurs., June 18<sup>th</sup>

## Sandy Point President's Remarks – Steve Stedman

The Board of Directors has approved an increase in the annual assessment from \$505 to \$582 per property, effective for the upcoming fiscal year. This adjustment was unavoidable due to a sustained rise in expenses across all operational categories. Inflation has driven up costs for materials, utilities, insurance, and routine maintenance at rates that have outpaced our previous revenue projections, making it impossible to deliver the same level of service and community upkeep without additional funds. These broad economic pressures have affected every line item in the budget, from launch ramp repair and building maintenance to administrative overhead, leaving the association with no practical alternative but to align assessments with current realities.

Beyond general inflation, major initiatives have placed significant new demands on our reserves. Extensive legal work has been required to advance the canal-dredging project, including permitting, engineering reviews, and negotiations with regulatory agencies to ensure compliance and protect the waterway for years to come. At the same time, the annual audit—now approaching \$40,000—has grown substantially in scope and cost due to heightened accounting costs and regulatory standards and the need for more detailed financial reporting. These targeted expenditures are essential for preserving property values and fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities, and the modest assessment increase ensures we can meet these obligations without compromising reserves or delaying critical projects.

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4460 Decatur Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 384-3921  
Monday – Friday  
8:00am – 3:00pm

We accept all major credit cards over the phone or pay online at [www.oursandypoint.com/make-a-payment/](http://www.oursandypoint.com/make-a-payment/). Please call during regular office hours and we will be happy to assist you.

### Marina

4323 Saltspring Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 384-4373  
7 Days a Week 8:00am – 12:00pm  
Summer Hours Beginning  
Memorial Day Weekend

### Golf Course

The Golf Course and driving range are open and ready for play. If frost occurs on the golf course, please wait until 10:30am to begin playing. The golf course hours are from dusk till dawn, there is no night golfing allowed.

### 2025 Pool Opening

The pool is preparing to open this year over Memorial Day weekend (weather permitting). Pool Hours will be 10:00am – 7:00pm with the first and last hours being for adults only. For the remaining pool rules, go to [www.oursandypoint.com/club-house-pool/](http://www.oursandypoint.com/club-house-pool/).

### Marina Slips & Dry Stores

The Marina has all slip sizes available and Dry Stores spots available. Please call the Marina for more information or to reserve. Summer hours at the Marina will take effect over Memorial Day weekend and will be Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm; Friday-Sunday: 6:30am-4:30pm.

### Yacht Club Opening Day

Opening Day will be on May 16 at 11am, rain or shine. Attend the Opening Day by bringing your own foods to grill!

### Biannual Water Main Flushing

Sandy Point will be completing our biannual water main flushing May 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> (no flushing on the weekends). Flushing will start in the Heights, followed by Neptune Circle and the Shores. Water main flushing is a biannual preventative maintenance activity to help maintain water quality. As we flush the water main in your area, you may experience a temporary reduction in water pressure. You may also notice some slight discoloration or change in the taste/odor in your water caused by the mineral deposits we are flushing from our mains. These conditions are normal during flushing activities and are only temporary. If you should experience any of these conditions, it is recommended you flush the pipes of your home by simply running cold water through one or more faucets, inside or outside your home until your water runs clear. It is also suggested to refrain from washing your laundry if you are experiencing any of these temporary water issues. For more information on flushing, visit [www.oursandypoint.com/water-information](http://www.oursandypoint.com/water-information).

### Mandatory Water Conservation

Sandy Point Improvement Company's Water Conservation will run from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. The website will be updated, and signs will be posted towards the middle of May as a reminder. Outdoor water and irrigation are restricted to the hours before 10:00am and after 5:00pm, and for no longer than 30 minutes at a time. Please see the schedule below based on the last number of your address.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
ODD	NO WATERING	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### Email Alert System

Sandy Point's email alert system is used to notify our customers of a water emergency as soon as feasibly possible to keep everyone informed of outage times. To be included in the email alerts, please call the office or email at [office@oursandypoint.com](mailto:office@oursandypoint.com) and include your name, customer number, address, and email address.

