**January 2023 Billing Newsletter**

Water quality trends along the Northwest portion of the Penn Cove shellfish growing area have shown declining water quality. Shellfish beds are currently classified as “Conditionally Approved” by the WA State Department of Health (DOH). Island County Public Health (ICPH) will be working with local residents with septic systems to perform evaluations including dye tests to identify any leaks in septic system infrastructure. Wastewater from onsite septic systems are known to impact shellfish bed quality and thus could be contributing to the closures of these areas and their water quality. If you have questions or want a dye test, please contact Michael Powell at Island County Environmental Health

 @ (360) 679-7350/ or email mw.powell@islandcountywa.gov



As the temperature drops outside, it’s important to know where the water meter is and how to turn off the water in case of a leak. If you have questions about this, call the office and someone will be happy to show you where it is and how to turn it off.

![MCj02153310000[1]]()Call **Island Disposal** at 360-678-5701 to have your trash picked up every Tuesday or take your trash to Island County Solid Waste regularly if you don’t have pick-up service. You can recycle paper, some plastics, cans and glass bottles south of Coupeville at 20018 SR 20 for free**. Please don’t leave trash piling up in your yard or on the street, it’s a health hazard!**

**![MCj03598570000[1]]()Rodents** – During cold weather rats and mice may look for shelter in your home and outbuildings. Seal small openings in your buildings. Mice can squeeze through a ¼ inch opening and rats through a ½ inch opening. Clean up rubbish piles and use tight fitting lids on garbage cans. Food sources such as pet food or birdseed may also attract them. Traps and baits are available. Use the correct sized trap for rats or mice. Use plenty of them placed in areas of rodent activity. Children, pets and birds can be protected by using a bait station.

**Whidbey Island Lion’s Club** has a collection box in the office for usable & broken eyeglasses. Including: frames, lenses, hearing aids & batteries. These items support their “Recycle for Sight” program. They also collect cell phones & batteries for the Wounded Warrior Project. Drop them by the office.



**Thank you** community members who made the neighborhood so cheerful with Christmas lights and decorations last month! It was beautiful and much appreciated by community members. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.



The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday,** **January 10, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.