

President's Message

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incorporated cities of Ilwaco, Long Beach, Raymond and South Bend combined (580).

Surfside is alive and well. And as Summer begins, there is a lot to do. Keep involved. Attend the regular meetings of the Board the third Saturday of every month. Volunteer to chair, co-chair or participate in one of Surfside's many committees. But whatever you do, keep informed, ask questions and contribute in any way you feel comfortable to make Surfside the kind of place you want it to be.

Since I began with a bridge quotation I will conclude with another, but this one by Longfellow has a little different take on bridges. I am sure that SHOA's unassuming pedestrian bridges generate different recollections and thoughts in each of us.

"Yet whenever I cross the river
On its bridge with wooden piers
Like the odor of the brine from the ocean
Comes the thought of other years"

The Bridge
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Business Office

Ken Karch,
General Manager

Brian Pierce has accepted the position of part-time office secretary. His hiring will ensure full-time office coverage six days a week, and will assist SHOA committees and staff with a greatly expanded workload. Brian has a rich and varied work history, including 22 years with Vertis, Inc., Portland, OR, where he gained vast materials handling knowledge, and honed customer service skills. The SHOA interview team noted his excellent organizational skill, and strong work ethic. Brian and his wife, Angela have recently moved to Surfside.

Plans to expand the existing SHOA business / meeting room by about 220 square feet were approved by the Board and the Architectural Committee, and now await County approval. The Board has authorized going for bids once all approvals have been received.

Thanks to the excellent work by resident Mark Scott, SHOA now has a database of elevations for all intersections

and cul-de-sacs in Surfside. The information, accurate to about an inch, will help in planning tsunami routes, flood control, and determining building and tree heights in Surfside. Copies are available at the SHOA business office.

A draft plan for improving communication between SHOA and the membership is in the final stages of completion, and copies of the plan will be available at that time.

Sharon White, Business Office Secretary, has completed an inventory of meeting spaces on the Peninsula, including size, services, availability and cost. This will be helpful in securing meeting space for the Annual Meeting, budget, and other hearings with crowds too large to meet in the Business Office/Board Room.

Updates on Board minutes and the newsletter are now up to date on the website: www.shoaonline.com.

For members wishing to understand and manage change in Surfside, a packet of materials based on concepts and tools presented at the Gateway Communities workshop are available at the office. ~

Street Clean Up Day

Street Clean-up Day co-chairs Kerry and Larry Amundson invite residents to "come one, come all" to the annual Surfside Clean-up Day on June 23 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Garbage bags will be available at the SHOA office if you need them, and the Amundsons' will pick up your bags if you're unable to transport them to the compactor. The compactor will be open from 11 AM to 5 PM to receive Clean-up Day trash.

Call the Amundsons ahead of time if you need maps or more information.

If you would like to get an early start, bring your trash to the compactor before closing on Thursday, June 21, anytime between noon and 6 PM.

We all know that many hands make light work. If we all pitch in to help, we can keep Surfside squeaky clean!

Call Kerry and Larry at 665-2779 if you can help out. Thank you! ~

6-Year Water Plan

George Talbott,
Chairperson

Gray and Osborne has been hired to carry out the plan as required by the State Department of Health. At this time chapters 1 through 4 of the draft plan are under review. ~

Water Department/Field Office

Gil Gonzales,
Water Superintendent

It's spring, and your Water Department has been busy flushing the water mains system-wide. We have completed flushing and flow testing from 315th to 357th, and by the time you read this we will have completed all the water mains.

If you have been gone for awhile and your water quality does not improve after running

it, please call the Water Department at 665-5000 and let us know so we can help resolve your water quality issues. Please call us also, if you are experiencing low water pressure or low water flow, or you have added a booster pump to your household, as some of the system changes could affect your household.

At the Board's regular April meeting, Water Superinten-

dent Gil Gonzales presented a slide show showing the stocking of 5,000 trout in the canal and Seabreeze Lake, and slides taken during a staff boat tour of the condition of the canal banks. Both are part of the work undertaken to support the Fish & Waterways Management Committee.

Finally, a note on water conservation. Did you know that watering your lawn continuously only promotes

shallow grass roots?

By watering your lawn early in the morning or during the evening you will be saving water by reducing the amount of evaporation that occurs during the day when the wind picks up during the midday hours. Also, watering less often will promote deeper grass roots and a heartier lawn.

Note: More information about hydrant flushing, along with an article about our newly launched cross-contamination program appears in the SHOAndTell Extra inserted in this newsletter. ~

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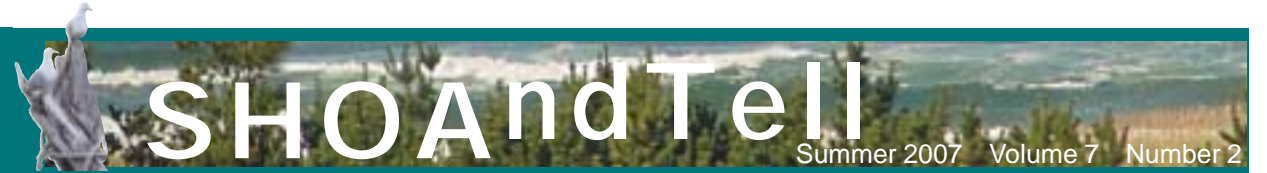
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Jimmie Applegate

"I have not been by that bridge for a month without yearning to cross it. I have abused the tardy workmen in my heart for keeping this pleasure from me. I have fairly ached to cross it, and I have thought I would give anything in reason or out of reason for the privilege, but the entrances were pitilessly closed and I had to move on and sigh and suffer in silence.... Crowds stand around all day and criticize that bridge, and find fault with it, and tell with unlimited frankness how it ought to have been planned, and how they would have built it.... It is really refreshing to hang around these and listen to them. A foreigner would come to the conclusion that all America was composed of inspired professional bridge builders."

The Broadway Bridge
Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain)
Alta, California, June 23, 1867

Yes, all six pedestrian bridges have been "pitilessly" closed in response to the recommendations in two reports from licensed, professional engineers following their examinations of the bridges. Trustee Warren Olson, General Manager Ken Karch and Field Service Planning Manager Bob Haskin have been leading the efforts to explore all options for repair and/or replacement as well as potential sources and methods of funding. The trustees have authorized that bid specifications be developed and information obtained for two options. One option is to replace the 306th Street and the 350th Street bridges and to repair the other four. A second option is to replace all six bridges. The Fishing Derby has been cancelled for this year but the SHOA waterways were stocked with trout. A friendly reminder: No fishing is permitted from March

1 through May 25 to give the trout a chance to adjust and gain additional size.

This message will be brief since articles elsewhere in this issue highlight on-going activities. I want to recognize some volunteers, share a few one sentence descriptors of selected actions and conclude with a somewhat nostalgic quotation from Longfellow's "The Bridge."

When you see Larry and Kerry Amundson, please express your appreciation to them for volunteering to lead the Surfside Clean Up activities. Do the same for Sheila Jones and Kathy Gordon for volunteering as members of the Grievance Committee co-chaired by Gloria Hajdok and Jole Williams. And tell Wayne O'Dell thanks for volunteering to serve on the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Covenants. This ad hoc task force has submitted its final report to the

trustees who scheduled a hearing on the recommendations on June 23. And, just as this task force is completing its work, a new Ad Hoc Facilities Task Force has been created to review all of SHOA facilities and to develop a list of necessary repairs and updates in priority order. The members are: Gil Gonzalez, Bob Haskin, Tom Kennedy, Dan Maryott, Warren Olson and Walt Platt. Share a word of thanks with them as well. Pat Goettel, Ray Gardner and Georgia Mourikis have been busy identifying members willing to stand for election to the three open positions on the Board of Trustees. This takes a lot of concentrated effort and we owe them our appreciation for all of their work. And a "well done" to all of you who completed and returned the water ways survey.

Potpourri: Members have seen nutria and beavers in the waterways and there have been reports of ATV's in the dunes. Trustees approved a position description and authorized the General Manager to initiate a search, interview and employ a Compliance Officer to relieve SHOA's dependency on volunteers. Trustees also approved the Business Office remodel and authorized the General Manager to advertise for bids. The trustees also saw data from 1990-2006 showing that Surfside had more housing starts (590) than the

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Editor's Desk

By *Bonnie Byers*
 "We're going to the beach! Yippie!
 I love the beach — the fresh
 breeze...the delicious ocean smells...the
 warm sand beneath my paws..."
 My Dog

It has always seemed so natural to include my dog on a walk to the beach, I can't imagine going without him.

But, many of today's beaches, especially in heavily used areas, actually ban dogs. And, I must admit, for a very good reason: dog poop that irresponsible pet owners do not clean up.

Complaints of dog poop on SHOA's pathways have reached an all-time high. With continued growth and development, the problem, no doubt, will worsen.


Unfortunately, it is not a dog problem. If it were, dogs, being intelligent, forthright, and eager to please, would all be pooping off the pathways.

So, don't blame the dog, this is a people problem. It would go away instantly if people would pick up their pet's waste, seal it in a plastic bag, and dispose of it in a trash can.

Threading your way through dog feces to get to the beach is more than a nuisance. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and organisms that can spread disease.

The problem is serious, and the country-wide bans offer proof that if pet owners don't take responsibility some else will.

For dogs and responsible dog owners, that will be one very sad day. ~



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Remembering Ray



Ray A. Harrison, resident Pacific County Deputy Sheriff for Surfside Homeowners Association since 1988, died April 3, in Vancouver, WA following a stroke.

Harrison also served as a reserve Deputy Sheriff for Pacific County, as a volunteer firefighter for Pacific County Fire District #1, and Emergency Medical Technician with the rank of Battalion Chief.

In a gathering at Ilwaco said to be the "largest ever to honor

"I remember Ray as a friend, a protector, and a man we could rely on for any problem. When we saw his car — any time of the day or night — we knew the streets were being checked, and we felt our neighborhood was safer. He was always there for all of us, but personally, I'll miss his stopping by just to see if everything's OK. God bless, Ray..."

A Friend

a person on the Peninsula," family, friends and colleagues gathered to say goodbye to the man whose contributions went far beyond the requirements of his job.

"Deputy Harrison served the residents of Pacific County and specifically the residents of Surfside with good grace, honor and humility," SHOA President Jimmie Applegate said in a tribute to Harrison. "He will be missed by all those who knew and respected him."

At its April meeting, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution

on behalf of SHOA members to "send these formal expressions of condolence to Deputy Harrison's wife, Nada Harrison, to his children and grandchildren, and to other members of his immediate family to thank them for sharing Ray morning, noon and night with us for all these many years."

Note: Following the passing of Deputy Harrison, the Board appointed Larry Clark as Surfside's Deputy Sheriff. Clark has carried out part-time responsibilities in Surfside, and is well-known in the community. His report appears in the SHOAndTell Extra (page 5). ~

On the Light Side

Simple Home Project

By *Michael Cline*

I decided it was time to put in laminate flooring throughout my house, and boy, did I take on a beast. Don't get me wrong, the laminate flooring was probably the easiest thing I have ever worked with; it was the carpet removal that changed my perception of the world order.

Did you know that the only thing holding the carpet in your house down is gravity? Now I've had two-year-olds in my house many times, and you would have thought they would have found that out a long time ago! But it is true. Walk over to the corner of your room and simply lift up your carpet.

I actually misspoke when I said it was the carpet that was the problem. I should have said, the padding! My oh my. Now that is a different animal altogether. Evidently padding must be one of those horrifically dangerous parts of a house that we have learned to live with such as electricity and propane. I say this because the number of staples used to hold it in place makes me conclude that if it ever got loose, it may destroy the house.

I had dozens of odd-shaped pieces of padding stapled down in every room. Every edge had hundreds of staples with a few thrown in the middle for good measure. My problem began with the fact that I had to get down on my knees and pull each one of

those staples out, one-at-a-time! I didn't stand up straight for two days!

None of this compares with the torture board, though. Some people call it tack board, and I guess that describes its construction, but not its action. The tack board is a narrow strip that boards every room. It has thousands of sharp spines sticking straight up. For some reason, I never figured out how to remove padding without placing my knee on it too often to count.

In the end, I got half of my laminate flooring in before the company I was buying it from discontinued selling my color. I will tell you now that staining the plywood sub-floor will not fool a wife. ~

Committees

Architectural
Wayne O'Dell, Chairperson

The Board accepted the resignation of Shirley Baker as chairperson, and expressed thanks and appreciation for her many years of service on the committee; most recently as chairperson. Wayne O'Dell has accepted appointment to the chairmanship.

The Board approved a height limitation of 24 feet for a single family residence in Division 6. Under the proposed revisions to the covenants, all lots in Div. 6 will have a height limit of 24 feet.

The committee approved 14 single family residences through April 21, which is roughly on par with last year's total of 61. ~

Community Relations
Cathy Gabrielson, Acting Chair

The committee continues to search for a chairperson to replace Cassy Moorhead, who has moved away from Surfside.

We are disappointed to report the cancellation of this year's annual kid's Fishing Derby, which was put on hold following the immediate need to close canal footbridges. Fishing season, however, will open on Memorial Day Weekend.

Kerry Amundson, Chairper-

son of the Welcome Subcommittee urges new full-time residents to claim the welcoming bag with lots of goodies that awaits them. Contact Kerry at 665-2779. ~

Election/Nominating

Election Chairperson Pat Goettel reports three 3-year terms are open this year, as Bill Davis, Michael Cline, and Jimmie Applegate will not seek re-election.

Nominating Committee Co-chairs Ray Gardner and Georgia Mourikis have identified five possible candidates to fill the vacancies.

Votes will be counted at the annual meeting in July, and the newly elected trustees will begin to serve on the Board immediately thereafter.

A Meet the Candidates event will be held at the regular Board Meeting on June 16. ~

Fish & Waterways
Russell Harwell, Leonard Guardino, Co-chairs

Results of the survey seeking membership input on their needs from SHOA's waterways are coming in. If you haven't responded yet, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey

and return it to SHOA.

In March, Water & Field Services Planning Manager Bob Haskin, along with other SHOA representatives, met with Kyle Langan, Aquatic Specialist with Aqua Technex (the company advising SHOA on application of herbicides, use of grass carp, and other control measures to maintain lakes and waterways.) There are pros and cons to every tool, and SHOA's approach is to look at all the options open to us, then to choose the most appropriate, low-cost plan of action to attack these issues on a long-term basis.

It is the responsibility of the 596 shoreline owners to remedy over-hanging trees, tree roots extending into the water, brush, weeds and trimmings on the banks and grasslines to the water's edge. But, pond weeds, algae, and man-made fertilizers add to the overall problem, and any long-term solution will require a variety of methods, and effort from the entire community.

RV Compliance
Ray & Rosemarie Sartin

The Board accepted the resignation of Sophia Platt as chairperson of the committee. President Applegate presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation thanking her for her leadership on the committee.

Ray and Rosemarie Sartin have replaced Platt as co-chairs with the understanding committee member John Williams will act as chair when they are out of the area.

We remind members summer RV permits are required as of May 1. Permits are available at the SHOA business office, and are good for the summer. There is no charge for the permits. They must be displayed on the RV so as to be readable from the street. ~

Tree, Brush, Weeds
Chairperson Currently Vacant

At press time, the Tree, Brush, and Noxious Weed Committee still has no chairperson, and there is a backlog of complaints. Trustee Warren Schmidt reported to the Board several people have volunteered to work on the committee, but no one has agreed to chair it. Volunteers offering to serve on the committee attended an organizational meeting in May. ~

Tsunami Working Group
Dan Maryott, Chairperson

Of the two installed sirens in Surfside, the State will move the 304th & U siren to 300th & W, which will allow better overlap in coverage, and the siren on J Place has been reinstalled to correct a pronounced lean. ~

Annual Homeowners Meeting

The Annual Members Meeting will be held on July 14, 10 AM, at the Ocean Park School, Hwy 103, Ocean Park. Details, including the agenda, voting instructions, proxy form, candidate statements, and other reports will be sent to all members.

Don't forget to set aside time to attend the BBQ/Potluck on the afternoon of the Annual Meeting at 1:00 PM, July 14, at the Business Office.

SHOA will provide burgers and hotdogs (with all the condiments), soda, coffee, chips,

as well as paper plates, plastic utensils and napkins. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. Come! Bring a great appetite! Meet other members and their families and enjoy this traditional picnic get-together. Hope to see you there! ~

Announcing
SHOA Member Hearing

Proposed Covenant
 Changes

Senior Center 2 -6 PM
 June 23, 2007

Sheriff Patrol

Larry Clark,
Deputy Sheriff

Well, spring is here and summer is on the way. With snowbirds returning and tourists arriving, we need to be aware of children, and people from the big cities who forget to watch for traffic when they are crossing the streets and roads of Surfside. They come to our area for enjoyment, and sometimes forget to watch for traffic. So slow down, and obey the speed limit.

I would like to thank all of

you who are doing a neighbor watch on your own. By reporting anything suspicious, you have helped me to nip some problems in the bud. Keep up the good work.

One more time, I would like for all Surfside residents to check their addresses and make sure the numbers are correct, and in plain sight from the road. We want to be able to find you in the event there is an emergency at your home.

Meet Bob Haskin



Bob Haskin at work in the field during the hydrant flushing process.

By Pat Goettel

He's known to us as "Bob," with the official title of Water and Field Services Planning Manager.

Bob and his wife, Jodi, have lived in Ocean Park since 1999. During these years, he has been a Transit bus driver and is a volunteer with Pacific County Fire District #1, and a career firefighter EMT.

A former resident of the Portland area, Bob has worked

in a myriad of areas, including machinery design, engineering, auto mechanics and computer programming. We could call him a man of all trades.

He and Jodi have two grown children, a son and daughter. Jodi is billing manager at Ocean Beach Hospital. In their "spare" time, they do have hobbies. Bob likes to hunt and fish, and Jodi is interested in the arts.

We certainly welcome Bob to our Surfside family. His philosophy of "honesty and integrity and pride in a job well done" can only be a plus for SHOA and our whole water system.

Ad Hoc Facilities Task Force Appointed

As a result of Board action on February 17, President Applegate has appointed a six member Ad Hoc Facilities Task Force.

Members include Bob Haskin, Gil Gonzales, Tom Kennedy, Dan Maryott, Warren Olson, and Walt Platt

The charge to the Task Force is to present options to the Board for maintaining SHOA's physical plant infrastructure.

A Member Asks

"It looks to me like all the Board wants to do is retain control. Why is this?"

By Jimmie Applegate
SHOA President

Let me describe a current issue of concern to many members that led ultimately to the question of "control." During the 2006 Annual Meeting several members described situations and times they were unable to enjoy their property because of an infestation of mosquitoes, and asked the trustees to take action to alleviate the problem.

Since then the trustees have discussed the mosquito problem several times including those times it has been raised by members. Each time trustees have concluded the problem is a peninsula-wide problem far beyond the scope of any potential effective actions SHOA could take. Here's why: The amount of water in SHOA waterways is minuscule compared to the amount of water in the surrounding areas. Trustees believe spraying or treating SHOA waterways, assuming members would agree to such action, would be ineffective and a waste of resources given the extent of the mosquito breeding grounds surrounding Surfside. The trustees believe a peninsula-wide mosquito abatement project has a greater chance of providing effective response to the problem than does spraying SHOA waterways. Trustees, in their deliberations, are aware an effort like this will cost member dollars for chemicals and equipment, for personnel to carry out the program, or

for outsourcing to professional organizations that do this kind of work. They must be assured that such effort has a reasonable chance of success. A piecemeal, volunteer effort simply will not work.

This global response by the trustees may appear to some who advocate immediate and direct SHOA action, such as spraying or treating for mosquito larvae in SHOA waterways, as a dereliction of responsibility, or at the least, a desire to "remain in control". This conflict of opinions is a classic case where the opinions of those who must operate within a global sphere of influence clashes with the opinions and desires of those who advocate positions from within a more restricted sphere. Both spheres are tenable. The question is which sphere should the trustees who are the elected representatives of all members accept—the more global or the more restricted? Trustees consistently have accepted the former, and their decisions were not based on any considerations of "control," but rather on their considered position that a global approach; i.e., a peninsula-wide program of mosquito control would be more effective than one limited to spraying, or treating, SHOA's waterways for mosquito larvae. Governmental mechanisms, such as Utility Local Improvement Districts, with taxing powers, are available to carry out such responsibilities.

Hydrant Flushing

The Surfside Water Department is making good progress on its hydrant flushing program which started Monday April 9, 2007.

The flushing and flow testing is being done between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM, and was expected to continue until late May.

Hydrant flushing is a standard operating procedure for water systems, to flush out settled solids, but has not been done in Surfside since 2000. It verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves, and checks for closed valves and weak flows in the water main lines.

The program, to be conducted annually, is expected to deliver ever clearer water at improved pressures to SHOA's more than 1700 customers, reduce the need for chlorine, provide for increased fire flows, and ultimately, result in a reduction in cost for homeowners' fire insurance.

Cross Contamination Program

The SHOA Water Department has announced additional efforts to control possible cross connections to the SHOA water system, which could pose potential contamination of the water supply.

Recent amendments to state law require a substantial tightening of the cross connection program by all public water supplies. The regulations govern installation of appropriate backflow prevention devices and certification and periodic testing for potential sources of contamination such as underground sprinkler systems, swimming pools, fish ponds, hot tubs, etc.

Details of specific requirements are available at the Business Office.

Cabana Restrooms

Acting on reports of substantial vandalism and suspected criminal activity in some of SHOA's cabanas, the Board approved staff recommendations to serve the toilet needs of the cabanas with portable units ("porta-potties") during the summer of 2007.

SHOA Compliance Officer

SHOA has been advertising for a Covenant Compliance Officer, approved by the Board, and in the 2007 budget.

The move follows a Board workshop in February where no one present volunteered for the position, but those who spoke cautioned against using volunteers for such a position.

The position has the responsibility to manage all aspects of member compliance with the SHOA Covenants. The closing date for applications was April 30, and applications are under review at press time.

Covenant Task Force Update

SHOA's Covenant Review Task Force, which has been working on possible revisions to the SHOA covenants since March of 2006, has asked that the membership be informed of the tentative recommendations to date.

The Task Force has completed preliminary work on a set of 49 recommendations (published in SHOAndTell winter issue) and submitted them to SHOA's attorney for review.

Following the review, the Task Force submitted its recommendations to the Board, which the Board accepted, and scheduled a member hearing on the proposal on June 23. Individual notices will be mailed to all members announcing the hearing and inviting comments.

Following the hearing, the Board will make whatever additional changes it deems necessary, based on the

testimony at the hearing, and written documents, and adopt by resolution those it deems appropriate. It will then file the amended covenants with the County. As spelled out in SHOA's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Covenants any changes to covenants are adopted by a majority vote of the Board, not a member vote, in the same process of last covenant amendment process in 2002.

The following is the high level list of key issues being addressed by the Task Force:

Intrusive lighting, fireworks, open burning, fines and penalties, stop work orders, mediation, enforcement of owner responsibilities, commercial uses, and several additional features.

Details will be covered in the mailing sent to all members regarding the proposed changes.

Foot Bridge Closures

SHOA's Board ordered all pedestrian footbridges closed following a report by Paul C. Gilham, PE, a Washington State-registered professional engineer, which indicated all bridges fall short of meeting present design standards. Four were considered "dangerous" (350th, 343rd, 330th, and 317th), and one (at 350th) was recommended to be closed immediately.

A second engineering report by David Starkel, PE, confirmed the results. Following review of the two engineering reports, SHOA's attorney agreed that closing the bridges was an appropriate Board action.

The Board also ordered the 2007 Fishing Derby be put "on hold" pending resolution of the bridge safety and liability issues.

At its March 17, 2007 meeting, the Board received cost estimates for repair and/or replacement of the six foot bridges, and authorized proceeding to secure bid documents necessary to advertise for the project. Water & Field Services staff has secured all bridges.