

### President's Message

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from Association members, coupled with the ever declining number of volunteers, the age of litigation in which we live, and the corresponding necessity to continue upgrading, modernizing and professionalizing SHOA's business and management practices, SHOA members must consider seriously the advantages and disadvantages of employing a full-time Compliance Officer to relieve the pressure of relying on volunteers to do so much of the work of the Association.

In accordance with Section 9.0 of the Surfside Estates of Pacific County, Washington Restrictive Covenants Amended November 16, 2002, the Trustees will schedule a membership Hearing on the Proposed Covenant Revisions once the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Covenants has completed its charge. I encourage you to take the initiative to get as much information as you need to satisfy your questions and concerns regarding the proposed revisions to the Covenants or, for that matter, any other issue. If you hear a rumor that sounds either too good or too bad to be true, check it out. Please contact the Business Office, (360) 665-4171, for relevant information. Information also is available on line in the weekly edition of the WeekENDER, or talk with any Trustee. If you have access to the Internet, I encourage you to add your name to the WeekENDER address list so you, too, will receive weekly updates on the many activities going on in Surfside.

### Business Office

Ken Karch, General Manager

The Board continues to study the proposal to expand the business office/meeting room by about 220 sq. ft. Construction requirements and cost estimates are being developed. A flowmeter has been installed at the office to determine design criteria.

Ginger Byrd continues her review of several accounting packages, and expects to have a recommendation at the next Board meeting.

The staff has been brainstorming all the activities which are part of more than 50 key processes. The goal is to develop written procedures for training new employees, educating members, and open opportunities to improve delivery of products and services better, faster, and cheaper.

### Water Department/Field Office

Gil Gonzalez, Water Superintendent

Thanks to all of you who did your part in preparing for the winter months. Planning ahead and winterizing has helped keep our emergency call-outs very low.

As you know, the Water Improvement Project is complete and paid for, and you should notice a difference in the water quality and color. If not, please call the Water Office so we can find out why that is, as there are many possible reasons.

In a future project, we will be flushing the mains to

### Compactor Site

Paul Halstead, Compactor Attendant

When thinking of spring, we all think of spring cleaning. Remember, however, that truckloads of materials and items from houses and garages are **not** accepted at the compactor. Loads like that are to go to the 67<sup>th</sup> and Sandridge Road transfer station. The Surfside compactor is primarily for kitchen garbage and waste.

March 1 is new 2007 sticker time. Your new compactor sticker should be blue; the red 2006 stickers will no longer be honored at the compactor after March 1. To obtain your "new blue" 2007 stickers at the SHOA business office, you must be a fully paid member for 2007. You are allowed two stickers per owned lot. I will be checking stickers heavily and reminding

you to pick up your new stickers by March 1 to avoid being turned away. Stickers must be displayed prominently, so the attendant can spot them easily.

Please continue to flatten your cardboard. It is much easier if you flatten it before arriving at the compactor and it helps to save room for everybody.

Recycle, recycle, recycle! Green, brown, and white glass; aluminum cans; magazines; newspapers; and plastic are recyclable. We do not recycle steel cans. If you are new to the area, please stop by and I can explain our procedures. In addition, a flyer describing Surfside's compactor and recycling requirements is available in the office.

Reminder: Sunday compactor hours are now 1 PM to 6 PM. Saturday hours remain at 11 AM to 5 PM.

Please remember that during power outages, if you have no power, we have no power, and it takes 230 volts to run a compactor.

### New Water Report System

Ken Karch, General Manager

Bob Haskin, SHOA Water & Field Service Planning Manager announced the development of a new computerized system for assembling, displaying, analyzing, and reporting the hundreds of pieces of data collected by hand by water department staff each week.

The new system will greatly reduce the possibility of data errors, permit analyses to be done quickly and accurately to identify problems and suggest solutions, and better satisfy SHOA's mandated reporting to the state.

reduce any remaining iron and manganese deposits. Members will be notified before we do this, however.

Also, those blue fiberglass stakes you may have seen along our roads are markers that indicate a main pipe line is located on that side of the road. We identify our lines so that other contractors won't break them accidentally.

By the time you read this, we will have ordered our annual supply of trout for the Fishing Derby. The trout will have almost three months to fatten up for the Derby.

### 6-Year Water Plan

George Talbott has agreed to head the Water System Planning Committee, whose

primary functions will be to review progress and provide direction on the plan.

SHOA has learned it may be eligible for a grant for part of the cost of the water plan.

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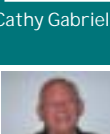
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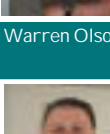
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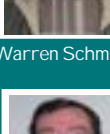
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## President's Message



Jimmie Applegate

The year 2006 went out like a lion with 100 m.p.h. winds, rain, high tides, downed trees and extensive power outages. Thanks to everyone who assisted others make the best of a difficult situation.

Typically the end of one year brings a rehash of the main events during the year; however, I want to begin "tabula rasa" with January 2007.

Thanks to Architectural Committee Chair Shirley Baker, R.V. Compliance Committee Chair Sophia Platt, Trustee Warren and Gloria Schmidt and former Trustee Vivian Wattum who organized a "thank you" event for SHOA volunteers, staff and friends on January 20. A meeting for members who expressed interest in serving as a volunteer Compliance Officer and a meeting for members interested in mosquito control efforts will be scheduled soon. An organizational meeting of the newly formed Fish and Waterways Committee and a Board of Trustees work session on communication were held in January. Pat Goettel accepted the

volunteer responsibility of Election Committee Chair. Pat and the Nominating Committee Chair (TBD) are seeking candidates willing to stand for election as Trustees. If you are interested in running for one of the open positions on the Board of Trustees, let Pat know.

The members of the Ad Hoc Task Force to Review the Covenants co-chaired by Jack Taylor and Gary Williams will submit their final report early this year. The volunteer members of this task force have been meeting weekly since March, 2006. In fact, two members drove nearly 150 miles one way to attend meetings; talk about volunteer dedication!

One of their proposed recommendations is expected to be that the Board designate a person(s) to review and investigate reports and issues of non-compliance with the Covenants as one way to reduce the Association's dependency on volunteers. This proposed revision for what has become known as a "Compliance Officer" has become a lightning rod for reaction, yet it is only one of their 50-plus recommendations, most of which are wording changes to the covenants them-

selves.

Let me put this recommendation in the context of current events. In 2006 SHOA sent a newsletter survey to all 1,970 members and 55 (2.79%) responded. A total of 372 (19.2%) members voted in the election for the 2007 budget. SHOA has been seeking volunteers to chair the Tree, Brush and Noxious Weed Committee, the Grievance Committee, the Community Relations Committee, the Fishing Derby, the Greeting Committee and the Street CleanUp Committee for months. And all of SHOA's committees are actively recruiting volunteer members in competition with schools, churches, fraternal and sorority clubs and other organizations as well as governmental agencies. The news is not all discouraging, however, since the appointments of Leonard Guardino and Russell Harwell as co-chairs of the newly formed Fish and Waterways Committee; the appointment of Cassy Moorhead as chair for the Fishing Derby; and the appointment of Mary Murrell as co-chair of the Grievance Committee were approved by the Board in January. Thanks to each of them for stepping forward.

All of this is going on in the context of an apparent polarization of positions between some who recognize a need for and desire change in the ways things are done and some who are comfortable with the status quo and want things to remain as they are; i.e., just recruit additional volunteers. The Compliance Officer position is a case in point.

I am convinced that given the current ever-growing demands

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**Editor's Desk**

Bonnie Byers

Back when Latin was an eighth-grade requirement, I knew the subtle distinctions of *alumnus, alumna, alumni, and alumnae*. Thereafter, I knew they referred to male or female, singular or plural college graduates, but I didn't know which ones were which.

Today, every Latin noun I ever conjugated came back in a flash when I read the "A Member Asks" proxy/quorum question. It's a great question, one that both Jim and I uttered in the early days of beach ownership.

Dummies who didn't know a proxy from a sinkhole, we mistakenly thought giving our proxy to someone meant we had to give them our vote too. We decided to vote for people we didn't know and began research.

Taking our cue from early Romans, we began *ab initio*; at the beginning. Proxy, it turns out, hails from *procurare*, an official who managed finances for the ancient Rome government. From this, it evolved to "a written authorization to cast the vote of a member who can't attend a meeting," where it stands today.

Centuries younger, quorums came from English courts, where a certain number of justices of the peace had to attend meetings before business could be conducted. In terms of evolution, nothing has changed.

Amazingly, the antiquated proxy/quorum system functions with nearly the ease of modern mail-in voting. SHOA-wise, if we asked the creators of the Articles of Incorporation about the process, they would have to say, *Ita erat quando hic adveni*: "It was that way when we got here."

With nobody to blame, we're left with the Latin phrase: *Sic vita est —Ventis secundus tene cursum*: "Thus is life — go with the flow."

That, and proof, once and for all, the more things change the more they stay the same. ~

**Meet Trustee Tom Kennedy**



By Pat Goettel

Many of us know him as the "Hamburger Helper." That is, if we attend the SHOA picnic after the annual meeting every July.

Tom currently is vice president of the board. He also is in charge of the Water and Field Department. And we all know that is a busy undertaking.

Born in Craigmont, Idaho, Tom and his wife, Sue, came to Surfside in 1996, permanently for the last four years, when he built his house here.

One of his hobbies is woodworking, which has been a big asset in building his

house.

Tom is a retired teacher, with most of his years spent in the Evergreen District, where he taught elementary grades and then became a principal.

He also taught at City University in Vancouver.

Tom and Sue, also a retired teacher, are the parents of two children. Their daughter is a teacher, and their son is a surgical nurse at Southwest Washington Hospital in Vancouver.

They do have another hobby – golf! Living so near to Surfside Golf Course is a plus.

Back to the "hamburger" bit – Tom has gained a reputation as the one in charge of cooking the burgers for everyone at the annual picnic. Come meet him. You'll realize what a great volunteer he is and how fortunate we are to have him as a member of our board. ~

**A Member Asks**

"Why is it I can vote for local, state and national issues/politicians with a mail-in vote but I have to use a proxy here in Surfside? If I'm a part-timer and don't know anyone, who do I entrust my proxy to?"

By Jimmie Applegate  
SHOA President

The procedure for voting by the membership is described in Article X of SHOA's Articles of Incorporation. The proxy is used by a homeowner to authorize another person to act when the owner cannot attend a meeting.

Because it may not be possible for a homeowner to attend a meeting or hearing of the Association, the proxy permits the owner to appoint another person (a surrogate) to vote — just as if the owner were in attendance and voting in person. If the owner votes on a particular issue on the proxy form, the person to whom she/

he has granted the proxy may not change that vote. If the owner does not vote on an issue, the designated surrogate may choose to vote any way she/he wishes on that issue.

Homeowners should read the voting instructions in their entirety and complete the enclosed "proxy" form. They can mail in, or deliver to SHOA by the deadline, the proxy form, which will be voted exactly as if they were present. If a designated proxy representative is not present the vote will not be counted.

If a homeowner does not have anyone to whom she/he wants

to vote a proxy on her/his behalf (or fails to designate a representative), any valid proxy form will be entrusted to a member of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee to execute it according to proxy rules.

The proxy, in effect, is an absentee ballot. It permits the absentee voter's vote, via proxy, to count as if she/he were present and voting. As a result, it helps meet the quorum requirements necessary to conduct business during a meeting. Failure to attend a meeting, or to vote by proxy, may result in a failed quorum.

**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Members Meeting will be held on July 14, at a location to be announced later.

Details, including agenda, voting instructions, proxy form, short biography of trustee candidates, and other reports will be mailed to all members ahead of time.

As is the custom, a potluck/picnic at the SHOA office will follow the meeting. Generally, SHOA provides hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas; members bring a side dish or dessert and table service.

A Meet the Candidates event will be held at the regular Board Meeting on June 16 for members to get acquainted with those running for office, and to visit with Board trustees. ~

Check out SHOA's website  
[www.shoainline.com](http://www.shoainline.com)

**Committees**

**Community Relations**

Cathy Gabrielson,  
Acting Chair

This committee is composed of numerous subcommittees that report to the membership through the main committee.

The Foster Children Christmas Program was our most recent function and is reported in a separate article. (Page 6, Newsletter Extra.)

The next function this spring will be Clean-up of Surfside. We are in need of a chairperson to head this group. Many of our residents are in constant pick up mode. When they walk around an area, they pick up papers and rubbish. We are indebted to everyone who helps keep our area clean.

Memorial Weekend is our Annual Fishing Derby. Here again we will be in need of helpers. Cassy Moorhead, who recently moved from Surfside, volunteered to return and chair the derby again this year. She already is busy assembling things for this upcoming event. Please volunteer to help out on that one day. See article on Fishing Derby. (Page 6, Newsletter Extra.)

We are looking for help with the greeting committee and also have had interest in a committee to help our neighbors in need. We continually are looking for literature on services our members might need. Brochures are available in the office.

If you would like to be a part of our Community Relations Committee, please come to our meetings on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome. ~

**Insurance**

Walt Platt, SHOA Treasurer

Thanks to the efforts of the Insurance Committee and SHOA's insurance carrier, SHOA insurance cost for 2007 will be down by \$4,892.55 from 2006.

Total cost for 2007 coverage will be \$78,195.80 ~

**Fish & Waterways**

An organizational meeting of the committee was held on January 19, led by Greg Willeford, designated trustee for that committee

Ken Karch described background and answered questions about the issues within the committee's responsibilities, including Fishing Derby trout stocking, algae control, pond weed control, clean banks, construction and landscape debris in waterways, setbacks from waterways, access to waterways at SHOA cabanas, bridges, and fire drafting. A copy of the 4-page briefing paper is available by contacting the Business Office.

**Need Answers?**

Ask questions. If you have a question for "A Member Asks," please send it in. Not all questions will make it into the column because subjects are chosen relevant to their timeliness to a particular issue. For example: the voting process as elections near. But, we'll do our best to see you get an answer.

**On the Light Side**

**Why Do People Keep Hanging Up on Me**

By Michael Cline

It happened again last night. I was watching my favorite television show and the telephone rang. "Hi! May I speak to Mr. Cline?" The cheery voice asked. "You have him," I said just as cheerily. And before I could ask how he was, he launched in. "Mr. Cline, I am with You're My Sucker Septic and I have a product recently developed that..." and that is where I took the opportunity to ask him a very important question.

"You know," I said "I was wondering if my mother should

get a septic system. She has never had one, and I think it might be a good idea. You know she lives back in Missouri and I guess she doesn't need septic systems back there, and I just don't know why. Do you know of a good septic company back in Missouri that can put in a system for her?"

"No, I do not. How has she gotten by all this time without a septic system?" The caller asks.

"Well, I think it is because she has always been on a city sewer system." And before I could ask if he thought it was a good idea to have a septic system just in case—CLICK! He hung up on me! Well the impertinence!

I think what bothers me most

about the telephone call is that it was not an isolated case. Just the night before that, as I enjoyed my dinner, I had a telephone call from I Want Your Money Septic Service. They called because of a deal they had. I was informed about a five-year supply of little critters I could flush down my stool once a month and it would only cost me \$350.00! This was a special deal because of some personal reason I cannot now recall.

I asked, "Are these critters ALIVE?" And was informed that they were in suspended animation, but would re-activate in my septic tank. Well, I had questions. "Was this moral? Would any critter do? What other types

of animals could I flush down my stool?" I asked. He seemed baffled and so I kept talking about the moral issues of these animals waking up in side of a septic tank. CLICK! How rude I thought.

It seems to be a trend in the septic industry to hang up on people after they have called them, and I think it is wrong. I am a man with questions, for goodness sakes! Not much I can do about their manners, though. There seems to be a bazillion of these companies. I wonder if I could get the same results by just flushing my \$350.00 down the stool. It seems quicker, anyway. I'll try that next month and let you know if my septic continues to run smoothly. ~

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