



SHOAndTell

Surfside Homeowners Association

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SHOAndTell Newsletter – A New Look

by Georgia Mourikis and Jane Bowen,
Community Relations Committee Co-Chairs

You have most likely noticed a new look to SHOAndTELL. Yes, the color is gone and we hope you won't mind all that much. The pictures of the Board Members are also gone but you can view them on the SHOA web page(www.shoainline.com) or in person at a monthly meeting.

We began the process of reinventing the newsletter with a number of objectives in mind. First and foremost was to reduce the cost. Through our efforts the cost will likely be less than half of what was spent in the past, approximately \$13,000 per year. Going to black and white versus a glossy paper color publication accounted for 30% of the savings. The new format is also likely to reduce assembly and mailing costs.

We also wanted to provide timely information. We believe the "LATE BREAKING NEWS" section will permit inclusion of unplanned announcements or events not known to us when the newsletter begins production. Hopefully the larger type size will make this more readable.

We also wanted it to be about **fun**. Events happen in our great community that you might wish to take advantage of, either as an active participant or a spectator. We'll do our best to let you know well in advance.

We've also learned about the many talented residents of Surfside: artists, musicians, and some really great cooks). Kerry Amundson is one such person. We invite you to visit the SHOA web site, click on the "Kerry's Kitchen" link and pick up one of Kerry's favorite recipes. Also, read the interview of Kerry and her husband Larry and their activities both in and outside Surfside. This article is in the "**Who's Who in Surfside**" section in the newsletter.

We are also exploring the possibility of moving the
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Trust and Trustees

by President Warren Olson

Each year the terms of three members of the Board of Trustees expire and they may run for re-election and other members may also run for office. This exercise in self governance is the general membership's best opportunity to influence the direction of the Association. It is also how we practice our corporate version of democracy.

Some years the nominating committee has had to search far and wide just to find enough candidates to fill open positions. Other years people step forward voluntarily, filled with sincere interest in the issues confronting the organization.

I'd like to invite anyone with sincere interest and commitment to consider running for the Board.

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SPRING IS COMING: MARK YOUR CALENDAR SPRING LISTENING SERIES

March 8 & 22, 2008

Two sessions each Saturday from
9AM-NOON and 1PM-4PM

Board members are ready to engage in conversation with any interested member to make sure members get a chance to talk and ask questions. Call the office to sign up and please no more than 10 members for any session.

MEMORIAL DAY GARAGE SALE

MAY 24, 25, AND 26, 2008

STREET CLEAN UP

JUNE 14, 2008

ADOPT A CABANA

JUNE, 2008

CONCERTS AT THE CABANAS

SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND PICNIC

JULY 12, 2008

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3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Community Relations Committee Update January, 2008

by Jane Bowen and Georgia Mourikis

We have had three meetings since the last newsletter and have been very busy.

The Christmas Boat Parade on December 8 was a great success. The night was clear and beautiful and cold but the fire in the Sea Breeze Lake cabana's fireplace was really toasty. Five lighted boats participated in the parade. We had s'mores, hot chocolate and cookies for treats and it was a good time with plans to make this an annual event. We give many thanks to the Amundsons and Moshners for organizing the parade, to Bob Haskin and the guys at the water department who worked so hard to get the cabana in shape for this event, and to the many spectators who came out that evening.

The Christmas Gifts for Foster Kids program was again a great success. Jack and Marilyn Taylor once again did a fantastic job making each dollar go a long way so that each child on the list had a good Christmas. We really appreciate their work

Our proposal for a propane heater and propane tank to be purchased and installed in the SHOA meeting room was presented to the Board. There was an unused generator available for our use to provide a limited source of power. The purpose was to provide a warm place for members to come to during power outages (during office hours), to get some coffee and information and not feel so isolated. The Board continues to discuss this proposal.

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Update On The Footbridges

by James Flood, Trustee

Since the over two-thirds majority of those voting voted to replace the footbridges, a lot has happened. Western Wood Structures provided a footbridge design and we made sure it met both the ISB 2003 requirements and met or exceeded the AASHTO requirements. The drawings were then stamped by a Professional Engineer and submitted to the County for approval as part of the Conditional Use Permit process on January 4, 2008. The drawings were reviewed by the County engineer and all of his questions were addressed. From an engineering standpoint, the new footbridges are good to go.

The permit process also entails a public hearing and the County requested the names and addresses of our members who own property within a 300 foot radius of each of the footbridges. This information was submitted January 8.



On the demolition side, the walking portions of the old bridges are now removed and available to the members. We are working with a local contractor to remove the pilings from the canal, once some utilities are moved to allow access. This will clear the site for the new footbridges once the Conditional Use Permit is issued. The SHOA staff working with others has saved

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over \$15,000 in removing the footbridges and that number could rise to \$18,000 if members take away all the footbridge material for their own use.

At the writing of this update, we do not have a hearing date scheduled. We will get that information out when it is known. Whether you live inside or outside the 300 foot radius, please attend this hearing to show support for the re-installation of the footbridges.

Please check the "Breaking News" section on the back of this newsletter to see if a hearing date has been listed.

You may also check the WeekEnders for an update or the SHOA website

Sheriff's Column

by Larry Clark

Well, Spring is on its way, and the snowbirds will be returning to the peninsula soon. Due to the heavy storms we had in their absence, the area may look a little different than when they left. All in all we were very lucky with the limited damage we sustained due to the storms. It could have been a lot worse.

While the snow birds were gone, we have been busy setting up neighborhood block watches, and because of George Miller's great job of heading this challenge, we are making great strides in getting more of Surfside's residents involved in the program. It is a very good program, and it can also be a great neighborhood function.

With your continued involvement, and support, we will continue to have a community that is safe and one we can be proud of. I am happy to say that our crime rate in Surfside is very low. I thank all of you for your help. Information provided to me, and being watchful of what is going on in your area, has made a big difference in the reduction of incidents in Surfside. Also because of awareness of what is going on in your neighborhood, and things reported to me, I have made several arrests, and that makes a huge impact on the mindset of the bad guys. They don't feel as comfortable in the area as they did. Good job by all, and I thank you.

Open Forum on Emergency Preparedness Held January 26

by Ken Karch, General Manager

- Some 350 peninsula citizens gathered January 26 at the Ocean Park Elementary School for an all day open forum entitled "In the Eye of the Storm".
- Subject of the Forum was: How can we, as a community, support emergency action planning and create networks that will serve all of us.
- The mission of the Forum was "to strengthen lines of communication, creating a safe, healthy environment for our community during emergency situations".
- Participants used the open space technology method developed by Harrison Owen to identify issues relating to the recent storm emergency about which they had passion, and invited others to join them in discussions about the issues.
- More than 40 issues were identified and thousands of ideas

generated.

- Governor Gregoire sent a letter of support, and County Commissioner Bud Cuffel and County Sheriff John Didion both spoke and participated in the event.
- Nanci Main and a team of dedicated volunteers helped plan and carry out the project, hosted by Surfside Betty Arne.

Results of the small group discussions were captured while the groups were meeting and will be made available on the SHOA web site at www.shoaonline.com, once they are assembled. They are available by contacting the SHOA office.

Fire District # 1 to Increase Service in Surfside

by Fire Chief Jacob Brundage

Calls for service in Surfside Estates have increased significantly over the past couple of years. In 2007, the Fire District responded to a total of 1,758 calls, 338 of which were north of Joe John's Road. Proactive planning in emergency service delivery to the Surfside area was identified as an essential need in providing and improving emergency services.

In mid-October 2007, property was acquired adjacent to the existing Surfside Fire Station. By summer 2008, the Surfside Fire Station (which was established over twenty years ago through a partnership with Surfside Homeowner's Association) will be transformed into a working station with an active volunteer base and college residents. It is anticipated that response times could be reduced, as much as half, to those residents on the northern tip of the peninsula having an emergency. The Surfside Station is located at 320th and I street. More information about Fire District services can be found on our web site www.pcf1.org.

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

A Joint Venture: Plant Workshop

by The Waterway And Tree Committees

Mary Murrell of the Fish and Waterway Committee has announced that her committee together with the Tree, Brush and Vegetation Committee are planning a joint workshop to be held in the Spring. The workshop will address the use of both native and landscape plants for planting on a shoreline as well as for your yard. Featured guests will include Kathleen Sayce, an expert in native plants, shoreline plantings and wildlife habitat and Kim Patten, WSU Research and Extension Unit. They do hope to have a variety of plants for sale. The day, place and time for the workshop will be listed on the back page of this newsletter under "Breaking News", available at the SHOA office and listed on the SHOA web site.

The SHOA Office Is Adopted By The Fish And Waterway Committee For A Beautification Project

By Mary Murrell

Mary Murrell has announced that the Fish and Waterway Committee has decided to adopt the SHOA Office for beautification. They will use both natural plants and landscape plants that are appropriate for our area for this project. Once completed, this project may serve as an example of what members can accomplish with the other cabanas.



Adopt-A-Cabana

by Community Relations Committee

The Community Relations Committee is sponsoring ADOPT-A-CABANA to begin in June 2008. We encourage anyone who would like to meet people and help beautify our community to please, volunteer. You may sign up at the SHOA Office or at the Garage Sale on Memorial Day Weekend. There are many native plantings that take little effort to maintain. So, let your imaginations run wild and plan something spectacular for our community. It is our plan to allocate funding from the Community Garage Sale over Memorial Day weekend for use on the cabana project. For more information contact Jane at jungle512@charter.net, Georgia at tgmourikis@centurytel.net, or the SHOA office.

Neighborhood Watch Is Up And Running

by George Miller

I serve as a volunteer on the Surfside Community Relations Committee. It requested that I assemble information on neighborhood watch programs and share that information with others who may want to establish a watch in their area.

I felt the best way to gather information about establishing neighborhood watch programs would be to establish one in my own area of divisions 14 and 15. This is the Bear Lake area and the compactor area. With actual experience, I felt I would be more able to help others with the formation of neighborhood watch areas.

Help in this process was provided by the National Crime Prevention Council, SHOA, and Pacific County Deputy Larry Clark. I thank them for their valuable assistance.

On January 15, 2008 at a meeting with four area captains and Deputy Clark, we formally established our neighborhood watch with over 60 members signed up to participate. It became apparent in the beginning that this neighborhood, in addition to being more watchful and aware, would continue and expand on what it does so well now. Neighbors helping and looking after each other.

I hope that you decide to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area and that I have helped you to make the task a little easier. It does take lots of time and hard work, but I think it is well worth the effort. I would be happy to meet with you any time and show you the forms and maps I have developed. I am sure that you can come up with many improvements. What worked in my area may not be suited to yours. Good Luck.

Please feel free to contact me at 665-0746 or e-mail me at gmler002@centurytel.net.



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SHOAONLINE.COM**

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood Watch Addendum

by Community Relations Committee

I just received a "More Good News" update from George Miller that was so good that it needed to be added in addendum to George's article.

In summary, George reports that he met with Deputy Clark and they picked out the Neighborhood Watch signs that they wished to have in the neighborhood. Deputy Clark indicated that Sheriff Didion will order 30 signs, with three designated for divisions 14 & 15. Each of the four area captains will also receive a small sign for their own homes. The sheriff is also reported to have remarked that Surfside is leading the way for the entire county. George also reports that members of other neighborhoods have contacted him to gain information on how to start a program in their own areas.

SHOA Street Cleanup Scheduled June 14

by Kerry & Larry Amundson

Kerry and Larry Amundson would like to inform all members of our community that our annual Surfside Estates Street Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join your neighbors or meet your neighbors for the first time and help keep our streets free of debris.

Garbage bags (if needed) will be available at the office prior to and on the day of the event. All refuse collected should be taken

to the compactor on regularly scheduled days.

Prior division clean-up leaders and any interested members may contact the Amundsons at 360-665-2779 or email them at opklarry@centurytel.net.

Keep in mind that every day should be a clean-up day! Carry a plastic bag with you when you walk our community and pick up discarded items. It only takes a minute or two and the benefits are enormous.

Community Rummage Sale

by Community Relations Committee

Mark your calendar for May 24, 25, and 26, 2008, for the Community Relations Committee Rummage Sale. The proceeds from this sale will go to our community. Planned use includes funding for the ADOPT A CABANA project. Please let us know if you have anything you would like to donate and we will pick it up. Simply call the SHOA office and let them know or drop items off at the compactor site. Let Paul Halstead know the item or items are intended for the BIG Sale, or let Georgia Mourikis or Jane Bowen know and we'll arrange a pick up. We cannot have a successful sale without your donations and spring-cleaning is just around the corner. Remember we are interested in any saleable items.

Nothing to donate but want to help out and have some fun? If so, please contact Jane at jungle512@charter.net or Georgia at tgmourikis@centurytel.net or sign up at the SHOA Office. We are looking for members to help set

up and work the days of the sale. All donations and volunteer help are immensely appreciated.

Have donation items and also want to work? Heck, we won't deny you the pleasure. Come and join us.

Trustee Positions Up For Election

by Community Relations Committee

The 2008 Annual Meeting and Picnic are scheduled for July 12, 2008. Included will be the election for three trustee positions. It is unknown at this time who will be running for election and re-election. The Nominating Committee has yet to be formed or the chairperson announced. Look to the back of this newsletter for the "Breaking News" section for information on who has been named to the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for the Board, contact the SHOA office or another member of the Board for more information.

Good Citizen Dog Scotty Says:

"Me Mum and Dad loves me a bunch. Ye can tell by the way the' pick up after me and take me aboot' on me leash. The best o' that is now me neighbors love me even more!"

Make your dog a neighborhood favorite – leash and pick-up.



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SHOA newsletter to the SHOA web site, thereby reducing costs even further. In doing so, we may also be able to provide SHOA news more frequently. We're thinking as often as monthly. Yes, we know not everyone has access to a computer, or would not want their newsletter by electronic

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means and we believe we can accommodate you. This move to E-SHOAndTELL is not a done deal. Your comments on this would certainly be appreciated.

It is a pleasure to serve you, the members of Surfside, and be sure to let us know how we are doing and any news items you may feel could be of benefit to us all.

Email your comments, concerns or ideas to the Community Relations Committee co-chairs at: jungle512@charter.net or tgmourikis@centurytel.net, or write Jane Bowen at PO Box 722, Ocean Park, WA 98640 or on the link provided on the web page at www.shoaonline.com.

Be sure and check out "Breaking News" on Page 16 for the most up-to-date information that we can provide

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Dick Lemke, Pacific County Amateur Radio Club, was invited to be a guest at a Board meeting and discussed the advantage of some members of Surfside to become licensed ham operators and volunteer to provide communications for members during times of an emergency. Those of you who were here during the December storm know how valuable that the ability to communicate would have been. Two members who are currently licensed Hams have expressed interest in volunteering. George Miller's Neighborhood Watch Pilot program in Divisions 14 & 15 is now complete. He has signed up over 65 people in his neighborhood and is now ready to assist others in starting programs in their own neighborhoods. He has an expanded article in this newsletter.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will note that the Fish & Waterway Committee has adopted the SHOA Office for use as a show place for planting natural, sustainable plants that are also attractive. With the SHOA office as an example, we are hoping that people will be more confident in adopting a cabana and planting. We will advise you of our success.

The Committee continues to focus on the SHOA web page as a source of current information that can be easily accessed by members and updated by SHOA staff. General Manager Ken Karch has overseen the update of this web page and we encourage you to visit it at shoaonline.com. It will have a link to the WeekEnder and for Breaking News.

With Spring coming, more members have expressed the desire to have the remaining two cabanas (by Twin Lakes and Skating Lake) repaired and usable this year for picnics and gatherings. We could possibly sponsor a neighborhood "Painting Party" once the cabanas are completed to this point and, if we have enough volunteers? We have talked with some Surfside residents who are also talented musicians who are willing to participate in some "Concerts at the Cabanas" once they are repaired. Look forward to the next newsletter and web site for updates on these events.

Kerry Amundson reports that 5 new member Welcome Packets were given out in November and December. Welcome new members!



Larry and Kerry Amundson's interview is in this newsletter issue.

We have talked of possibly sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for Surfside kids and guests in 2009 or possibly a Halloween party in 2008. Let us know if there is any interest and we can see if this is possible.

Our committee is an active one. It meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at a different member's home each month. The location of the meeting is posted at the SHOA office and also available by calling the office a week prior to each meeting. We welcome new members. For more information, contact Georgia at tgmourikis@centurytel.net, 665-5565 or Jane at jungle512@charter.net.

From Your Committees

From Your Tree Committee

by Larry Raymer

It's not too late to start thinking about getting out in that yard and enjoy the springtime weather. Spring is an excellent time to trim your trees to your lot's height limit and to plan on where to plant native vegetation. A nicely trimmed and cared-for yard using the native plants for this area not only makes you and your home look good, but it allows you to enjoy the warmer weather yet to come!

Remember also that slash/yard debris piles need to be properly disposed of since they can become a haven for pests and a fire hazard in some cases. The Surfside Tree, Brush and Noxious Weeds Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their time and effort to comply with the height limits for the various divisions. Your efforts made the potential for damage from falling trees and limbs during last December's big storm virtually a non-issue. The Covenants we help enforce are there to protect our property; see how well they worked?

This year the Committee will be learning about noxious weeds and plans on conducting some presentations with other committees for the membership in the near future. The SHOA office staff can answer questions if you need help identifying your particular lot's height limit and has various materials about tree trimming, contractors, native vegetation and noxious weeds for those that want to know more. Just stop by the SHOA office!

RV Compliance Committee Report

by Ray & Rose Marie Sartin

Thanks to all the SHOA members who have complied with the RV restrictions throughout the winter. Most RV owners have obtained and posted Surfside security decals and winter permits.

Starting May 1, RV's will again be allowed on lots within Surfside, without being occupied. Please remember to register your RV at the SHOA office the first time you come down.

Post your Surfside security decal and your summer permit so that it is visible from the street. All RV's must have a current vehicle license and be maintained in a mobile condition at all times, and they must meet all health codes for temporary recreational use.

Members who store their RV's year round on their properties in certain designated parcels in Division 8, 14, 15, 16, and Ocean Woods MUST NOW register their RV's at the SHOA office. They must obtain an annual permit and a Surfside security decal to be displayed on the RV. The annual permit and decal must be visible from the street. The RV must be currently licensed and maintained in a mobile condition at all times. **ONLY ONE RV MAY BE STORED ON EACH LOT IN THE WINTER.**



Architectural Committee Report

by Wayne E. O'Dell

Just as a reminder, the Surfside covenants attempt to protect property values in Surfside. They address size and location of structures, including homes, garages, and storage buildings; kinds of activities permitted within Surfside; building materials and construction methods; height of structures and vegetation to protect views; and waste disposal. The Architectural Committee works to keep the covenants up-to-date by working with the Surfside Board, and Pacific County planning and zoning officials.

The Architectural Committee is made up of volunteers who meet every Tuesday morning to review submitted plans for septic, fences, sheds, garages, storage buildings and home plans. The review process emphasizes the adherence of plans to Surfside Covenants and building restrictions with a general mission to protect property values. Most importantly, it causes you the homeowner or your contractor who represents you to detail out the plans and to write out the dimensions of your plans and to show how they comply with Surfside's building restrictions. We should note that Surfside's restrictions, in some areas, like building setbacks are less restrictive than Pacific County. So let's take a look at the process from property owner's perspective.

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As soon as you think that you might want to plan for a septic, a remodel or to extend your building structure or build a new structure on your property, it would be best to contact the Surfside office to get the appropriate documents that outline what you will need in order to submit plans to the committee. Most importantly, you should get your hands on the most current version of the covenants from the Surfside office or on the web at www.shoaonline.com.

Submit your plans with the properly filled out documentation to the Surfside office in order to have them placed on the review agenda of the Architectural Committee. If your documentation is complete, dimensions (heights & building setbacks) of lots and plans are properly represented, and acceptable materials are going to be used...you have a very high probability of getting approved at the weekly committee meeting. If key information is left out or inaccurate information is submitted ...you have a very high probability of having your plans "tabled" until we can get more information. If we have enough time, we may call you from the committee meeting and work out a way to revise your plans and then allow for approval. Now I would like to talk about some annual goals.

At last year's annual owners meeting we announced to the attendees some goals that the Architectural Committee wanted to achieve by the 2008 annual

meeting. They were (1) to train local realtors on Surfside's covenants as they pertain to real estate commerce and to enhance the general knowledge of Realtors® about Surfside (2) start a relationship with the local P.U.D. commissioner in order to find ways for Surfside to take advantage of working together better (3) enhance our relationship with the Pacific County Department of Community Development in order to work better together and enhance our processes between DCD and the Architectural Committee.

The Realtor® meeting is still in the working process. We had a very good meeting with the P.U.D. commissioner which covered questions like "How does the P.U.D. prioritize and fund projects?" and "How can Surfside work with the PUD where working together would be mutually beneficial?". Without going into detail we need to find a way to get some additional visibility into the annual budgeting and project approval process where Surfside is concerned. And, the office need only call the P.U.D. offices to coordinate projects where projects have common locations for the water department and the P.U.D. Our best and ongoing achievements have been working with the Department of Community Development. One accomplishment has been the allowance of drain fields west of G Street ocean front lots. This allows for a larger building envelope on ocean front lots; thereby, adding value to those properties for potential remodel and expansion as well as new homes on vacant lots. Lastly, we are working to streamline and eliminate non-value-added processes that are

currently required that could be eliminated between the Architectural Committee and the County. At press time we were scheduled for an on site meeting of the committee with the County on February 19th. Among several key questions for this meeting is "If an owner has submitted his/her initial septic plot plan showing building setbacks and water department review through the committee, why do we need a second review of the designed system?". We will find out for all of us and pass the answer back to you in our next newsletter.

Comment on Direct Democracy

by President Warren Olson

In the past I've observed members frustrated with how to bring issues to the Board. Monthly Board meetings aren't open to motions from the floor by members or direct votes. While there are many good reasons for how the meetings are conducted and who votes, there is still an instinct for direct democracy about some issues.

There are three ways to get an issue before the Board. The easiest is to come to the first part of the meeting and address the Board about your concerns in the open comment period. A second method is to talk to a trustee and have them include an item or motion in the Board meeting. A trustee can yield their opportunity to speak to someone in the audience if no other Board member objects. A third way is identified in the Policy on Meetings, section 2.5 which

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states “Any Association member wishing to place subject matter on the agenda, shall notify the Association office or the Board Secretary at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.” A member wishing to speak to their proposed motion could address the Board at the beginning of the public comment period.

Bringing an issue to the total membership at the annual meeting is more difficult. Both policy and laws governing the association recognize that membership is based on ownership of a parcel(s) of property. Because not all owners live in Surfside, provisions are made for proxy voting. General membership, annual and special meetings require notice of business to be conducted so that members can vote by proxy on various items of business (usually something of the magnitude of amending articles of incorporation or by-laws). This requirement for public disclosure of items in the notice of meeting protects members from sub groups meeting on one pretext and then voting on issues that would have been of import to the larger membership.

Again there are at least two ways a member’s issue could make it to a vote of the general membership. The most direct would be to submit the item (probably by the May meeting) to the Board of Trustees and seek to have it included in the notifications and agenda for the July annual meeting. The Board would need to agree and include it in a resolution setting the agenda for the annual meeting. If the Board did not agree members are able

to call a special membership meeting with a petition of 20% of the members. Similar notification of agenda and business to be conducted applies.

The one item exempt from notification of agenda or business is impeachment of trustees which can be moved at any meeting of the general membership.

If you have questions regarding the various Washington State laws, Articles of Incorporation and by-laws, and Policy please make inquiry in the office. A document extracting relevant sections on meetings can be made available.

Fish and Waterways Education Program held September 22, 2007 – Part 2

By Mary Murrell

Kim Patton from WSU and Kathleen Sayce shared their expertise in regards to mosquito abatement, aquatic weeds, algae and fish. Aquatic weeds, algae and mosquitoes are annually recurring problems that can not be totally eliminated, but can be effectively managed.

Kim talked about mosquito control. He has observed that Surfside has “hotspots” where mosquitoes are a real problem but much of Surfside is not affected. His recommendation is to identify and concentrate our efforts on the “hotspots” by attacking the larvae using BT, a benign bacteria. The larvae will eat the BT bacteria and die. For adult mosquitoes the spraying of pesticides is the most effective method of abatement.

Kathleen explained that aquatic weeds and algae thrive in nitrogen and phosphorous rich water fed by

the use of fertilizers, yard debris discarded in the water, etc.

Property owners are advised to limit or eliminate the use of fertilizers and to stop discarding yard debris into the waterways. This will slow the continual input of nitrogen and phosphorous which causes the explosive growth of weeds and algae. To remove existing weeds property owners can rake out the weeds and either compost them or remove them. SHOA can help by establishing a routine visual review of the waterways to determine when and if herbicides are needed. To use herbicides and pesticides requires permits and certification through the state. But to save the money it would cost to hire an outside company and to give SHOA control over application schedules of herbicides and pesticides, it was recommended that someone within SHOA could get the certification.

Kim pointed out that trout are not an appropriate fish for our waterway environment...the water is too warm and lacks the oxygen required for a healthy trout population. Bluegill, bass and perch are better options. They would thrive and reproduce whereas the trout die off. The dead trout also add to the high nitrogen and phosphorous levels.

Overall Kim and Kathleen agree that our waterways are in “good shape”, but we have some troublesome areas that are manageable. They have both offered to help SHOA and SHOA members improve our waterways.

Spring 2008 Water & Field Operations Report

by Bob Haskin, Water Superintendent

Winter 2007-2008 has kept us all very busy. Even with all the interruptions we have continued to improve our processes in both water quality and in how we maintain SHOA assets.

Can you remember last time you did not have any water pressure? Answer at the bottom of this article. This spring, starting the week of March 17, 2008 the water dept will be initiating our annual water main flushing program. Last year's flushing and testing of our water system used over 1.5 million gallons to flush our water system. The last time the water system was flushed in its entirety was 10 years ago. The result was improved water quality and knowledge of how our water system worked.

During the 2007 flushing and testing of our system some of our hydrants were found to be defective and this spring we will be replacing them and possibly adding some more with the help of the Fire District in determining the best locations that would help the Fire District in protecting your homes and property. We will also be adding some devices to allow us to flush water mains that are on dead ends or a section of pipe that simply does not have a hydrant close enough to help in cleaning out the pipes.

If you're returning to your home for the first time this year, please let your water run from several sources for awhile, to remove any stale water and sediments from your pipes. We have had some water quality problems at some homes and we found the source of the water quality problem to be the hot water heater. If you have not flushed out your hot water heater in some time you will be surprised how much stuff has built up its bottom.

If you have any concerns about your water quality or a field related concerns or you simply have a question, please call the SHOA office at 360-665-4171 and your call will be directed to the Water & Field Department where we will do our best to address your question or concern.

Remember this, we can't help you or answer your questions if you don't call us at 360-665-4171

Answer: February 02, 2007 was the last time that we had experienced a main break and loss of service to the homeowners.

What does the Covenant Compliance Officer do for SHOA?

by Scott Norelius

By the time you read this I will have been on the job for eight months. In that short time period the Association has processed more than 500 written complaints relating to covenant non-compliance. An impressive number when you stop and think about it, in fact it borders on being overwhelming, yet more than 90% of those complaints have been closed.

According to the position description, my basic assignment is to manage all aspects of member compliance with the SHOA covenants, working in close cooperation with the Board of Trustees, General Manager, staff and committees. I work with four different standing committees: the Architectural Committee, Grievance Committee, Recreational Vehicle Committee and the Tree, Brush and Noxious Weed Committee. All of these committees have your best interests in mind whenever they

tackle a community problem.

Management by committee is a good thing in that normally more than one person has input and information critical to decision making and final outcome. Each complaint is just a little bit different and each committee has different ways of handling their assigned complaints. Management by committee is also a slow method of addressing particular issues or complaints, but it provides for thorough discussion of issues from several points of view, and limits dominance of the decision-making process by a single individual or clique.

Our covenants are basically a set of good neighbor policies that have evolved over forty years to maintain safe drinking water, improve property values and to make Surfside the destination of choice for 1,987 property owners. Some of us are retired, some live here and work outside the community and others only get to enjoy the area during their vacations. But, we are all neighbors. I just try and help make us all good neighbors.

Who's Who in Surfside?

Meet Larry and Kerry Amundson

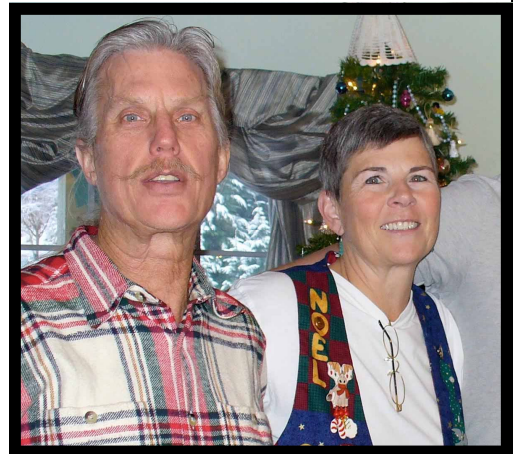
by Pat Goettel and Kerry Amundson

Meet Larry and Kerry Amundson who moved to Surfside approximately 5 years ago from Bothell, WA. Both are retired; Larry was an accountant and Kerry was a school bus driver. They are the proud parents of three children, two of whom are serving in the military. Larry and Kerry are both busy as volunteers and still maintain their own business. Their business is called "The Light Touch" where they do light housekeeping, light yard work and meals and are available at opklarry@centurytel.net.

As for volunteer work, they both have their hands full. Both are members of the SHOA Community Relations Committee, they are co-chairs of the "Surfside Street Cleanup" (scheduled for June 14), helped organize the Christmas "lighted boat parade" on Sea Breeze Lake and are involved with mailing packages and greeting cards to the troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan as part of "Operation Thank You".

In addition to all of these activities, Kerry organizes the SHOA "Welcome Wagon" and meets new full-time residents to present them with a gift bag full of information and items donated by local businesses. She also is one amazing baker. She and her recipes have been featured four times in "The Taste of Home" magazine and she came in second place in a national cup cake contest. In the magazine's Dec/Jan issue she was the featured article, "Cooks Who Care" this reference to baked goods sent over seas. She and Larry were both featured in the February & March 2008 issue for recipes for a St. Paddy's Day Brunch. If this were not enough, Kerry just started volunteering at the Ocean Park Elementary School as a reading assistant and Larry volunteers at the Ocean Park Library.

We are most lucky to have them as members of our community



Go to the SHOA website, www.shoaonline.com, click on Kerry's Kitchen and download one of Kerry's favorite recipes.

Meet Gary Williams

by Pat Goettel

The word "BUSY" could apply to Gary Williams. Having been a Surfside resident for three and a half years, he and his wife, Sally, are most welcome.



Gary is a newly elected board member and most active on several committees: Fish and Waterways, RV Compliance, By-laws and Covenants, and is responsible for the Compactor / RV Storage area. He will also be in charge of the Fish Derby, which, he hopes, to schedule for this September.

Sally is a CPA and they have a home in Renton, which they share with an extended family and two dogs. They also help with AWANA, a program for children through the church they attend.

Gary is a Manufacturing Engineer, and is currently working for Boeing as a Supply Chain Specialist. As if that's not enough to keep him occupied, he also is coaching basketball for boys in the first to third grades.

They like to travel and Gary likes to fish when he has the "time". Again, we say, "Welcome to SHOA. We're glad you're here!"

Become a Surfside Ham Radio Operator

by Georgia Mourikis

Frank Wolfe is the local teacher and examiner for ham radio operators. If you would like to be trained to be a ham radio operator, he is the one to do it. Frank needs a minimum of 10 people interested in this class before he can proceed with scheduling. He also points out that his schedule is flexible. In time of emergencies, it is the ordinary citizen that is needed the most. Fire and Police personnel who are trained ham operators are needed elsewhere and cannot be counted on to do this job. It is the ordinary citizen that needs to step forward to aid in communication. You can help get information through to your own family members and the family members of others in your community, plus be a link for other emergency related information. Plus, it is an interesting hobby, a good way to keep in touch with family and friends and it is free. You do not need to be a rocket scientist to be licensed. The test consists of approximately 35 questions with a requirement to answer 70% correctly and you no longer need to know the Morse Code. Frank Wolfe's class is given over three weekends and you can purchase nice equipment to operate for under \$500, less if you have help selecting used equipment. If you would like to ask questions, you can contact Frank Wolfe at nm74r@yahoo.com. You can also check out the local club's web site at www.qsl.net/w7rdr or drop in at one of the club's monthly meetings. The first meeting of each quarter (starting in January) is at the Corner Coffee Shop in Raymond the first Sunday of the month, at 10:00am. The second and third months (February and March) are held on the first Sunday of each month in

Ilwaco at 9:00am at the Harbor Lights Restaurant.

Since this last emergency, we have two Surfside residents who are already licensed ham operators who have stepped forward to assist. Frank advises, "don't sit in the dark and wait for someone else to step forward to do something, be proactive."

SHOA 6-Year Water Plan Nears Review

by Ken Karch, General Manager

- A 6-Year water plan required by state law for all public water supplies in the state, is nearing completion.
- Building on the previous 2001 plan, the new plan addresses many new requirements imposed by the state legislature and Department of Health, which manages the state's public water supply control program.
- Following review by the SHOA Water System Planning Committee, chaired by George Talbot, the plan will be submitted to the Board for approval before final submission to the Department of Health.
- The plan, being developed by Gray & Osborne, SHOA's engineers, in cooperation with the SHOA Water Department, looks at 6- and 20-year water supply needs and capabilities, and contains requirements, recommendations, and commitments to meet future water supply needs for Surfside.

Key issues being addressed include water rights, aquifer protection, pumping and storage capacity, distribution system condition and capabilities, fire flow requirements, future growth needs, maintenance needs, arsenic contamination, the future of the shallow well system, cross-connection controls, and water metering.

Gettin' Rich

by Michael Cline

I've decided to become a millionaire. Nothing to that, I understand from my late night viewing of infomercials. Just the other night, I learned that for only \$49.95, I could have ten web sites that would make me money. I don't know how they do that, but Master Card paid the \$99.95 for me to find out. The extra \$50.00 was necessary to insure my success. I know that it will be well worth the price.



I also learned that I can buy property on the auction block and sell it for as much as ten times what I paid for it - often before the dust settles on my signature. It was only \$199.95 for me to get all of the videos and instructional manuals to find out how to do this. Good old Master Card was there again to help me along my journey to wealth. It only cost me \$399.95 with the extras that would guarantee my success. I think about those suckers who got stingy with that last \$200.00 and won't get the secret!

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Board Briefs

by Ken Karch, General Manager



Board Briefs November 17, 2007

At the regular Board meeting of November 17, 2007, the Board:

- Received comments on a variety of subjects, including running and vicious dogs, the proposed extended payment plan for members, the proposed 2008 SHOA budget, a cover for the water department generator, voting procedures, maintenance, the septic system, and water metering.
- Approved the minutes of the October 20, 2007 and November 3, 2007 Board meetings.
- Heard a discussion of plans for moving ahead with the bridge replacement project
- Heard a discussion of the arrangements with the County for ocean outfall and Skating Lake drainage.
- Approved the appointment of Larry Raymer as chair of the Tree, Brush, Vegetation, and Noxious Weeds Sub-Committee.
- Heard a proposal to provide an independent source of heat and power to the SHOA office during power outages.
- Discussed a new County policy to approve septic drain fields below ground in accretions.
- Discussed the possibility of converting part of the Oceanside building to office space.
- Approved four checks for expenditures.
- Heard that the Sheriff's Town Hall meeting has been rescheduled to January 19 at 6:30 pm at the Ocean Park fire hall.

Board Briefs December 15, 2007

At the regular Board meeting of December 15, 2007, the Board:

- Approved Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of November 17, 2007, special board meeting of December 1, 2007, and summary of Board workshop of December 1, 2007.
- Heard a presentation by Dick Lemke, Pacific County Amateur Radio Club on possible amateur radio member assistance in emergency situations.
- Recognized completion of certification requirements of Gil Gonzalez, Bob Haskin, and Dan Waterbury.
- Confirmed appointments of Water Superintendent Bob Haskin and Maintenance & Field Supervisor Gil Gonzalez.
- Reviewed & adopted Board's 2008 goals & measures.
- Reviewed additional information on business office heating system during power failure.
- Discussed & decided on 2008 compactor open hours.
- Reviewed the Schwindt asset report of 2006.
- Reviewed and approved part of a proposal for telephone & computer upgrade.
- Heard a report on progress on footbridge replacement.
- Did an After Action Review of December 2-3, 2007 storm event.
- Did an After Action Review of Special Budget Meeting of December 1, 2007.
- Reviewed the Fish & Waterway Management Committee fish management proposal.
- Discussed a Proposal to Donate two Lots to Surfside.
- Approved Miscellaneous Payments & Transfers.

Board Briefs January 19, 2008

At the regular Board meeting of January 19, 2008, the Board:

- Heard floor comments including a request to modify the location of the 306th Street bridge; signage to indicate directions to the SHOA office; legality of "porta-potties;" voting process on the bridges; urgency of securing permits for fish; request to repair cabanas for use this summer; emergency response committee formation; ham operator involvement; Sheriff John Didion's town hall meeting; and the speeding problem

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- in Surfside.
- Approved minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 15, 2007.
- Approved meeting notes of Executive Committee meeting of December 31, 2007.
- Received, but tabled, a proposal for a SHOA office heating, lighting, & electrical system for use during power failure .
- Heard an update on the SHOA telephone & computer upgrade.
- Approved a change in Operating Procedure #104 to require a picture, photo, or architectural rendering for mobile (manufactured) homes.
- Deferred the appointment of the Election Committee chairperson to the February Board meeting.
- Failed to approve a Tree Committee proposed form letter advising members of imminent non-compliance.
- Learned the status of the SHOAndTell newsletter for 2008, and approved a motion to consider eliminating it and the SHOA WeekEnd in 2009, and substitute instead reliance on the SHOA web site, giving members a chance to “opt in” to continue receiving a paper copy monthly, and seeking member input.
- Removed a summary of SHOA data for 2007 from the agenda.
- Reviewed incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Reviewed staff and committee reports of the Water Superintendent; Ad Hoc Facilities Task Force; Architectural Committee; Tree, Brush, & Noxious Weed Sub-Committee; RV Compliance Committee Grievance Committee; Treasurer’s Report (approving miscellaneous payments & transfers); Insurance Committee; Business Office; Compactor/RV Storage; Community Relations; Fish & Waterway Management Committee ; Sheriff’s Patrol; General Manager.
- Discussed several legal and personnel issues in closing session.

On February 16, 2008, the Board:

- Received comments from members on the annual meeting and budget voting, general manager, wages, covenants, RV storage, water quality, attorney, water department, dues volunteers, a community center, married people or partners, division 16, the compliance officer, Board meetings, Board members, cleaning, and the newsletter and WeekEnd.

- Approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 19, 2008.
- Heard an update on the request for relocation of the 306th Street bridge.
- Discussed plans for chemical treatment of the canal and lakes.
- Considered a draft of a committee charter for the Emergency Management Committee, and suggested an addition on continuity of operations.
- Considered, but did not change, the current method of assessing membership fees for owners of multiple lots.
- Considered a proposal to place additional directional signage to SHOA and asked for more information.
- Review incoming and outgoing correspondence.
- Reviewed staff, committee, and General Manager’s reports.
- Reviewed a proposal for a rationalized compensation system, brain-stormed elements of it, and appointed a committee of Gene Bowen, Greg Willeford, and Ken Karch to report back to the Board.
- Received a proposal for an employee manual and appointed a committee of Grant Murrell, Greg Willeford, Gary Williams, and Ken Karch to report back to the Board.
- Approved payments recommended by the Treasurer.
- Met in closed session to consider personnel, legal, and contact issues.

Gettin’ Rich -

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Later, when I saw how I could make millions and live in Hawaii (if I want to) by purchasing a franchise, I couldn’t resist. Let’s face it, there were palm trees and the man looked happy. But do you know, the people down to the Master Card station (or wherever it is they live) heard about my opportunity to make millions, they got so jealous that they shut my card down! It wasn’t such a big deal; I just used my Visa card (the one that protects me if some idiot gets a hold of it and starts spending my money unwisely).

Now I am not so sure how long it is going to take to become a millionaire, but the boxes have been arriving. I know exactly what I am going to do once my millions start rolling in. I am going to hire a team to field my phone calls so that the septic people don’t squeeze one more dime out of me. Between calls, they are going to clean that garage. I suspect I’ll be sitting on the beach in Hawaii looking happy under a palm tree.

Trust and Trustees Continued from Front Page

SHOA is a private corporation chartered by Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and policy, and governed by a Board of Trustees. It operates under State laws controlling non-profits and homeowners associations. In earlier, simpler times the Trustees were both policy makers and administrators for various activities; employees reported directly to different Board members. The increasing complexity of legal and technical issues confronting the Association has led to the Board assuming more policy decisions while delegating day to day operations. The sheer quantity of issues make an administrative role for trustees more than what most volunteers either want or have expertise or have time for.

So what about the “trust” in “trustee?” What is it we are trusting another member to do if we elect them?

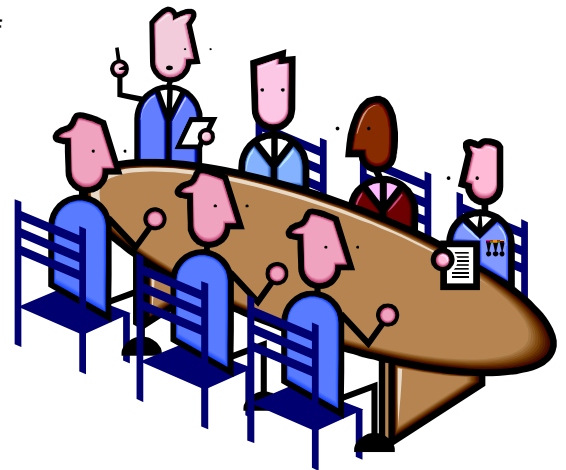
- Minimally, to attend a monthly meeting on a regular basis.
- More importantly, to make decisions on behalf of all members of SHOA.
- To avoid conflict of interest – not placing their own interests above the association.
- To take the time needed to become highly informed about issues (significant homework if you do it well).
- To listen to constituent concerns.
- To weigh the needs of various, diverse constituencies.
- To make difficult decisions.
- To understand and take seriously the fiduciary responsibility conveyed by law, articles of incorporation, and bylaws.
- To be willing to explain their thinking on issues to their constituents.
- To accept responsibility for those decisions.

Why not just do this as a direct “New England” style town hall democracy? Probably the most compelling reason is democracy only works with an informed electorate and becoming fully informed requires a time commitment most members choose not to make. At the end of an eight-hour meeting there are few, if any, non-Board members left at the meeting. Besides, when the nine Board members carefully consider the issues, the outcome is usually very similar to what a larger body would have decided. Responsible, representative boards are an efficient way to reliably conduct business.

Members sometimes accuse the Board of becoming a clique. I’d submit that after hours and hours of conversations regarding the association Board members do come to an understanding about each other and the direction of the association. To someone who hasn’t been a part of the dialog, the Board probably feels a bit intimidating. It isn’t because the trustees are any better than any other member; they’ve just spent a lot of time and become a team in their approach to representing their constituents.

So what is the reward for all the time spent in Board meetings? Probably the greatest is that the issues are interesting and one gets a chance to learn all kinds of things about water systems, employment law, property law, employee issues, construction, covenants, and best of all you get to meet more of your friends and neighbors. There is also satisfaction in participating in forging a consensus about what is best for the community on a wide range of issues. If all that sounds interesting I’d urge you to consider running for the Board. It’s relatively easy. If this just isn’t your cup of tea, I urge you to build a relationship with a Board member or come to the public comment time and make your concerns heard. And if you are comfortable that those you elect are doing their best to represent all of Surfside, support their decisions.

Most importantly – take time to understand who the candidates are and vote for Trustees you can trust to conduct the affairs of the association.



Breaking News



Gene Bowen appointed to fill the trustee position vacated by Tom Kennedy.

Gary Williams appointed to chair the Election Committee.

Dan Maryott appointed to chair the Nominating Committee.

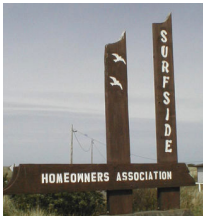
James Flood was elected as Vice President of the SHOA Board.

No dates yet for the **footbridge hearing**.

No dates yet for the **plant workshop** presented jointly by Waterway and Tree Committees. Please call the SHOA office or check the web page for future notification.

The **Fishing Derby** scheduled for Memorial Day weekend has been canceled.

SHOA's annual search for Board of Trustee candidates is off and running. Gary and Dan will soon begin their search for members who wish to be Board members. A process is in place to secure candidates. At this time, three Board positions are to be filled. **May 10, 2008 at 4 p.m.** will be the deadline to have a candidate's photo and statement included in the June 1 newsletter and their name included on the printed ballot to be mailed out prior to the July Annual Members' meeting, at which Board members are elected. Anyone choosing to run after that time must be nominated from the floor, and will not have their photo and candidate statement included in the pre-election mailout. Contact Gary or Dan or the SHOA business office for further information. Nominations can always be made from the floor at the annual meeting, until nominations are closed.



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