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Cabana Beautification in Full Swing

By Jane Bowen

For those of you who live in or have been to, Surfside recently you may have noticed quite a bit of work going on. Proceeds from the Memorial Day garage sale provided the Community Relations Committee and volunteers with the money we needed to begin the beautification projects. Staff spent numerous hours purchasing materials, arranging for deliveries, making repairs and doing prep work.

The Twin Lakes cabana has a complete makeover. New plantings, new paint and maintenance have really changed the look. DPR contractors volunteered its time and equipment, moving dirt to improve parking; a gravel walkway and two raised planting areas.

Skating Lake cabana has a new paint job, horseshoe pit and fire pit.

Seabreeze Lake cabana has been painted and we are just waiting for the bridge to be completed to begin planting there.

The Surfside office, the fourth cabana, is sporting a new coat of paint donated by Washington Coast Painters. It really looks nice. You also may notice a raised planting area to the north of the office.

A special thanks to all the volunteer time everyone has given to these projects. Please say thank you to Washington Coast Painters and DPR next time you see them in your neighborhood.

Contact the Community Relations Committee if you would like to work on a cabana in your neighborhood,

or simply want to help and meet people from all around Surfside.



State of the Association

from the Annual Meeting

By Warren Olson

A year of team work: I would characterize this year as the year of teamwork between staff and volunteers. Over the past year we have had **staff help volunteers with the onerous jobs** of record keeping, note taking, follow-up, investigation, and enforcement. The result has been a resurgence of volunteers who now enjoy a level of commitment appropriate to their gift of time.

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FALL EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHILI COOK-OFF/HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 TIME: 12:00 NOON

LOCATION: SKATING LAKE CABANA

CAPITAL PROJECTS HEARING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: BOARD ROOM

COMMUNITY CENTER

MEMBER BUDGET INPUT MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2008 TIME: 8:30 A.M.

LOCATION: SURFSIDE OFFICE

SURFSIDE FOSTER CHILDREN'S GIFT PROJECT

MID OCTOBER THRU CHRISTMAS

LOCATION: SURFSIDE OFFICE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

DECEMBER 13, 2008 TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: SENIOR CENTER

CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

DECEMBER 20, 2008 TIME: 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: SEABREEZE LAKE CABANA

BOARD MEETINGS

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

ACTIVITY DETAILS INSIDE

**SHOA 2008/2009
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Larry Nelsen
RV Compliance
Compactor/RV Storage
Land & Buildings

**Community Relations
Committee Update**

April, 2008

**By Jane Bowen and Georgia
Mourikis Co-Chairs**

This summer has seen many changes in the face of Surfside. The most noticeable change has been the painting of all cabanas and landscaping by volunteers. The volunteers and Surfside employees have worked together to achieve as much as possible with the resources available and exhibited a sense of pride in their achievements. The newly painted Surfside office was the site of the Annual Picnic, hosted by the Community Relations Committee. The committee volunteers enjoyed organizing this lunch event and received positive responses for their efforts. Twin Lakes cabana, now newly painted and landscaped, will be the site for Surfside's first "Concert at the Cabana" on August 9 with performers Judy Eron and Geof Morgan. Skating Lake, also newly painted, will be the site of a chili cook-off and horseshoe tournament on September 13. Used in this event will be their newly constructed horseshoe pit for the tournament and fire pit for roasting marshmallows. December 20th will see the Lighted Christmas Boat Parade at the Seabreeze cabana. This will be the second year that this neighborhood has presented its boat parade. Landscaping for this cabana will occur in the spring.

Our committee has continued to generate enthusiasm and new ideas. We continue to work on a procedure for use of the community room at the Surfside office during times of emergency, coordination with the fire department for emergency

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**Late Summer
& Fall Update**

By Bob Haskin

Your Water Department has been very busy with daily water related operations and working on the cabanas and other Surfside properties along with the planning / permitting of the various water projects that we have planned. We have acquired all of the proper parts and will be starting the planned water projects very soon.

When we start these various planned water projects, there will be water outages to some fairly large areas as we add some key valves and hydrants. We will give you, if all goes well, at least a 48 hour notice prior to shutting down the water, watch for signs that will be posted prior to shutting off the water. It also is planned to shut the water off only after 9 A.M. and will do everything possible to get the water back on before 5 P.M.. It would be wise to keep a supply of drinking water on hand to last you for at least a day, while we are working on these projects.

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SURFSIDEONLINE.ORG

By Gene Bowen

Your Surfside Homeowners Association has a new web presence. **Surfsideonline.org** is the new Internet domain name and address to access everything you need to know about Surfside. Visit often and view the Association News Ticker for important news items or announcements of upcoming events.

The new site offers the same information as the old one. You
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should also find it easier to locate important information with the many drop-down menus. Additionally, new features include a section for Surfside Photos, Employment Opportunities, and posting of the proposed agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Future enhancements may include fill-in-the-blank forms. Suppose you need your annual RV permit. Fill in the form, email it to us in advance of your arrival and we'll have it ready for you when you get here, or we can mail it to you if we have sufficient advance notice. Some forms may require printing and completion offline and mailing or drop-off at the office due to signature requirements.

Be sure to save the Surfside Directory included with this newsletter as it provides new email addresses to use when contacting the office, key staffers, functional areas, and the Board of Trustees.

We trust you will find the change to your liking and be sure to share any ideas you have that could improve **Surfsideonline.org**.

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Sheriff's Report by Deputy Larry Clark

We are getting a lot of tourists, guests and families of our residents and home owners. I would like to remind all of you to make sure that those people staying or using your property this summer should be considerate of their neighbors. We realize they come to the beach to enjoy themselves, but this year I have had a number of complaints about young people coming to the beach to party, and being very loud, well into the morning. I have talked to the young people, and they complied with turning down the music, and staying inside. Most people do not realize how sound carries here at night. So just a reminder to let our visitors know, we want them to have a good time when they come to our area, but be considerate of neighbors. Also keep in mind, that when we get rain, after real nice weather, the oil comes to the top of the water on the road, and it can be like driving on ice. It gets very slippery and dangerous. Just a heads up. The neighbor watch is doing very well
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Sheriff's Report - Continued

and has been instrumental in some leads leading to arrests, and my being able to nip problems in the bud. Good job by all. Our crime rate in Surfside has been very low.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION CERTIFIED

By Janet Corey

Designated Election Committee Chair, Janet Corey reports the following election results from the annual meeting:

Board of Trustees:
Chris Hanson 271
Larry Nelsen 251
Gene Bowen 239
Debbie Richmond 194
John Reichenbach 170

Total Votes: There were 81 votes by floor ballot and 318 votes by proxy for a total of 399 votes.



Good News For Surfside!

By Jacob Brundage, Chief
Pacific County Fire District #1

Good news! So far this year, emergency calls are down from last year in Surfside. Although the numbers of emergency calls are down, it certainly doesn't mean that planning for future needs is not necessary.

Plans have been presented to the Surfside Architectural Committee for an addition to the Surfside fire station. Currently only a fire engine is kept at the station. So the building addition will allow for the District to have an ambulance or rescue unit and a brush-fire fighting truck. The District has a new, excited group of volunteers who live in Surfside and will respond to the station for emergency calls.

I recently received an e-mail from the Surfside water crew after a hydrant installation on G Street. We are pleased to see Surfside working to improve and repair the hydrants and water system. The more availability of hydrants and
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ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SURFSIDE ART AND GARDEN TOUR UPDATE

By Jan Richardson

The Surfside Art and Garden tour has been rescheduled until next summer. We will be having a planning meeting in the fall. We are excited to combine Art and Garden in a special mix that will be particularly Surfside. We have a group of talented artists creating a diverse array of Fine Art and Crafts. We have painters, quilt makers, potters, sculptors and metal artists. Our very beautiful gardens showcase a huge variety of styles and planting environments. We are seeking more participants for this event. If you have any questions, please email Jan Richardson at Jan@windymeadowspottery.com. or call 360- 665-3248

Chili Cook Off and Horseshoe Tournament

Fall festivities have been planned for the Skating Lake cabana for Saturday, September 13, 2008. The Skating Lake cabana is located on the corner of 300th and W Street. A chili making contest has been planned for 12 noon. Take a ballot, taste each chili and vote for your favorite. The winner of the contest will be awarded a certificate and prize. After the contest, help yourself to chili and corn bread. Beverages will be provided. A "pot luck" of desserts and marshmallows would also be a welcome addition to this culinary event, so feel free to bring some along.

The horseshoe tournament will

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begin at the cabana at 2:00 P.M., sign up to be just prior to the event. The winner of this event also will receive a certificate and prize.

This event has been planned after the busy Labor Day and Rod Run weekends with the intent to be a "wind-down" type of event. Bring a lawn chair and come relax with your neighbors and friends. For further information, contact Georgia Mourikis at 665-5565.



Lighted Boat Parade

The lighted boat parade will be held December 20, 2008 on Seabreeze Lake at 5:00 P.M.. If you would like to participate this year or would like more information, contact Larry or Kerry Amundson at 665-2779 or Brad and Jolynn Moshner at 503- 247-2443



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By George Miller

On May 14, 2008 a second neighborhood watch was established in Surfside. This new watch is located in Division 16 and will be identified as the *Skating Lake Neighborhood Watch*. More than 30 homes have signed on to participate in their neighborhood watch. Two residents have agreed to be area captains. They are Tommy Faught, 30215 "U" Place, Continued Column C

665-0737, tommyf@kalama.com and Dan Derrick, 30106 "X" Place, 665-6480, driftwoodlani@yahoo.com *Twin Lakes Neighborhood Watch* has more than 70 members with three captains. They are Harlean Bouthillier, 1405 324th Place, 665-3505, hcatballou@yahoo.com and Patrick & Carnita Wall, 1206 320th Place, 665-0148, heieren@centurytel.net and Ed & Norma Nash, 1907 321st Place, 665-5110, enash@centurytel.net The chairperson for neighborhood watch groups is George Miller, 1302 324th Place, 665-0746, gmliller002@centurytel.net. The neighborhood watch signs have been installed in the *twin lakes* and *skating lake* watch neighborhoods. Special thanks to Pacific County Sheriff's Department for the signs and the Surfside Water Department for the placement. If you have questions or concerns about any issue in your neighborhood, contact an area captain in your watch area. They represent all members of the watch group. If you contact them by email, use the subject matter as *neighborhood watch*.

If you live outside a watch area and would like to form one in your neighborhood, contact George Miller at above email or phone number.

Work on a third watch group is about to start in the area of "M" Place from 300th to 311th. This will be known as the *M Place neighborhood Watch*.

Recognizing Suspicious Activities

BE ALERT! Anything that seems slightly "out of place" or is

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ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Pet Fines Policy Information

One of the Grievance Committee's major situations continues to



be dog complaints, including problems such as barking, running loose, viciousness, etc. This situation hopefully will be controlled in the future due to the implementation of a fine policy. Violators will be fined on the third notice and the policy also includes removal of the pet from the Surfside lots if necessary. All members are encouraged to read the covenants to become aware of possible violations. If people do not pay their fines, the complaints would be referred to the Surfside attorney and court action if necessary. Violators then pay more than a fine, but also legal fees. Hopefully, this new policy will help to clear up the animal problem in Surfside



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communication, and a policy for the responsible use of the newly refreshed cabanas.

We still have a need for a sign maker. On the lighter side, one member suggested that our committee enter a Surfside float in the 2009 Fourth of July parade in Ocean Park. Other members have suggested that we make the garage sale an annual event with proceeds used to continue to upgrade facilities and to include the playground in these upgrades. These last three months have been outstanding! Our group meets the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in the community room at the Surfside office.



RV Compliance Committee Report by Ray and Rose Marie Sartin

Have you noticed a big improvement in the looks of your area lately? With the help of our compliance officer and Sheriff Larry Clark, seven derelict RV's have been removed. We are working to have several more removed.

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RV Compliance - continued

We would like to thank all RV owners who have faithfully registered their RV's with the Surfside office. It is so nice to see security decals and permits prominently displayed and visible from the street. Since we cannot walk on your property, it's very important that we can see both the decal and permit from the street. The security decal and permit identify your RV as belonging to the Surfside community.

Please be aware that winter occupancy begins October 1, 2008. Your RV is permitted on your lot as a temporary vacation dwelling. It must display a current motor vehicle license, meet all health codes, and be road ready. During these winter visits, the RV MUST BE OCCUPIED CONTINUOUSLY. Short term winter permits shall be issued by the Surfside office for up to 21 days only. Total winter occupancy cannot exceed 60 days. Not more than one RV is permitted to remain on your lot in the winter.

RV Permits for construction are issued for one year. You must have proof of county building permit posted, visible from the street. There must be proof of active and continuous building construction. Septic and water connections must be available for use.



From Your Committees

Tree, Brush, Vegetation, and Noxious Weeds Committee

By Larry Raymer, Committee Chair

Last month the water ways and tree committees sponsored a program about landscaping. If you didn't attend, you missed a great program. Our thanks go out to Kim Patten, WSU at Long Beach, and Earl Miller, certified arborist from Seaview. They gave us good information about the waterways and trees, focusing on what grow well in our community, fire resistant landscaping, noxious weeds, pruning trees and basic tree and plant care. Brochures are available in the Surfside office for anyone who would like information.

July has been a very busy month. The tree committee has lots of new complaints about trees that have grown too tall. Trees grow from two to four feet every year – it may be a good idea to cut your trees at least three or four feet below the maximum height allowed for your lot. This might save you from trimming every year. We see most trees neatly trimmed but some are just cut without regard for saving the tree, these trees tend to die very easily. Selective thinning of the trees also will decrease the danger of fire damages in case we get an uncontrolled fire; this might help save your house, buildings, or RV's. The Fire Department may be able to give you some guidance in controlling fire danger. Pacific County already sprayed for Noxious Weeds on it's right-of-ways. Surfside also has sprayed for gorse on our lots. Gorse is a

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Trees, Brush - Continued

perennial, evergreen shrub ranging from 3 feet to over 10 feet tall. Seeds are viable for 30 years or more. Gorse reproduces primary by seed. Vehicles, animals and ants spread seeds. Cutting is recommended before herbicide application. A cut gorse plant will re-sprout from the crown in greater density if herbicides are not applied.

Controlling gorse on your property is every member's responsibility. Contact our office and we can give you additional information on controlling this noxious weed. Slash is another major fire danger. Surfside is working with Fire Chief Jacob Brundage on a number of different plans to address this issue. Bring in a dumpster for two weeks is one option; another is getting a large chipper for maybe a day or a weekend. We will keep you informed of our findings. The tree services also have chippers. Let's make Surfside as safe as possible for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who have brought their trees into compliance. We know this was hard work and it shows. Our community is looking much better.

Guests and new volunteers are always welcome at our meetings. The next meeting is at the Surfside office at 9:30 A.M. on Aug. 15, 2008.



Architectural Committee Newsletter Input

By Wayne O'Dell

The Architectural Committee has taken on a new energy working with the new administrative staff in the Surfside office. We are undertaking a process-by-process review of every type of application a surfside member might process through the Architectural Committee. Our goals are to compare our paperwork with Pacific County's to insure that we are collecting the right information and using the best examples provided to assist any member filling out information. At the same time we are reviewing how much paperwork we "give to" or "send to" a member with each application package. Our goals are to reduce errors, minimize paperwork as well as the resource time taken to process each architectural request that comes before the committee.

As a side-bar to the committee but related to Architectural Covenants, the Board of Trustees has asked that Shirley Baker form a special task group to provide guidance on the interpretation of the word "same" as used in the following: Garages and carports shall conform to the same building materials (including roofing and siding) as approved for the residence. If you wish to volunteer as a member of this group, contact Shirley Baker through the Surfside office.



State of the Association - continued from Page 1

Core functions: Let me cover the status of SHOA by looking at our core functions and how we are performing. SHOA does primarily six key functions – We deliver **water, collect trash, enforce covenants, maintain assets, provide security and pay the bills**. By most common standards, the Surfside Home Owners Association is in great shape.

Water: Our most important function is to reliably deliver clean, pure, drinking water. Probably the most amazing water department feat was a **hiatus from main breaks** for a major portion of the year. This was largely due to knowledge and skill developed by our crew to operate the system with less spikes of pressure that destroy the old asbestos-cement pipe.

Trash: While our second core function of taking out the trash is probably the least glamorous, trash disposal continues to **increase at a regular rate** of growth, partly due to growth in membership and partly due to increased trash generation.

Covenants: Covenant **enforcement has improved significantly** in the past year. The progress has been remarkable, the tree height complaints are a good indicator-- dropping from 375 unresolved complaints to 10. The RV Committee and Grievance committees have likewise done admirable jobs. Progress in cleaning up neighborhoods has been steady through the teamwork of our committees, compliance officer, sheriff's patrol, and positive ongoing relationships with County government.

Most importantly, the collaborative approach to enforcement has established a positive tone.

Assets: We are doing a **better job of maintaining assets**, again through the teamwork of staff and volunteers. Surfside's waterways have traditionally undergone a cycle of attention and neglect. The Fish and Waterways committee has developed plans for both **weed control and a warm water fishery**. The first treatment of the season for weeds has been completed and we will be adding blue gill and bass to the waters so fishing can again be one of Surfside's fun diversions.

Our **cabanas** also represent the teamwork between staff and volunteer members. Monies were specifically budgeted in 2008 to repair the cabanas. **Volunteers have stepped in to paint, landscape, and watch out for vandalism**. The results are facilities that neighborhoods can once again be proud of and use. Past frugality to the point of neglect has been replaced with responsible cycles of maintenance incorporating volunteers.

Security: Surfside has a unique relationship with the local Sheriff in that we pay the salary of a reserve deputy and the Sheriff's office provides a car, maintenance, fuel, insurance and integration to the communications system and 911. To Deputy Larry Clark's, credit **crime, particularly break-ins, are virtually non-existent**.

Larry's effectiveness has been supplemented by development of **neighborhood watch** groups in different areas of Surfside. Started by George Miller, these groups have grown and now represent another deterrent to the bad guys as well as **increased help for neighbors during storms and disasters**.

Finances: I am happy to report that by year end of 2007 we had **lived within our budget**. Frugality has again been rewarded by transferring the unspent portions of the operating budget to our capital reserves.

In regard to assets I am pleased to report that in the last year since we met members ratified a capital budget to **replace the foot bridges** that had been condemned, and despite permitting delays we are less than a month behind on our aggressive goal of replacing the bridges by July.

Diverse needs: So, if Surfside is only looked at in terms of core functions, we're doing pretty well. What we all know is that **Surfside is more than just a business. It's a community**. While last year's annual meeting was difficult for just about everyone involved one message to be taken from it is that people care, care deeply, care with great emotional involvement. The problem is that **we often care about different things**.

In my conversations with members this past year I've learned that people have come to Surfside for a multitude of reasons and highly varying interests. Some want clean pure water, others aren't hooked up. Some want bridges, others never use them. Some want clear canals teeming with fish, others never go near them. Some want ultra low utility costs, others want continued investment. Some want neighborhoods cleaned up, other want to be left alone. Some own land for investment, others just to have fun. Some have second homes, others live in the home that represents their biggest investment. Some want to walk over bridges to the beach, others never even get close. Some need RV amenities, others are annoyed by camping. Some need clear views of the Pacific horizon, others relish the trees surrounding their lot.

I used to think that all Surfsiders lived here because of the stunning natural beauty of the beach and the opportunity to enjoy it. Not so. Many of our residents hate sand and wind and never go to the beach. About the only thing we all do is drink the water and the investors don't necessarily do that.

How do we manage with all the different interests. One extreme suggests that we just dissolve Surfside, but others are proud of their little community on the beach. In the course of my year as president I'm persuaded that **we do best by supporting each other.**

Sense of Community: "Community" doesn't make it to the six core functions list but for many it is the most important part of Surfside. To that extent I want to laud the efforts of the Community relations committee members, for forging ahead with a vision of Surfside as a community. This past year they have modified publications, supported the volunteers, begun a change from the Surfside office to the Surfside Community Center by obtaining a gas stove for gathering when power outages occur, helped organize a garage sale to provide funding for plantings and beautification, organized volunteers for painting and maintenance of cabanas, and organized social events. It's an **impressive list of accomplishments** for the groups charged with making Surfside fun.

Nine Board Goals: I would rank our progress as good on seven of the goals, including: **to improve covenant enforcement, to improve the use of volunteers, to build trust and satisfaction, to improve the maintenance of assets, to replace the foot bridges, to improve the waterways, and to improve the water system.** We made progress on and have more progress to make on limiting budget growth and improving operational efficiencies.

Water Planning: Finally, let me turn to the future. Surfside faces difficult challenges – largely encapsulated in the **Six Year Water Plan.** The consequences of not completing the plan and addressing the issues could range from moratoriums on construction to loss of the opportunity to run our water system.

Two water issues stand out. One generated by the State – **water meters,** The other generated by old father time – the **worn out pipes.**

Meters: Simply put its not a choice. We have to do it. End of debate. About the only choices are which kind of meters. Your new board will be making those decisions between now and next November. Our target is to complete installation by 2016 by doing a **portion of the meters each year.**

The State's purpose for **meters is to promote water conservation.** That is likely to result in some form of additional charge for excess water consumption. That means a change in how we assess and bill members. This Board is unlikely to tackle that issue, but rest assured when the metering is completed the State will expect us to use billing as a means of improving water conservation.

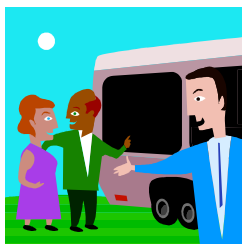
Pipes: Our other issue is worn out infrastructure. The critical issues are **affordability and sustainability.** Sustainable delivery of water requires a long term replacement plan for the system and pipes. We must balance the cost of sustainability with what people can afford to pay. Afford is different than willingness to pay. When people have to choose between paying the water bill and food, medicine, or heat, we are talking affordability. For some in Surfside paying for the sustainability will stretch their ability to afford it.

So how much pipe can we replace, how fast, and at what cost. For the time being the Board rejected getting a huge loan and saddling the members with debt into the foreseeable future. Rather we are going to establish a yearly assessment that hopefully falls within the rage of affordability for most members. With that assessment **we will install enough water meters yearly to stay on schedule and use the remaining funds to replace as many feet of pipe as we can afford.** The Board has estimated an **assessment of \$125 per lot for 2009.**

Neighborhood - Continued occurring at an unusual time of day could be criminal activity. **Do not attempt to apprehend a person committing a crime or to investigate a suspicious person or activity.** Call the Sheriff's Office immediately, and do not worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded. The Sheriff's Office would rather investigate than be called when it is too late. **The following incidents may indicate possible criminal activity and should be reported:** Continuous repair operations at a non-business location (stolen property being altered)...Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence (burglary or vandalism)...Unusual noises, such as gunshots, screaming, or dogs barking continuously (burglary, assault, or rape)...Sound of breaking glass (burglary or vandalism)...A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms (person may be injured, under the influence of drugs, or otherwise needing medical attention). **Time and accuracy are critical in reporting crime or suspicious events. Call 9-1-1 to report life-threatening incidents or a crime in progress for non-emergency call 642-9397.** In the winter issue of the Surfside Newsletter we will feature the **reporting of suspicious persons.**

REMINDER: The 2009 Surfside RV Storage Space Rental statements will be mailed out in September, due October 1.

Remember that the rental needs to be paid before you receive a new key.



Water Dept Update - Continued

If you come across a running water spigot please call the Water Department before you turn it off. The Water Department has strategically placed spigots throughout our service area to help in keeping your water fresh and moving.

If you have been gone for awhile and your water quality does not improve after running it for a while. Please call the Water Department at 360-665-4171 and let us know so we can help resolve your water quality issues.

If you are experiencing low water pressure or low water flow or you have added a booster pump to your household please contact the Water Department. We are considering some system changes that could affect your household in the future.

A reminder, if your water quality has not improved the Water Department needs to know this, not just a neighbor. We cannot at this time flush the water system fully. We do not have enough hydrants or 2" blow offs and we cannot afford to randomly just add these but if I receive a call about a water quality issue and we can't flush your supply line, then I can justify the expense of a blow off to resolve your water quality issues.

Bridge Update

As many of you know the new foot bridges are in the process of being installed. These bridges are not open for use yet. The 306th and the 311th bridges should be open for all to use on 8/9/08. The balance of the bridges will open as soon as the approaches are completed.

Compactor Update

I want to remind people as they move their waste from their vehicle to the compactors to be very careful so as you don't cut yourself. Recently we had a home owner cut his leg from broken glass in the bag he was carry-

ing. This person had no idea that the glass was in the bag. This occurs more often than not and the compactor attendant is at great risk of being cut also. Please make every effort towards reducing this risk by placing sharp items inside another container prior to placing your wastes into a plastic garbage bag.

Needles / Syringes FYI

Please do not place you used needles / syringes into your normal waste bags or containers. Please use an empty milk jug or equivalent to place your needles into and then take the container to Ocean Beach Hospital for proper disposal. When an employee is poked by a needle while handling your waste, it is very disconcerting and poses an unnecessary health risk to an employee, not to mention the costs to owners in ongoing blood testing etc.

Snowbirds and Summer Home Owners

If you are typically gone during the winter, please turn your water off at your water service / meter box and turn off the power to all water heaters. If you are not sure where your water service / meter box is or you don't know how to shut off the water (service), please call 360-665-4171 and we will come out and locate it for you and show you how to turn it off.

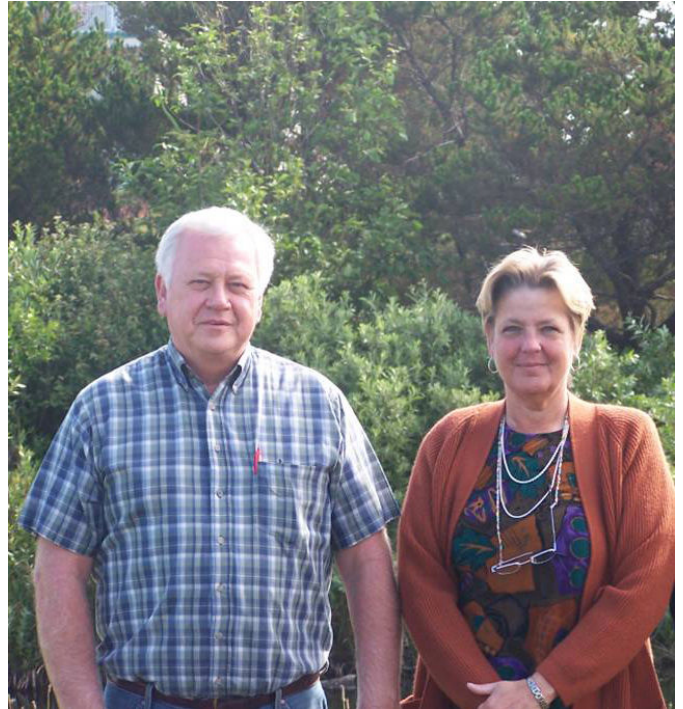
Also make sure that the business office has your **current contact information.** Last winter we had numerous occasions where a tree had fallen causing damage to property or pipes had froze and were leaking somewhere inside a home or in a yard and we had no way to inform the owner.

Who's Who in Surfside?

New Staff Biographies

By Dinah McCreddie and Jim Meyer

I'm **Dinah McCreddie** and I'm very pleased to have been hired for the position of Secretary to the Board/Office Secretary. I have worked in numerous administrative positions throughout the years, including financial/medical/insurance and other fields. Additionally, I have worked for more than ten years in the workers' compensation arena, providing vocational rehabilitation services to insurance companies, the workers comp court and individuals who have been injured on the job. My husband and I are very involved in Peninsula Baptist Church, serving on the Worship Team and providing Christian counseling services to everyone on the Peninsula at no cost. However, I believe that my most important attribute for this position has been and will continue to be my ability and desire to relate to people on many different levels. I believe that it is my job to serve the community, and I bring many years of experience of providing customer service with a servant's attitude to my job. Additionally, I have served on many a committee and/or boards in my day, as well as provided support to them, and this experience has been quite helpful. Mostly, I look forward to helping the team of staff, here at Surfside, administer to the needs of the community so that the association can function in such a way that is beneficial for all.



Hello, I'm **Jim Meyers** of Ocean Park and I was selected to fill the job of Covenant Compliance Officer. I started coming to the Peninsula when I was nine months old and I now live in a house that my grandmother bought in 1945. I have owned a business that operated inside prison walls, hiring inmates as my labor force. Additionally I managed Labor Ready offices. I am the Trophy Committee Chairman of the Beach Barons. I hope to bring the friendly approach that Surfside so highly values, to help members voluntarily comply with the covenants.



Don't forget that we have a new website:
www.surfsideonline.org

Volunteers for The Fish and Waterways Committee

by Mary Murrell, Committee Chair

- This is an urgent request from the Fish and Waterways Committee which is in desperate need of volunteers. We currently have only three members with multiple responsibilities, and help is sorely needed.
- Responsibilities of this committee include fish management, aquatic week management, shoreline management, mosquito abatement and any other issues facing the Surfside waterways.
- Waterfront property owners would be “naturals” for the committee but any Surfside member with a willingness to serve the community regarding these matters is encouraged to volunteer.
- The Fish and Waterways Committee meeting is the third Saturday of each month at 3:30 P.M. at the Ocean Park Fire Station. If you are interested, please attend the meeting or contact Mary Murrell, 503-698-27545, gemurrell@earthlink.net, mary@astoria-pacific.com, or by contacting the Surfside office.

Six Year Water Plan

SHOA is required to submit a six year water plan to the State Department of Health. We are two years behind, due to the magnitude
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of the issues that must be addressed. The Board made a series of hard decisions in May that will become part of the plan for submission.

Two issues stand out. The first is a requirement by the State to meter water. We simply have no choice but to put in meters. This must be completed by 2017. The Board determined to install enough meters each year to meet that deadline. Until all meters are installed no changes are expected in how water is billed (flat rate included in dues and assessments).

Once all services are metered the State will expect us to charge for excessive water consumption. The most common method is to set a base rate and charge extra for consumption above that level. This will require changes in SHOA's governing documents and will need to be addressed by later Boards and the Membership.

The other major issue is to replace aging pipe. Water delivery must be both sustainable and affordable. The State wants systems to plan for replacement and include those costs in the regular charges to avoid catastrophic failures and costs. Surfside has not included water main replacement in its capital reserve funds.

Affordability is defined not as “willingness to pay” but as the point where the less able to pay are faced with paying the water bill or buying food, medicine or heat. Various measures are identified and the Board has studied the different ways of determining affordability.

For now, the Board is choosing to forgo large loans and debt in favor of
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a pay-as-you-go staged installation of meters and replacement of pipe. The initial construction will have our own employees install the meters and pipe to see if we can do it more economically than contracting it out. If after some experience with this process we don't like it we can change to outsourcing.

The Board continues to study the costs and has identified a \$125 per lot assessment as a reasonable compromise between affordability and the need to accomplish meter installation and lay pipe. Each year the requisite number of meters will be installed and the remaining money will lay as many feet of pipe as we can afford. Although the meters will be completed in the next 8 years the replacement pipe is likely to take some time and continue for many years into the future.

Surfside currently has 22 miles of water mains and replacement costs are estimated as high as \$1000 per foot. Fortunately many of those mains may not require replacement for many years into the future. For now the focus will be only on the original mains in divisions 1-4 where we have experienced significant numbers of breaks.

You can read more about this on-line at the web site surfsideonline.org, click on the “Service” tab and then “water”. Or request a copy of the 6 year plan at the office. It is several hundred pages long so we will be checking them out rather than giving them away.



General Manager Resignation

At the Board’s request, General Manager Ken Karch submitted his resignation June 4. Perceived differences in direction are cited as grounds for the separation.

While the differences emerged in recent months, Karch’s contribution to the Association has been significant. Among those contributions are:

- Service on the Board and as President of the Board
- Starting the Community Relations Committee
- Development of publications including the Weekender
- Advancing technology including digitizing minutes and files so they can be easily searched
- Stepping in as General Manager and establishing the position
- Developing training for employees
- Conducting Surfside futures conferences and workshops
- Developing a communications plan
- Providing technical insight and assistance based on his engineering background.
- Organizing and preserving Surfside history

We want to express our appreciation for the extensive time spent and contribution to Surfside and its members. Ken’s service was performed with integrity and concern of the welfare of the Association.

Good News - continued

water flow, makes suppressing a fire safer for firefighters and prevents large fires. Kudos to the water crew – keep it up!

We are still finding a lot of properties in Surfside (mostly vacation lots without homes) that do not have their address visible. If you need an address sign, please let us know so we can get you one. We are currently updating our web site to include up-to-date information and breaking news. Please don’t hesitate to contact us for any fire or ambulance needs.

www.pcf1.org.

If you have any suggestions to improve our service, We want to hear from you. Please contact me at 665-4451 or e-mail me at brundage@pcf1.org.

Good News - continued

Safety Tip:

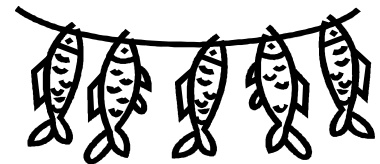
Fall is the time of year when we start to warm up those wood stoves and fireplaces. To prevent a flue fire, make sure you have them inspected every year to ensure they are clean and safe. Burning only dry seasoned wood decreases creosote build-up. Check those smoke detectors, and make sure they work! Don’t wait until after you have had a chimney fire – it’s too late.

New Residents

Kerry Amundson reports that she has given out three new welcome packets to new residents since the last newsletter. If you are a new resident to Surfside, call Kerry at 665-2779 or the Surfside office to receive your welcome packet.

Fishing Derby in need of a Chairperson

The 2009 Fishing Derby needs a chairperson. This is a tradition that has been going on for many years in Surfside and enjoyed by all. The previous chairperson was Cassie Moorehead who has left the area. All the information that was used in previous years is available and just waiting for someone to step forward and take it over. If you are interested, please contact the Surfside office. Without a chairperson it will be very difficult to continue on with this event.



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New General Manager

Barbara Robinson will assume duties as the Surfside General Manager at the beginning of September. She is retiring as Director of Community Development for Mason County. As head of Community Development, Robinson supervised a department of 42 employees and was responsible for many activities similar to what she will be doing in Surfside. The department oversees unincorporated water systems and is responsible for code enforcement and permitting. She brings extensive leadership skills in working with people. She has created and managed budgets and will provide skills in working with county government as it relates to Surfside.

Robinson’s experience also includes working in small cities like Shelton, Astoria, Port Angeles, and Gresham. Many of the functions of the Home Owners Association resemble services provided by municipal government. Her broad base of experience will provide the leadership required to continue improving service to members. Surfside Board of Trustee’s President, Warren Olson, states, “The role of General Manager is one of balance between technical ability and the ability to motivate and work with people. Robinson’s past shows both. The interview team was impressed by her management skills as well as her warmth and genuineness. We think she is a great fit for the needs of the Association, our volunteers, and our members.”

Robinson has roots in Ilwaco where her family owns a home. According to Robinson, “I’m excited and looking forward to a new venue and working with the members of Surfside. It will be good to be back on the Peninsula. This is a great opportunity for me and my husband as well.”

BOARD MINUTES
 All approved Surfside monthly board meeting minutes are now available online on the web site:
Surfsideonline.org – or in paper form at the Surfside office.

<u>Surfside Christmas Gift Program</u>	<u>Surfside Foster Children Gift Project</u>
<p>In mid-October, the Pacific County Children and Family Services Office will provide us with names, ages, and gift wishes for children living in foster care on the Long Beach Peninsula. The committee will contact each member who wishes to purchase gifts for an individual child.</p> <p>If you wish to help make a local foster child’s Christmas memorable, please complete the attached form and return it to the Surfside Business Office with your check made out to Surfside Foster Children’s Gift Project. You may call the Surfside Office at 1-888-0815-9446 (toll free) or 360-665-4171, or Marilyn Taylor at 360-665-6543 if you have any questions.</p> <p>A tax receipt will be available on request with proof of purchase or donation of funds by check or money order.</p>	<p>Please check the appropriate box below and return to: Surfside Homeowners Association 31402 H Street Ocean Park, WA 98640</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to contribute money for the Surfside Christmas Project. Enclosed is a check or money order for _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I wish to purchase a gift for a foster child when the Christmas wish lists are available.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>

Fire Station

The Board approved a variance for Fire District 1 that expedites location of an aid unit and additional fire equipment in Surfside. The revision to the station required a 16 inch height variance in order for doors to operate. The Board deemed the minimal height variance insignificant enough to waive notification of surrounding homeowners and waived variance fees. The location of the manned station in Surfside represents a huge benefit to the community and the minimal variance and common sense dictates the prudence of moving forward without additional delay.

Budget hearing

A dozen members attended the preliminary budget hearing held before the board meeting. The committee meets between now and October when the Board must adopt the 2009 budget.

Water meters

The Board heard from Ilwaco Water superintendent Randy LeVold about their experience updating and installing meters. The Board approved a request for proposal to obtain bids from vendors for Surfside's proposed metering.

Tree fine proposal for over height trees was considered and delayed until September

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