

Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

Spring 2009

Dear Surfside Friends and Neighbors by Warren Olson

It was with deep disappointment that we learned last week my wife, Jan, has a blood disorder similar to leukemia. She will be hospitalized for a month of chemotherapy and will need follow up treatments. I do not believe that under these circumstances I can effectively provide the leadership Surfside needs and deserves. I informed the Board last weekend that I am resigning as President and as a trustee. My heart is, and rightfully belongs, elsewhere.

Your Vice President, Jim Flood will become acting President. Your Board has developed as a team and works well together. I have every confidence that they and Barbara Robinson will provide the leadership, collaboration, and wise decisions that Surfside deserves.

I have greatly enjoyed being of service over the past five years and wish the best to all who participate in making our community a better place.

Thank you to all the well wishers – your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Making a difference in the Surfside Community

By Jim Meyers, Surfside Compliance Officer

The first community project for the new Surfside Volunteers was a great success.

A Surfside residence was devastated from the snow. The front porch roof collapsed and was just lying on the porch and the member living there was in need of help to restore her property from an ugly and hazardous situation.

The volunteers met at 10 am on Monday January 26, 2009 ready for work. It's amazing what eight people can do in less than three hours. The porch roof was removed and disassembled. Another unstable cover over the front window was removed as it also was ready to collapse. The woodpile in the front yard was moved to the side, stacked on treated posts and recovered with a tarp to keep it dry. The yard was cleaned up and the debris was disposed of. Another volunteer took his John Deere and cleaned out a lot of the blackberry bushes in the front yard.

Great job everyone! This is an example of what a community can do together, to make Surfside a better place for everyone to live. Many thanks to the volunteers: Larry Raymer, Glenn Stephens, Dan Marriott, Bob Cole, Bob Livingston, Ray and Rosie Sartin.



Be sure to check out www.surfsideonline.org for events, newsletters, and weekenders.

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**Community Relations
Committee Update**

January 2009

By Jane Bowen and Georgia
Mourikis Co-Chairs

December saw not only snow but also a festive display of Christmas and seasonal decorations put up by committee members at the Surfside office and community boardroom. The winter scenes painted on the windows by elves were especially nice. All decorations were either donated or loaned and we give special thanks to Coral Hughes who donated the tree and all the Christmas penguin decorations.

We have established goals for 2009. The 2008 landscape plans for the Skating Lake and Seabreeze Lake cabanas will be completed when weather permits with funds designated from last year's garage sale. We also have planned a combination safety barrier/planter box for the Surfside office and are working to develop landscape plans for the 306 bridge park. We also would like to either purchase benches or find volunteers to make park benches to place along the shores of the waterways. The extent that these plans are carried out depends on how far we can stretch the 2008 garage sale funds, if the committee decides to hold another garage sale and if we can again dig down and bring up that "we can do this" attitude.

A donation drive also is proposed to raise funds to purchase a flag pole to place behind the berm at the Surfside office. The old flag pole behind the building would be disassembled, refurbished and placed at the 306 bridge park.

As a committee, we have events planned at the cabanas and we
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ELECTION TIME

By Tom Kennedy,
Chair of Nominating Committee

Election time is quickly approaching and Surfside is looking for some willing candidates to step up and run for election to the Board of Trustees.

An effective board is made up of individual trustees with a wide range of experience. In past years the board has been blessed to have people with significant expertise in areas important to the Association.

One vital area is people with an understanding of budgets and finance. Surfside is over a \$1 million operation and having a board member or two with a keen eye for figures who is willing to put on the green eye shades and scrutinize the books and financial proposals is critical to a successful organization.

Surfside's major activities, delivering water and maintaining assets, have been helped along by several trustees with engineering and/or construction expertise. While the actual work is contracted out, having a trustee with experience in engineering who looks out for member interests has saved many a precious dollar.

With ten employees, 2000 members, land, and covenants, people with management and legal backgrounds are often aware of proper ways to do things that keep us out of future trouble and make cost effective decisions.

Finally, the board must represent the people's interests and with full timers, retired folks, RVer's, vacation home owners, canal dwellers, view dwellers, beach front dwellers, people with second homes, and people on minimal fixed incomes, having representation from

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HELP FLY THE STARS AND STRIPES AGAIN IN SURFSIDE



The Surfside office flagpole is in need of replacement. The flag was flown around the clock, seven days a week. No night lighting was available resulting in an inappropriate display.

In an effort to resolve this problem and as part of the beautification projects of 2008, the staff and the Community Relations Committee developed plans for a new fiberglass pole adjacent to the new office sign and plant area. The staff also installed electricity to the area to provide the appropriate lighting.

The \$700 required for the project made it through the budget process but probably will not be funded in the trying economic times.

A number of Surfside members felt this project was important, wanted it completed in 2009, and immediately donated funds in an effort to make it happen. These unsolicited funds now total \$130. A good start but not nearly enough.

The Community Relations Committee suggests that you can make it happen simply by dropping a few dollars or your spare change in the locked box at the Surfside office. \$5's, \$10's, \$20's or even \$50's accepted. Help us with your non-tax-deductible cash donation, and we'll soon see "Old Glory" flying over Surfside once again.

Greetings From the Compactor

By Paul Halstead

We made it through the holidays and bad weather. We have made some changes at the compactor, which are as follows:

We no longer accept metal which includes barbecues, old lawn mowers and all appliances. Also as of January 1, 2009, these items as well as all televisions and computer monitors, are to go down to the Transfer Station at 67th and Sandridge. They do not go in the drop box. Usable items still can be placed along the fence as in the past, however, before leaving your items, please check with the attendant to obtain permission. Certain items left at the fence in inclement weather will become unusable quickly and therefore, you may be asked to come back and remove it, if it becomes damaged or no one wants it.

The drop box is for flattened

cardboard and dry household trash. Please, always remember to flatten all cardboard that goes in the drop box, to make room for everyone's trash. This box is not for garage cleaning debris, construction debris, remodeling, scraps or yard debris. Again, all of these items should also go to the Transfer Station at your own cost. This also includes items such as mattresses, box springs, couches and chairs, or other unusable furniture.

The recycle bin remains available for members to recycle glass (white, brown, green), newspapers, magazines, plastic and aluminum cans. Generally, only pop and beer cans are made from aluminum. Most food cans actually are made from tin, which Surfside does not recycle; therefore, food cans should go in the garbage.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Have a great Spring and Summer!

Set Personal Safety Goals for 2009

By Chief Jacob Brundage

As the beginning of the year comes and goes, many people establish new goals for themselves or decide to re-new old ones. I would encourage everyone (even if you don't consider yourself the goal-setter type) to make goals in these three areas of safety.

#1 Fire Proof Your Home – Mark the first day of the month on your calendar to check your smoke detector batteries. Clear combustible grass and brush at least 20 feet from your home. Clean the lint trap and dryer hose on your clothes dryer (I know there are some of you that haven't done this in years).

#2 Maintain Quality of Life, Not Quantity – Get your blood pressure taken at the fire station at least once a
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ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Artist's Corner By Jan Richardson

Surfside's energetic artists are preparing their art work for the 18th annual Peninsula Arts Association Spring Art show April 3rd, 4th and 5th at the World Kite Museum in Long Beach.

Ruth Carpenter, a past winner of Best in Show and a consistent winner for many years has been developing a new group of abstract acrylic paintings. Carol Olson and Joan Taplin who currently have paintings on display at the Ocean Beach Hospital in Ilwaco will be entering new paintings in the show. Jude Evans and Olson have collaborated on several surprise entries in mixed media.

Jan Richardson, winner of the fall 2008 Best in Show award, will be featured artist and is planning some very new work using clay techniques that she has developed while taking classes at Clatsop Community College and in Italy, as well as making a special ceramic sculpture in the traditional Windy Meadows Pottery style.

Trips to Ireland, her stunning Surfside ocean view and great new techniques learned at Clatsop Community College are morphing together in Brigid Byrne's newest pottery pieces. Prize winning metal worker, Don Perry will introduce pieces from his winter's studio time. New members are encouraged to join the PAA (Beachartist.org) and exhibit in the Spring Art Show.

Carpenter is working with the Oysterville Community Club

designing a wooden bench in honor of the Holway family. Her oyster oriented design will be carved into the bench, which will be placed in the town for the benefit of the community.

Member participation is invited for the development of the Surfside Art and Garden tour to be held this summer. The self guided tour will feature a group of Surfside art studios and some of Surfside's unique gardens.

Our proximity to the ocean breezes and the sandy soil presents challenges that some of our members have met with clever solutions. Our growing and vibrant artist community features very talented artists and craftsmen in a number of media. A meeting will be held March 21 to organize details. Call Jan Richardson at 360-665-3248 or email Jan@windymeadowspottery.com for time and location of meeting.

Neighborhood Watch By George Miller

A neighborhood watch is the most effective way to reduce or prevent crime. Neighborhood watch needs your involvement. If you don't participate, who will? Make your neighborhood a community, not just a place where you live.

The neighborhood watch belongs to you. You establish it and you run it. The only limits your watch has are the limits you set through your neighborhood captains. A minimum of two captains from each watch group will meet several times a year and discuss neighborhood issues and share information.

Surfside Homeowners Association supports and encourages the neighborhood watch groups by providing a means of communication through this news letter and the e-mail edition of the Weekender. It also installs the watch signs and provides office material. It does not edit or suggest anything that the watch groups do. The Neighborhood Watch belongs to you.

Join the three active Surfside neighborhood watch groups with one in your neighborhood. I will meet with several homeowners in a neighborhood and fully explain the program requirements. To arrange for a meeting, contact me by e-mail, with the subject as "neighborhood watch". gmliller002@centurytel.net or by phone at 665-0746.



ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

RV Compliance Committee Update

By Ray and Rosie Sartin

RV Compliance this winter has been quite good and we certainly do thank the membership for that. There are just a few non-compliant issues to report, which we hope to have solved as soon as possible.

The Board now requires that we send a ten day notice to correct a violation and on the eleventh day, a fine will be assessed. A complete copy of that policy is posted at surfsideonline.org. Go to "governance", then "RV fines".

This is our "winter occupancy" season. Short term permits are issued for periods up to 21 days for temporary vacation/short term dwelling and the RV must be occupied.

"Summer occupancy" begins May 1st. At that time, RV's are permitted, with or without occupation. One-time registration, from May 1 thru September 30th at the Surfside office is required.

1. The RV must display a current vehicle license
2. The RV must meet all health codes for temporary recreational use.
3. The RV must have a Surfside security decal.
4. The RV must display the summer permit.

Please be sure that your permit is posted in such a manner that it is visible from the street. Due to private property rules/law, staff and volunteers are not permitted to walk on your property, therefore it is necessary to see the permit from the street.



Thank you, once again, for your cooperation.

Architectural Committee News Article

By Wayne O'Dell, Chair of Architectural Committee

Since the last published news article very few applications for new home plans have been reviewed. This, obviously, is directly related to the credit market and real estate market malaise currently burdening our national economy and our local economy.

Some projects that had been approved by the committee have not gotten started or have slowed in their pace of work. Some homes and families in our Surfside community have and will be affected by the recession that we are in.

Our new general manager and the Architectural Committee continue to pursue avenues to enhance efficiency for you, our clients, and the office staff. One effort that has finally come to a successful implementation pertains to septic systems.

The covenants state that the committee must review and approve septic system plans prior to turning your plans over to you and then present them to County for final permitting and approval.

Now, only Surfside's Water Department needs to work with certified septic system planners to "locate" the water supply for your lot and show that location on the engineered plans. This eliminates the Committee Review (which meets only once a week); therefore, saves time and sometimes money for you, our Surfside homeowners

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Homemade Garden Tips

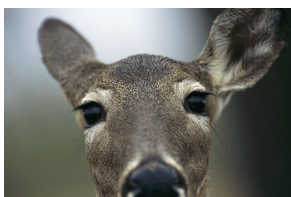
Member Merri Johnson has collected gardening tips that can help keep plants healthy and not be hard on the environment or pets... and sometimes they work.

Outside Plants

1. Slugs and Snails: Bury a container in the ground to the point that it is even with the ground. Fill it with beer, almost to the top. Slugs like beer, will come to drink and will get stuck and drown.
2. Deer: Combine four eggs with a quart of water. Spray the mixture on the plants you want to protect. Apparently deer do not like the smell of eggs and will avoid the plants.
3. Flower Rot: Crush egg shells and place around base of flowering plants. The shells dissolve releasing calcium which protects the flowers.
4. Black Spot: Mix one cup of milk and four cups of water and spray on leaves to prevent black spot.

Indoor Plants

1. Aphids, mealy bugs and spider mites: (a) One cup of hot peppers blended with two cups of water (spray). (b) Mix one tablespoon of dish soap with one half gallon of water. (spray). (c) alcohol soaked cotton swabs. Whether you use the peppers or soapy water sprays, or alcohol cotton swabs, always test on a small section of the plant first to see that it does not damage leaves. If ok, then use.



Sheriff Patrol Update

By Deputy Larry Clark

Well spring is almost here, and the snow birds will be coming home soon. The nice weather we have had lately hopefully will continue for awhile. The crime rate in Surfside for the year has been very low and I think a lot of credit for that is because of the neighborhood block watch program. It has been doing a great job of letting me know about things that are going on in the different divisions in Surfside. It has made a big impact for me being able to nip would-be problems in the bud. Very good job by the people involved.

The water department is starting its laying water pipe plans in motion, so it will be working along the streets in Surfside. Keep your eyes open, and obey the speed limits. Traffic fines double in construction zones, so be aware of where you are, and what your speed is. These laws will be strictly enforced for the safety of the water crews, and you.

I would like one more time, to remind all of you, that for your benefit, it is very important to make sure the Surfside office has a current address and telephone number for you. It also would be good to have a contact number for a friend or relative that I can contact if you are gone for some reason.

This information is confidential and just for my information in case of an emergency. Please get this information to the office; it is very important for you and me. Thanks for all the cooperation with me and the Sheriff's office in helping to keep Surfside a safe and enjoyable place to live. The very best to you and yours in the New Year.

Tree Committee Article

By Larry Raymer,
Chair of Tree Committee

The summer has been a busy time for the tree committee. We have had a large number of new complaints and a good number of properties that have come into compliance.

Jim Meyers and I have been working with Pacific County on taking care of some of the slash issues we have had. It has been helpful. The county has started sending out letters of non-compliance to those properties that have large slash piles on them, as they are a fire hazard and puts the entire community at risk.

Chris Hanson is the new trustee assigned to our committee. He has been very involved. Chris and I have been working with the local fire chief on trying to find ways to dispose of brush and trimmings, other than burning. Chief Jacob Brundage is setting up a fire prevention program for Surfside. I have been working very closely with Jim Meyers, our compliance officer, on investigation of complaints. We are developing a new process to keep everyone up to speed on the complaints and be sure they are followed through to resolution.

For all those people who have properties in a tree height restricted area, please be aware of your trees and be prepared to take care of over-height trees promptly. Also be aware of noxious weeds so they

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GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

By Barbara Robinson, General Manager

We are now into the 2009 year and a lot of activity has occurred since the last newsletter that will continue to occur over the next several months.

The 2009 budget was passed in December by a vote of the membership. The Board has made great efforts to keep membership fees and assessments to a minimum and still provide the services needed for the community and also complete important capital improvement projects.

The 2009 budget does include a new assessment to each property owner that will be used for upgrades to the Surfside Water Distribution System. This upgrade is primarily replacement of several feet of existing water mains. This project will be ongoing for several years until all old, deteriorated asbestos concrete water mains have been replaced. We continue to see main breaks due to the failing old lines, so it is imperative that we proceed with the water main replacement project in order to continue to provide a safe source of water to all our members.

The annual volunteer recognition dinner, held in December at the Senior Center was a success and a lot of people turned out for the event. Thanks to all the many volunteers who participated in the celebration and continue to make Surfside a great place to live and enjoy the many amenities offered in the community.

I have had the opportunity to personally work with many of the committees and have witnessed the many hours of dedication given by these Individuals in efforts to make improvements that will benefit the community.

Surfside staff and the Board continue to work on improvements to the Operational Manual, including new policies intended to improve and streamline procedures and provide direction in performance of the various projects that are pending over the next year. The Community Room at the Business Office is now available for use by the members for social events or activities that include people in the Surfside community. Procedures have been set up to allow use of the room during hours that the office is not open, such as Saturday afternoons or Sundays. Members can reserve the room by contacting the Surfside office.

Procedures and an application process also have been set up for use of the three cabana areas by members wishing to reserve the cabana area for a specific family event or other similar activity. Members can contact the Surfside office for more information.

Progress also is being made in the development of an employee manual. This will be a manual used for internal operations, specifically on personnel and employment procedures. We hope to have this completed by March.

The Surfside website has seen several improvements over the last three months. Members as well as those from the general public can now obtain information on current activities/events, view the Weekender, and obtain application forms and other information that may be of interest. These improvements have been made through the efforts of Surfside staff and the Community Relations Committee co-chairs. We expect more improvements over the year as they become more experienced with developing the website.

All the new pedestrian bridges are basically complete with the exception of the decking material that needs to be replaced on each bridge. It is anticipated that this change will be completed by the end of February. Short closures may occur while the decking is changed out. The Water/Field crew also will be placing additional gravel on some of the bridge approaches to provide a well defined and easily traveled path to and from the adjacent roadway to the bridges.

In December, the Board of Trustees identified and adopted goals for 2009, which includes improvements in

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Who's Who in Surfside?

New Board Member

Chris Hanson and his wife, Mary Clare, became full-time residents in Surfside in December, 2005. Chris became a member of the Architectural Committee in 2007 and was elected to the board as a trustee in 2008. His areas of responsibility are the Architectural Committee and the Tree, Brush and Noxious Weed Committee. As a trustee, he would like to see the community act together as a whole and that Surfside be a place in which everyone is proud to live.

In his last job before retirement, Chris was self-employed for 20 years as a truck driver/ company owner, responsible for both fiscal and daily operations. He has also served as a volunteer on numerous boards. Chris and his wife enjoy the relaxed life style and affordability of the beach community



Welcome !

New Board Member

Larry Nelsen moved to Surfside in January, 2006 and he was elected to the board as a trustee in 2008. His areas of responsibility as a trustee are: Compactor/RV Storage; Land and Buildings; Recreational Land Use; RV Compliance. Among his goals as trustee are to see a restoration of Surfside's assets and a rapid replacement of the water system. Larry would like to see new people become involved with Surfside as he believes that new people bring new ideas.

Larry is not new to this area. His family had a summer home in Hammond, Oregon and he has an extensive background in construction from that of worker to owner. He worked many jobs as a glazier in the Astoria area with one of his most notable jobs being construction of the curved window frames at the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria.

Larry has two children and five grandchildren.



Election Time - continued

all walks of life and interests is vital to making the best collective decisions.

With the above thoughts in mind, nomination of candidates can happen in a variety of ways:

- Members can encourage friends, neighbors, or acquaintances to run for a position.
- Members can submit names of members they feel would be a good candidate to the nominating committee. The nominating committee will in turn contact the person and explore with them their desire to accept or reject the nomination to run for a position.
- Members can nominate themselves by picking up and filing an application at the SHOA office.
- Members can be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting in July.

Information with regards to candidates is available at the Surfside office. This information includes: *The Criteria for Surfside Homeowners Association Board of Trustees Candidates, a Candidates Information Sheet, and a Board of Trustee Candidate Application form.*

An important date to keep in mind is May 8, 2009. This is the date candidates must have their application complete and submitted to the Surfside office. On going information with regards to the nominating phase and election will be in the "Weekender", the next "Surf-Insider Newsletter", and available at the Surfside office.

Community Relations— con't

also encourage other groups to plan and carry out their own events. Our events now currently planned are: A container planting workshop, the garbage clean-up

with a "dump cake social" to follow, the Chili feed and horseshoe tournament and at least one Concert at the Cabana event.

This year we will also be entering a float in the July 4 Parade in Ocean Park.

A policy has been devised by General Manager Barbara Robinson for after-hour use of the Community Room. We encourage Surfside clubs to use the community room at the office for club events and our committee did sponsor a "Saturday Night Alive" game and ice cream event in January. This event was successful and more will be scheduled. We were very pleased with the response to the Artist's Studio Tour sponsored by the Pacific Artists Association that was held in November. Who would have guessed that so many talented artisans live in our community. This group also plans an art and garden tour for this summer.

Surfside is an area with beauty in both its environmental resources of the ocean, lakes and canals and in its resources of both multi-talented and positive-directed members. It is this positive attitude of most members that has driven Surfside to come closer to the defined meaning of "community."

Tree Committee - continued

can be eliminated before they have a chance to spread. Doing it before a complaint is filed makes for happy neighborhoods. Information is available at the office about these topics.

I would like to thank the members of the tree committee and the office staff for all of their hard work on putting this program together.

Personal Safety Goals continued

week, and keep a record of it to share with your doctor! Keep your

mind and senses sharp by taking a class and learning something new. Exercise at least three times a week to maintain coordination and prevent falls.

#3 Prepare for the Worst – Take time to make a 72-hour disaster kit for yourself. Plan and practice your evacuation plan. Participate in your neighborhood programs.

Most people take for granted that an emergency "just won't happen to me." Although I certainly do not wish fire or mayhem on anyone, you certainly can be better prepared by reducing your chances or having a plan when it does happen. For information on setting any of the previously mentioned goals, please feel free to contact us (360)665-4451 or at www.pcf1.org.



Architectural Committee continued

The overall impact of this change is less burden on the office administrative staff and possibly increased "speed" for your septic system approval with the County.

Finally, for those who own properties on the west side of Surfside that own out to the Mean High Tide (MHT) and want to do dune modifications (which may be just cutting dune grass), the County has specific processes, dates, and restrictions that may apply to your planned modifications made west of your western ownership boundary. Please be responsible and work with the County prior to making any changes.

Spring Container Planting Event

Pam Stephens, of the Peninsula Green Fingers Garden Club, will be presenting a container garden planting demonstration on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Surfside Office grounds at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendar!

Pam has been a Surfside resident for many years and has developed the ability to plant "Seasonal" gardens in containers (including bulb container gardens) which are unique, extremely attractive and easy to maintain year round. In addition to the "on the ground containers", she also will be planting a hanging basket and has hand-outs to aid with your own efforts. If you have suggestions or specific areas of interest that you wish Pam to cover, contact Georgia at 665-5565 or at tgmourikis@centurytel.net. P.S., we will have the Surfside tents set up on the grounds just in case it rains.

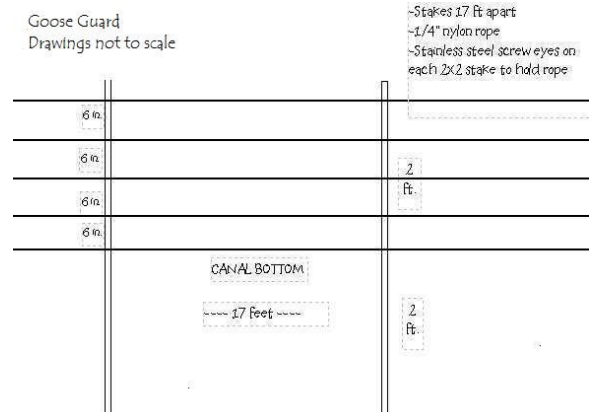


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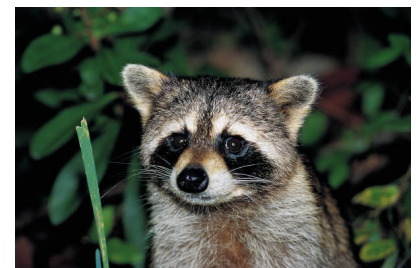
The following tips were submitted by various residents in response to a request in the Week-ender for suggestions on how to live in harmony with wildlife.

1. An emphatic # 1 was Other than the birds, DO NOT FEED THESE CRITTERS. This attracts them out of the wild to your neighbors' homes as well. They can be destructive to property as well as dangerous to pets and people.
2. Keep all garbage in the garage until you haul it to the compactor.
3. Keep your bird seed locked up in a metal container and where the bears cannot smell it and take your bird feeders in at night.
4. Keep your garage closed at all times and, above all, do not feed the raccoons.
5. Check foundation vents on a regular basis as raccoons can tear the screen off and take up residence under your house.
6. You have outside cats but also would like to put out bird feeders...what to do? A larger number of birds will die of starvation than will be killed by a cat so put out the feeders.

7. A Surfside homeowner has devised a goose guard that allows them to enjoy watching the ducks and geese swim by... to their neighbor's yummy yard, to eat the neighbor's yummy grass and leave gobs of droppings on the neighbor's yard. This devise consists of 2"x2" stakes, 4' long, painted white. Drive the stake 2 feet into the ground, next to the waters edge, and space each stake 17 feet apart. Take four, 1/4" nylon cords, strung perpendicular on the stakes and spaced 6" apart on the remaining top 2 feet of the stake. A stainless steel screw eye will hold the cord in place on each row on the 2x2 stake. While the geese and ducks are quite capable of flying over the guard, they do not, thus allowing the homeowner to live in peace with the water fowl. Final word, "Good grief no, do not feed them!" A diagram of this guard is available at the Surfside office for those who may want to make one.



QUESTION SUBMITTED: How to keep crows from dropping oyster shell particles in the yard. The homeowner cleaned up the mess at the concrete staircase by the street in their front yard and took out the crow's favorite tree in the front. The crows then selected another favorite tree, this one in the corner of the back yard, and resumed littering oyster shell particles. Home owner would like HELP! Send suggestions to tgmourikis@centurytel.net.



Land and Buildings Committee Report

Jan 21, 2009

By George Miller

After being inactive for a several years, the Land and Buildings Committee has been re-activated. The volunteers on this committee are George Miller, chairperson; Larry Nelsen, board representative; Jim Meyers, staff representative; Craig Masson, Larry Raymer and Debbie Richmond. These committee members contribute a wealth of experience and knowledge that will ensure the Surfside land and buildings will get the attention they need now and in the future. The first task is to identify all property and buildings and assess their conditions. Land and buildings are being inspected and recommendations made to the general manager on present and future maintenance and repairs. The committee is committed to ensure that all land and buildings are maintained and safe, now and in the future. A five year plan will be developed for evaluation of all buildings and lands.

GREETINGS FROM GENERAL MANAGER - continued

member/community relations, continued improvement to water quality, upgrades in the asset study, continued maintenance of buildings and lands, development of a safety program and emergency management plan, covenant compliance and identifying and minimizing operating deficiencies. Some of the goals are ongoing and others have completion deadlines as established by the Board. I will be working with staff and the Board to complete all these goals throughout 2009.

I continue to enjoy being a part of the Surfside Homeowners Association and will continue to work with staff and the Board to maintain a high quality of life for the members of the association. Your input and suggestions are always appreciated and encouraged.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHIPPER AVAILABLE FOR A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP COMING IN MARCH, 2009, EXACT TIMES AND DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED,, CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

**HOW TO PLANT CONTAINER GARDENS
MAY 2, 2009, 1:00 PM
SURFSIDE OFFICE GROUNDS**

**SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY
GARAGE SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 22 AND 23
SURFSIDE OFFICE/COMMUNITY ROOM**

**SURFSIDE STREET CLEAN UP,
DESSERT SOCIAL TO FOLLOW
JUNE 13, 2009
SOCIAL AT THE TWIN LAKES CABANA**

**MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES,
JUNE 20, 2009, 7:00 PM
SURFSIDE OFFICE/COMMUNITY ROOM**

**SURFSIDE FLOAT ENTRY IN
THE OCEAN PARK FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
JULY 4, 2009, IN OCEAN PARK, WA.**

**ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC
JULY 11, 2009
Location & Time
TO BE ANNOUNCED AT LATER DATE**

**CONCERT AT THE CABANA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009, 2:00 PM
SEABREEZE LAKE CABANA**

**CHILI FEED AND HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
SKATING LAKE CABANA, 2:00 PM**

**SURFSIDE BOARD MEETINGS
THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 9:00 AM
SURFSIDE OFFICE/COMMUNITY ROOM**

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Board Vacancy

Board approved filling a position left vacant by Warren Olson. At their meeting of February 24, 2009, the Surfside Board unanimously voted to appoint Debbie Richmond as interim trustee. Debbie will hold office until the next annual meeting of the members, which is scheduled for July 11, 2009.

Opening of Fishing Season

The Board agreed to open up fishing on the canal and lakes within Surfside in April. The exact date is not known however, it will coincide with the opening of the State of Washington Lake Trout Season. The date will be announced as soon as it has been confirmed.

Membership Meeting & Picnic

The Board discussed and agreed unanimously to hold the annual Surfside membership meeting at Ocean Park Elementary School and the annual Surfside membership picnic at the Surfside Business Office/Community Room. Both will be on July 11, 2009.

Emergency Management Committee

The Emergency Management Committee now has a Board Trustee assigned to work with co-chair Thomas Palmer and the revived committee. Chris Hanson has agreed to take on trustee for the Committee during an interim until a permanent trustee is assigned. Hanson will meet with Palmer prior to the first meeting of the Committee to be held in mid March.

Water Planning Committee

With the recent resignation of Warren Olson, Jim Flood has taken over the responsibility of Acting President of the Board. Given his additional duties associated with this added Board function, Larry Nelsen has agreed to take over as trustee for the Water Planning Committee. This committee has been inactive for some time now, but with the upcoming capital watermain replacement project, it is imperative that they regroup and work toward outlining the scope of work for the water distribution system projects.



Be sure to check out www.surfsideonline.org for events, newsletters, weekenders, and recent information about Surfside

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