

# Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

Winter 2010

## 2010 Budget Ratification

The 2010 Budget Ratification Meeting was held prior to the Regular Board Meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The budget passed with 268 votes for and 19 opposing. This was the first budget in over a decade that was lower than prior years.

The Budget Committee should be commended for a job well done.

2010 Membership Dues and Assessments:

\$100.00 - Membership

\$ 317.50 - Per Lot Operational Fee

\$ 35.66 - Per Lot Capital Assessment

\$ 50.00 - Annual Per Lot Water Line Assessment

### TOTAL DUE PER LOT FOR 2010

**\$ 503.16**

There will be a six month payment plan offered again this year. If you are going to participate, you must fill out the necessary form before making the first payment.

There is a one percent surcharge per month on the unpaid balance. For more information on this payment plan, contact the Surfside Business Office at 360-665-4171.

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*Please Read!*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By George Miller

A new Neighborhood Watch has been formed. This is the fourth one located in Surfside. This watch is located from 300<sup>th</sup> at "G" Street and "H" Street and continues North to 315<sup>th</sup> Street.

This watch will be named: *SOUTH SIDE G&H STREET NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.*

The captains are:

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Contact these captains if you live in this area and would like to be a member or

want more information.

Always title your email as; "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH". This will ensure that your mail is opened.

Pacific County Deputy Paul Jacobson is the replacement for Larry Clark who retired the first of the year. Paul will be working with the watch program. Welcome Paul!

Thank you Larry for your dedicated work on the Surfside Neighborhood Watch Program. This could not have happened without your help.

If you would like information on forming a neighborhood watch in your area, contact: George Miller at 665-0746 or email him at [gmill002@centurytel.net](mailto:gmill002@centurytel.net)

## 306th Bridge Project

This bridge is located at 306<sup>th</sup> and "I" Street and extends over the canal to 306<sup>th</sup> and "H" Street. The bridge at this site is the most visible and most used bridge in Surfside. There is more traffic by this point than any other in Surfside. This bridge connects to a beach trail that leads over the dunes to the beach. Unlike the other canal bridges in Surfside with ten foot easements, this bridge site is located on a lot on each side of the canal. These lots are owned by the Surfside membership.

The concept for this site began several years ago through the Community Relations Committee. They recognized the need to enhance the beautiful new bridge with improvements to the unimproved lots. The Land and Buildings Committee has taken on the task for improvements at this site. As the cabanas and grounds at the office were improved with mostly volunteer help, the same will be true at this site.

As you approach this site on "I" street you will soon see an American flag that is illuminated at night flying above a sign reading;

### "WELCOME TO SURFSIDE"

#### " INFORMATION"

The flag will be dedicated to Surfside Veterans, and will be situated in a landscaped island by the street. Motorists will be able to drive onto the site, park and then walk the trail across the canal to the beach. Or, they can check out the information kiosk that will include a Surfside map and other information, such as cabana and beach trail locations. There will be picnic tables on each side of the canal with a natural trail on the west bank. Access for fishing will be improved. Additional landscaping will enhance the site.

We need your help! This is a volunteer project. The purchase of landscaping plants and material will depend on funds raised at a Surfside garage sale on Memorial Day weekend. Please leave donated items for the sale at the Surfside compactor. They will be put in safe storage. We are also looking for someone to make a beautiful carved wood sign for the site.

For more information, contact Debbie Richmond at 665-5956, or George Miller at 665-0746

## RV Compliance, RV Storage and Compactor

*By Debbie Richmond*

We have been busy in the past few months working to be sure all RV's in the storage area have current licenses. All RV's must be road ready in one hour. With the storms we have had, and with the possibility of future storms, we would like to remind owners to check on their RV after a storm to be sure any tarping is still in place. We have ordered new electric plug covers for the storage lot and will be installing them over the next couple of months.

We are also making plans to have owners of RV's provide a copy of current registration and proof of liability insurance upon renewal of their space each year. This is being done to ensure all RV's are in compliance and that no one other than Surfside members are using our RV storage area.

Members with RV's are reminded that Winter occupancy from October 1 to April 30 requires a permit and is allowed for 21 days, not to exceed 60 days total; however the RV must be occupied during the 21 day duration. If you plan to use your RV during the winter, stop by the office and pick up a permit at no cost. Please display the permit so it will be visible from the road.

**NOTE:** We would like all members to know we will be issuing new compactor placards instead of stickers this year. They will have your name on them. This is being done to hold costs down, and ensure only Surfside members use the garbage compactor.

With the retirement of Paul Halstead on November 1st Nancy Cheney was hired to fill his position. Nancy is working hard to be sure our drop box and compactor are being used for the intended purpose. A reminder, Nancy is also collecting usable items for the Land and Buildings garage sale to take place Memorial Day Weekend!



**Welcome Nancy Cheney!**



## LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT

*By George Miller*

After years of inactivity, the reactivated Land and Buildings committee has completed its first full year of operation. The volunteer members of this committee have worked hard to identify areas that needed repair or day to day maintenance that is required. All Surfside owned buildings and property have been inspected and those areas that needed immediate attention have been restored.

To ensure the continued maintenance on a regular schedule, the committee drafted an annual maintenance plan. This plan was approved by the Surfside board and is now board policy. This provides a regular schedule of inspections and maintenance of our bridges, buildings, play ground and land which includes the cabanas as well as the beach trails. Safety for Surfside employees, members and guests is the highest priority. In addition to the annual maintenance plan, a five year renewal and replacement plan is being formulated. These plans together will provide needed information for the yearly budget process.

This past year the committee spent many hours working on issues related to the mandates of the committee. Special thanks to Larry Raymer for his

work and knowledge on building inspections; and to Debbie Richmond for her research and work mapping all of our property sites. I have seen her working out in the pouring rain with notebook and tape measure in hand.

Thanks to Larry Nelsen and Chris Hanson for their support and help. Thanks to our General Manager Barbara Robinson for her support and guidance. Bob Haskin and the water crew have our appreciation for their work .



New landscaping at the Cabanas

## Water/Field Services Committee

*By Larry Raymer*

This is a newly formed committee consisting of nine volunteer members. The first formal meeting was held in September of 2009. The purpose of this committee is to formulate short term (one year) and long term (five years and longer) project plans covering all aspects of the Surfside water supply, Surfside water distribution system and maintenance and repair of all Surfside lands and buildings.

This committee works closely with the Water/Field Services Superintendent and the General Manager to monitor the water quality, water supply and distribution system. The committee will also work to implement inventory, maintenance and improvement plans for all Surfside lands and buildings as necessary to preserve the designated assets. The committee will also be involved in the development of the budget for improvements and long term expansion and repair of all Water/Field Services facilities.

In the short time that this committee has been active, they have made recommendations on safety issues and are working on inventory controls. They met with a water engineer and outside water systems contractor to discuss reliable methods for the pipe replacement project. Surfside members are fortunate to have members on this committee who have the knowledge and experience needed to carry out the functions of this committee.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

*By Merri Johnson and Georgia Mourikis*

2009 passed quickly and we look back on a productive year. We lost Cathy Gabrielson as a trustee but gained both George Miller and John Williams as trustees. We also lost Jane Bowen as co-chair but gained Merri Johnson as new co-chair. The garage sale was a success and when we combined the new money earned with the money left from 2009's garage sale, we were able to purchase three park benches. Two benches have been placed on the grounds around the office and the third placed at the Twin Lakes cabana. Thank you to all who donated items to the sale.

The Fourth of July parade was a real thrill. Our committee members worked diligently, took a pile of "stuff" and fashioned a float. We topped it off with Judy and Charlie playing music and a variety of Surfside kids who were both on and behind the float. We won a second prize trophy for our efforts and plan to make this an annual event.

The annual picnic went well and was followed by the Judy Eron/Charlie Watkins concert in August at Twin Lakes. Fall brought the bulb planting demonstration with the newly planted Surfside bulb pot now safely placed at the office. It is ready to produce the 100 days of color... as promised. We will follow its progress with photos in the Week-ender.

2010 will bring both our annual activities and events and new ventures organized in cooperation with other committees. We will cooperate with Land and Buildings in presenting relevant workshops for members and assist with developing a park next to the 306<sup>th</sup> bridge. The 306th bridge park is especially exciting as it is probably the most used and visible bridge in Surfside. Surfside continues to develop into a community in which we can all be proud.

As we close this year, we thank the staff of the office, Water and Field Services for all their support and assistance. We especially thank the office staff as we all strive to make communication with members a priority.

Know what is happening in your community. Keep up with Week-ender, the Surfside web page and the now bi-yearly Surf-in-Sider newsletter. Visit the office when you have questions, make use of the wealth of information that is available, attend the board meetings, and become involved.

***Have a great 2010!***



***Charlie and Judy on the Fourth of July Float!***



***The "Chefs" at the Annual Picnic  
John Reichenbach, Michael Baer, and***

***Alan Harrison***

## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*By President Jim Flood*

Since the last Newsletter in June of 2009 great strides have been made by the Board, staff and volunteers that continue to improve Surfside operations and assist in the completion of our capital projects. Many things have been accomplished over the last six months, which include continued work on the water main replacement project, election and appointment of four new Board members, adoption of new Board policies, adoption of 2010 Board Goals and most importantly adoption of the 2010 Surfside Budget. The 2010 Budget reflects a slight decrease to members as a result of cut backs in various areas of operations, but retaining sufficient funds for capital projects.

The capital projects identified for 2010 include continued installation of deteriorating and failing asbestos concrete water pipe with new plastic pipe, installation of three new filters at the water treatment facility to improve water quality and placement of a 3-phase electrical bypass to ensure continued operation of our wells/pumps in the event of a power failure.

The water main replacement project hit almost a mile of pipe placed in the ground over the 2009 year through the efforts of our Water/Field Services staff. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work on this project...a job well done!

Safety continues to be a priority in the Surfside workplace. The objective is for every employee to be safe at the end of their work day. Ongoing safety workshops and training for staff are being provided to ensure a safe environment for all.

The Annual Membership meeting in July of 2009 showed positive support by the members of the association. Thanks to all that attended and participated in membership discussions.

This year (July 2010) Surfside will have four Board positions up for election. Three of the positions will be full term (3-years) positions and one for a one year term to fill the remaining vacancy of Gene Bowen. The three expiring full term positions to be filled include those currently held by Jim Flood, Gary Williams and Grant Murrell.

I have enjoyed serving as your Board President over the last year and I hope throughout the next year we continue moving forward in achieving all the goals set forth by the Board of Trustees that will benefit all Surfside members. Thanks to all the volunteers that give of their time and expertise in order to make Surfside a better place to live.



*Larry Hampton watches unloading of water line pipes.*



*General Manager Barbara Robinson takes her turn at fire extinguisher safety training.*



*New carpeting and paint in the Community/Board Room was another completed project for 2009.*

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

By Deputy Larry Clark



Well, this will be my last Newsletter article as your Surfside Deputy. I retired as of January 1, 2010. Deputy Paul Jacobson will be taking over Surfside Patrol for me. We are very fortunate to have Paul as my replacement. Paul is an exceptional deputy, and will do a great job.

I would like to start by thanking three men that have been a great help to our community, and myself. They are Dan Marriott, Glenn Stephens, and Stan Jackson. These men used their own equipment, time and energy, and came out in the early morning of November 22nd after the big storm, and worked until late that evening removing trees that had been blown over and blocked the roads and driveways of Surfside. This made it possible for emergency vehicles to get through, and for me to be able to gain access to our elderly, and those who had damage to property and needed my assistance. I thank you guys. Great job and well done. You are a tremendous asset to our community.

I have notified all of the property owners that I could find that had damage to their property. There are still a large number of people that have not given a contact number to the office in case of an emergency, and we need to con-

tact you. As an example, there were several members I could not notify about storm damage because we did not have their out of area phone numbers, or someone here in Surfside to contact. Get those numbers to the office, it is for your benefit.

I am happy to be able to report, that the crime rate in Surfside has been very low through out the years. I credit that to you the residents of Surfside. I think neighbors, watching out for neighbors, and a great neighborhood watch program has been the main deterrent. The bad guys do not want to come into an area, where they know they are being watched and reported as suspicious persons. We did have some vandalism on G Street and H Street recently, but I think we may have nipped that in the bud. All in all, compared to other locations on the Peninsula, Surfside has had the lowest crime rate on the Peninsula and the County for an area our size. I would like to say that it has been a pleasure to be your deputy for the last several years.

I look forward to retirement and doing some volunteer work in the community. My wife Judy and I plan on doing some more traveling, but we will remain in Surfside. My thanks to all of you for your support all these years, and I look forward to seeing you as just another happy Surfside home owner.

*Goodbye as your Deputy, and hello as your next door neighbor and friend!*

## New Board Members

These members were elected or appointed at the 2009 Annual Meeting in July. Martin, John and Debbie will be serving the regular three year term. George was appointed to fill the vacancy left when Gene Bowen resigned.

Martin Jenkins is Board Treasurer and serves on the following committees as trustee; investment committee, nomination committee and executive board.

John Williams is trustee of the RV Compliance Committee, co-trustee with Debbie Richmond of the RV Storage and Compactor Committee and co-trustee on the Community Relations Committee.

Debbie Richmond serves on the Community Relations Committee. Debbie is co-trustee with George Miller on the Land and Buildings Committee.

George Miller is co-trustee on the Community Relations Committee, and on the Land and Building Committee.



*Pictured left to right are Martin Jenkins, John Williams, Debbie Richmond and George Miller.*

## Meet Deputy Paul Jacobson

By Paul Jacobson

As many of you already know, your resident Deputy Larry Clark, has retired, effective December 31st. I am taking over for him beginning January 1st, 2010.

Larry did a tremendous job in providing for the safety and security of your community. Larry approached his job in Surfside with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic that is very typical of his generation. Hopefully we can talk him into staying involved with the Sheriff's Office. On a personal note I will very much miss working with him as he was a trustworthy and reliable coworker and friend.

A little about myself. I started my law enforcement career in 1996 shortly after graduating from Western Washington University in Bellingham. While in college I met my sweetheart Wendy, and we married in 1997. In 2001 I had the opportunity to move here and work for the Long Beach Police. Wendy grew up here, and it was a good opportunity to move and be closer to "Nana" and "Papa". Wendy and I have two daughters, Madeline and Maggie. In 2008 I made the transition to the Pacific County Sheriff's Office.

You will find that I am approachable and easy to talk with. My uncle who is retired from police work after 25 years of service gave me good advice, he said to be firm, fair, and friendly. I have adopted that philosophy and it guides me in my daily work. As we all know it takes the involvement of all who live in a community to create a safe environment. I know there are already several block watches in Surfside, and that is great. I would encourage residents to call when they suspect criminal activity.

Over the holidays, Surfside experienced several burglaries,

approximately 12. It appears as if this was a one time event, and is not an ongoing issue, however this is a good opportunity to remind homeowners of a few things that would help limit bad guys opportunities.

1. Be vigilant and report any out of place vehicles or persons. License plates are great.
2. Provide contact information with our office or leave it with a friend.
3. Turn your alarms on when leaving your home and fill out a patrol request with Surfside office.
4. Consider such things as alarms, motion lights, and light timers inside and outside of your homes.

I would also add that keeping an eye out for your neighbors is one of the most effective ways to combat crime; there are more of us than there is of them. Let's use that to our advantage. Please report any suspicious activity to me, or the Surfside office as soon as possible.



## Architectural Committee Report

By Wayne O'Dell

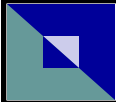
Year to date, the Architectural Committee has approved:

- 30 fences
- 13 single family residences
- 6 decks
- 18 sheds
- 1 remodel addition
- 1 variance request
- 1 roof

Between the publishing date of this newsletter article and late Spring of 2010, the committee will be reviewing the architectural portions of the covenants in order to find opportunities to use Pacific County words, definitions, or stan-

dards. Our goal is to better align our processes and documentation with the Department of Community Development's processes and documentation. One example of this type of effort has resulted in a change with Septic Design Review. We eliminated the administrative step of submitting the design into the actual weekly committee meeting. This has saved design engineering time and possibly administrative time/cost.

Any recommended changes as a result of this work would be forwarded to the General Manager and the Board of Directors for review and eventually to you, our membership, for your approval or disapproval.



## Water Field Services Department Report

By Bob Haskin Water Field Service Superintendent

**Winter is here!** Your Water Department will be busy preparing for and winterizing Surfside's assets for the long wet and windy winter.

- If you have been gone for a while and your water quality does not improve after running it for a short time please call 665-4171 and let us know so we can help.

### **Planned water projects**

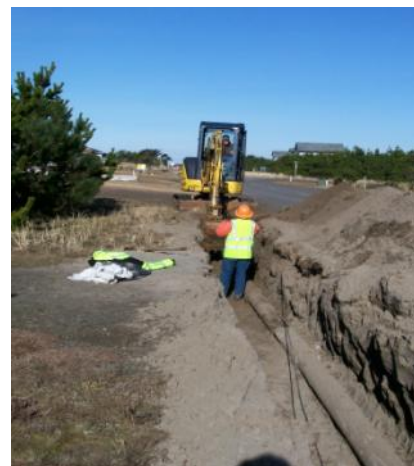
- We are currently working on the sixth planned water project for the year. When we complete this project the water department will be within 269 feet of having laid a mile of pipe since January 23, 2009. The Water Department skills and abilities continue to improve with each passing day and as a result the homeowners have saved a considerable amount of money with a minimal investment in the equipment to allow the department to do its work more effectively.
- We will notify you with at least a 24 hour notice prior to shutting down the water. Watch for the signs that will be posted on your front door prior to us shutting the water off. Water service will typically not be shut off until 9:00 am and we will do everything possible to get the water back on before 5:00 pm the same day. 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.
- If you come across a running water spigot please call 665-4171 before you turn it off. The water department has strategically spaced spigots throughout our service area to help in keep your water fresh and moving.
- If you are typically gone during the winter, please turn you water off either at the valve going into your home, or at the water service/meter box. Turn off the power to all water heaters and booster pumps if you have them. 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 665-4171 and we will come out and locate it for you and show you how to turn your water off.

**Also make sure that the Surfside 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 homes and yards. We had no way to inform property owners of the problem.

Finally a note on **water conservation.**

Check your toilets for leaks. Use food coloring or a leak detection tablet in the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak that requires immediate attention. They don't always make noise when they are leaking, it happened to me.

Reduce the water consumption per flush by installing an ultra low-flow toilet, which work very nice, or a toilet displacement device such as a plastic bottle weighted with pebbles and water. **Never use a brick.** A leaking toilet is one of the easiest ways to damage a gravity septic system or overwhelm newer systems.



## Artists' Corner

By Jan Richardson

Surfside is the home and inspiration to many diverse artists. The artist community includes painters and printmakers of all sorts and those who work in clay, photography, fiber, wood and metal.

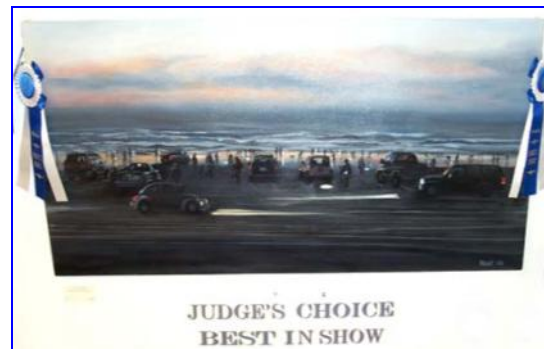
Ruth Spani-Phinney is one of the fine painters and her work won many accolades at the Spring 2009 Peninsula Art Association Art Show. Ruth's "Evening Dig" won First place in the Oil Painting division, Best in Show and Peoples Choice. This was the first time in recent memory that one artist won all three major prizes. As a result of winning Best of Show in the spring, she was the feature artist at the 2009 Fall Peninsula Art Association show in October at the World Kite Museum in Long Beach. Ruth showed a wonderful selection of her work including new animal-interest portraits. She began as a self taught painter and then participated in a great many workshops during which she expanded and fine tuned her techniques. Ruth is very skilled and talented and we are delighted to have her working among us.

Peninsula Art Association has a membership of more than 100 artists and supporters. Members include folks who live as far away as Spokane and Portland.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and often include a lecture or demonstration. The

group sponsors a number of activities including the Fall and Spring Art Shows, The Garlic Festival, The Fourth of July Parade the Summer Art Fair, The Starving Artists Sale and the Holiday Studio tour.

The eighteen studio tour of the PAA this past November included studios of four Surfside artists, Jan Richardson at Windy Meadows Pottery, Don Perry (Metal Work), and painters Ruth Carpenter and Patricia Clark- Finley. PAA also contributes to the community with a variety of art programs in the schools and with the presentation of a Scholarship to a well qualified graduating senior from the local school systems. Contact [www.beachartist.org](http://www.beachartist.org) for more information.



## Pacific County Fire District No. 1

By Jacob Brundage, Fire Chief

Starting in 2010 the Fire District will be busy with a couple of projects in Surfside.

Currently, the Fire District has been working with Surfside and Washington Department of Natural Resources to address wild-fire issues in Surfside. Through a cooperative grant opportunity, this collaborative approach will provide prevention and education to people who live in those areas in Surfside that are the most susceptible to property loss. Further information and educational opportunities will be posted soon!

The County has finally issued the District our building permit to add on to the fire Station at 322<sup>nd</sup> and I Street. The addition will add room for a rescue unit and brush engine to be utilized by District personnel. We are planning to start the bidding process just before spring, which will allow us to start and complete the project during the start of good weather.

The Fire District is dedicated to providing quality and efficient service to everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at 360-665-4451 We would much rather hear from you before you have a crisis!



*Mike Karvia demonstrates fire extinguisher techniques to staff member, Nancy Cheney.*

**PLEASE NOTE**

**AN UPCOMING CHANGE  
TO THE NEWSLETTER**

In an effort to be more fiscally responsible and earth-friendly, we will be sending the bi-annual Newsletter only electronically when possible. Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address. If you are able to view the newsletter electronically, and still prefer to receive a hard copy of this publication, please notify our office by telephone at (360)665-4171, or e-mail us at: [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org).

**We are on the web:  
[surfsideonline.org](http://surfsideonline.org)**

**IMPORTANT!**

We would like to remind members that it is very important the office have both a primary number where you can be reached and an emergency number if you are unavailable. In November the Peninsula was hit with two storms that left homes and property with damage. In many instances we could not reach members to let them know of serious damage to their property. Please notify the office with your current information at your earliest convenience.

Please remember how important it is for you to have an address clearly marked on your property to aid emergency crews to respond to you. Pacific County Fire District #2 has address signs available for a nominal fee. They have two styles available, the office has the order form for these sign options.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO HELP YOU!**

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