

Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

Winter 2008

Bridge Update

By Jim Flood, Vice President of the Board,
Water Field Service Co-Trustee and Water Planning Trustee

You might be wondering what is happening with the bridges. Here is the inside scoop. The board took exception with Western Wood Structures (WWS) on a number of issues but two major constraints were holding up completion.

The first holdup involved the bridge decking which according to WWS would be constructed of a side cut glulam beam. This is what WWS told us would be used, in the open meeting on the Bridges back in November of 2007. Instead, they provided treated lumber decking. Warren Olson working with WWS and was able to get them to replace the decking this fall with the material they originally promised. This is a no cost change thanks to Warren's efforts.

The other major issue is the bridge approaches. The construction of these approaches is a more difficult process than what WWS anticipated. At a meeting on site September 23rd, the issues were discussed with Bob Haskin and Barbara Robinson. Bob suggested some changes and WWS said the changes would cost Surfside approximately \$1,500. When WWS went to Hill and Son Excavating for a firm fixed cost the price had become \$3,825 plus tax for the necessary changes. This caught the attention of the board. I worked with WWS on a no additional cost resolution to Surfside and no additional funds going to WWS or Hill and Son Excavating. The approaches would stand the current 5 foot width and the decorative blocks placed in a level plane. Bob Haskin and crew would install the treated lumber at the base of the blocks to prevent seepage of the fill. This fix is planned for the West side of 318th bridge and for both sides of 330th and 344th bridge locations. Lastly it is planned for the East side of 350th bridge. Work started in October on the resolution shooting for end of the month completion. Sorry for the delay but the intent is to provide Surfside with the bridges the members agreed to purchase and keep the project under budget. There were many hurdles to overcome but the goal was still achieved with the help of the Water Department, Surfside staff, the board, and our members who kept us updated on the projects progress.



HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS * SEE PAGE xxx FOR DATES AND TIME

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner * Spring 2009 Planting Event * 2009 Surfside Memorial Day Weekend Garage Sale
Surfside Street Clean-up; Dessert Social to follow * Surfside Float Entry in the Ocean Park 4th of July Parade
2009 Annual Members' Meeting & Picnic * Concert at the Cabana * Chili Feed & Horseshoe Tournament * Board Meetings

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**Community Relations
Committee Update**

November, 2008

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

Fall has been a “wind-down” time. We lost two very long-time and dedicated members this year with the passing of Pat Goettel and Ray Gardner. We will miss their experience and advice.

The chili cook-off in September was a good event. Dennis Company gift cards totaling \$165 were donated for the Ocean Park School at this event. The cook-off was won by George Miller with Merri Johnson placing second. Dan Waterbury and Tommy Faught won first place in the horse shoe tournament. The chili cook-off and horseshoe tournament event will be scheduled as an annual one for the third Saturday in of every September.

Emphasis has been placed on tying loose ends: rules for cabana use, devised and placed at each facility; signs constructed and installed by the cabanas; proposal to fund flags and lighted flag poles at cabanas; restructuring the new member packet and gift bag in coordination with general manager Barbara Robinson; unanimous vote to become involved in the Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming meetings will focus on goals for 2009. The primary focus of the group continues to be improving and expanding methods of communication and to encourage events and projects to promote a sense of community in Surfside. The expanding Neighborhood Watch program and the ever evolving Surfside web

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Community Relations Update

President’s Message

By Warren Olson

‘Tis the Season once again to relax and enjoy the holiday spirit. It’s time to pause and be thankful for the wonderful place and good people we enjoy in Surfside.

At the top of my thankful list is appreciation for the renewed pride in living in Surfside. So many people have commented on how much better our facilities look, the clean lakes and canals, the new bridges, improved paths, the sustainable fishery, the movement to revamp our aging water system, concerts, boat parades, chili feeds, friendliness and support provided by neighbors, volunteers, and staff. I love living in a community that likes itself! All that would not happen without support from key people.

On my appreciation list are our dedicated volunteers. Our members who give generously of time contribute more than just smooth operations to the association. They set a tone of cooperation and friendship that spreads throughout the community. Many have contributed to restoring cabanas and improving quality of life. Others bring expertise from past or present occupations to guide community decisions. Often they are local residents and contribute talent that others who live at a distance would have a difficult time providing. They contribute a disproportionate amount of effort, but I also suspect they reap their share of satisfaction. We’ll thank them personally at our annual Volunteer Event – if you are a volunteer we hope to see you there.

I also want to thank our staff new and old. Through many changes this year they have met the challenge by supporting each other, teaching, learning, cooperating,

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Are Surfside Deposits Safe?

By Gene Bowen, Treasurer, Surfside Homeowners Association

Rest assured, all the funds held by the Association are deposited in accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUASIF) or the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).

The investment portfolio is probably more conservative than your own, with investments in certificates of deposit in banks and credit unions, money market funds in brokerages and banks and in checking accounts.

Not the greatest returns but a safe and sound approach in these volatile economic times.



Board Positions

There will be three board positions open in the July, 2009 election. The incumbents will not be seeking re-election. Contact the Surfside office at 665-4171 if you are interested in being a board member.

Fish and Waterways Committee

By John Reichenbach

The Fish and Waterways Committee is being formed again. John Reichenbach has volunteered to chair this committee and needs volunteers to join him, especially people that live along the canals and lakes.

The delicate balance of water plants and fish requires continuous attention. This committee has information available to homeowners to help accomplish this balance. During the coming months the committee will be having informational meetings, and encourage all to attend. For more information on this committee, or if you wish to join, contact John @ 665-2730, or e-mail to jreichenbach@centurytel.net.

Bundle Up & Be Safe!

**By Chief Jacob Brundage
Pacific County Fire Dist. No. 1**

As we all prepare for the winter months, I hear people talking about their generators, back-up food supplies and hand-crank radios.

While it is important to be prepared for a disaster, there are many emergencies that increase during the winter months. Being aware and prepared is the key to preventing these emergencies.

Falls

Frosty decks, ice-covered walkways, and trying to outrun the nasty weather usually "trips" people up. Make sure to put down extra mats on the deck, or use a de-icing agent on any surface you think is slippery (do it even if you can't see any ice).

Keep an umbrella or a good hat readily accessible to protect you from the driving rain. These are a few simple tips to prevent breaking your bones or your head.

Chimney Fires

Windy weather and burning wet wood often can lead to a chimney fire. Make sure that your chimney is cleaned and inspected

annually. Chimney fires are generally devastating when the chimney has been installed incorrectly or is in disrepair. Also, make sure that the damper works properly to introduce fresh air and vent dangerous carbon monoxide.

House Fires

Unattended candles are the leading cause of house fires during the winter months. If you absolutely have to use candles, make sure they are in an approved device. Do not "daisy chain" electrical extension cords. These cords are not meant to be plugged into each other. Using more than one cord to power an appliance, for an extended period of time, can lead to rapid failure and subsequent fire.

Check your smoke detectors!!!

Since I started with the Fire District in 1998, house fires have caused four fatalities. In every one of those cases, there were no working smoke detectors in the house.



ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Artist's Corner

By Jan Richardson

A number of Surfside artists participated in the 37th annual PAA art show. Jan Richardson won Best in Show and first in Ceramics. Phil Harwell was awarded the People's Choice for his metals piece Tranquility, and swept the metals division. Water color artist Bernie Elliott won first in his division and an honorable mention with an acrylic painting. Brigid Byrne was awarded first place in Oil Painting for Sound of the Ocean and a third place for her Pineapple Pot.

The First Annual PAA Studio Tour was held on Saturday, November 29th from 10 AM to 4 PM. The event featured 14 studios and 17 participating artists, from Chinook to Surfside. Visitors were able to meet with the artists in their studios and many demonstrated their working methods. Surfside residents included Ruth Carpenter, Don Perry, Brigid Byrne, Mark Scott, Jan Richardson, and Carol Olson. Studio tour maps were available at the Surfside office, the Picture Attic in Long Beach and at each stop on the tour. Distinctive signs also were found along the tour route. This was a delightful addition to the Peninsula holiday season and a great place to begin holiday shopping. It was great to see you there.

PAA welcomes full and part-time Surfside residents and meets the third Tuesday of most months at Sunset View Resort in Ocean Park (Bonnie Cozby, President 360-665-6041)

Neighborhood Watch

By George Miller

The third Surfside Neighborhood Watch has been formed. It will be known as the Golf Course Neighborhood Watch. The boundaries are from 311th Street and From "J" Place to "O" Place on the East and North, to include 314th Place loop. These include "L", "M" Street, "N" Place and "O" Place on both sides. "J" Place from 311th to the golf course.

The area captains are; Val Reichenbach, 31300 "M" Street, 665-2730 jreichenbach@centurytel.net, Sandra Brown, 31309 "M" Street, 244-0179, coffeeman@centurytel.net, Sandy Smith, 31205 "M" Street, 665-4761 vance@vancesmith.com, and Sue Kennedy 31311 "O" Place, 665-5260 jkennedy005@centurytel.net

There are more than 30 homes that are participating in this newly formed watch. If you live in this watch area or own properties here; you are encouraged to contact any of the above captains so that you are included. There is nothing to sign and it is free. To insure that your email is opened please make the subject matter "Neighborhood Watch."

Neighborhood Watch Alert is a new benefit for watch members. It is an email that is sent to watch members that alerts them of happenings in their neighborhoods. Some recent examples would be vandalism at Skating Lake Cabana, auto prowls at Twin Lakes and advance notice of the test of the emergency sirens. This information is shared with all three of the watch groups.

This information is mostly gathered from the members within the group. Pacific County does not provide us any information. If you become aware of break-ins, auto prowls or incidents, please inform your watch captains or me, George Miller gmliller002@centurytel.net. This information will then be shared with other members. This is always "after the fact". Incidents of an emergency nature should always first be reported to 911. Non-emergency incidents should be reported to the Pacific County Sheriff at 642-9397. It is very important that all incidents are reported.

You need to update your email address. I cannot send you a *Neighborhood Watch Alert* if I do not have your current address. Each month I have to delete addresses that are no longer valid. Please send your change of email address to gmliller002@centurytel.net with the subject matter as *neighborhood watch*. This change of address will also be forwarded to the appropriate neighborhood watch captains. Remember to thank your area captains for their participation. They are all volunteers.



ACTIVITIES AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fine Policy for Pets

Everyone loves their pets and so they should! Let's try to help us all enjoy them by being responsible pet owners. The Board of Trustees adopted a new pet fine policy at the **October 18th** Board meeting with the intent of making it easier to enforce the pet policy. This policy was created to ensure that pets do not adversely affect members of Surfside.

Summarily, violations of the new pet policy includes animals running at large, pet excrement left on other's property, incessant/prolonged barking, and threatening behavior of an animal.

Members who are in violation will be notified with a warning letter, giving them the opportunity to correct the violation within a specified time, including a fine schedule for continued violation.

If the violation is not corrected within the time specified in the warning letter or subsequent violations continue, then a second letter will be sent.

Again, if the violation is not corrected within the time specified in the second letter, a \$50.00 fine per day may be imposed.

This policy is explained in detail and can be viewed on the website, www.surfsideonline.org under, the "Governance" tab and "Fine Policies". Copies of this policy are also available in the Surfside business office.

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page are prime examples of these efforts.

As always, the end results of a committee's efforts are a direct product of the energy and commitment expended by its members-- and this has been one productive committee this year!

RV Compliance Committee

By Ray and Rosie Sartin

Winter season has arrived and most of the RV's are gone. We want to thank each and every one of you who have been so good and faithful about removing your RV's. We appreciate that. We still have just a few RV owners who have trouble following the covenants. Currently, we are working on a fine system to encourage compliance of the Surfside covenants for RV's. This will require adoption by the Board prior to implementation. A public hearing will likely be scheduled in the near future.

Most of you know you may still use your RV as a temporary vacation dwelling during the winter. Short term winter permits will be issued by the Surfside office for up to 21 days at a time. Total winter occupancy cannot exceed 60 days. You must display a Surfside security decal and the winter permit, visible from the street. Your RV must have a current motor vehicle license, meet all health codes and be road ready. The RV must be occupied continuously with the winter permit.

For those of you who live in

certain blocks in Divisions 8, 14, 15, 16, and Ocean Woods, you may store only one RV on your lot during the winter season. You must display a Surfside security decal. That Surfside security decal indicates that your RV belongs on your lot. The RV shall not be used as a permanent residence. If it is occupied during the winter, you must display a winter permit. The RV must have a current motor vehicle license, meet all health codes, and be road ready.

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

Have a good winter.



*All of Us Wish
All of You
the Very Best
for this Coming
Holiday Season.*



From Your Committees

New Tree Committee

Policy

By Larry Raymer, Tree Committee Chair and Jim Meyers, Compliance Officer

The summer has been a busy time for the Tree Committee. It has had a large number of new complaints but also a good number of properties that have come into compliance.

Additionally, the Surfside Board adopted a fine policy for over-height trees. Fines always are a last resort and generally not needed, as most members responsibly comply with the Surfside Covenants.

These Covenants have been written for the purpose of providing all members in Surfside with a better community through common interests and communication.

The tree fine policy mandates that tree height be limited to the height established in Section 2.16 of the Covenants, and can be viewed on the website www.surfsideonline.org, under Governance tab/Fine Policies. Letters will be sent, according to the specifications of this policy for the purpose of facilitating communication between the member and the Compliance Officer, to work out a satisfactory compliance plan.

After 90 days from first letter, fines of \$10.00 per day for thirty days, to increase to \$15.00 per day, on the 31st day, will be imposed if the member continues to be in non-compliance.

Chris Hanson is the new trustee whom the Tree Committee reports to. He has been very involved, coming to the committee meetings and working hard to solve Tree Committee problems.

Hanson and Larry Raymer have been working with the county fire district with regard to slash issues in Surfside. The slash piles are a fire hazard, which puts the entire community at risk.

In addition, Jim Meyers and county officials are working in tandem to send out letters with regard to non-compliance to those properties that have large slash piles on them.

Hanson and Meyers are both working with the local fire chief, Jacob Brundage, to find ways of disposing of brush and trimmings, other than burning.

A fire prevention program is in the works for Surfside with the intent of helping to make Surfside a safer place to live.

Raymer, the committee chair and Meyers also work closely to investigate each complaint, endeavoring to develop a new process which will keep everyone in the committee up to speed on the complaints. This new process will also help to make sure that all complaints are followed through to resolution.

All members who have properties in a tree-height restricted area are asked to please be aware of your trees and be prepared to take care of over-height trees promptly. Members are encouraged to be aware of noxious weeds so that they can be eliminated before they have a chance to spread. Taking care of these types of issues (adhering to Surfside Covenants) before a complaint is filed makes for happy neighborhoods.

Members of the Tree Committee, office staff and responsible Surfside Homeowners are to be thanked for all their hard work, not only in putting the program together but also for working hard to comply with our Covenants.

Who's Who in Surfside?

New Personnel in Surfside

You may have noticed some new employees at the water department and at the Surfside office.



Sara Chase is the new front desk secretary at the Surfside office and began her employment in August, 2008. She has lived in Surfside for more than twenty years and was employed by the Ocean Beach School District for eighteen years. She retired in October, 2006 and has enjoyed traveling, books and various projects. However, when the opportunity to work for the Surfside Homeowners was presented, she says she was ready. She further states "It is great to be here meeting and helping Surfside members and working with the Surfside Team!"

Nancy Cheney started employment in April, 2008 as the part-time water helper and compactor attendant. She grew up in the Renton area and moved to Surfside three years ago from Bremerton where she worked for a school district. Nancy has relatives in the Ocean Park area and has many memories of playing in the lakes of Surfside as a child. She currently lives in Surfside with her 10 year old daughter. Her hobbies include buying and selling collectables, camping and fishing.



Larry Hampton is a water helper with the water department and began his employment in July, 2008. Many people may recognize him from his past employment at Jack's Country Store where he worked for eight years. Larry has lived on the Long Beach Peninsula for 17 years, graduating from Ilwaco High School where he played football and was on the track team. He currently lives in Ocean Park and his main hobby is his motorcycle.

Who's Who in Surfside?



Gene Bowen began his community work in Surfside by serving on the architectural committee for two years. He then was selected by Board of Trustees, to fill a vacant board position in February, 2008. He subsequently was elected by the membership as a trustee in the July 2008 election and currently serves in the position of Treasurer for the Surfside Board.

Gene's background made him a natural candidate for the position. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Helena Community Credit Union in Helena, Montana for 19 years and has worked in the financial services industry for 35 years.

Gene and his wife, Jane, bought property in Surfside in 2003. They built their home and moved here permanently in 2006. The couple has two children and two grandchildren.

Gene enjoys golf and long walks on the beach with his two dogs and wonderful wife. Love of the ocean and the peace of the beach community were primary reasons for their relocation to Surfside. He is enjoying his term on the board and looks forward to the next three years.

President's Message - continued

forgiving, and inventing. They get the job done and are doing so with friendliness, consideration, and initiative. The integration of staff support and volunteer efforts has produced more than either working alone could.

I also want to commend members of the Board. They are members just like you and represent the diverse interests of their constituents. They spend many hours learning about complex issues in order to make good decisions. Most importantly they show respect for each other and work together to make sure every decision is the best one possible – even if it takes hours to discuss.

I feel great optimism for the year ahead. Surfside as a community can provide assets that make living here fun and enjoyable. The events sponsored by the Community Relations folks bring us together. Our assets like paths to the beach, access to waterways, cabanas, fishing, and convenient, affordable, services are unrivaled on the coast. Surfside is so much more than just a patch of land – it's a community. Pitch in. Get Involved. Enjoy your neighbors. Life on the edge (of the continent) is great!

Calendar Update

Please watch for updated Directory information with regard to 2009 Holidays in the March newsletter. Until March, the following holiday scheduled will be in effect:

Office: 2008-2009

November 27, 28 – (Thursday & Friday) Thanksgiving and the day after - closed

December 25 – Christmas Day (Thursday) – closed

January 1 – New Years Day (Thursday) – closed

February 16 – President's Day (Monday) – closed

Compactor: 2008 – 2009

November 27- (Thursday) Thanksgiving - closed

November 28 – (Friday) Open 7 AM to 1 PM

December 25 – Christmas Day (Thursday) – closed

December 26 – Day after Christmas (Friday) – open noon – 6:00 PM

January 1 – New Years Day (Thursday) – open as usual noon – 6:00 PM

February 16 – President's Day (Monday) – open as usual 7:00 AM – 1 PM



General Manager's Report – November 2008

By Barbara Robinson

It's newsletter time again, and the end of my second month of employment with Surfside Homeowner's Association. It has been a great two months for me and I am happy to report that the association continues to sustain many worthwhile activities and projects as well as maintaining an excellent staff that can work effectively together in making Surfside a great place to live and work.

The Board of Trustees themselves has been active and supportive in efforts to assure the ability of the association to maintain the high quality of life by working so closely with staff and volunteers.

Surfside is very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers consisting of Board or Committee members, as well as special event volunteers. We continue to rely heavily on these volunteers, who assist in supplementing and working in coordination with the work of Surfside's current six full-time employees and three part-time employees. The participation by these volunteers is greatly appreciated and we continue to encourage their active involvement in the association.

Over the last two months I have made great strides in my efforts to get up to speed on the general operations of Surfside itself, including the operations of the Surfside water system mainly through the great support of the Water Department staff, office staff, Board of Trustees and the many volunteer committee members.

The budget process for the 2009 year has been a positive experience through the diligent work of everyone, including the Budget Committee, the Board of Trustees, Surfside staff and the input by the general membership.

The 2009 Budget projects a minimal increase in costs over 2008, which will enable Surfside to maintain a high quality of service, which is now offered to the members of the association.

New assessments approved for the 2009 year have also been kept to the amount minimum necessary to obtain the funding needed to complete capital projects, but yet provide uniformity and affordable costs to each member.

Several projects have been completed, or are near completion, since I came aboard. These projects include improvements to all three cabanas, improvements to the waterways to support fish habitat, construction of the six pedestrian bridges, redevelopment of the Surfside Website and continued publication of the Surfside Weekender newsletter to the membership.

Although there is some final finish work to be done on the pedestrian bridges, they are for the most part completed and operational. It is anticipated that all work on the bridges will be finished no later than mid November. There are many things that get done, behind the scenes, on a daily basis that would be classified as normal routine operations. However, these "normal" operations have a huge impact on overall appearance and function of Surfside. These are due to the efforts of the Surfside staff its commitment to the community. Upgrades in organizational policies have been made over the last few months. One example is provisions for use of the Community Board Room by members during winter months. The focus of this effort is to provide a warm and friendly environment on temporary occasions when severe winter storms and power outages occur. The recent installation of a gas fireplace is a great addition to the Community Board Room and it is anticipated that this will provide a gathering place in the event of emergencies.

Great achievements have been made with regard to the Surfside Website and the Surfside office computer networking system. The office staff has worked with the volunteers in efforts to enhance the Surfside Website that now provides a wealth of information regarding current Surfside activities, contacts, necessary forms and other information for the members as well as to the general public.

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GM Report - Continued

The improvements in Surfside next year will include water main replacement and continued upgrades in portions of the Surfside water system. Water meter installation is on hold at this point based on a recent court case decision relating to the definition of a municipal water system.

There are many other projects on the horizon to be completed in 2009 as well. These projects are specifically identified in the 2009 goals adopted by the Board of Trustees. Staff will be working as a team to accomplish these goals throughout the year.

Despite occasional water main breaks caused by old pipe, which originally were poorly constructed, we continue to have a safe source of water. The compactor facility, recycling facility, sheriff's patrol, RV storage lot, lakes and cabana's for member enjoyment all continue to operate efficiently to provide amenities to the membership. There also have been major achievements in the development of our unique waterways.

I am very glad to be a part of the Surfside Homeowners Association and will continue to support the will of the Board and staff as well as the overall membership of Surfside through improved participation and assistance in meeting customer needs. Please feel free to stop by the Surfside business office at any time.

Water & Field Superintendent / Planning Manager Systems.

By Bob Haskin

Winter is coming fast and your Water Department will be busy preparing for and winterizing Surfside's assets for the long and predicted very wet winter. Couple that with making some much needed repairs and conducting some general maintenance tasks weather permitting. 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 665-4171 and let us know so we can help resolve your water quality issues.

Planned water projects: There will be water outages to some fairly large areas as we add some 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 the water off. It also is planned that we will shut the water off only after 9 am and will do everything possible to get the water back on before 5 pm. 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 the Water Department, 665-4171, before you turn it off. The water department has strategically placed spigots located throughout our service area to help in keeping your water fresh and moving.

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 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 office has your **current contact information.**

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.

Reduce the water level per flush by installing an ultra low-flow toilet, which work nicely or a toilet displacement device. Use 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.

Use the Website

Take time to move around the website, <http://www.surfsideonline.org> and see what new services are available to you. You can view the most current Weekender as well as past Weekenders for six months on the site. You also can view the most current Surf-in-Sider Newsletter and past newsletters as well.

Additionally, you are able to view the most current Board Meeting agenda. For example, the Agenda for the board meeting on October 18, 2008 was posted on the site. You are now able to click on the headline, which appears on the first page, to see what is planned to take place at the next board meeting.

Finally, should you have concerns regarding covenant compliance; there is now a service available to you for submitting an official complaint, via the web. Just go to the "Services" tab, at the top of the home page, click on "online services" and then on "covenant complaints". This will take you to a page with the Surfside Homeowners Online Covenant Complaint Form, which you can fill out and submit. Your concern will automatically be directed to Jim Meyers, the Surfside Covenant Compliance Officer, who will take the appropriate action.

If you have not viewed the website lately, <http://www.surfsideonline.org> you are missing out! It is current and updated with loads of relevant and important information for all Surfside members.

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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:
MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER
DECEMBER 13, 2008 TIME 6:30 P.M.
SENIOR CENTER

SPRING 2009 PLANTING EVENT
SEABREEZE LAKE CABANA
DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED

**2009 SURFSIDE MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END
GARAGE SALE**
SURFSIDE COMMUNITY ROOM
(TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED)

**SURFSIDE STREET CLEAN-UP, DESSERT SOCIAL TO
FOLLOW**
JUNE 13, 2009
TWIN LAKES CABANA, TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

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

2009 ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING AND PICNIC
JULY 11, 2009
LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

CONCERT AT THE CABANA
AUGUST 1, 2009
TWIN LAKES CABANA, TIME TO BE DETERMINED

CHILI FEED AND HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
SKATING LAKE CABANA, TIME TO BE DETERMINED

BOARD MEETINGS
3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Committee Chair Appointments and Nominations

Tom Kennedy has been officially appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as the chairperson of the Board Member Nominating Committee. Also, the formerly inactive committee, Land and Buildings, has been re-activated with Larry Nelsen as the advising trustee. George Miller has been officially appointed as chairperson of this committee. Don Marriott is the current chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and Thomas Palmer has agreed to co-chair. Therefore Thomas has been nominated for future consideration by the board.

Free Wireless Services

Wireless internet services are now available for Surfside members at the Surfside business office. It is hoped that RV owners and other members will be able to benefit from this free service. Also, a computer station with a printer is available in the Surfside Office Community Room, for the use of members.

Budget Ratification Information

This important budget ratification information, including information on proxy voting is available on the Surfsideonline.com web site. Look for the "headliner" at the top of the home page.

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