

WEEKENDER APRIL 23, 2009

DUNE GRASS FIRE..

A Dune grass fire occurred on 345th, Sunday, which caused damage to one of the home's nearby the fire. This is an example of how dangerous dune fires can be as they can spread so quickly! Please be very careful, as you can see that this particular incident could have resulted in even more damage including the possibility of loss of life.



Wildland Urban Interface

Risk Assessment for Surfside Estates

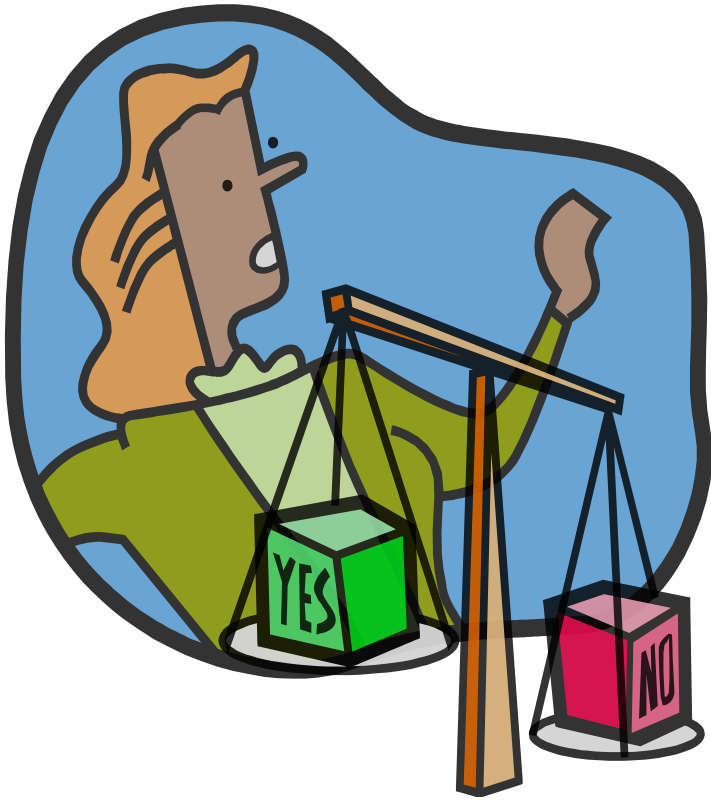
During the past five years a significant amount of growth in housing development has occurred in Surfside Estates, which has created a moderate wildland urban interface risk. Growth of the area has compromised the safety of residents and visitors and has become more susceptible to a devastating wildfire. In the spirit of cooperation and concern for the wellbeing of the Surfside community, the Surfside Homeowners Association and Pacific County Fire District #1 have developed stronger communication, increased the frequency of planning and are taking a team approach to address all concerns related to public safety.

The most recent dune fire on Sunday, April 19, 2009 shows the damage and devastation that can result from unawareness of the hazards. The pictures provided show clearly how devastating a wildfire can be to residences and private property.

Fire District #1 has prepared a report for Surfside on ways homeowners may become more aware in preventing wildfires and/or damage to their property as a result of a wildfire. This detailed report is in the final stages of completion and will soon be presented to the Board of Trustees for review. We hope to have information available to homeowners to assist them in better planning to prevent the potential of uncontrolled wildfire.

Board Meeting Action Summary:

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The draft minutes of the April 21, 2009 Board Meeting will appear on the website in a few short weeks, to be viewed in their entirety. However, for the edification of the membership the following is a short summary of board action which occurred at this meeting:

- As has already been determined in the budget/membership meetings which occurred last year, the Water/Field Department equipment will be purchased. Much investigation and long and hard deliberation was involved in finding just the right equipment with appropriate warranties, at the best cost. Additionally it was the determination of the board that the capable staff/crew of the Water/Field Department will be completing the job of the replacement of the Water Mains project in house as opposed to outsourcing this job. This determination was based partly upon the evidence of how well the crew has already demonstrated what they can accomplish by the efficient and timely replacement of mains in the recent rash of Surfside water main breaks. Other reasons involve the possibility of hidden costs which cannot be predetermined when using an outside contractor. Therefore, the purchase of the following equipment will occur as soon as possible as will the subsequent continuation of the work of replacing water mains.
 - Utility Boom Truck
 - Five Yard Dump Truck
 - Bob-cat Mini Excavator
 - Trailer to haul the excavator



- The Surfside Employee Manual, recently completed by Barbara Robinson, General Manager, was adopted by the board.
- The topic of opening the cabana restrooms to continuous use on a seven day per week basis was tabled, pending information on cost and labor involved in creating surrounding structures to improve the unsightliness of Sanicans (Port-a-potties) which are currently in use and have been used in the past in Surfside. This may be a better alternative to providing a public restroom for Surfside members while avoiding the costly maintenance due to destruction which occurs to the cabana restrooms/septic systems by keeping them open seven days per week.

- The previous RV Storage Policy of storing no other types of vehicles in the storage area other than vehicles which are designated as “recreational vehicles”, has been reinstated. Other types of vehicles currently in storage must be removed and owners of these non recreation vehicles in storage will be contacted informing them that these vehicles must be removed in view of the reinstated policy.
- Barbara Robinson, General Manager, has created a “Small Works Roster” which is a list of Surfside approved vendors who can be called upon to complete any and all projects which cost under \$20,000, and the board approved this roster.
- The sealed generator cover bids were reviewed by the board and the board has made a decision to choose the lowest bid from DPR Builders. Richmond recused herself from this decision due to conflict of interest.



**Martha Stewart Says It Is
Spring Cleaning Week!**

What are you waiting for???

....okay....maybe by now you've figured out that Martha doesn't have a direct line with Surfside. So maybe we aren't really sure what she is saying. But regardless.....*WHAT **ARE** YOU WAITING FOR?*

Go ahead and clean out all that stuff your wife (or husband) has been trying to get you to get rid of. Once you have finished your cleaning, how about donating your now unwanted items to the **Surfside Community Relations Committee for its second annual Memorial Day Garage Sale.** Proceeds will be used for beautification projects here at Surfside.

- The sale will be on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23.

Remember, if you have items that you wish to donate please bring them by the Surfside office. But, if your items are too large to bring by, call either Georgia at 665-5565 or Debbie at 665-5956, and we can make arrangements to pick them up. This year we will be accepting clothing that is clean and usable. We will not be accepting any electronic devices.



Spring Container Planting Event

Pam Stephens and Debbie Haugston, both of the Peninsula Green Fingers Garden Club, will be presenting a container garden planting demonstration on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Surfside business 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 gardens in containers (including bulb container gardens) which are unique, extremely attractive and easy to maintain year round. Pam and Debbie will be planting 3 containers for use at the Surfside office, each in a different style. *There will also be a planter that they will have available for raffle at \$1 per ticket or 7 tickets for \$5.* All plants will be sustainable in our coastal area and are also deer resistant (or at least reported to be). They will have hand- outs to aid with your own efforts. One hand- out is for layered bulbs for 100 days of color.

If you have suggestions or specific areas of interest that you wish Pam and Debbie 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 of rain.

Community Events

"Girlfriends" Tea

Sponsored by
Living Hope Christian Counseling,
a 501C3 Non Profit Counseling Agency

May 2, 2009
12:30 – 3:00 pm

Peninsula Baptist Church
23802 Pacific Hwy

\$Any Donations will be accepted

- Gourmet Lunch & Silent Auction
- Inspiring Program and Lively Entertainment.
- Help raise funds for counseling paid by donations only here on the Peninsula



- **Free Childcare** available by **Reservation**
- **Women of all ages** are **welcome!**
- **Funky, Elegant, Retro, Girlfriend's** theme.
- **Buy Tickets at Sweet Williams, and Okies Thriftway and Artistic Bouquets**

Peninsula Senior Activity Center Schedule

Seniors will always find a welcoming face, a cup of coffee or tea here at **PSAC**. We have many activities that promote active lives and friendship! At one dollar per session it is a great deal and the following are open to the public.

- ❖ Book Club 3rd Wed of each month 1 pm in PSAC library
- ❖ Try Pinochle – Wed & Thurs 1-4 pm
- ❖ Cribbage – Tuesdays 1-4 pm
- ❖ Fundraising – Tuesdays 1 pm
- ❖ Yoga – Wed 10:30 am – noon
- ❖ Tai Chi Classes – Mon & Thurs 10-11 am
- ❖ Drawing Classes – Tuesdays 10 am through the end of April

Columbia River Gateway



Columbia River Gateway is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Long Beach Area State Parks. We provide funds to assist in such programs as the Living Historians and the Waikiki Beach Concert Series. We also support park interpretive signage and historic building repair.

Additionally we provide funds for the occasional potlucks held for the park volunteers. These funds are made possible by the year-round

operation of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Bookstore and the seasonal operation of the North Head Lighthouse Keeper's store.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help at the stores. Membership in the organization is optional. We need people that are familiar with a retail environment or who have a desire to be trained. You will be taught to run the cash register and complete a charge or debit transaction. At the end of the shift the cash is counted and stored in a safe.

We would prefer a regular scheduled shift of 4 to 7 hours. These volunteer positions entail meeting the public and having some knowledge of our area. Tourists ask a lot of questions! We usually work as teams of two at the Lighthouse site so get a friend to sign up with you. Contact Lona Niemi at 642-2502 for further details.

Clamming



Tentative scheduled digs for Long Beach in late April include the following:

- Saturday, April 25, (7:25 am, -1.3 ft) S
- Sunday, April 26, (8:10 am, -1.6 ft)
- Monday, April 27, (8:55 am, -1.7 ft.)

To participate in the upcoming digs, anglers must have an applicable 2009-10 fishing license, since April 1, marked the beginning of a new license year. A license is required for anyone age 15 or older. Combination licenses or a razor-clam only license in annual or three day only versions are available. Various licensing vendors can be found at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/lic.vendors/vendors.htm>

RERUNS AND CONTINUED NEEDS:



Surfside BUNCO Group

- Starting up in April
- Beginners welcome!
- This will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Surfside boardroom @6:30 pm.

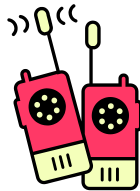
This is a perfect chance for you to join a group and not have to host it in your home. To get in on the FUN, call Valerie @ 665-0804.

Surfside Game Night



- Surfside members are invited to participate in "Game Night". This will generally occur in the Surfside Community Room, at the Surfside business office location.
- Times are from 6:30-9:30 pm, on the third Saturday of every month.
- Bring your favorite board/card, etc. game, whatever soft drink you like and toppings for ice cream (which will be provided).

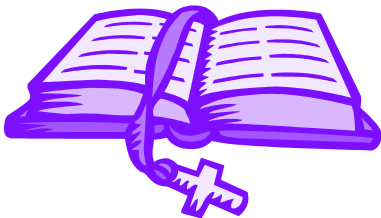
Ham Radio Class



- April 11 & 25, 10:00 A.M.
- Peninsula Senior Center
- For information contact
Ed Archer 360-783-1860

Christian Women's Groups Meet

These non-denominational groups offer "Fun, Friends, Support, Bible Study, Prayer, & Spiritual Renewal". Questions? Call Coral Hughes: 665-3206. The groups meet in Surfside homes every Thursday at 9:30am:



- *Bonnie Masson: 32904 "J" Place; Call 665-6504
- *Linda Lanphear: 809 - 347th Place; Call 665-0895
- *Mindy Burns: 33609 "I" Street; Call 665-0880

Peninsula Art Association



Peninsula Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the Sunset View Resort in Ocean Park. Firehouse Artists meet 1 pm till 4 pm at the Ocean Park Firehouse. Bring a bag lunch. Friendly critiques.

You can also find things going on the peninsula at the following web site of the Visitors' Bureau:

<http://www.funbeach.com>

and of the Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark at:

<http://lewisandclarkwa.com/pages/ocian.html>

and for local news of the Ocean Park Area Chamber membership and activities:

<http://www.opwa.com>

and, finally, Surfside's own web page at:

<http://www.surfsideonline.org>

Keep the news coming... submit information to dinah@surfsideonline.org (put "Week Ender" in subject line):

- **Surfside Homeowners Association**

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