

WEEKENDER MARCH 12, 2009

Surfside Garage Sale Items Needed!



THE SURFSIDE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE...

... is holding its second annual Memorial Day garage sale for beautification projects. The sale will be on Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd. If you have items that you wish to donate please bring them by the Surfside office. If your items are too large to bring by, call Georgia at 665-5565 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 devises.

FYI

Watch for further updates regarding the wood chipper program to be sponsored by ORCAA. We are currently working with them to develop the program.

Click Here



<http://www.surfsideonline.org/docs/newspaperarticle.txt>

***To view the recent article which was posted in the
Chinook Observer!***

The second of the looping project/redirection of water mains...



The Water/Field Crew have been working long and hard on the looping/redirection project, which was approved by the board last year. This was a major project involving (3) major supply mains and the redirection of our water system.



This project could have had a great impact on everyone who lives in the area of 315th. But due to previous work already completed at 306th, earlier this year, the crew was able to keep most of the homeowners with water, supplied via the 306th looping project.

The annual month long water flushing program will be the next big project. Additionally, the crew will be fire flow testing all hydrants affected by the looping projects.



Surfside Water Hydrant Flushing Program

Every so often, Surfside Water staff open fire hydrants around the area and allow the water to flow through the pipes. Our hydrant flushing program is very important to our water system. It is an integral part of our ongoing effort to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. It serves the following purposes:

- It flushes sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality).
- It verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves.
- It helps us find weaknesses in our water system.
- It checks for closed valves and weak flows in the water main lines.

We schedule our flushing program during the wetter months when water supplies are more plentiful. We flush from larger mains first and then move to smaller mains. The flushing route is carefully planned, and valves are opened and closed to control the direction of the water.

Hydrant Flushing Frequently Asked Questions

WHY IS HYDRANT FLUSHING NECESSARY?

- Hydrant flushing enhances water quality by flushing sediment from the mainline pipes, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintains firefighting capability.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THE WATER DEPT. IS FLUSHING HYDRANTS IN MY AREA?

- If you see a crew flushing a hydrant on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is done. If you see hydrant flushing crews working in the area, please drive carefully and treat them like any other road construction crew.

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that causes discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it's OK to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect the taste or water quality.
- Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark clothes first.
- If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.

WHY DOES MY WATER LOOK FUNNY AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- When a hydrant is opened, there will be temporary incidences of discolored water while fine sediment particles are flushed out. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. Allow a few hours for discoloration to dissipate. To verify water is clear, run your cold-water tap for a few minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Surfside Water at

665-4171

Emergency call 783-2426



SURFSIDE GAME NIGHT!!!



March 21, 2009 6:30 – 9:00 P.M

Surfside Community Room

Bring your own drinks, and a snack or dessert to share. Also, bring whatever games you may like to play!

But most of all bring your laughter and be ready to have FUN!



Surfside Float

The Community Relations Committee will enter a float this year in the 4th of July parade in Ocean Park. We have just started the initial planning and are focusing on the assets of Surfside: the waterways, bridges, fishing and golf. We have a 20 foot flat bed, a large red truck to pull it and are organizing some Surfside kids (grandkids) to march behind the float with golf bags in caddy carts (with perhaps some synchronized dancing). Judy and Charlie will be riding in the bed of the truck providing live music.

We now have 3 children who wish to participate in the golf bag cart parade and would welcome many more. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to participate with the float, let us know. We also would appreciate any golf bags with caddy carts that could be loaned to us for the kids to use in the parade. Anyone who would like to be involved in the planning or construction of the float is also welcome. We welcome board members to ride in the bed of the truck. There is limited space available so reserve your spot soon.

If you would like more information or like to participate in the float, please call Gloria at 665-3784 or email at ghaidok@centurytel.net



Reminder:

**The Concerned Citizens Group will
be meeting in the Surfside
Community Room, March 14, 2009
at 9:00 AM.**

BRING YOUR SOLUTIONS, AS
WELL AS YOUR CONCERNS.

Food Recall - Sent on behalf of the National Office of Citizen Corps, FEMA Community Preparedness Division

Currently the United States is in the midst of one of the largest food recalls in American history. As Americans dig through their cabinets and refrigerators to remove potentially contaminated food associated with the recent peanut recall, we would like to also remind citizens to open and check their Emergency Preparedness Kits to remove any potentially harmful items from these also. Because peanut products are often recommended as staples in Emergency Preparedness Kits due to their long shelf life and because they are a good source of protein, we encourage all kit owners to look at their kits to ensure food products are not on the peanut recall list. Please keep in mind that the peanut product recall extends beyond peanut-flavored products. The following are some examples of foods also included in the recall that may contain peanuts:

- Granola
- Snack bars
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Trail Mix
- Cookies
- Noodles
- Dog treats

A full list of recalled peanut products and what individuals should do with recalled items can be found on the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>. In addition to checking for peanut-related items, please be sure to check for other items in your kit that may have expired, including medications, food and pet food, water, and other recalled items. The U.S. government provides information on unsafe, hazardous, or defective products ranging from consumer products, food, medicine, and cosmetics at www.recalls.gov. Ensuring family and neighbors are prepared is an essential step in helping communities during and after an emergency. Families should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit in all locations that are frequented often, including homes, offices, schools, cars and day care facilities. These kits should hold a variety of essential items that are needed during a disaster, such as a flashlight, radio, cash, clothing, protective equipment, medicines, and of course food and water. For a complete list of Emergency Preparedness Kit recommended items, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm>.

Citizen Corps Councils and Partners: Councils and partners should remind their communities about the importance of maintaining and constructing an Emergency Preparedness Kit and consider hosting public preparedness training sessions to ensure that information about kits is reaching the community. In addition, Councils and partners should consider adding a link to the FDA Web sites along with information on the recall on peanut products to any Web pages or documents that refer to community preparedness or Emergency Preparedness Kit preparation. *This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at* <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>.

Sincerely,
The National Office of Citizen Corps FEMA Community Preparedness Division

Community Events



QUILTING AT THE BEACH

14th Annual Quilt Show
Sponsored by The Peninsula Quilt
Guild and Anna Lena's Quilt Shop in
Long Beach, WA

March 20, 21, 22, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday

HERITAGE MUSEUM
115 S.E. Lake, Ilwaco, WA

Janet King – Featured Quilter
“Cranberry Relish” – Prize Quilt

“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
\$20.00 Donation

- Gourmet Lunch & Silent Auction
- Inspiring Program and Lively Entertainment.
- Help raise funds for **FREE** counseling 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*

AVIVARA PRESENTATION

Avivara is a dedicated group of compassionate educators from varying backgrounds who after seeing the dire need of the people in the remote villages of GUATEMALA, have felt compelled to help by educating the children, knowing that children are the future of any society. The goal is teaching people to help themselves.

Ruth Carpenter, well known local artist, is promoting this presentation, and will be presented by:

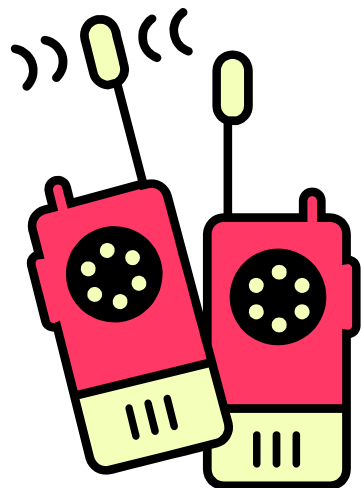
- Gustavo Gutierrez, Director of Avivara
- Ann Austin-Teal, Ruth's Daughter-in-law



- ❖ **Guatemalan works of art will be available for sale—
Reasonable prices**
- ❖ **Social time for Questions and conversation afterward**
- ❖ **Complimentary refreshments**

Peninsula Senior Center
21603 "O" Lane
Friday Evening, March 20th, 6:30 p.m.

RERUNS AND CONTINUED NEEDS:



Ham Radio Class

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

A composite illustration featuring a woman's face on the left and an artist's palette with brushes on the right. The woman has dark, curly hair and is looking slightly to the right. The palette is yellow with various colors of paint, and several brushes are resting on it. The background is a mix of dark and light tones.

*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.*

*The March 17th Meeting will be held at the Ocean Park Library
at 6 pm. All are welcome! There will be a presentation by
Scott Leasing on presentation for exhibition at shows. Entry
forms for the Spring Art Show are due by March 17, 2009*

Flag Pole Donation Fund



We are close to reaching half of what we need for the flag pole fund. Please remember the donation box is at the front desk in the office and we are accepting cash only. We have received so far, \$336 and our goal is to have the full amount of \$700.00 by Memorial Day. Thank you to those who have contributed and to those who are going to contribute.

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

New Church in Surfside



Dan and Mindy Burns, Surfside residents and Friends (Quaker) pastors, would like all their neighbors to know that a new Friends Church is just beginning on the Peninsula. This small group meets weekly on Sunday evenings for dinner, prayer, and a study from the Bible. If you would like more information, contact them at Indyandan@hotmail.com or 665-0879.

Other Local News

You may access directly the current issue of the weekly Chinook Observer, our local source of news and events, by clicking on the following web site:

<http://www.chinookobserver.com>

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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