

WEEKENDER JULY 2, 2009



NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN SURFSIDE

The Pacific County Sheriff's Department wants all Surfside property owners to know that under no circumstances are Fireworks to be discharged in Surfside, on your property, in the street or in the common areas. There are certain designated places, on the beach only, where Fireworks can be discharged. Violators will be prosecuted.

Surfside members should know that this is a **SURFSIDE COVENANT VIOLATION** (read Covenant restriction 2.12).



SURFSIDE OFFICE CLOSED :

- **Closed Friday, July 3, 2009, in observance of the 4th of July Holiday. Open Saturday, July 4, 2009, from 9 am to 1 pm**
- **Closed Saturday, July 11, 2009 for annual meeting.**

JULY 5, 2009

FISHING DERBY!

Don't miss this event! It's FUN, FUN, and more FUN!!! The Derby is for all Surfside member's and their guests' kids, up to age 12. Fish are stocked and there are lots of prizes to be won!!! Additional information is on the website and at the Surfside Office. The Derby takes place the Sunday after the fourth, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help please call Pam Stephens at 665-3788.





It is important that all Surfside Members attend the Annual Meeting if at all possible. This meeting involves a vote for new board members as well as a covenant change hearing which affects decisions made about your community.

The Meeting is at Ocean Park Elementary School gymnasium 25701 Vernon Avenue, Ocean Park, WA. Snacks/drinks are available in the cafeteria from 9:00 to 9:55 am. (Snacks, drinks and animals are not allowed in the gymnasium and only service animals are allowed in the school.) The meeting will be called to order at 10 am sharp. Hope to see you all there!

Proxy voting is available. Provide your proxy vote to the Surfside Office by 4:00 pm, July 10, 2009

***** Also please remember that the Surfside Office is closed on July 11, 2009 because of the annual meeting.**

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC EITHER!

If you want, drop off your dishes either before the meeting between 9:00 and 10:00 am or between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. The picnic is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm. See you there!

The picnic will immediately follow the Annual Meeting and is open to all Surfside membership. Remember it is a potluck so bring your special dish.

Last names A-M please bring a dessert
Last names N-Z please bring a salad/side.

Come and have a great time! Dogs, burgers, condiments and drinks will be provided.



A GREAT BIG “THANK
YOU”

goes out to

‘Bud Graves’

for

his valuable contributions
including labor and
materials for the lighting of
the Surfside office flagpole.

Thank you Bud!

Remember

...that Surfside will

have a float in the Ocean Park

Fourth of July Parade! Please come to watch the
parade and cheer us on! The parade starts at 12
noon – sharp!



CHILD IDENTIFICATION



“Fingerprint
America”
Child Identification
Kits provided, at
the Surfside
Fishing Derby

LOCATION: Surfside Business Office Cabana Community
Room

WHEN: July 5, 2009 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Deputy Sheriff, Larry Clark, will be available, at the Surfside business office cabana, community room, at the Surfside Fishing Derby, to fingerprint your child, for a “Child Identification Kit”. You can add the child’s hair follicle and dental records to keep in the unfortunate event of abduction to enable law enforcement officials to be able to identify and find your child.

MEET THE SURFSIDE 2009 BOARD CANDIDATES



Valerie Harrison

Lake cabana. Prior to moving and retiring to Surfside, I worked for the State of California for 27 years in the field of employment services. My areas of expertise have included: business management, leadership training skills, college instructor, administrative appeals and conflict resolution. If elected, **as your write in candidate,** I will continue to promote community involvement and the new positive changes and pride in Surfside that have begun over the last two years.



Martin Jenkins

(Valerie recently submitted her candidate application and therefore will not appear on the ballot. She must be written in, on your ballot, if you want to vote for her as a board member.)

My husband, Alan, and I have been residents of Surfside for the last six years. During this time, I have been a member of and treasurer for the Long Beach, WA Merchant's Association and currently a board member of a non-profit organization here on the Peninsula. Eighteen months ago, Alan and I became members of the Community Relations Committee. I have seen what a community pulling together can accomplish. As a member of this committee, I have been Surfside's representative to the Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce, co-chairperson of the Surfside's New Member Welcoming Committee, co-chair of Game & Bunco Nights and have adopted and organized the plantings at the Seabreeze

I have chosen to run for the board of Trustees for **a number of reasons, the most important of** which is I have disagreed with some of the decisions of the previous boards. I am a full-time resident of Surfside for the last five years. My 40 years of experience in retail management, operations management, merchandize management, corporate training, store management and general management, has given me the ability to listen to individuals and groups and not make snap decisions based on emotion or personal feelings. All of my work experience has provided experience to perform many management functions. The most important of these is the ability to communicate effectively with individuals, large groups and senior management. I have had to use patience, persuasion and most of all listen with an open mind and not second guess what is being said. I have been very successful in all of these functions. Special skills, abilities and experience that I

would bring to the job of Trustee are the following: Developed many annual budgets, all of which had to be balanced and show a profit for year end. I managed all of the business functions on a daily basis, including building operation costs, scheduling of associates, payroll, receiving of merchandise and general day to day business. As Corporate Trainer I had to develop the presentations and address large groups of associates. This was very challenging because you never knew what kind of questions would be thrown at you. The ability to think quickly and give honest answers was imperative. If I didn't know the answer I would say so and do the research and get back to the individual with the correct information. Integrity was key to success in this assignment. As General Manager I performed all of the daily business functions and in addition met with senior management to develop sales strategies and purchasing decision; the importance of making prudent decisions when purchasing merchandise cannot be overstressed. A bad buy of one or more products or product categories, can make a difference between a profit and a loss. I am pleased to say that I was in the win column when it came to purchasing. All of these management abilities would make me a good candidate for Trustee.

BOARD CANDIDATES CONTINUED...



Mary Ann Thoreson

population we are serving. I am willing to step up to the plate and make sure that all Surfside property owners are treated fairly and with respect.

My husband and I have been residents for approximately seven years. We have watched the community grow and come of age and we are very proud to have been a part of it. I feel I could do a service for Surfside. I worked for Kaiser in Portland for over 15 years dealing with conflict, payroll, scheduling of over 250 employees on a daily basis. Following the rules of 5 different unions making sure that everyone was treated fairly and in a professional manner. I worked for Ocean Beach Hospital for 4 years in the billing office. During my position there I was diligent making sure that the patient voice was heard. I have lived and owned property in Surfside for over 30 years, and during those years I have seen good times and bad times. Our community needs to continue moving forward keeping in mind the concerns and needs of the



Debbie Richmond

committee. I have the ability to listen and work well with others. This would make me a good candidate for the Board of Trustees.

Originally from Portland, I moved to the Peninsula 30 years ago and have been a member of Surfside ever since. I owned and operated a pizza parlor in Ocean Park for 7 years. I sold the business to help my husband and son in our construction business. I have extensive experience in managing a business, including payroll, accounts payable and receivable. I am knowledgeable in land development, septic systems and construction of various types. I perform all bookkeeping and payroll for our company. I prepare and file all state payroll forms and sales tax reports as well as the tax returns for the business. I am an active member of the Community Relations Committee, helping with various functions we are involved in. I am also active with Land and Buildings Committee where I have prepared plot plans showing the location of all septic systems and buildings on Surfside Common property. I have also been involved in several building inspections with the



John Williams

economic downturn will likely affect Surfside in other ways: fewer homes being built, possible bankruptcies, and some properties going back on county rolls due to non-payment of taxes, if the downturn continues for an extended period. I'd like Surfside to be all that it can be in a time of many challenges.

First, I can say that I very much like living in Surfside. Generally, I am pleased with the manner that Surfside is run. The new bridges are a welcome addition. The water works and compactor area both appear to be well run. Yet, I think there is room for improvement. There is need for more and better communication between members and the Board and Surfside staff, as well as the several committees. There is a need for Surfside to be more responsible to member concerns, particularly at this point in time with the national economic downturn. Members who see their property taxes escalating at the same time their actual property values are likely to have gone into decline. Many of us are seeing our incomes decline as well. We need Surfside to be more proactive in dealing with the county. We also need to provide assistance to property owners as they deal with these issues. The

Community Events



There will be a public fireworks display on the beach in Long Beach
and also at the Port in Ilwaco,
on the 4th of July, at dark.



Attention PT Cruiser Owners!!

Head on down to
SURFER SANDS SANDWICH SHOP
at 1113 S. Pacific Ave. in Long Beach on
JULY 12, AT 1:30 pm
for some awesome food. This is the first
cruise-in of the summer for **SURFER
SANDS** and Steve is **offering all owners
of PT Cruisers a discount!** So look for
the yellow and white awning and we'll see
you July 12th.

**Any questions can be answered by
Kerry and Larry Amundson 665-2779**



Peninsula Senior Activity Center

21063 Pacific Hwy, Klipsan Beach 665-3999

Current activity offerings:

- ✚ Tai Chi Classes - Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- ✚ Cribbage - Tuesdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✚ Bridge – New Day – Wednesdays, 12:30 to 4 p.m.
- ✚ Pinochle - Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✚ Crafters - 9:30 a.m. Fridays.

All of our activities are open to the public and are currently only \$1 per session.

- Introducing the Foot Clinic of Harbors Home Health & Hospice at Peninsula Senior Activity Center! Our first Foot Clinic will be on Wednesday, July 8th and additional clinics will be held every other month. This service is designed for people who have difficulty in taking care of their own feet and are free from complicating health conditions. Foot care provided includes an inspection of your feet, nail trimming and soft buffing of calluses by a registered nurse or CNA under the direction of an RN. HHH&H provides foot care for a \$25 fee at the time of service. An appointment is required. Call HHH&H directly to schedule an appointment at 360.642.3623 or Toll Free at 800.772.1319. Here's to happy feet!

July 5th is Community Beach Cleanup Time !!



It's almost time to roll up our sleeves and dig into the ugliest beach cleanup of the year – tons and tons of spent plastics from the glorious fireworks on the 4th will be waiting for us out there, not to mention the aftermath from careless tailgaters or the beach beer party gone wild. Combined, these litter sources will contribute probably 15 + tons of garbage in one night. As a community of beach lovers, we have a choice. We can choose to live with this mostly-plastic mess through the wonderful summer months and then through the ensuing years ahead or we can act in unison to restore our beach to the natural wonder that it is. Thank goodness we have chosen the latter for eight years straight and turned it into a Peninsula tradition. So, come on out to any beach approach at 9:30 AM on Sunday, July 5th or join an adopt-a-beach group at their assigned section and help us make a huge difference in the summer beach ecosystem.

A very important note – while it is important to pick up the large pieces of litter, it is especially important this cleanup to concentrate on the small pieces of plastic that even the most conscientious party can't find in the dark of night but so often end up in the stomachs of birds and other wildlife. I found an interesting statement made by the Monterey Bay Aquarium recently. "Most marine litter starts out on land." Let's not send our local mess from our national celebration of freedom to litter the rest of the world.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the critical need for dumpster funding for our July 5th cleanup. We are happy to report that we are again able to have a dumpster or dump truck at all major beach approaches for this cleanup. It took some fast footwork and some generous members of our community to make this happen. We would like to thank State Parks, Pacific County, Department of Ecology, City of Long Beach and Peninsula Sanitation.

A message that can't be said enough to the revelers is "Don't burn or bury it, bag it." Each year we deal with the fire pits and the molten mess. Last year Russ Lewis actually counted the fire pits on the whole beach and it numbered over 300. Please encourage your family, friends, neighbors, visitors, EVERYONE to take this message to heart. Think about approaching tailgate parties forming on the beach in front of us on the night of the 4th, asking them to please clean up. Maybe even offering them bags to fill and leave above the high tide level for our volunteers to collect on the following morning? If you'd like a supply of bags to hand out, contact Shelly Pollock.

Some firework stands have agreed not to sell those little boxes that blow 100 to 1000 itty bitty sand-colored plastic bits in the air and out onto the sand. These are known as 'missile' type fireworks. They come in 'batteries' of 50, 75, 100, etc. Each 'battery' shoots off a 3" x 1/4" piece of plastic into our ecosystem. We know why those are not a good thing on so many levels. Kudos to the conscientious sellers and maybe the rest of us can encourage others not to purchase those.

You might also remember, in our last newsletter, that our thank-you soup feed that follows the cleanup has gotten quite a reputation. Once again, the soup is ON at the Peninsula Senior Center from 11:30 to 1:30 PM for ALL volunteers who participate in this cleanup. A variety of soups and tasty desserts can be found by those who gave their time. After all, we have a reputation to maintain. You'll also enjoy the conversations about – what else? – garbage. Our continual thanks to the Peninsula Senior Center, Thriftway, Jack's and Sid's for supporting our soup feed through all of the years.

GRGG Marches in Ocean Park's Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade

We will be marching down main street Ocean Park on the 4th as a way to recruit volunteers for beach cleanup the following morning. This brings in additional cleanup volunteers who see us having FUN together while tackling the not fun subject of beach garbage. Come march with us! For just a couple of hours on the 4th get some exercise and have a good time with us. Contact Shelly so we know how many to plan for the tailgate lunch served while we are in line for the parade, decorating the truck and whatnot.

Areas that still need to be Adopted

We need help managing a few areas still, including north of the Klipsan approach, south of Dune Crest, 148th to 158th and south of the Seaview approach. If you have a group - maybe your family, friends or co-workers that would like to Adopt-A-Beach let Shelly know. In January we have several sections north of Oysterville Road that need groups, too.

FaceBook Fans?

One of our dedicated volunteers understood the power of social networking early on and created a space for us there. All facebook users are asked to become fans by [clicking here](#).

Statewide April Beach Debris Analysis Totals

We have some interesting totals from the statewide April beach cleanup. For the first time, individuals had an opportunity to record on line the analyzed content of the garbage they had collected that day. Washington CoastSavers, our statewide group that focuses on clean, safe beaches, offered their website for that purpose. Sixty individuals took the time to analyze and report their findings. The top five debris items people encountered, by quantity, are: Rope: 3248, Beverage Bottles (Plastic): 1933, Caps/ Lids: 1479, Food Wrappers /Containers: 1281, Beverage Cans: 855. Notice that rope accounts for almost a quarter of the items reported. See www.coastsavers.org/misc/Cleanup-Data-Chart-April-2009.pdf for more details. And we can continue to report our findings even as we individually clean. Just go to <http://www.coastsavers.org/data%20card> report your findings ANY time. A special section has been added to report firework parts. We tell a much stronger story when we have good data to support us. Thanks to Washington CoastSavers for taking this reporting function organized by The Ocean Conservancy and localizing it for our state.

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.
- One table snack will be provided. Bring your own drinks.
- This is a perfect chance for you to join a group and not have to host 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 a treat to share.



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

*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 Barn on the Bay, 2311 Bay Avenue, Ocean Park. Firehouse Artists meet 1 pm till 4 pm at the Ocean Park Firehouse, every Wednesday. Bring a bag lunch. Friendly critiques. For further information call Bonnie at 360-665-6041 or Myrna Kay at 360-665-4592.

Household Hazardous Disposal



The household hazardous waste facility at the County shop in Long Beach is now open. The Washington Department of Ecology has again funded this Pacific County program that runs from May 1st until September 25th of this year at 318 N. 2nd Street. This disposal facility is open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. until noon and is free to the public.

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):

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