

SHOA WeekEnder for June 1, 2008

Bridge Pilings Removed

- Water Superintendent Bob Haskin reports that the footbridge pilings were removed last Friday.
- The pilings supported the old bridges, but are not needed for the new bridges, which will span the entire canal and lake when completed.



Dinah McCreddie & Dee Quillen Join SHOA Staff

- Dinah McCreddie and Dee Quillen have been hired as SHOA's new Office Secretaries, to replace Sharon White and Brian Pierce.

- The interview panel of Gene Bowen, Ken Karch, Warren Olson, and Debbie Richmond were unanimous in their choice of candidates
- Dinah will also carry the responsibilities of Secretary to the Board. Dinah's position is a full time, and Dee's part time
- Dinah will start June 3 and Dee June 10, to allow training to take place before Sharon retires June 30. Brian's last day was last Thursday, with the staff bidding Brian best wishes during a lunchtime sendoff.
- More about Dinah and Dee in future issues. Welcome Dinah and Dee!

Covenant Compliance Officer Ad Back In

- Following Vince Stevens' recent resignation, SHOA has re-advertised for a Covenant Compliance Officer.
- The ad will appear in the Chinook Observer the next two weeks, with a closing date shortly thereafter

Annual Meeting Announcement & Newsletter to Be Mailed

- SHOA's Annual Members' meeting announcement and its Summer SHOAndTell newsletter were stuffed in stamped envelopes last Friday in preparation for a June 2 mailing.
- About 10 members of the Community Relations Committee, supported by SHOA staff, completed the process in 1 day.
- A combination of State law and SHOA requirements limit the "window" for mailing the Annual Meeting to a time period between June 1 and June 22.
- The mailing coincided with the regular mailing schedule for the newsletter, and both sets of documents were combined to save members the cost of a double mailing.
- Watch for your announcement and newsletter in the mail!

Notices Posted for AquaTechnex Canal, Lake Treatment

- SHOA's contractor Aquatechnex has posted the required 10 day notices this past week on all properties that abut the canal and Seabreeze Lake in preparation for the chemical application to control milfoil and other aquatic vegetation

Concern Over Contractor Behavior

- A member states that "On reading Kerry and Larry's message about street cleanup, I might add that whenever property owners hire builders to clear lots and build new homes, to be aware that any paper, junk and containers of building materials that remain when homes are built should be picked up and disposed of promptly. That stuff seems to migrate upwind to the north and east home sites and becomes a problem for your neighbors."
- As an aside, I might point out that the SHOA covenants Sections 4.1b4, 4.1b8, and 4.1b9 require contractor cleanup of sites.

Bears in Surfside

- Each spring, Deputy Larry Clark reports many bear sightings in Surfside, including some which may be potentially dangerous – he urges extreme care in the event a bear is encountered
- A few years ago, a wildlife biologist was quoted as saying the Long Beach peninsula had the highest bear population density of any area of the state
- SHOA staffer Brian Pierce has prepared some information on bear encounters, which is attached

Mosquito Season

- Summer season is mosquito season in parts of Surfside
- For several years, SHOA has provided brochures from State and local agencies on protection against the pesky critters
- SHOA staffer Brian Pierce has pulled together the best advice from these brochures into a single sheet, which is attached below, to help Surfsiders cope

Arts and Fine Craft Studio Tour

The following is provided by Jan Richardson

- The Surfside Homeowners Association has announced that an arts and fine craft studio tour can be held in Surfside. Plans are being drawn up for this late summer event which will feature a self guided tour to home studios. Many fine artists have been attracted to Surfside as it is a great place to live and work. We would like to share this abundance of talent with the community. Interested artists should contact Jan Richardson at (360)665-3433 or 665-3248.
- Note: Jan Richardson is owner of Windy Meadows Pottery, Ltd and a member of the Peninsula Art Association. Jan has been a member of the Surfside community for several years and prior to that lived in Maryland where Windy Meadows Pottery originated. Jan developed the unique style of hand built clay houses that have charmed many collectors for three decades.
- Dates and locations for this tour will be available on the web page and will be listed in the Chinook Observer when determined.

Member Budget Input Sessions Approved

- Acting on input from members, the Board has approved two input sessions for members to provide input early in the budget process, before the proposed budget is finally adopted
- The budget workshops are scheduled from 9 am to 10:30 am at the August and October Board meetings (3rd Saturday of each month).

Street Cleanup Event Planned

- Kerry and Larry Amundson would like to inform all members of our community that our annual Surfside Estates Street Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join your neighbors or meet your neighbors for the first time and help keep our streets free of debris.
- Garbage bags (if needed) will be available at the office prior to and on the day of the event. All refuse collected should be taken to the compactor on regularly scheduled days.

- Prior division clean-up leaders and any interested members may contact the Amundsons at 360-665-2779 or email them at opklarry@centurytel.net.
- Keep in mind that every day should be a clean-up day! Carry a plastic bag with you when you walk our community and pick up discarded items. It only takes a minute or two and the benefits are enormous.

SHOA Web Site Volunteer Administrator Sought

- SHOA is considering bringing the management of the SHOA web site within the SHOA staff and committee structure in the future, hoping to enhance the site, improve the timeliness of updates, and reduce costs
- Members who have web site administrator experience and wish to volunteer their services, should contact Ken Karch, General Manager, at the SHOA office.

Volunteer Newsletter Layout/Editor Opportunity

- SHOA has a need for a volunteer to assist or lead the SHOAndTell layout and editing of the SHOandTell newsletter.
- Applicants would be expected to donate up to 12 hours during the second or third weeks of February, May, August, and November, to prepare a "camera-ready proof" of the SHOAndTell newsletter for the printers.
- Applicants should have experience in using Microsoft Publisher, PageMaker, or other software capable of creating the layout in a format to permit conversion to a single pdf file for distribution electronically (via email) or posting to the SHOA web site.
- If interested, please contact General Manager Ken Karch at 360 665-4171 or deltajunky@aol.com

Kerry Amundson Reminds New Members to Call

- Just a reminder: if you are a **new full time** resident of Surfside, please call Kerry Amundson at 665-2779 so she can personally meet you and welcome you to the neighborhood and give you a gift bag full of information and goodies from local businesses. And welcome to Surfside!

Christian Women's Groups Meet

- These non-denominational groups offer "Fun, Friends, Support, Bible Study, Prayer, & Spiritual Renewal". Questions? Call Coral Hughes: 665-3206
- These meet in 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 Working Women's group meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm:
 - *Lola Larson: 5015 "L" Place, Seaview; Call 642-8359

Next Regular Board Meeting June 21, 2008

- The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is June 21, 2008 at 9 AM at the SHOA business office. These are open meetings, and SHOA members are encouraged to attend.

- The agenda of each meeting is posted on the windows of the business office several days before the meeting, and are available at the office during regular working hours (10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday; and 10 am to 2 pm on Sundays during the summer).

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 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, SHOA's own web page at:

<http://www.shoaonline.com>

Keep the news coming...

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Taking the Bite Out of Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes Need Water to Breed and Grow

Washington State has about 45 species of mosquitoes with one thing in common. They all need water to breed and grow. They use moist surfaces and stagnant water to lay their eggs. Besides the many swamps and bogs in our area, their breeding grounds may include standing water found around our homes. These may include old tires, dishes under potted plants, open buckets, even uncovered boats. Basically anything that may hold water for extended periods make a good mosquito breeding ground.

Mosquitoes Want You!.....Well, the Females That Is!

Only Female Mosquitoes Bite.....Males eat flower nectar & plant juices.

Before laying their eggs, mosquitoes seek out a blood meal from a warm-blooded host – birds, dogs, deer or **you!** Mosquitoes are drawn to carbon monoxide, heat and moisture in their search for a meal. They use your breath, sweat and skin temperature to track you down. The breath you exhale can attract mosquitoes from up to 20 feet away! Their peak feeding times are at dawn and just past dusk.

Tips to Help Control Mosquitoes

- Empty and get rid of anything that holds or may hold standing water.
- Change water in ponds, birdbaths, fountains and animal dishes *at least* weekly.
- Make sure your house gutters are clear of blockage and flow freely.
- Fix leaky or faulty outdoor faucets or sprinklers.
- Make sure window and door screens are “bug tight”. Repair or replace as needed.
- Stay indoors during peak mosquito activity; at dawn and dusk.
- When going near wetlands or woods, wear long sleeved shirts and long pants. It is also a good idea to wear a hat.
- Use mosquito repellent when necessary and be sure to follow the directions on the label carefully.
- Adults should apply the repellent to children – kids love to put their fingers in their mouth!
- Use a repellent that has DEET. While others are effective, they do not last as long without this additive. Adults should use one with at least a 30% blend and with children, no more than a 15% blend.
- Wash all treated skin with soap and water after coming back indoors and launder all clothing before wearing again.

Protect Yourself! Be Pro-Active.....Not Re-Active!!!

The Bear Facts.....It's That Time of Year Again!

Steps YOU can take for a happy coexistence.

Prevent Conflict.....What Attracts Them?

Black bears may visit areas of human use because they have found:

- **Food** - which can include birdseed, pet food, unsecured garbage, some gardens (corn, grain, fruit) and barbecue grills.
- **Water sources** can include ponds, birdbaths, puddles or pets' water bowls.
- **Shelter** can be any cave-like structure. In human-occupied areas, bears might use the space beneath sheds, unused buildings and under decks.

What Should I Do?

Black bears should always be considered unpredictable and potentially dangerous. A black bear will usually detect you and leave the area before you notice, unless the bear has been conditioned to people and their food. Black bears can be expected to return to food, water and shelter opportunities presented by people. If you live in black bear country, take responsibility for not attracting them. Always work with your neighbors to achieve a consistent solution to the problem situation, and keep in mind that doing a combination of things is better than doing just one.

To discourage a black bear, immediately:

- Do not run and never play dead.
- Give the bear a chance to leave the area.
- If a bear approaches, stay calm, continue facing the bear, and slowly back away.
- Stand upright and wave arms, jackets or other items.
- If the bear continues to approach, scare away with loud noises, such as yelling, whistles, and banging pots and pans. Blaring music, marine air horns and barking dogs also work.
- If you see a bear in the distance, alter your route to avoid it.
- If a bear is in your yard, scare it away from inside the house, keeping the door closed.

To prevent further problems:

- Don't feed or give water to black bears. Be aware that human behaviors, such as feeding other animals, can attract black bears.
- Feed your pets inside or remove uneaten pet food between feedings.
- Remove garbage regularly or keep in bear-proof containers. Hide odors by regularly cleaning garbage cans with disinfectants, bleach or white vinegar.
- Remove other enticing food sources, such as birdseed, hummingbird feed (sweet liquid), fruit from trees or shrubs located near buildings.
- Keep bears away with bright lights, flashing white lights, and changes in the placement of scarecrows and similar objects. However, any frightening technique usually won't provide adequate long-term relief.
- Remove brush and cover around homes and sheds/out buildings.