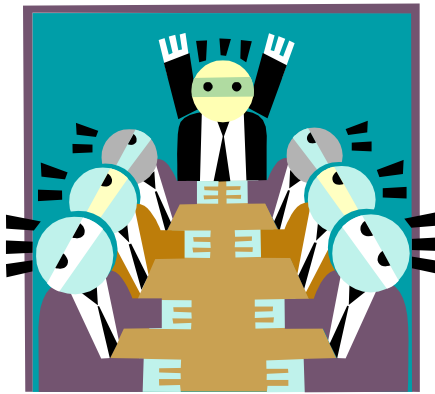


WEEKENDER August 21, 2008



Official Notice: The Board will hold a hearing regarding capital projects for 2009 in conjunction with its regular Board meeting on September 20, 2008 at 9 AM at the Surfside Office. The hearing is for member input regarding proposed purchase and installation of water meters and replacement of water mains consistent with the Six Year Water Plan.

Last Week's Board meeting included:



- Member input session for 2009 budget.
- Appointment of 2009 budget committee including Gene Bowen, Treasurer; Ginger Byrd, financial administrator; Stan Jackson, Glen Stephen, and Claudia Justice. Walt Platt, past Treasurer will assist ex-officio.
- Approved a request for proposal for water meters.
- Adopted rules for park and cabana use.
- Approved a variance for Fire District 1 that expedites location of an aid unit and additional fire equipment in Surfside. The revision to the station required a 16 inch height variance in order for doors to operate. The Board deemed the minimal height variance insignificant enough to waive notification of surrounding homeowners. In addition the Board waived variance fees. The location of the manned station in Surfside represents a huge benefit to the community and the minimal variance and common sense dictates the prudence of moving forward without additional delay.
- Heard from Ilwaco Water superintendent Randy Lavold about their experience updating and installing meters. New technology allowing radio read of meters is saving the city roughly 3 man weeks of labor every two months reading meters. The Board approved a request for proposal to

obtain bids from vendors for Surfside's proposed metering. Surfside intends to use its water system consulting firm, Gray and Osborne, to evaluate and recommend which proposal to accept.

- Delayed a tree fine proposal for over-height trees until September. Board members wanted longer time horizons for cooperative members to comply without fear of fines.
- Modified the policy requiring a waiting period between a member hearing on capital projects and Board action. Past policy resulted in delays of 56 days for action or special meetings and mailings. The new policy requires at least 14 days notice in regular Surfside publications and allows action at the time of the meeting. The hearing is still required for capital projects in excess of 20% of the operating budget.
- Established a salary adjustment pool of \$25,000 for the 2009 budget.

Many water department summer projects requiring dry weather remain on hold. The unseasonable rains have disrupted schedules.



Business Office News:

Office Secretary Dee Quillen resigned. The position will be advertised and a replacement named after the new General Manager comes aboard. In the interim Sarah Chase will be covering the front desk duties. Our thanks to Dee for the happy presence she provided over the last two months.

Bridge Update

Construction of Bridge approaches involve a special order of blocks for the approach, which has delayed construction for the time being. Although it may appear that construction has stopped, plans for the completion of the bridges are continuing, with the assurance of quality materials, resulting in sturdy, long-lasting bridges.

A Friendly Comment from Member: Coral Hughes

Sure...it rains...but what reigns?



My recent guests from Florida and Arizona both asked, "Where's the sunshine?". Kidding or not, I retorted, "Sunshine is NOT the criteria for a quality life!" (Secretly to myself, I thought: "How shallow is that?!") Even though their attitude about our weather irritates me now, I do understand it, because I was once in their shoes. I grew up in the Northwest, and my goal was to "move to the sunshine". Naively, I thought that sunshine could make for happiness. So, when I graduated from college, I moved to Arizona. For nearly nine years, I lived there and took the sunny weather for granted. But while there, I learned that we human beings find and make our problems wherever we are. In fact, the sunshine can actually be a detriment, if you are not happy and think you SHOULD be, because it is sunny! It was a mistake I will always remember.

My quality of life on the Peninsula now is measured in terms of relationships. I'm here because of the people here: the friendly, caring, generous, accepting people here. I'm also here because I have found a "sense of place"....a *belonging* in a community...that is far more profound and meaningful than what's happening in the sky.

Let's rein in our priorities....life's too precious to focus on passing clouds...
Sunshine has to reign in our hearts...or we will take the clouds wherever we go.

What (or who) reigns in your life?!



Coral Hughes,
Surfside Member



Surfside's New General Manager

Barbara Robinson, will begin work on September 2, 2008. We are looking forward to her arrival and a long and mutually satisfying relationship between the General Manager of Surfside, the staff and the members.

RERUNS

AND CONTINUED NEEDS:

Volunteers for The Fish and Waterways Committee

This is an **urgent** request from the Fish and Waterways Committee who is in desperate need of volunteers. We currently have only 3 members with multiple responsibilities and help is sorely needed. Responsibilities of this committee include fish management, aquatic weed management, shoreline management, mosquito abatement and any other issues facing the Surfside waterways.



Waterfront property owners would be "naturals" for the committee but any Surfside member with a willingness to serve the community regarding these matters are encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested, please attend the meeting or contact Mary Murrell, 503-698-2754, gemurrell@earthlink.net; mary@astoria-pacific.com

Get Inspired: Be a Sign Maker



The Community Relations Committee is in dire need of people who can make signs for the cabanas and the Surfside office. We would like to see ideas submitted for "rustic" style signs, created either by wood carving, sand blasting or burning, wooden letters or whatever method for which you are proficient. Two of the cabanas are now painted. One is in Division 17 on I street on Seabreeze lake and the other is in Division 16 on W street on Skating Lake. The third, the Twin Lakes cabana, should be painted this week and is on 324th. Volunteers have painted the cabanas and will begin landscaping soon. The signs will be the finishing touch. Go by and get inspired. The Surfside office sign needs to be larger and will be a more challenging project.

Help us out! Contact the Surfside office at 665-4171 or call Georgia at 665-5565.

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

The groups 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

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, Surside'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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