



Weekender

DECEMBER 18, 2009

Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Dinner

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On Saturday December 12th Surfside Volunteers and Staff met for the annual appreciation dinner at the Peninsula Senior Center. Board Members, staff and members of the Community Relations Committee worked together to provide an excellent dinner. The Peninsula Senior Center was decorated for the Holidays, and Merri Johnson made beautiful center pieces for each table. The evening provided a time for Surfside Board Members to express their appreciation to volunteers and staff for another year of dedication and hard work.



Gil recognized Jo Holder for always providing refreshments to the "crew" when they are out late repairing main breaks.



Gary Williams Board Vice-President addressing volunteers and staff.

SURFSIDE BUSINESS OFFICE WINTER HOURS

Effective Friday, December 18, 2009, the Surfside Business Office hours of operation will be temporarily reduced to "winter hours" through the end of December 2009 and into January of 2010.

Only the hours of operation during the week will change. The new office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday office hours will remain the same, open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Happy Holidays from the Surfside Board of Trustees and Staff

Holiday Hours for Surfside Services
All Surfside Staff will be off at noon on
Christmas Eve
We will Be Closed Christmas Day
The Compactor will have revised hours
On Thursday December 24
Open from 7:00 am until Noon

Bunco Group to Resume

Surfside Bunco Group

**Bunco will resume on Tuesday,
January 12, 2010, 6:30 PM**

- Every month beginners are welcome
- This will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Surfside Board/Community Room at 6:30 pm
- One table snack will be provided. Bring you 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 at 665-0804.
- This group is both men and women
- Cost is five dollars a month
- Come have fun!



NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS !

Midnight fireworks on the beach! There will be fireworks on the boardwalk in Long Beach to bring in the New Year!



HELP CLEAN THE BEACH !

January 23, 2010

The Grass Roots Garbage Gang organizes a beach cleanup for the 30 miles of beach on the Long Beach Peninsula. Fifteen groups and businesses who have adopted sections of the beach, and hundreds more, come out clean the beach. Last July 6th, over six tons of debris was collected in cleanup dumpsters, and uncountable bags of garbage were put in the cans of local residents during the cleanup.

The debris collected included spent fireworks, bottles, cans, and plastic from the 4th of July celebrations as well as tires, styrofoam, strapping, lawn chairs, a TV tube, light bulbs, rope, wire, netting and miscellaneous debris that washes up on our shores.

The obvious benefit is a more beautiful beach, but the more serious benefit is a healthier marine and avian population. In an area that relies heavily on fisheries and tourism, these are big benefits.

The Grass Roots Garbage Gang started in 2001 with a handful of volunteers cleaning just 3 miles of beach; collecting 850 pounds of garbage. Now volunteers from all over

ups. Local residents and businesses sponsor a chowder free for participants, a wonderful community event.

To all the volunteers: Thank you!

Are you ready to adopt a section or want to help in some other way? Sign up today, contact shelly@ourbeach.org or call 665-5388

How Long Will These Stay in Our Ocean?

Paper Products 2-6 weeks

Fruits and Vegetables 2-6 weeks

Waxed Milk Carton 3 months

Cotton Rope 3-14 Months

Photo-degradable Beverage Holder
6 months

Plywood 1-3 Years

Cigarette Butts 1-5 Years

Wool Socks 1-5 Years

Leather 50 Years

Foam Plastic Cups and Take Out-
Containers 50 Years



Tin Cans 50 Years

Rubber Boot Soles 50-80 Years

Foam Plastic Buoys 80+ Years

Aluminum Cans 80-200 Years

Disposable Diapers 450 Years

Plastic Bag 10-20 Years

Plastic Film Canister 20-30 Years

Nylon Fabric 30-40 Years

Plastic Beverage Bottle 450 Years

Fishing Line 600 years

Glass Bottles ????

Winter Blues Getting to You?

Well, I guess winter is not officially here yet but many people have begun to feel the effects of the "Winter Blues". Community Relations committee member Ann Thoreson did a little research to see what agencies would welcome volunteers. She came up with 8.

1. Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach: 642-8668
2. Reach Out Food Bank: 665-6567
3. SHIBA (Senior Information Assistance): 642-3634

4. Timberland Library – Ocean Park: 665-4184

5. Senior Center- Ocean Park: 665-3999

6. Beach Clean Up: Check the Chinoook Observer

7. Ocean Park School: Drop by to check out the opportunities

8. Surfside Homeowners Association: 665-4171

A list of these agencies with addresses is available at the office. If

none of these volunteer opportunities sound interesting, Ann is willing to help you find the right place for your interests. She can be reached at 783-2829. Volunteering is a win for you and a win for an agency. Check it out!



Remember the Magic

Once again Ocean Park Signs is pleased to host Christmas lights set to music.

This year the shows will start at 5:00 and run continuously until approximately 8:00. December 1 through the 26th

On Christmas Eve the show will run until about 9:00 pm This year we have added one new song and a few new

lights.

Drive by 29011 H Street and tune your radio to 89.5 FM to enjoy this show. Donations will be greatly appreciated, with 100% of the proceeds benefitting the Humane Society Animal Shelter.





Larry Clark Retiring

Larry Clark will be retiring effective December 31, 2009.

There will be an open house at the Surfside Community Room on December 30, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop by and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake and wish Larry farewell!



December 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13	14	15 Architectural Comm. Meeting 9:00 am	16	17	18	19 Office Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24 Compactor and Office Close at 12:00 pm	25 Office Closed 	26 Office Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
27	28	29	30 Open House from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for Larry Clark's retirement	31 Tentative Clam Dig Low Tide 6:16 pm		
January 2010					1 Office Closed Compactor Closed 	2
3	3 Community Rela- tions Committee Meeting 1:00 pm	5 Architectural Comm. Meeting 9:00 am	6 RV Committee Meeting 9:00 am	7	8	9