



# Weekender

NOVEMBER 12, 2010

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AGENDA

**Budget Ratification**  
**Special Membership Meeting**  
November 20, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.  
Surfside Homeowners Association

REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOTS FOR 2011 BUDGET

Call to Order - Special Board Meeting

Questions or Comments from Membership  
2011 Budget Membership Ratification Vote  
Call for 3-4 Members to Count Ballots

Topics for the Good of the Order

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**November 20, 2010 – 9:30 a.m. (Approximate time\*)**  
**(\*Following the Budget Ratification Meeting)**  
**Surfside Homeowners Association**

Note: The Board Room will open at 8:00 am to allow time for Board members to review and discuss agenda items and materials among themselves as needed prior to the start of the meeting.

Call to Order - Regular Board Meeting (Flood)  
Safety in the Workplace (Flood)  
Adopt the November 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Agenda (Flood)\*  
Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2010 (Flood)\*  
Floor Comments (20 Minutes)  
2011 BUDGET VOTING RESULTS  
Old Business  
    J-Well/Three Phase Capital Project Discussion  
    Appreciation Dinner - Update  
New Business  
    Surfside Insurance Coverage – 2011 Policy  
    December Regular Board Meeting  
Communications  
    Incoming Correspondence  
    Outgoing Correspondence  
    Meetings & Contacts  
Staff & Committee Reports  
Comments (10 minutes)  
Recess to Closed Session on Personnel, Legal, & Real Estate or Contract Issues or Employee Matters (If necessary)  
Reconvene to Open Session for Action Items (If necessary)  
Floor Topics for the Good of the Order  
Adjourn\*

\* Requires Board Action

A NOTE FROM THE  
BOARD PRESIDENT

A lot of miss information is circulating about the current budget and I would like to go on the record with the facts. The current Surfside Board is decreasing the membership assessment for 2011 by over 5% **not** increasing it.

To set the record straight this year 2010 the Staff did not get a raise. They have the same salary or pay rate they had in 2009. The board in 2009 in doing the budget for 2010 decided to freeze wages for the 2010 fiscal year because of the economy and prudent fiscal practice.

The Board has allowed money in the budget to provide raises for employees for 2011. It amounts to 3.5%. The current employee pension plan is funded by SHOA at 6% per year and has been doing that since before I was on the board. We decided to change the retirement plan and give the employees the option of selecting their investments thus having the potential to get a higher return. Additionally they can add money to this 401K plan and increase their retirement savings. To make this change SHOA can only fund up to 3% versus the previous 6%. Each employee is losing 3% because of the change. To make up for the loss we made the raise 3.5% so in essence it amounts to ½% raise for next year 2011 and this year the increase was 0. The employee’s wages increase 3.5% but the benefits are down 3% so SHOA is seeing a ½% increase in the area of employee compensation only if they contribute to the retirement plan. If they don’t contribute to the plan this is a 4% savings to Surfside so they in essence get a negative raise. We on the board want the employees to contribute and be active with their retirement plan.

Another issue circulating is the concept of bonus. A Christmas bonus has been given out every year to employees at least since two of long term employees were first employed by SHOA 8-13 years ago. The cost of the bonus last year to each member for each non management employee was 7.5 cents and 15 cents for each management employee. The total cost to each member is approximately \$1.05, probably more than the tip you give the coffee person and far less that the tip you give a waitress. Both the Barista and the waitress provide you service for less than an hour. The employees of surfside provide service all year and some of them provide it around the clock 365 days a year keeping the water running and fixing water main breaks in the middle of the night. Last November the big storm took out power for almost a week but no one lost the essential life source of water. Do you think 7.5 cents is too much for the person who helps you take the trash out of your vehicle or the person that answers your questions? The employees of SHOA do an awesome job and deserve to be compensated.

Bottom line is the assessment to SHOA members is being decreased for the second year in a row. Not Increased. It is the best value for water, trash, and sheriff patrol in the State of Washington and maybe the country. The board works hard to keep this a reality.

James A. Flood, Jr.  
President, Surfside Board of Trustees  
503 201 9001 (cell)

PROPOSED CLAM DIGS TIMES AND TIDES


DATE	TIME	TIDE
November 20th Saturday	5:39 PM	-0.4 ft.
November 21st Sunday	6:17 PM	-0.7 ft.
December 4th Saturday	5:59 PM	-1.2 ft.
December 5th Sunday	6:14 PM	-1.3 ft.
December 31st Friday	3:40 PM	0 ft.
January 1st Saturday	4:31 PM	-0.4 ft.



# NOTICE

**The Cabanas have been closed for the winter, also the  
sani-cans have been removed!**

**The restrooms at the Business Office remain open 24/7.**



## WEEKENDER NOTICE

The Weekender will not be published until after December 1, 2010! Information regarding the Board Meeting and the ratification of the budget will be available on the home page <http://www.surfsideonline.org>

## LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

## WATER/FIELD SERVICES COMMITTEE

( A JOINT MEETING )

MEETING MINUTES

NOV. 4, 2010

*PRESENT:* Larry Raymer, Larry Nelsen, Chris Hanson, Craig Masson, Jim Meyers, Bill Neal, Barbara Robinson and George Miller. *ABSENT:* John Williams, Gary Williams and Debbie Richmond.

Chairpersons Larry Raymer, Water/Field Services and George Miller, Land and Buildings convened the committee's meeting at 1:pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

## (1.) MOTIONS. ( discussion of Oct. Motions )

- A. Removal of trees on Surfside association property. Bill Neal will work up a "scope of work" for the removal of trees and the leveling of ground at the Oysterville well field at 350<sup>th</sup> and "G" Street. Bill suggested that the bare soil be hydro seeded with a type of grass used along roadways. This work will be done after board approval and the availability of funding.

350<sup>th</sup> beach trail. The county plans to replace drainage pipe under the section of trail located between 'I' Place and "J" off 350<sup>th</sup>. This should remove the trees that are over height.

- B.. Barbara reported that she had a conversation with Grant Murrell, trustee for the *Fish and Waterways committee*, about the need for that committee to become active to address the needs of our waterways. He agreed to do this.

- C.. Relocation of water facilities study. The need for this was discussed in reference to the present condition of the water warehouse on "G" Street. Larry Raymer and George will meet with Bill and do an assessment of that facility and report back to the committee on their findings at the Jan. 2011 Land and Buildings Committee meeting. No motion was needed for this.

## (2.) FUTURE USE OF LANDS AND BUILDINGS..

Craig Masson, committee member and local realtor, reported on the housing and property market in Surfside. He has no indication that local property is listed because of dislike for Surfside, but rather the economy. He related that there are many elderly people who are living alone and/or have medical issues that prompt them to relocate. He stated that property and home prices are extremely depressed. This is not the time to sell.

NEW BUSINESS:

## (1.) WATER/FIELD SERVICES REPORT..

- A. Bill Neal reported on the hiring of two (2) new employees. This is not an increase in employees but rather a replacement for vacated positions.
- B. Maintenance. A new pole and light will be installed to the South of the board room door. This will add safety and security to this entrance area. The existing light pole that also has the radio antennae will be removed and a new radio tower will be installed to improve radio transmission and reception.
- C. Work orders. Bill provided committee members with a copy of the new work order forms that are used in his department. These improve efficiency and cost savings. The *Water Main Replacement* project use a different set of forms.
- D. Work planned for remainder of 2010. Pipe replacement will continue with other needs as they arise. The light poles in the RV storage lot will be reinforced with cement at the base. Some new beach trail signs have been installed and more will be as time allows. The decommissioning of the Oysterville well field will continue.
- E. Water employee Larry Hampton has received several certifications for our water operations. Well done Larry.

## (2.) WATER QUALITY.

The Quarterly water testing results were just received with the great news that they are all below the MCL. This will be published in the "Weekender" and Bill will give an expanded report at the Nov. Board meeting. Bill explained to the group the filtration and back flushing procedure. Good job Bill and crew. Job well done.

(3.) Washington supreme court ruling.

The court has ruled in the Lummi case which included definitions of water suppliers. This ruling protects our water rights. However, as a "municipal water supplier" we are mandated to follow their regulations. This includes water meters. We can now also apply for grants that we couldn't as a private supplier. At this time, we have far more questions than answers. Surfside is consulting with legal and other sources to answer these questions.

## (4.) MOTION:

"I make the motion that the Land and Buildings Committee and the Water/Field Services Committee express our thanks to Barbara Robinson for her assistance and support in our committee tasks. We thank you for your service to our committee's and Surfside members. We wish you the best as you move on with your retirement."

Moved by Chris Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Raymer....unanimous approval

ADJOURN AT 3:30 PM





## INN AT HARBOUR VILLAGE

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ILWACO, WA 98624  
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# *Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us!*

## THE INN AT HARBOUR VILLAGE

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS FIFTH ANNUAL  
“COMMUNITY DAY OF THANKS”

## FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2010

1 PM-5 PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE INN

THIS DINNER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND OFFERED  
**FREE OF CHARGE TO ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COME,**  
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED  
AWAY, AS LONG AS THE FOOD LASTS.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS TRANSPORTATION  
PLEASE CALL THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND JOIN US FOR A DAY  
OF FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP OR TO  
MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE CALL  
RUSSELL MAIZE 360.642.5141 OR  
GENITA HANSEN 360.642.0810







# WATER WORLD

BY BILL NEAL WATER AND FIELD SUPERINTENDENT

November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows. With night coming early, and dawn coming late, And ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires burn and the kettles sing, and earth sinks into rest, until next spring." - Elizabeth Coatsworth

November is here and we like it or not we are now faced with the thoughts of winter woes. November is the month that shows us what is coming, cold wet windy days and yet it reminds of what is past, warm sunny calm days. We see them both in November. Winter is coming and we need to start thinking about getting ready for it.

In our getting ready for winter we should always consider our freeze potential. I have provided some important reminders and tips.

### OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

Shut-off and drain in-ground sprinkler systems including the backflow prevention device on the irrigation system. Some systems require blowing the system out with compressed air from an air compressor.

Caulk around pipes where they enter the house and close all foundation vents. This will stop cold winter air from blowing into your house. Open foundation vents are probably the greatest cause of frozen or split water pipes. You will not only protect your pipes, but you may also reduce your winter heating needs. **Be sure to remember to open the foundation vents again in the spring to prevent dry rot.**

Protect outside pipes and faucets. For newer homes, the outside hose bibs are frost free, meaning that the shut off valve is actually located deep inside the insulated wall. If you are not sure if the hose bib is frost free, when you turn it off and water continues to drain for a few seconds, this is a good indication that the hose bib is frost-free. If you are not sure or if you do not have a frost-free hose bib, then you will need to wrap the hose bib with newspapers or rags covered with plastic, fiberglass, or molded foam-insulating covers to wrap the faucet. Molded foam insulating covers are available at most plumbing and hardware stores. In some homes, the outside faucet may have a separate shut-off in the basement or crawl space. If you do have a separate valve for outside faucets, shut it off. Then go outside and turn on the faucets to drain water from the line.

Disconnect garden hoses from the faucets; this prevents faucets from trapping water and freezing them.

Know where your main water shut-off valve is outside of your home. Typically they are located 18-inches from the foundation wall where the water line enters the building. It is very important to know where this valve is located because if a pipe bursts anywhere in the house – kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space – *this valve turn will turn it off*. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does.



### INSIDE YOUR HOME

Wrap all pipes in unheated areas. Wrapping will protect pipes from freezing. Check your house for pipes in unheated areas such as the crawl space, attic, garage or basement.

Use insulating tape or molded pipe sleeves and wrap it over the entire length of exposed pipe. Cover all valves, pipe-fittings, etc. with insulating tape or fiberglass insulation.

Shut off and drain your water system if you are leaving home for an extended period. Be sure to turn off the water heater before draining the system.

Turn off the main water shut-off valve, then go through the house and turn on all faucets, sinks, tubs, showers, etc., and flush the toilets. Set your thermostat to 55 degrees. Ask yourself what might happen if your source of heat goes off due to a storm when you're not home.

### DURING FREEZING WEATHER

When leaving the house for an extended time, or if you live in an older home, consider opening cabinet doors in the kitchen and bathrooms. Water lines supplying the kitchen or bathrooms are frequently located next to outside walls. Any air leaks in the siding or insulation can cause these pipes to freeze. Leaving these cabinet doors open when the temperature is below freezing allows pipes behind the cabinets to get more heat.

### IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE

Thaw the lines safely. If you know where the lines are frozen, you can attempt to thaw them with a hair dryer set on low heat. Wave the dryer back and forth along the frozen area. Thawing won't be fast, but it will be safe. **DO NOT LEAVE THE PIPES UNATTENDED.**

**DON'T USE an OPEN FLAME TO THAW FROZEN WATER LINES.** It may be fast, but could catch the house on fire.

**DON'T USE AN ELECTRIC ARC WELDER TO THAW FROZEN WATER LINES.** This also causes fire!

When home plumbing is frozen, there is often water available at one faucet. Please check to see if water is available at one of the faucets. If there is no water at all, the problem may be in the street.

### IF YOUR PIPES ARE BROKEN

**SHUT OFF THE WATER AND TURN OFF YOUR WATER HEATER.**

If you are unable to find the shut-off valve, or have water leaking in the house from a broken pipe, we can help you shut off the water. Call (provide a phone number they can use to get help)

To repair the broken pipe, you may want to call a plumber.

Remember, the best tip of all is to protect your home before the winter weather hits. By winterizing your home now, you can prevent your home from the damage and inconvenience of frozen water pipes.

Bill Neal – Water/Field Superintendent

## COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

**NOVEMBER 26TH 6:30 P.M.**

**EAGLES ON BAY AVENUE**

- **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
- **TREE ORNAMENTS**

**By Ocean Park Students**



**SANTA ARRIVES AT 7:00 P.M.**

**OCEAN PARK FIRE STATION**

- **VISIT WITH SANTA**
- **GOODIE BAGS**
- **REFRESHMENTS**

**HOT CHOCOLATE, HOT CIDER,  
COOKIES**

**BRING YOUR CAMERAS FOR A  
PHOTO WITH SANTA**

**OCEAN PARK  
AREA CHAMBER**

# November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  <div>TRAVIS OSTGAARD</div> <div></div>	2 <div>Architectural Committee 9:00 A.M.</div> <div>Community Relations Committee 1:00 P.M.</div>	3	4 <div>Lands and Buildings Committee Meeting 1:00 P.M.</div>	5	6
7	8	9 <div>Architectural Committee 9:00 A.M.</div> <div>Bunco 6:30 P.M.</div>	10 <div>RV Committee Meeting 1:00 P.M.</div>	11 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div>VETERANS' DAY</div> <div></div>	12	13
14	15	16 <div>Architectural Committee 9:00 A.M.</div>	17	18	19	20 <div>Board Meeting 9:00 A.M. And Budget Hearing</div>
21	22	23 <div>Architectural Committee 9:00 A.M.</div>	24	25 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div><div></div></div>	26 <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	27
28	29	30 <div>Architectural Committee 9:00 A.M.</div>				