



# WEEKENDER

December 23, 2010

## Surfside Homeowners Association

### WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT – WATER USE EFFICIENCY RULE

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In 2003 the Washington State Legislature passed the second engrossed second substitute house bill 1338. This bill took years of compromise, lobbies, and wrangling to get past the floor of both houses and a signature of the Governor. In September of 2003 Governor Gary Locke signed the much maligned bill and just like that, it becomes the Municipal Water Law. The Department of Ecology and the Department of Health's Office of Drinking water begin to write rules without delay. The rules are completed in late 2004 and early 2005. Compliance guidelines are distributed to water purveyors and we all begin to plan and budget to comply.

The Municipal Water Law has two components that have a major impact on Surfside Homeowners Association. It's a good news bad news scenario. The good news is that we will be able to hold our water rights inchoate. If Surfside Homeowners Association were not able to hold water rights inchoate we would need to apply to the department of Ecology for a new water right every time we had an application for water service. Considering we have a potential for 1000 or more water service connections it would be a never-ending nightmare of bureaucratic barricades and excessive costs. The bad news is we need to meter our systems residential and commercial water connections. The metering requirement is part of the "Water Use Efficiency Rule" component of the Municipal Water Law. We are also required to read the meters monthly and report our unaccounted for water. (water lost due to leaks) The State goal is That all water systems will have less than 10% unaccounted for water.

We are just getting started on our planning and, just a minute, not all of the citizens of Washington are pleased with the new Municipal Water Law. In December 2006 the Lummi Tribe and many others filed suit in the King County Superior Court asking the court to declare much of the Municipal Water Law unconstitutional. On June 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 Judge Jim Rogers of the King County Superior Court agreed with the plaintiffs and ruled that three portions of the Municipal Water Law were unconstitutional. On July 7, 2008 Attorney General Rob McKenna announced that the State would appeal that decision.

The Washington State Supreme Court accepts the appeal in March of 2009. Arguments are given from both sides. On October 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 the Supreme Court hands down their decision. In a very rare unanimous decision the Court decides in favor of the State of Washington. Judge Jim Rogers' decision is overturned and The Municipal Water Law is found to be constitutional and enforceable.

Our two year hiatus is over. Surfside Homeowners Association must now resume their planning and budgeting for compliance with the law. The Office of Drinking water has provided direction for purveyors. The first thing we need to do is plan. We must identify our service area and demonstrate that we have sufficient water rights to serve all of our existing and potential customers. We also need to make a plan to meet all of the requirements of the water efficiency rule that include having all serves metered by January 22, 2017. The Water/Field Superintendent and the Board of Trustees will be busy addressing these issues in early 2011.

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## COLD WEATHER TIPS!

**How to keep your pipes from freezing in the winter.** There are not too many steps to this one but it is sure to keep your pipes from freezing. If you know it is going to be cold enough to freeze just simply turn each fixture on just a little. Only on the cold side. Just a small stream will keep water circulating and will ensure that it doesn't freeze. Check each fixture and make sure they are all just trickling out. This will not cost you very much to do and you only have to do this on the nights you know it's below freezing. **REMEMBER ONLY DO THE COLD SIDE!** There is no reason to do the hot side plus this will cost you more money. Cold water will not cost you very much at all. In the morning when you get up you can turn them back off since when you are at home you usually use enough water to keep it circulating. If you are going to be gone and no one will be home it is probably a good idea to leave water running just a bit. **Check the Surfside web page for more information on cold weather tips.**



## OFFICE AND COMPACTOR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Office will be closed Friday and Saturday December 24th and 25th, Friday and Saturday December 31 and January 1st.

The compactor will be **closed** on Saturday December 25th. **Open** on Sunday, December 26th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Closed** on December 31st and January 1st.

**Open** Sunday, January 2nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.





To let you know  
how much  
you're appreciated...

Great Job!  
Thanks, Rachel!  
Thank you for your  
generosity and giving  
which means so  
much to us.  
Haley D.

Thank you for your  
kindness and generosity.  
Foster children and  
foster parents will have  
a holiday to remember.

...and to wish you  
a wonderful holiday season  
and much happiness  
throughout the year.

Ruth

Thanked for  
your kindness  
and generosity  
and for the gift.  
Reg

Thanks for  
all you do.  
Chris L.

The Department of Child and Family Services sent this thank you to all the Surfside Members who helped the foster children of the peninsula have a very merry Christmas!

Thank you to all who donated gifts and /or money to the Foster Child Christmas Program.

A special thank you to Ann Thoreson for her time and energy shopping for all of the Children!

## FIRST BEACH CLEAN UP OF 2011 SCHEDULED

It's that time of year again to mark your calendars for the first of the 2011 Beach Cleanups! **Saturday, January 8th!**

The first cleanup will kick-off the evening before with a potluck January 7 5-7 pm at the Baptist Church in Klipsan. If you like come at 4:30 pm to help roll bags.

The beach clean up will be from 9:30 am until clean. Meet at any of the major beach approaches. Our January cleanup is our only opportunity to clean north of Surfside so all the extra hands (and four wheel drives ) are appreciated.

A soup feed will follow the January 8th cleanup from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Moose Lodge on U street in Ocean Park!

We look forward to seeing you January 8th!



### Proposed Clam Digs!

December 31st Friday 3:40 PM 0 ft.

January 1st Saturday 4:31 PM -0.4 ft.

Final approval of all scheduled openings will depend on results of the marine toxin tests that show the clams are safe to eat.

# OPERATION THANK YOU!

Governor Chris Gregoire has directed that Washington State and United States flags at all Washington state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff Tuesday, Tuesday December 21, in memory of U.S. Army Cpl. Sean M. Collins, 25, of Yelm, who died December 12 from wounds received when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business Tuesday, or first thing Wednesday morning, December 22.

Surfside Homeowners Association has lowered the flags at the Veteran's Memorial Park in recognition of U.S. Army Cpl. Sean M. Collins.



# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20	21 No Architectural Meeting	22	23	24 Office Closed Friday and Saturday for the Holidays	25 Office Closed  Happy Holidays
26	27	28 No Architectural Meeting	29	30	31  OFFICE CLOSED	
January 2011						1. January First Office Closed  
2	3	4 Architectural Committee Meeting 9:00 AM	5 RV Committee Meeting 9:00AM	6	7	8
9	10	11 Architectural Committee Meeting 9:00 AM Larry Hampton Happy Birthday 	12	12 Ginger Byrd Happy Birthday 	14	15 Regular Board Meeting 9:00 AM