

Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

Summer 2011

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, *By President Jim Flood*

2011 in Surfside started out with several changes, we went from having a General Manager to a Business Manager. We are contracting the services of Bill Neal for supervision of the Water/Field Services Department and under his direction the water crew continues to provide Surfside with quality water delivery and maintenance of all Surfside grounds and assets.

On March 11, 2011 following the catastrophic earthquake in Japan and the potential for a devastating event from a tsunami on the peninsula, the water crew proved their merit once again. They made sure that all Surfside equipment was moved to a safe area before considering evacuating.

The Board developed five goals for the year. Those goals and the progress on each goal is as follows: **Safety:** The completion of the Safety Manual has been accomplished, all of the Water/Field Service staff have received CPR training as well as one office staff member. Safety classes are held weekly. **Employees and Stakeholders:** The board continues to have open discussion with members through floor comment sessions at the board meetings and through all venues of communication. Staff members strive to give good services and have positive interactions with all members. **Assets:** All Surfside assets are being maintained and are on a routine maintenance schedule. The pedestrian bridges are on a routine annual inspection with a monthly visual inspection, the water main replacement project is proceeding on schedule. **Financial:** For the second year in a row the budget has been lower than previous years. We are striving to give appropriate services for the cost of assessments. The cost of water utilities alone in the surrounding communities is more than the annual dues on one lot. **Operations:** The daily operations have improved through cross training of office staff and the implementation of the maintenance schedule and daily log for the Water Field Service Staff.

The Firewise Committee held a very successful "Cleanup Day" on April 30, 2011. Stan Jackson used his equipment and donated time to provide chipping for all natural yard debris. The chips were then used by the Lands and Buildings Committee to landscape the Veteran's Park at 306th. The left over chips were available to members for their individual landscape needs.

The "Kids Fishing Derby" was held on May 28, 2011 returning this popular event to the Memorial Day weekend. This event for many years was the start of the summer season for many of the children and grandchildren of Surfside members. It was not hosted for several years for the lack of volunteer help. Then on the July fourth weekend of 2009 Pamela Stephens and Diane Jackson revived the event. Karen Gove volunteered to chair the Fishing Derby Committee this year, and we hope with support from our great volunteers this event will continue.

The Lands and Buildings Committee continues to be very active in developing plans for the maintenance of Surfside buildings and properties.

Mark your calendars for the date of the annual meeting and picnic. The meeting will be Saturday July 9th at 10:00 AM the meeting is held at the Ocean Park Elementary School and is followed with a picnic at the Surfside Office. In addition to the regular board meetings the third Saturday of every month this is another opportunity for you to have a voice in your association.

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SURFSIDE WATER AND FIELD DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2010 & 2011

By Bill Neal

The **water and field department** has been busy this year. The largest part of our work has been replacing water mains on H Street between 300th and 315th. We also replaced water mains on 306th and 313th between H Street and G Street. We installed 6- fire hydrants and 25- flushing station on cul-du-sacs and dead end streets. We installed 4-8-inch gate valves, 16- 6-inch gate valves and 4-4-inch gate valves. We are happy to announce that there is over one mile of new water mains installed since our last annual report.

One other milestone for the water department last year was the **ending of the bi-lateral compliance agreement** with the Office of Drinking Water. The Water Department demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Office of Drinking Water that the disinfection byproducts (TTHM & HAA5) are well below the maximum contaminant level set by the Environmental Protection Agency. This means the Office of Drinking Water is confident of the Water Department's ability to provide safe drinking water.

The **Well Field on G Street and 350th path** (Oysterville Well Field) has been completely decommissioned. The pump house and all of the on-site water mains and all eight wells are gone. The site has been leveled. We were able to complete this work with minimal outside contractors. The wells were decommissioned by the crew under the direction of Bill Neal, Water Superintendent, via his well construction license. Doing this work in house saved the members at least \$8,000.00 compared to contracting the work to a well drilling contractor.

With all of the work on the water system the crews were also able to complete a lot of **work on field projects**. We installed new signs at the business office, on beach trails and the digital reader sign at the compactor. We improved the lighting at the compactor, the Twins Lakes Cabana and the business office. We improved the parking at the business office. Most of the parking at the business office interfered with members' access to their lots. We now have a parking area that is located entirely on Surfside property. We also improved the parking at the 306th Memorial Park access off of H Street. We also had to be clever.

There was a busy beaver working in the canal over the winter. The crew chased the beaver up and down the canal cleaning up his handy work. We have removed two trees he downed to date and need to get a couple more out. We are encouraging the busy little guy to move to a less populated area.

We relocated the **306th Memorial Park kiosk** and picnic table last summer. We did this as a final touch to complete the west side of the Memorial Park.

There are several projects to be completed in 2011 and 2012. We will be making upgrades to the well field to make it more energy efficient and reliable. We will be installing another mile of water main to reduce the cost of emergency repairs. We will be installing 22 blow-off stations and several gate valves to improve our ability to properly flush the water mains and improve water quality. We will be starting our meter installation program in 2012. The meters will keep us in compliance with Office of Drinking Water rules. We will be investigating improvements to the filtration to do a better job removing color from the water and improve our systems efficiency and reliability.





BOARD CANDIDATES



David Olson

I very much enjoy the life style here at Surfside and would like to help in any way I can to maintain that. I like the direction our present administration is going in, to reduce our yearly dues whenever possible and to keep our water system running as efficiently as we can. My wife and I have been members of Surfside since 1989 and have seen many changes over the years and look forward to helping make Surfside a special place for everyone.



Larry Nelsen

Being a full time year round resident of Surfside, I also serve on the architectural Committee, Tree Committee and started safety meetings for the water department staff. I want to make things better for everyday life in this association, and to continue to plan ahead for water line replacement. I believe I have helped to make positive changes in Surfside already. I want to be re-elected to carry on these changes.



Chris Hanson

I would like to continue working for Surfside as a trustee to help the members further improve the community and using our funds in a responsible manner. My experience is as follows:

Architectural Committee (one year as trustee)
Land and Buildings Committee, Water Field Services Committee. Trustee for Tree Committee, grievance, insurance emergency management and policies and covenants. I have tried to keep the budget under control and therefore our dues. I hope to continue to serve members in whatever capacity is needed.



Kirby Smith

My wife Cindy, and I started coming to Surfside in our RV twelve years ago and decided we would retire here. We purchased a lot, and in 2005 started construction of our home. We retired in 2008 and have lived here since then. We love it here.

In my history, anytime I have been a member of an organization I have had a desire to serve it and I feel the same way about Surfside. I believe we are fortunate to have our owners association. I wish to serve it by participating in the decisions being made which affect us all, both now and in the future. For that reason, I am asking that you vote for me and let me represent our mutual interests.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE JUNE 2011 UPDATE

Quite a few Surfsiders already know that the Community Relations Committee is collecting "Labels for Education" from soup cans, Kleenex boxes, etc. So far we've had a generous turn-out and gave Ocean Park School our first package of coupons in April. This drive will continue through 2011: it is an easy way to contribute to a much appreciated endeavor. We hope you'll keep those coupons coming just take them to Nancy at the Compactor or drop them off at the Office ...preferably in a baggie or an envelope...and as always, thanks for your ongoing generosity!

After many hours of planning, we've sponsored the first of our 2011 community activities: the Spring Planting Demonstration on May 14th. Master Gardener Rachel Gana planted a wonderful display-focused on "deer inedibles" if there is such a thing—which we raffled off, along with several "door" prizes. If you missed our Spring event, keep in mind that we will be sponsoring a Fall container planting on October 1st. Please plan to come!

The picnic tables we purchased for the playground are being assembled as we write this; look for them to be in place as soon as the nearby grounds work is finished, certainly in advance of the July 9th Surfside Picnic. The committee will again do the set-up and planning for the Annual Picnic. Watch the Surfside Weekender for more information about this.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 6, when we'll be sponsoring Chili and Jazz at Twin Lakes Cabana, an afternoon that should have something for everyone: food, fun and great music!

Community Relations is all about Surfside, so you might find us preparing mailers, supporting Beach Clean-up or collecting donations for the Welcome Bags. We definitely will be shopping for the Foster Children Christmas Project, and a rumor is circulating that we might sponsor a mosaic workshop sometime in the fall. We love new faces and new ideas. Contact the Surfside Office at 360-665-4171 if you would like to join us!

RV COMMITTEE

The Board proposed a covenant change that would extend the summer permit time to allow RV's on your property from March 15th to October 31st. We hope all RV users will take advantage of the "opinion" part of the ballot this year and vote yes for more time to use your property. We acknowledge the fact that you pay the same dues as any other member of Surfside and hope we will get the needed support to make this change happen.

Members who live outside of the area are encouraged to join our committee, we will be using the phone and other electronic means for you to participate. If you are interested in joining this committee please send me an email at dritchmond@surfsideonline.org.

2011 will be a busy year for the RV storage area. We are going to add 45 more electrical spots to the storage area. The plan is to extend the power down the middle of the storage area. We will be doing concrete work around the RV dump. This will make the dump site comply with Pacific County rules for sanitary dumping. The water hose will be in a fixed position to allow easy use as well as keep it off the ground.

You will also see new numbers on the spaces this summer. We had numbers made by the Naselle Youth Camp. The numbers only cost \$2.50 each and should last for many years. This was a win-win for us and the Youth Camp. We look forward to seeing all of you over the summer season!

By [Debbie Richmond](#)

LAND AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

We as a committee are currently working on plans for the 306th and H Street bridge site. Our plans are to use Bush Cranberry plants, Blue Berry Trees, and other plants that will provide food for the animals of the area. These plants should hold up well to deer and birds feeding on them. We are going to be covering the ground with wood chips. This will create low maintenance for our crew and avoid the cost of installing a water meter at this site. We are using this lot as part of the Fire Wise program and will receive credit towards that program for all work that is done. Through out the summer months we will be looking at using wood chips on other property that has bare ground.

We still have money left from last years garage sale to purchase these plants. With any remaining funds we will be planning other beautification projects, like the septic lids at the Homeowners Office. If any member has ideas or concerns about any Surfside owned property please contact the office and they will give that information to the Lands and Buildings Committee.

By Debbie Richmond

SURFSIDE ARTISTS CORNER

Surfside's inspiring atmosphere has found our artists hard at work getting ready for an exciting summer season of art shows. Many of us are exhibiting at the Bay Avenue Gallery in Ocean Park on an ongoing basis. This delightful gallery features only work of Peninsula artists and this summer will host a number of workshops and kids classes. Don Perry has just dropped off a new collection of his metal work, Jan Richardson, Andrea Traphagen, Joan and Richard Taplin and Ruth Carpenter are among the Surfside artists represented at the gallery.

The PAA Spring Art show enjoyed a nice representation of work done by Surfside residents including Jan Richardson, Nancy Meyrick, Andrea Traphagen and a few others. Jan also exhibited at the Oregon Potter's Association Ceramic Showcase in Portland in April, and at the Clatsop Community College Annual Student Exhibiting. She also entered a new work in Patterns, a special exhibit at the Piedmont Craftsman in Winston-Salem North Carolina.

The up coming summer months are very full with the adult and child workshops and special exhibits at the Bay Avenue Gallery; the artists area at the Garlic Festival in Ocean Park, June 18 and 19, The first Oysterville Artisan Fair on July 1 and 2 at the Oysterville School; the PAA Summer Art Show in Ilwaco at the Ilwaco Heritage Museum on July 22, 23 and 24. At the Starving Artists show in Ocean Park on July 2, at the Ocean Park Library you will find artists selling work and supplies at very reasonable prices.

The Peninsula Clay Artists Third Annual Clay show will include the work of several Surfside clay artists and will be held at the Artisan in Ilwaco with the exhibition opening on August 12 and continuing through August 21st. The week leading up to the opening will include several clay workshops, raku firings and the second week of the show will feature a mosaic workshop with individual projects and a community wall piece. Mark your calendars now for the 41st annual PAA Fall Art show in Long Beach October 7-10 and the studio tour on Thanksgiving weekend November 25 and 26. This peninsula wide tour is great fun for the entire family and a great place to shop for the holidays. Stop by all of these events and enjoy the arts.



High Meadow Barn



Whales

By Jan Richardson



PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

By Jacob Brundage, Fire Chief

According to the U.S. Fire Administration approximately 40% of all reported fires are outdoors. Here on the peninsula, we are no different. As spring and summer approach more of us will work outside, trimming, mowing, burning, etc. Over the past couple of years, the Fire District has responded to its fair share of outdoor fires. The two most common causes of outdoor fires are unattended outdoor burning and faulty power equipment.

Outdoor fires can be useful for burning natural vegetation or creating a social gathering point for friends and family. Unfortunately, many people do not properly extinguish their fire when they are done using it. Fires that are not completely extinguished can continue to smolder for several days. Fires can re-start with a change in winds, fires can grow through sub-surface root systems, or simply catch other flammable materials that are too close. Unattended fires present a real fire hazard, and should not be treated lightly.



April 30, 2010 this fire at 300th and H Place was started from an unattended vegetation burn

Lawn mowers, weed eaters, tillers, and other power equipment can also start fires. Within the past couple of years, several dune grass fires were started when a lawn mower caught the grass on fire. It is important to properly maintain power equipment, and to constantly be aware of the exhaust in relation to the grass or brush. While these fires are sometimes unavoidable, a small fire extinguisher can make it possible to keep a small fire from becoming a monster.



April 24, 2009 a large dune fire was started by a faulty lawn mower just south of Ocean Park

If you have any questions about how to be fire safe when working outdoors, please contact the District Office (665-4451) for additional information. Please be safe and enjoy the outdoors!

DEPUTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following is an overview of the calls I handled in Surfside from January to May 2011. Overall the last four months have been fairly quiet, which is a good thing for Surfside. With summer approaching I know I will have a few busy months.

Most of my time in Surfside is spent on, "routine patrol". I drive around trying to deter crime and speeding. I try to drive each road of Surfside an equal amount of time each day and sit stationary where I can get a good angle to run speed radar.

At this time I have no open cases. I had two criminal investigations and one lasted about two months. Luckily for both cases there was a suspect. Both of them were theft involving credit cards and both have been closed and sent to the prosecutor. After reading my reports the prosecutor will determine if he will charge the suspects or not.

I had four burglaries over the first four months of the year. One was to a job site on J which also just had an attempted burglary last week. Two were on O Place, and the only missing item from one of the residents was beer. The last burglary was to a shed off of L Place about \$750.00 dollars worth of items were taken. There are no suspects in any of the burglaries.

In total I stopped 87 cars and issued 24 citations. Some people say I need to write more tickets. I can say that almost all of the people whom I have stopped and given warnings to over the last four months that continue to drive through Surfside have slowed down and the ones who haven't have received tickets. I also had nine traffic complaints. I understand there is speeding and I try my best to do a lot of traffic surveillance where the most complaints come from, which is I street but it is only me patrolling. I had one felony warrant arrest and one misdemeanor warrant arrest. One subject spent time in Pacific County Jail and then was sent back to California for parole violation. The second subject spent some time in Pacific County Jail and then was released.

The major calls in Surfside were the tsunami advisory, a possible boat sinking, and a car fire. In February there was a car fire on the beach at about 350th and F. The fire fully engulfed the car it was a total loss. The cars owner had been involved in an earlier hit and run in Long Beach and the disoriented driver drove to Surfside on the beach. The driver was uninjured and charged with hit and run and unattended vehicle and transported to Ocean Beach Hospital.

On March 11, 2011 the major earthquakes in Japan put most west coast towns on tsunami advisory or warning. Pacific County did not have a mandatory evacuation, but a lot of people left the peninsula for higher ground. I was in Surfside at the Wyndham time-share on J Place. There were about 100 or so people there, but most residents of Surfside stayed home. There was also a possible boat in distress off the shore from 306th and G Street. It was determined that the boat had just come in close to set crab pots and nothing was wrong.

In closing I would like to again remind residents to lock their homes and cars at all times. The majority of thefts and vehicle prowls seem to happen in summer when most residents are here. I would also like to remind residents to leave me house check forms available at the Surfside Office when they are gone, even if only for a few days or if there is ongoing vacancy and especially if someone unfamiliar to your neighbors is staying or going to your residence while you are away. Also if you hear or see anything suspicious don't be afraid to call it in. If I am not on duty a deputy will usually respond if they are not on another call.

If you need to contact me for anything please call the Homeowners Association or my Sheriff's department office number is (360)642-9403 ext. 2178. I do not always check my voicemail at the office everyday.

By Deputy Travis Ostgaard



PLEASE NOTE

*AN UPCOMING CHANGE
TO THE NEWSLETTER*

In an effort to be more fiscally responsible and earth-friendly, we will be sending the bi-annual Newsletter only electronically when possible. Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address. If you are able to view the newsletter electronically, and still prefer to receive a hard copy of this publication, please notify our office by telephone at (360)665-4171, or e-mail us at: office@surfsideonline.org.



IMPORTANT!

We would like to remind members that it is very important the office have both a primary number where you can be reached and an emergency number if you are unavailable. In November the Peninsula was hit with two storms that left homes and property with damage. In many instances we could not reach members to let them know of serious damage to their property. Please notify the office with your current information at your earliest convenience.

Please remember how important it is for you to have an address clearly marked on your property to aid emergency crews to respond to you. Pacific County Fire District #1 has address signs available for a nominal fee. They have two styles available, the office has the order form for these sign options.

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