

# Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

Winter 2012

## Year End State of Surfside Address

By: Gary Williams – Surfside President

Greetings to all of my Surfside friends. I hope you and your family and friends have had a wonderful holiday season. The end of a calendar year is a natural time to reflect on what has passed and look ahead to the opportunities that lie before us. I would like to take a few minutes to do both.

2011 has been a busy year here at Surfside. Our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to accomplish much this last year. The Community Relations Committee has put on a number of events. They held two planting events that were well attended and great information was passed on to those in attendance. We had a Chili Cook Off and concert by members of the Ilwaco High School Band. At this event bowls made by local clay artists were sold as a fund raiser for the "Back Pack" program for the Ocean Park Elementary School. They collected \$250.00 to contribute to this program which provides food for children in need.

The Architectural Committee continues to review all applications for new structures in Surfside. This includes new house constructions, sheds, and fences amongst other issues. They continue to streamline their process to provide the best experience for our members.

The RV Committee developed a new plan for numbering the storage area; the renumbering is complete. They also added 45 additional power spaces. The RV Summer use period was also extended. The new summer usage period is from March 15 thru October 31. It was noted that there were significantly fewer RV's left on properties after the end of the summer usage period.

Our staff and volunteers worked diligently to make Surfside a Firewise Community. We provided a Surfside lot for members to bring their yard debris and have it chipped using a large chipper donated by a member of Surfside. Volunteers also offered their pickups and time to go around and collect yard debris for those members who did not have a means to get their yard debris to the collection point. All this hard work culminated with Surfside being granted Firewise Community status. Thank you to all those who made this happen.

Our Fishing Derby returned to its traditional time of Memorial Day Weekend. Although there were no fish caught, the kids had a great time and it was wonderful to see the community come together to kick off the summer in such a big way. I assure you, we will ensure that there are fish to be caught during the 2012 Fishing Derby.

To make any of the above happen, it requires cooperation between the Board of Trustees, volunteers, and staff. I feel that we have come together as a team to ensure these events are successful.

Our staff also has had a banner year. Once again, the Water Crew reached their goal for the Water Main Replacement project by laying over 1 mile of pipe in 2011. The water crew has also de-commissioned the Oysterville Well Field, on schedule with the six year water plan. The area has been leveled and has had chips spread. The Bridge Side Well Fields also have been decommissioned and the pump house removed. The area has

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been prepped for chips or landscaping. The Water and Field Services crew have come together this last year as a team and have improved their efficiencies. The office staff continues to provide quality and friendly service for our members. They continue to streamline processes that result in better customer service and reduced costs.

In November, our membership overwhelmingly approved the budget for 2012. Once again the budget results in a reduction of dues for the members. This is another example of staff and volunteers working together to obtain a quality product. Thank you everyone who contributed to another successful budget exercise.

2012 will bring its own set of challenges, some known, some unknown. Probably the most polarizing challenge we have is the requirement to install water meters over the next 5 years. A lot of work has gone into the planning for the Water Meter project. A series of meetings were held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011 that brought the membership up to speed as the planning progressed. They were all well attended, especially the meeting held on December 3. I realize that not everyone is happy with the requirement to install meters, or the plan for funding and installing the meters. Believe me, I understand your frustrations. With a project of this complexity not everyone is going to be happy with the plan. I assure you the Water Planning Committee and the Board of Trustees have spent many hours to come up with a plan that we feel is in the best interest of the membership at large.

Along with the meters, we will be obtaining new accounting software. We will take this opportunity to do a detailed review of our accounting and financial administration practices to ensure accurate and clear reporting. In the past there has been some question regarding double dipping with the Water Main Replacement project and potential double dipping with the meter installation project. I am committed to ensuring that this is not and will not happen in the future. I will recommend to the Board that we utilize our accountant that provides our annual financial reports as a consultant to set up the new software.

Other challenges will arise and as always we will face those challenges as a team head on. To do this we need continued cooperation between staff and volunteers. We continue to need additional volunteers to allow us to accomplish everything that needs to be done in 2012. I would encourage each of you to get involved in any way you can. There are a number of diverse opportunities and I am sure there is something that is in your area of expertise and interest that would benefit the Association. If you have an idea and you don't see it implemented, don't be afraid to bring your ideas forward.





**PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Jacob Brundage

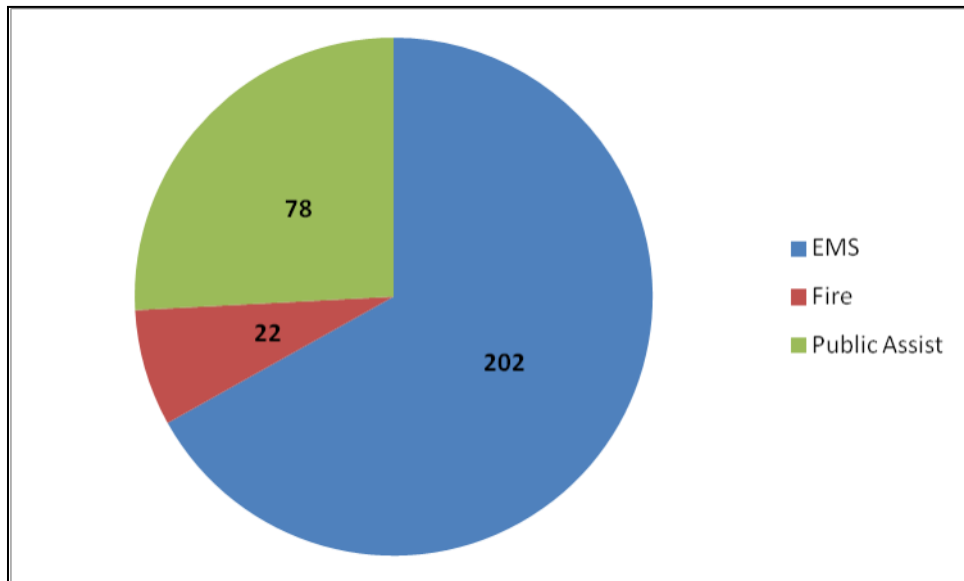
As the year comes to a close, it is important to thank all of those people who made this past year a little bit easier. Despite hard economic times, many volunteers gave selflessly to make sure our community continues to be a great place to live. Whether you donated money or time to your favorite charity or simply picked up garbage along the roadway during your daily walk, our community is a better place because of you. The Fire District is thankful for many aspects of our community.

The District and I personally would like to thank the community for their on-going support. To the citizens who volunteer thousands of hours to train and respond to emergencies; to the businesses for supporting their workers who are volunteers; to the citizens who stop by the fire station to tell us “thank you”.

I am thankful for the support Surfside has given the Fire District. Many public safety concerns have been addressed with enthusiasm. A station with active volunteers has been expanded for current and future needs. The community has also worked together to become a Firewise community. Living in Surfside, I can personally say that I am thankful for my other fellow Surf-siders. I can always bet that my neighbors will wave and smile when I pass them. If a neighbor is in need (despite of economic or social status) our fellow neighbors will be there to help you through it.

I wish everyone joyous holidays and a happy New Year!

***Safety Tip: During this time of year the use of propane appliances increases tremendously. By the beginning of December the Fire District had responded to two Carbon Monoxide (CO) related incidents. Make sure to check you propane powered furnace, fireplace, or stove for adequate venting. If you do have a propane-powered heating unit, you should also invest in a CO detector.***



2011 (YTD) Surfside Area Call Volume by Type

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE****Winter 2011-2012**

**JANUARY:** 2 picnic tables were assembled and placed in the Surfside Playground.

**MAY:** A Planting Container event was hosted by Rachel Gana and Ann Thoreson on the SHOA Office grounds. We advertised this as a Peninsula free event and had an excellent turnout.

**JULY:** The Committee hosted the annual Membership Picnic.

**AUGUST:** We sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off at Twin Lakes Cabana. Prizes were provided by the Peninsula Clay Artists, who also donated a number of bowls for sale. All proceeds went to Ocean Park Elementary for their Backpack program. Music was provided by the Ilwaco High Pep Band which received a donation for their school music program, as well as all the generous tips given by attendees.

**OCTOBER:** A winter bulb Container planting was hosted by Jan Richardson and Sheila Wallace on the Office grounds. We also advertised this as a free Peninsula event. Door prizes were raffled and giveaways were provided.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:** The Committee collected funds and shopped for the SHOA Christmas Children's Drive. With the terrific help from Surfside members, there are 13 very lucky children this year. Blessings to all of them - and to you!

**UPCOMING IN 2012:**

**JANUARY:** Tsunami Preparedness Presentation, sponsored by John Williams with Natasha Nesbitt at the Office, 2:00 p.m., Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING THROUGH FALL:** Planting Demonstrations on the Office grounds. Planning and planting events west of the 306<sup>th</sup> Bridge site, coordinating with the Lands & Buildings Committee.

Watch The Weekender for volunteer opportunities!

**JULY:** General Membership Picnic.

**AUGUST:** Chili Cook-Off, with prizes and music.

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:** Christmas Children's Drive.

In addition, we are working on further improvements to the Playground and are discussing a plan for a Surfside Community Garden. Our 2012 budget includes some funds for other events. Tentative plans include a Surfside Golf Tournament, and hopes for another July 4<sup>th</sup> entry in the Ocean Park parade, a Boat Parade, Brunch on a Bridge, etc. We welcome your ideas and need people to help!

Let us hear: email Ann Thoreson at [getorganizedtoo@centurytel.net](mailto:getorganizedtoo@centurytel.net), Sheila Wallace at [smking@centurytel.net](mailto:smking@centurytel.net), or Jan Richardson at [jan@windymeadowspottery.com](mailto:jan@windymeadowspottery.com).

Join us at a meeting: usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We'll keep the lights on for you.

Submitted by the Community Relations Committee



## Surfside artists.....by Jan Richardson

Artists of Surfside (AOS) is a newly formed group for the purpose of getting together to share aesthetic ideas and technical information. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at one in the afternoon at the SHOA office. Each month the project will change and equipment needs will be announced prior to the meeting. Folks will want to contact Judith Night or Jan Richardson.

Other local opportunities are the Peninsula Arts Association and the Peninsula Clay Artists. Each group produces shows, workshops and has meetings with a variety of topics. The PAA studio tour was Thanksgiving weekend with four Surfside artists showing. Additionally, 14 other studios on the Peninsula were open. Jan Richardson's Windy Meadows Pottery studio was open with guest potter Danni Pederson, Ruth Carpenter was showing her acrylics at her charming canal side studio, Don Perry had a studio full of his innovative metal work and Andrea Traphagan was showing her paintings. Most of these artists are represented at the Bay Avenue Gallery in Ocean Park. There are many other activities for folks interested in art pursuits on the peninsula. The Ocean Park/Surfside area is becoming the happening place for all of it.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

**The forms for payment options or the option to pay by credit card were not included in this year's mailing. The return response did not warrant the cost of including them.**

**If you wish to pay your annual membership dues and assessments in installments or with a credit card you may access the form at <http://www.surfsideonline.org> or in the Weekender or if you do not have access to either of these call the office at 360-665-4171 we will be happy to mail, fax or email you the form.**

Below is a summary of the payment options:

Additional payments of **at least** the same amount are due on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> with the last payment to be received no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. I understand that a 1% service charge per month will be added to my outstanding balance after sixty (60) days & every thirty (30) days thereafter until my account is paid in full. I also understand that failure to pay in full by July 31<sup>st</sup> will result in my receiving an Intent to Lien letter. **Please be aware that in order to take advantage of the payment plan the first payment & this form must be received in the Surfside business office no later than February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

The Water and Field Department has been very productive since the July report. We have replaced water main on G Street from just north of 315<sup>th</sup> to G place. We have installed twenty-two (22) flushing hydrants on dead end streets and we have decommissioned the shallow wells at 315<sup>th</sup> and G street on the west side (ocean side well field) and on the east side (bridge side well field).

**The Water Main Replacement (WMR)** goal for 2011 has been completed. We replaced just over a mile of water main including services and hydrants. In 2011 we installed a total of 1.8 miles of water main. We did not complete the WMR goal for 2010. We worked extra hard this year to complete 2010 and 2011 goals. We will start working on the 2012 WMR goal in January 2012. We will begin on G Street and continue to work north until we get to the intersection with I Street. We will also replace the water main on G loop. We will also install the last of the flushing hydrants on dead end streets. We have twenty-two left to install.

**The Wells on lots owned by Surfside** at 315<sup>th</sup> and G Street have been decommissioned. The wells were shallow sand points installed more than 50 years ago. The wells have not been used for years due to water quality issues, labor intensive operation and maintenance issues. On the lot east of G Street and north of 315<sup>th</sup> Street the wells, and related infrastructure along with the pump house have been removed. Many of the larger trees have been removed on the northerly side of the parcel also. This is a very large lot zoned commercial. It is now a valuable asset for Surfside instead of a property dedicated to the water system. The wells and related infrastructure on the lot west of G Street have also been decommissioned. The pump house/parts room has not been demolished. The building is aging but in good condition. We will be using the building to store Water System components for projects and repairs.

**Surfside has a backwash water basin** that is used to dispose of backwash water from our filtrations system. The backwash water basin needs regular maintenance and cleaning. This job could easily qualify for one of America's Dirtiest Jobs. If you look at the black muck at the bottom of the basin on the picture to the right you will agree. Where does that black muck come from you may wonder. It comes from your water. That is the iron and manganese that is removed by your filtration system. When the filters are backwashed the iron and manganese that is removed from your water is washed into the basin to be disposed of by our crew. Your water crew cleans the backwash pond three times a year.

**We had a moderate blow** in November. The Water Field Crew responded to downed trees in the road and cleaned up some of the mess so our members could get around. The wind took the flag pole at the Business Office. I am confident we will have a replacement flag pole very soon.

By Bill Neal



## SURFSIDE DEPUTY REPORT JUNE, 2011 – NOVEMBER, 2011 DEPUTY TRAVIS OSTGAARD

The following is my semi-annual report. This report is for the months of June, 2011 to November, 2011.

June through September I had multiple calls involving fireworks complaints and speeding complaints. I stopped 65 cars in the 3 month period and issued 19 traffic citations. I had a few warrant arrests and most of the suspect's also had Marijuana and drug paraphernalia. I had a few weapon involved calls in the month of September. Both calls involved intoxicated subjects and guns. One case ended with charges and the other was dropped. Rod Run went well and I had no major problems.

October and November were fairly slow. I stopped 33 cars, but only wrote 5 traffic citations for the 2 month period. I had a few traffic complaints as usual. I also had a few alarms and agency assists. The Surfside water building had a window broken out. There was no suspect in that case. I did multiple jail transports in the month of November for the County.

For the month of December I have stopped 5 cars and issued 2 citations so far. There was a burglary/malicious mischief to the RV storage lot. The fence was opened by unscrewing some bolts and the pad lock on the man gate to the compactor was cut. After investigation nothing appeared to be missing. All the RV's in the lot were checked and were all locked.

I did have a request by a homeowner for me to write in where the animal complaints come from. The animal complaints I handled came from 301<sup>st</sup> and Stackpole area, Oysterville beach approach and 324<sup>th</sup> and Q. Place area.

Now that the Fall/Winter months are here I am worried about more burglaries. The County has had a steady increase of thefts and burglaries in the last few months, but only 3 here in Surfside. I will again remind everyone to lock their homes and cars even if inside or nearby. Also with the Fall/Winter comes the cold weather. We have had a few icy days recently and I would recommend travelling at slower speeds due to black ice and the road conditions. Also if you have somewhere to be, leave a little earlier just in case.

I did also recently get my computer in my car. It is a great tool to have while on patrol. I can get most of my reports done from the car instead of having to go to the office. This does not mean I don't still have to go to the office; I just don't have to go as frequently. I also have a new Sector (E-Ticket) printer. I can now issue tickets using my computer and print them off rather than write them out, which speeds up the ticket writing process.

### **The following are the calls I handled.**

Traffic warnings: 98	Noise complaints: 11	Agency Assist: 23
Traffic tickets: 24	Trespass: 3	Alarms: 15
Traffic hazards/complaints: 15	Warrant arrest: 4	Harassment: 4
Suspicious circumstances: 41	Hunting complaints: 8	Animal complaints: 4
Welfare checks: 22	Weapons offense: 2	911 Hang up: 7
Citizen assists: 52	Burglary: 5	Malicious mischief: 2
House checks: 75	Theft: 7	
Fireworks complaints: 23	Assault: 1	
Civil issues: 11	Fire: 1	

**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. Please notify the office with your current information and email address as soon as possible.

Also 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.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO HELP YOU!**

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