



Weekender

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Oysterville Road Water Main Looping Project Nears Completion

The Surfside HOA water crew has been installing new water mains to complete the Oysterville Road water main looping project. The Association has set aside funds, approximately \$104,000 to complete this project. The project includes installation of approximately 1600 feet of 8-inch C-900 PVC water main, 2 hydrants, and reconnection of 32 services (1" polyethylene pipe that connects the main to the meter box). The project was slowed in the early part of the year by substantial rain. The construction is always done carefully because of the utility lines and cables in the shoulder area of the road.

Why does Surfside need a new water main in this area? There are two factors that make this project a critical need. The first factor is the thin-walled asbestos cement pipe which has been breaking frequently in the last 10 years. The second factor is that the area north of Oysterville Road is fed by one water main on I Street. When a break occurs, the area of the break is isolated by shutting off valves on either side of the broken pipe. Once the pipe is no longer under pressure it can be safely and properly repaired by the installation of a new piece of pipe. This is an expensive process for many reasons.

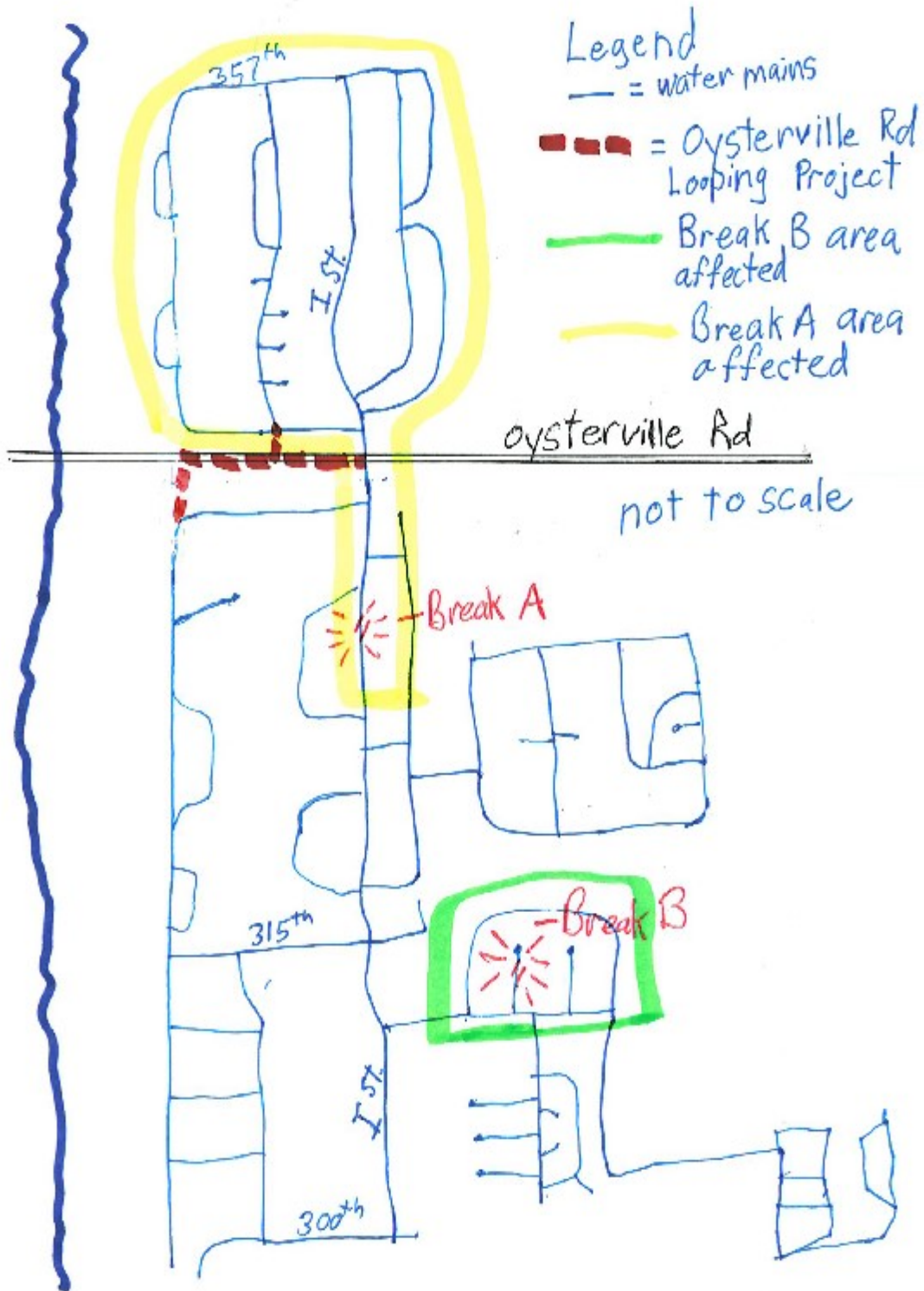
The attached map shows two examples of breaks and how the area of the break is isolated by turning the nearest valves off. In the case of Break A only 50 properties lose water when the break is isolated. However, in the case of Break B on I Street not only are the adjacent properties without water during the repair, the entire area north of Oysterville Road is also without water. So instead of having 50 properties without water, we may have 600 properties without water.

The aftermath of the water break includes sending samples of water to be tested in Longview or Vancouver, Washington. Depending on the day of the week it may take up to three days for a negative test. A negative test means there is no bacteria in the water and it is safe to drink. This is why we issue a boil water order. I doubt that many people actually boil water for drinking and other uses, however it creates a significant inconvenience to purchase water for drinking, brushing your teeth, and other uses.

The installation of an additional water main that can feed the water system north of Oysterville Road will make a significant difference in the number of properties that are under the boil water order when a break occurs.

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No fines as a result of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Investigation into Asbestos Pipe Handling

After an Investigation into the handling of Asbestos Cement Pipe, the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA has determined there were no criminal or civil violations and have closed the case. Our attorney who handled the response to the EPA noted that the investigation is closed and further that EPA does not routinely send out any written confirmation that they have closed the case. (We asked for a written confirmation.) Our attorney further indicated that EPA was pleased with the way Surfside HOA took responsibility for its education and compliance.

So why is Surfside homeowners Association involved with United States Environmental Protection Agency? In 2018 Surfside had several water main breaks on the south end of J Pl. Instead of continuing to repair 5 feet of line each time we have a break, it is more cost effective to replace several hundred feet of pipe. The usual procedure is to install C 900 PVC pipe, leave the AC pipe in the ditch, cover the pipes with fill, compact, and restore the shoulder or replace the asphalt. To avoid leaving the empty AC pipe under the county asphalt road, the pipe was removed and buried at our water department yard. This was a violation of Washington administrative code regarding the handling of asbestos. Leaving the asbestos pipe in the ground is the prescribed method of abandoning asbestos pipe.

As a result of the violation the Department of Labor and Industries fined Surfside \$27,000. Because of our management contract with North Beach Water District, North Beach paid half of the fine.

Financial Report *by Rudd Turner, Trustee and Treasurer*

Income: During January – March, 1st quarter, \$1,466,858, or 84.8% of member fees have been received with \$262,941 still owed to make the total SHOA budget of \$1,729,799. This compares with 84.5% paid at this time last year. Miscellaneous revenues = \$40,270, which is on track to meet this year's Operational offset.

Expenditures: 1st quarter Operational expenditures were \$356,347, or 21.5% of budget. The 2020 Capital Reserve contributions of \$343,016 were made to Reserve accounts in January.

Finances are strong at this time. However, the coronavirus pandemic could impact SHOA's income, staff, vendors, and activities. The drinking water system, trash disposal, financial management, and deputy patrol are high Operational priorities. The Trustees are monitoring the situation closely and will adjust programs if needed in the coming weeks and months. As a precaution, an application was submitted to the Small Business Administration for a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). A \$10,000 forgivable Advance has been received. It will be used as needed to support payroll and obligations that result from the economic slowdown.

Your continued support of our community through volunteering and paying member fees is much appreciated. The 3% credit card charge has been suspended in order to facilitate remote fee payments. Payment plans are available to spread out costs. Feel free to contact the business office at 360-665-4171 to discuss payments.

As a reminder, with Spring here, don't forget that the water conservation rate has dropped to 5,000 cu ft, or the equivalent of 37,402 gals of water per month.

1. Covid 19 concern continues to be the dominant subject at the beach.
2. The governor has asked all Washingtonians to stay at home.
3. If/When you come to visit your lot or home at Surfside be prepared – purchase necessities before you get to the Peninsula. The Peninsula businesses may have half-empty shelves.
4. Also be sure to bring masks as you are unlikely to find them here.
5. Please heed the other advice that we hear daily, wash your hands, maintain social distance, if you're sick stay home – medical services are very limited on the Peninsula.
6. If you come to enjoy your property, carefully plan and purchase provisions before you get to the beach, and respect others concern for their health.
7. Please respect people's property. Do not use private property as a shortcut. Trails are well marked, and should be used.

Surfside Board of Trustees has drafted and forwarded a replacement contract for the Travis Ostgaard patrol services to Pacific County. The association has been negotiating a replacement with Sheriff Robin Souvenir and Assistant Pacific County Prosecutor Ben Haslam. However, both individuals are currently assigned to the Pacific County Emergency Operations Center and are dealing with the affects of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Trustees believe that negotiations will not resume until the crisis has passed. The members will be advised when more information is available.

SURFSIDE FIREWISE UPDATE

Surfside Chipping Program 2020 and COVID 19

Surfside's volunteer-run Firewise Chipping Program has been available during the summer months to members for many years. Unfortunately, this year is different. In March 2020, in response to state and county orders to manage the spread of COVID19, Surfside announced cancellation of all non-essential activities, including all committee meetings, until further notice. This ban included the Firewise Chipping Program.

Our primary concern is for the safety of members and volunteers, as well as the availability of commercial vendors that support this program. We are waiting for further directions from the State and County Officials on lifting the stay at home ban. Surfside will continue to monitor and assess the potential opening of the Chipper Site for member use during summer 2020. Until then, dumping any material at the site is prohibited.

PLEASE Stay Home, Stay Healthy!

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Surfside HOA COVID19 Response:
Communication Improvements
April, 2020

Like everyone at home or at work, the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted Surfside Homeowner Association (Surfside) activities in virtually every way. From office closure, to social distancing, we are all living a new “normal” in our everyday lives. Protecting employees, providing essential services and communicating with members is our top priority.

Surfside is responding to this challenge in new and exciting ways. It is vitally important that we keep you, the members, better informed on key notifications, meetings, and activities. To achieve this, your Board of Trustees (Board) has aggressively moved to select and implement improved internet access and public bandwidth at the Surfside office and implement WebEx Video/Audio conferencing capability. Our plan is to position WebEx for use in all future committee and Board meetings, as well as internal Surfside business uses. The WebEx Video Conferencing technology was recently tested by Lands and Buildings and Water System Planning Committee meetings and were a qualified success! We used the Webex Video technology for the April 18th, 2020 Board meeting.

For the technology-minded members, what did this mean? We replaced aged cable modems, Public (Open) and Private Wi-Fi Routers/Ethernet Hub with current equipment. We upgraded the Business Class Internet Service Level from 100 Mbps to 400 Mbps. This resolved a video conference session collapsing during initial testing, both with weak and slow Wi-Fi connections and Ethernet client desktops. This service level upgrade will also position Surfside for future Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system capability.

Protection of our employees and our water system is also a top priority. To assure this priority, Surfside is procuring and deploying enhanced mobile data processing equipment and software for support essential and critical employee impacted by COVID 19. This equipment and software upgrades will allow our essential employees the ability to work remotely and address any issues we might have in a very timely manner.

It should be noted that all these improvements have been done at minimal cost to Surfside. While we may have a few glitches to iron out over the next month, we are hopeful you, our members, will see significant improvements in our ability to communicate and conduct Surfside business. Through extensive use of volunteer time, staff support and existing contracts with IT consultants, we have managed to keep costs extremely low, while implementing needed improvements in record time.

Attention Homeowners with Rental Properties

Just a reminder for all of our homeowners that have renters in their Surfside homes that it is the owners responsibility to furnish the association with all of the renter information. We have forms in the office & available on our website to be completed. If you have a property management company handling your Surfside property, please make them aware of this requirement. If we do not have the proper information for your renter on file, we will not be able to supply them with a compactor pass. We thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our records accurate. Just a reminder—rentals of less than 30 days are not permitted in Surfside.

COMPACTOR SITE NEWS

The SHOA Compactor Site is open during this “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” period. Trash volume is increasing, due to members being home more and working on projects. In order to utilize disposal areas efficiently, please:

- (1) Completely flatten cardboard,
- (2) Bag your trash before placing it in the compactor, and
- (3) Crush recyclable plastic and aluminum containers.

Also when using the site:

- (1) Respect the 6 foot social distancing standard,
- (2) Display your pass so the attendant can see it, and
- (3) Dispose of trash and depart quickly to minimize the number of people within the site.

Daily trash limits: Compactor, two 45-gallon bags or equivalent, per member. Large Drop Box, same limit. The disposal of hazardous materials is strictly prohibited.

Let’s keep SHOA staff and members alike **SAFE** at this time.

Thank you!

New—Updated

Surfside HOA Office - Public Wi-Fi

SID(2.4 GHz): Surfside-Guest

Password: Surfside1#

SID(5 GHz): Surfside-5G-Guest

Password: Surfside1#

Surfside Members

Due to the threat from COVID19, we are making changes to our procedures. Our number 1 priority is the delivery of safe drinking water. We can keep employee and member exposure to a minimum and still provide information and services to members by:

- Closing the business office and the water department office to members.
- All evening activities are cancelled until further notice, and all in House committee meetings will be conducted via telephone conferencing.
- Members can call in to make credit card payments and we can email you a receipt. Members can still mail in checks or drop them through the mail slot in the front door.
- Effective Monday, April 6th, 2020 we are suspending the 3% charge for credit card payments until this pandemic is declared officially over. We suspended it for the convenience of our members.
- We can make arrangements to allow members to pick up compactor passes; RV permits and RV storage keys. Just wait until you are ready to come down here and pick them up before calling.
- We can still accept any applications for the Architectural Review Committee. They are meeting by conference call to review applications.
- Please note—we Do Not mail receipts. We will either email them to you or post them on the back door of the office for you to pick up

If you have any questions or want to arrange a pickup please call between 9-4, Monday -Friday, 360-665-4171 or email your request to Kimber@surfsideonline.org or office@surfsideonline.org

Architectural Committee

Just a reminder if you are planning on installing a fence, a shed, a garage or building a house ALL building plans must be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to any construction.



The committee usually meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., dependent upon if there's anything on the agenda. All applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting (if possible) to answer any questions that may arise.

The building packets are on our website at <http://www.surfsideonline.org/payment-form/> or you can pick one up from the business office.

Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee. Once approved, you will get a copy of the plans that have been stamped so you can take them to the county for their approval.

For more detailed information on the Architectural Committee duties and guidelines you can find them on our website www.surfsideonline.org, under the governance tab you'll see Surfside Restrictive Covenants link.

or call the business office 360-665-4171 with any questions.

To help pass the time while you are stuck at home. Stay safe and healthy.

IN THE TOOLBOX WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



DRILL
FLASHLIGHT
GLOVES
GREASE GUN
HACKSAW

HAMMER
KNIFE
LEVEL
MALLET
NAILS

PLIERS
SAFETY GLASSES
SCREWDRIVER
SCREWS
TAPE MEASURE

TIN SNIPS
VISE GRIPS
WIRE CUTTERS
WOOD GLUE
WRENCH

APRIL 2020

(depending on the Coronavirus)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	31 ARC 9 AM Via phone	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 ARC 9 AM Via phone	8	9 L & B 9 am WSP 10 am Via phone	10	11
12	13	14 ARC 9 AM Via phone	15	16	17	18 Regular Board Meeting 9 am
19	20	21 ARC 9 AM Via phone	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 ARC 9 AM EMC 1 pm Via phone	29	30		

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WSP= Water System Planning *CRC=Community Relations

May 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

All meetings are via conference call

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3	4	5 <i>ARC 9 am</i>	6	7 <i>L & B 9 am</i> <i>WSP 10 am</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>ARC 9 am</i> <i>CRC 1 pm</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Reg Board Meeting 9 am</i>
17	18	19 <i>ARC 9 am</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <i>ARC 9 am</i> <i>EMC 1 pm</i>	27	28	29 <i>F & W 1 pm</i>	30
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