

## Minutes for the Emergency Management Committee January 26, 2021

Present: Louise Purdin, Terry Daniels, John Williams: guests: Peggy Olds and Betsey Nelson (Tree and Noxious Weed Committee) and Joanne McMurphy (invited by Mark Scott).

1. A long term member of our committee, Walt Platt, passed away January 1, 2021 while hospitalized in Vancouver WA. He had fallen outside near his home; his hip was broken in the fall.
2. Mark Scott and John Williams collaborated on writing an article that was published in the Chinook Observer January 6, 2021, pp. 5-6. The 24 Evacuation signs have been placed in the right of way leading to J Place. The signs were purchased by Surfside and placed in right of way by Pacific County.
3. Mark & John intend to collaborate on another issue, the flooding of Oysterville Road at the beach approach.
4. The 2021 running on the Tsunami Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday September 4, 2021. Labor Day this year is September 6.
5. A suggestion was made by Tom and Venita Brazier to have a Surfside Emergency Net on Amateur Radio (ham) radio. Events like I weather issues and loss of power come to mind. This committee could approve their beginning this net under the auspices of the existing Surfside Radio Club and this Committee.
6. Our first AED, CPR and First Aid training was held on Thursday January 7 at 1PM-4PM at the Ocean Park Fire Department Conference Room. Because of COVID, only 3 participants will be allowed until such time as it is safe to allow a larger class.. Our next scheduled session is Thursday March 11, 1-4 PM. We are opening up access to the sessions to all Surfside members. Kimber will get a notice to the availability of training in forthcoming Weekenders. We have room for 18 total participants in 2021.
7. We discussed the possibility of having a volunteer list for emergency circumstances, such as flooding, which occurred recently near the ocean. Several properties were affected. Having filled sandbags and person to protect homes would be useful. Also having persons who own and could operate chainsaws to help in the removal of downed trees would be quite useful. Other types of emergencies might need other volunteers. The list of volunteers might best be maintained at the SHOA office.
8. Peggy Olds and Betsey Nelson (Trees, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds Committee [TBVNBC]) lead a discussion about fire emergencies in Surfside. They asked to work with and coordinate activities related to fire control with the Emergency Management Committee [EMC]. All agreed it would be quite helpful to start working together on this issue as fire is likely to be a growing hazard to Surfside. The group brainstormed ideas including increased information regarding fires and fire mitigation in the Weekender, Surf Insider and other publications. It would be a good idea to have the Ocean Park Fire Chief give a presentation on fire prevention, control and evacuation at Surfside's annual Meeting; working with the Red Cross; developing a fire evacuation plan for Surfside and better control of gorse/scotch broom (Peggy will take this back to the TBVNBC committee.). John and Peggy will work to better define plans and actions for consideration at the next meetings of both committees.
9. The next meeting will be February 23, 2021.