



# Weekender

May 21, 2021

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## SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

May 15, 2021

President Gary Williams called to order the May 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Surfside Homeowners Association at 9:00 am. Trustees present via WebEx were Mark Scott, Ric Minich, Rudd Turner, Kurt Olds, Dan Neptun, Tom Rogers, Tom Newman and Mariann Schweitzer

**Guests:** Steve Cox, Valerie Harrison, Nominating Committee Chairman with candidates John Curran, Larry Raymer and Annette deLeest.

- **Safety Message-** Gary Williams safety message was on warm weather and being out on the water. Always wear your safety equipment and remember that even though it is hot outside the water can still be very cold and cause hypothermia.
- **Pacific County Sheriff** – There was a meeting with Sheriff Souvenir regarding the speeding in Surfside. The Sheriff advised that they will be working with the Pacific County Public Works department to do speed studies to help target problem areas and will also put out a speed sign trailer.
- **Agenda-** The agenda for the May 15, 2021 regular board meeting was amended and approved.
- **Minutes-** The minutes from the April 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved.
- **Code of Civility-** Item was tabled until June.
- **DECC-** Janet Corey was approved as the Designated Election Committee Chairperson for the annual meeting.
- **AED Quotes-** a bid was accepted from AED for the fully automated Lifepak CR2 w/wifi for the business office and the water booster office at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 including installation and equipment.
- **Compliance Update-** A new compliance inspector has been hired and starts on Monday. A motion was made to extend the moratorium on excessive complaints for another 60 days to allow the new compliance officer to get acclimated.

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- **Lands & Buildings Committee-** The one (1) year maintenance plan submitted by the Lands & Buildings Committee was approved.
- **Members Request-** A member submitted a request for a By-law revision making a change so that the members would vote on covenant changes, the request was not approved.
- **Firewise/Chipping-** Chipping site opening date will be May 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, from 10-2.
- **All Staff, committee & trustee reports were accepted.**
- **Closed Session-** A motion was made to move into closed session to discuss employee wages.
- **Adjourn to closed at 11:47 am**
- **Reconvene from closed session 12:45 pm**
- **Motions after closed session:**
  - Increase hourly wage for Dan Weyl once certification is completed
  - Convert Water System Manager from hourly to salary with no overtime
  - A \$15,000.00 fund for wage increases for possible promotions in the 2022 budget.
  - Set a baseline hourly wage increase of 3% and 1% bonus for staff for the 2022 budget.
  - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 pm

## Memorial Day

On Monday, May 31st, the American Legion will honor our fallen veterans at our flag lowering service. The service will be held at Surfside's Veterans Park, located at 306th & I Street and will begin promptly at 8:30 am. Please come and show your support.

*Thank you for your service veterans, we will never be able to imagine the things you have done and the sacrifices you've made to allow us to remain free.*



## Get to Know Your Candidates,

Be an Informed Voter!

(Initial Edition)

This initial article will introduce you to the Surfside HOA 2021 Election Committee, Nomination Committee, process and function. Pages 87 through 92 in the Surfside Operation Manual describes how the election process works. You may find these six pages online or from the HOA office if you desire specific details. The Election Committee consists of an Election Committee Chairperson, me, a Nomination Committee Chairperson, Valerie Harrison, and three Nominating Committee members: Louise Purdin, Mindy Harris, and Michelle Turner. You may remember we advertised in the Weekender for weeks seeking nominating volunteers and these folks stepped forward.

May 7th at noon, was the closing time and date for applications. Seven were received and then in the next week vetted for qualification as well as advised of the process for the next two months. On May 15th at the monthly Board of Trustees Meeting, the seven candidates for the four positions (3 ea. rotating three positions for three years' service and 1 ea. to fill the one year expiring term of former Trustee James Clancy) were introduced to the Board of Trustees. In the June 20th Board of Trustee meeting as well as the July 11th Membership Meeting all seven candidates are asked to make themselves available to Surfside Owners for a "meet and greet" at the June Meeting in whatever format Covid-19 restrictions allows. In addition, at the July Members meeting their attendance is expected as it appears Washington will return to more pre-Covid-19 gatherings. The Members Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Ocean Park Elementary School.

The introduction of candidates was done by Valerie Harrison, Nomination Committee Chairperson. There are two incumbent candidates, Gary Williams who is current President of BOT and Mark Scott who is current Vice President of BOT. There are two former Board of Trustee members who have decided to run again, Annette deLeest and Larry Raymer. Finally, there are three candidates who are running for the first time, John Curran, Cori Harm, and Rhonda Christoph. All candidates have been encouraged to make themselves known to you, for instance at the compactor or the chipping site.

It is the intention of this committee to publish answers from the candidate's questionnaire in the Weekender over the next 7 weeks. The application questionnaire and statements of each of the candidates are posted on the Surfside Website. In addition, if you have a question or questions for all seven to respond to, please submit them to me at the e-mail below.

In conclusion, Janet Corey was ratified at the May BOT Meeting as the Designated Election Committee Chairperson (DECC), certified and bonded, non-owner who has held this position for years. She will certify a quorum and receive all the sealed proxy votes submitted, count them and certify the election.

Ric Minich, Trustee of Surfside HOA BOT

Election Committee Chairman

E-mail: [rminich@surfsideonline.org](mailto:rminich@surfsideonline.org)

## 2021 Board Candidates Statements

1. **Larry Raymer**— I have a good understanding of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Covenants. I still carry copies with me so when members have questions I can answer them without guessing or trying to remember. I want to be certain that all members are treated equally as required by our founding documents.
2. **Mark Scott**— I am seeking another term on the Surfside Board. I've lived in Surfside for over 23 years and have practical ideas about future possibilities that will help everyone. My role on the board has centered with Emergency Management. A tsunami now has a 37% chance of occurring within the next 50 years. I'd like to see more progress where eventually Surfside will be a Tsunami Ready Community by having resources we need to survive.
3. **John Curran**—I arrived here in August of last year from Phoenix to Vancouver to Ocean Park and Surfside. It has been quite a journey from a city of 2.5 million to 160,000 to 1,600 here. I enjoy being involved with my community large and small. My life philosophy is respect, empower, include and listen. I hope to share my positive attitude to bring unity to our community and share new ideas for the future.
4. **Gary Williams**— If re-elected, I will use my work experience in process improvement and knowledge of Surfside to ensure Surfside continues to operate as efficiently as possible and ensuring costs remain at an affordable level. I will lead our efforts to modernize our website and other processes and tools used. I will work to ensure our water systems compliance with regulatory agencies. I support the covenants and sensible enforcement but also am open to revisions as needed.
5. **Cori Harms**— My dear members of SHOA— Let us get involved to keep this a happy place to live while staying safe and in compliance with the bylaws of the HOA. I lost my job during the pandemic; I have been staying at our family cabin more often than before. I would like to serve the association and use my working experience, education and experience in board work. Let me serve you. Please vote.
6. **Ronda Christoph**— I have been in Surfside for 6 years. I have watched this beautiful, friendly community decline. I have watched our rights as members slowly be stripped away. It's time we members stand up and take our community back. I decided to run for a board position to be a voice for our members. Change is needed, fairness for all is needed and definitely new board members are needed. It's time we end selective enforcement.
7. **Annette deLeest**— I worked for Boeing for 30 years. During this time I performed scheduling and budgeting for the Space Division and worked as a Contract Manager for the AWACS Program. I have served on my church board as an Elder, the Architectural Committee and the Tree, Brush and Noxious Weed Committee. I also served as a board trustee for 3 years. I believe I listened to other board members as well as our Surfside members. My goal was to Follow the Covenants as they currently exist. I believe I accomplished this. In the years I was on the board I didn't miss one meeting. I am knowledgeable and committed and will serve Surfside to the best of my ability.





Surfside Homeowners  
Association

# ANNUAL MEETING

July 10, 2021

*Please let us know if you are planning to attend the  
Annual Meeting this year.*

*It is being planned for either an inside venue with limited capacity,  
Or an outside venue with possibly a larger capacity.*

*\*\*Of course, this depends on what phase we are in at the time of our meeting.*


Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ # Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Outside Meeting

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ # Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Inside Meeting

Via email to:

[tlhofstrom@surfsideonline.org](mailto:tlhofstrom@surfsideonline.org)

**Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in July!**







Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

#### Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

#### Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today.



**Chipping Site opening on Saturday, May 29th, 10-2**  
Hours will be Wednesday & Saturdays from 10-2.

Located at 350th & G St



IT'S A BIG WORLD.  
LET'S PROTECT IT TOGETHER.



Posted on May 29, 2007 by Griffin Neighbors  
And shared by Steve Watrous.

## “Death to Scotch Broom!”

Every year, between March and June, all those yellow flags – those scotch broom flowers – come out to wave. Next will come the seeds and, next year, more scotch broom. *There are noxious weeds and then there's scotch broom.* **This is an excellent time of year to get serious about reducing the amount of scotch broom on your property.**

So, responsible rural property owners want to know: **What makes scotch broom so bad?**

Scotch broom is a prodigious seed producer. The seeds have hard coats enabling them to survive in the environment for up to *80 years*. Once established, scotch broom forms dense brush fields over six feet tall. The brush fields diminish habitat for grazing animals, such as livestock and native animals. Areas of dense brush shade out and kill native grassland plants in invaded areas, and favor invasion by other woody, non-grassland plant species.

Scotch broom prevents reforestation, creates a high fire hazard, renders rangeland worthless and greatly increases the cost of maintenance of roads, ditches, power and telephone lines. Wildlife suffers as the growth becomes too dense for even quail and other ground birds to thrive. Being slightly toxic and unpalatable it is browsed very little by livestock.

If you cut your trees, so that a lot of sunlight reaches the ground, you've probably now got scotch broom to cut.

### **How do you eradicate scotch broom?**

There are two schools of thought, those who say pull out the whole plant and those who will tell you, if you're clever and your timing is right, all you need are a pair of lopping shears.

From the **School of Pulling Out the Plant**, we get these instructions:

Pull out the entire plant, including roots. When the soil is moist, small plants can be pulled easily by hand. Winter and spring are good seasons to do this.

Larger plants must be removed with a tool such as a Weed Wrench. Be sure to remove the entire plant. Broken stems re-sprout and are much harder to remove for the next person. Plants can be left where pulled.

From the **School of Cutting Broom in Bloom**, we get these instructions:

First, cut broom in bloom. Use loppers or small saws and cut broom right at ground level.

Broom puts all its energy into making flowers. If you cut it while in bloom, it will most likely die in the summer's dry heat.

If you must make a choice, go after single plants and small infestation to prevent its spread.

If the broom is huge, cut off as many of the branches as you can. If the broom is small and not blooming, you can return and cut it next year when it blooms.

It is most important to not let the broom go to seed! Cut sometime around mid-June.

**CUT DOWN ALL YELLOW FLOWERS** so that they cannot turn into seeds. Each scotch broom plant can produce 2,000 to 3,500 seed pods – which burst open, shooting seeds into the adjacent soil. If you cut them while in bloom – no seeds!

**HERBICIDES** applied in the spring when new leaves are present are another effective control tool, but always remember to read the labels carefully and exercise extreme care when applying chemicals, especially near waterways.

**DO NOT BURN SCOTCH BROOM!** When exposed to fire, its seeds burst from their seedpods. Also, the smoke from burning scotch broom is toxic and may seriously irritate the respiratory tracts of you, your family, or your neighbors.

**TAKE YOUR CUT SCOTCH BROOM TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON SANDRIDGE RD IN LONG BEACH.** Scotch Broom and Gorse are not accepted at the Compactor Site.

So, responsible homeowner, get out there and cut your scotch broom!



# Financial Report

*by Rudd Turner, Trustee and Treasurer*

This report reflects information and actions at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 15, 2021.

Income: From January 1 through April 30, \$1,612,384 or 93.1% of member fees were received to fund the 2021 SHOA budget of \$1,731,737. This compares with 88.9% of budget received by the same date last year. Miscellaneous revenues were \$71,462 or 47.6% of the \$150,000 budget projection. Water hookups and property transfer fees continue to be the largest revenue items.

Expenditures: Operational expenditures were \$623,901 or 42.4% of budget. The new Sheriff's deputy contract is being implemented. Several water main breaks occurred, mostly in February and March. Reserve study, software license fees, property taxes, and insurance have been paid. For the Capital program, WMR has expended 35.4% of its budgeted amount. Ongoing pipe replacement going north along I Street should reach Oysterville Road by mid-June. SELP construction will begin after this goal is reached. RV/compactor site renovation is getting underway, 10-year update of the Water System Plan is ongoing, water reservoir catwalk/ladder install & repair is done and a pickup truck was replaced.

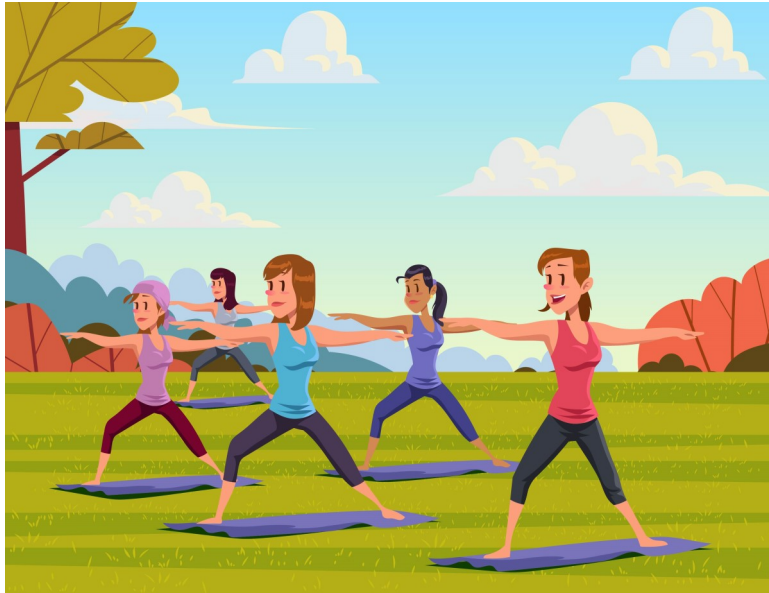
Bank Balances: As of April 30, Operational account balances are \$944,597. Capital reserve account balances are \$1,460,706 and WMR balance is \$149,723. Total funds in bank accounts = \$2,555,026. This is a strong position for the Association. The audit of 2020 finances by Newman HOA CPA continues under a new 3-year contract. Their draft audit report is expected by the end of May.

As a reminder, the late charge of 1% per month started on March 1 for unpaid 2021 member fees. Payments can be spread out if needed. Contact the business office at (360) 665-4171 to learn more about this.

## Yoga Class

Jiva Yoga classes are now available. Thursdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 3pm.

You can contact Beth Bauer at 360-607-3915

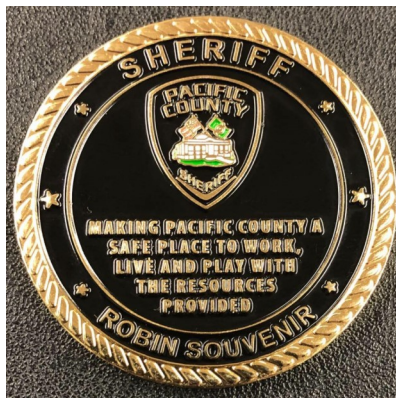


## Patrol Service

If you are traveling and want to submit a patrol service request please submit at least one week prior, if possible. This allows us time to get those over to the Sheriff's office, they in turn get those out to the deputy prior to your travels.

For patrol service forms you can go to the website at [www.surfsideonline.org](http://www.surfsideonline.org) and click the forms tab. You can also pick them up here in the office during business hours.

You can mail them in, email them or drop them off at the office.



# Surfside Beach Paths

Ever wonder where all the beach paths in Surfside are? Here is a list of public paths for members to access so they are not going onto private property or trespassing.

306th Place– Veterans Park

311th Place -315th Place

317th Place-located near the business office

331st Place

341st Place

345th Place

350th Place– just across from the chipping site

357th Place– last path at the north end of G Street

You can find the paths by the path markers



- Please be mindful of the homes and properties bordering the paths, they are private property and trespassing is not allowed.
- Washington's Definition of Trespassing; Trespassing occurs if you are on someone else's private property without his or her permission, as well as staying on someone's property after he or she asks you to leave.
- Washington state trespassing charges are all misdemeanors or gross-misdemeanors, meaning they are punishable either by up to 90 days in jail and a \$1000 fine for a misdemeanor, or up to 1 year in jail and a \$5000 fine for a gross-misdemeanor.



New markers on the paths coming back from the beach



## 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. *Pacific County will not approve permitting until the committee has signed off on all plans.*



The committee meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., dependent upon if there are items on the agenda. All applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting (if possible) by phone or in person 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. Applications must be received by end of day on Thursdays to make the agenda for the following Tuesday's meeting.

**Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee.** Once approved, you will get 2 copies 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](http://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.

**FOR THE PETS**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**GARRRRRAGE SALE**

**MAY 29, 2021**

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# May 2021

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2	3	4 ARC 9 am CRC 1 pm	5	6 L&B 9 WSP 10	7 Tree 1pm	8
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16	17	18 ARC 9 am	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ARC 9 am EMC 1 pm	26	27	28 F & W 1pm	29 Open 9-1
30	31 Memorial Day Ofc closed					

## LEGEND -

\*ARC=Architectural \*EMC= Emergency Mgmt \*F & W= Fish & Waterway \*L & B= Land & Buildings  
WSP= Water System Planning \*CRC=Community Relations



# June 2021

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