



Weekender

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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.



Visit www.firewise.org for

For Volunteering
information see page 4

~Many hands make light
work



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



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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:

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



PLANTS FOR RIPARIAN AND COASTAL GARDENS in SURFSIDE

Fish & Waterways Committee

March 2021

Many Surfside community members have asked what plants they can plant in Riparian areas and their gardens throughout the community. As most Surfside residents know, the Riparian area is the 25-foot land buffer area from the waterline edge along our lakes and canals. Surfside Fish and Waterways committee is working on a plant list, including Native plants encouraged for Riparian areas, deer resistant (not deer proof, if a deer is hungry enough, it will eat almost anything!), ornamental plants, and mature heights – for our tree covenant limited heights in certain areas. In the meantime, here are some links to websites that may help in your search.

Trees & Shrubs for Riparian Plantings, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Washington state, March 31, 2010

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/wapmstn13160.pdf 27 plants in MLRA 4A Major Land Resource Area 4 – all Natives.

Streamside Planting Guide for Western Washington, ?2015

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2079/2015/06/streamside-planting-guide-for-western-washington.pdf>
6 trees plus 17 shrubs, all Natives.

Mason County WA, Mason Conservation District www.masoncd.org (recommended by Pacific Conservation District (Pacific & Grays Harbor counties).

“Native Plants for Marine Shorelines” TAM 22 Technical Advice Memo, March 2016 – has 11 Small Trees / Large Shrubs, 14 Large Trees, 12 Medium / Small Shrubs, and 24 Upper Beach & Backshore Species (mostly grasses & sedges). In addition, TAM 32 “How Plants Protect Your Marine Waterfront Property” is very informative and a quick read. Lastly, see “Sample Planting Plan: Marine Shoreline”

www.masoncd.org > toggle down to/click Better Water > toggle down to/click Shore Friendly Mason > toggle down, on left side of page – click Plants for Shorelines

Or a shortcut – <https://www.masoncd.org/marine-shoreline-plants.html>

“Coastal Planting – Plants for Seaside Gardens” brochure from Portland Nursery, January 2019. Mostly ornamental plants, some Natives. Has 10 Conifer Trees, 8 Deciduous Trees, 22 Shrubs – some ever-green; many species within a name. Plus Perennials, Ground Covers, and some Herbs.

Go to www.portlandnursery.com > hover over Gardening Solutions > click on Handy Brochures > toggle down to Garden Planning > toggle down/click on Coastal Plantings

Or a shortcut – <https://portlandnursery.com/docs/garden-planning/coastal-plantings.pdf>

Fishing In Surfside-UPDATE

In March, April & May there is no fishing in the waterways. This is the time of year we have the waterways treated to help keep them clean and free of harmful weeds and grass. We would typically stock with new fish so we give them time to acclimate before we start fishing them out.

In a normal year, the kick-off to the Fishing Season is our Annual Kids Fishing Derby which is the Saturday of Memorial Weekend.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the derby is being delayed to the Saturday of July 4th Weekend.

FIREWISE/CHIPPING

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Firewise/Chipping Program this year.

Hours will be Wednesday & Saturdays from 10-2.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week just give us a call.

We can't open the site without the help of volunteers.

360-665-4171



Did you know...

That the Wilson's Snipe or the Common Snipe are uncommon to our area most of the year but in April and May we start to see more of them.

We saw one yesterday here at the office and it was the first time we'd seen one here. I wanted to share this with you as it is exciting to see the depth of the wildlife that we have here in our little corner of the world.



Behavior

Wilson's Snipes are relatively solitary, but may form flocks. They move slowly through vegetation, probing deep in the mud with a repetitive up-and-down 'sewing-machine' motion. They are best seen during the breeding season when males sing from the top of perches such as fenceposts. When snipes are approached, they often burst away in a zigzag escape flight. One of the most distinctive sounds of Wilson's Snipe is a winnowing sound made by air rushing through its stiff outer tail feathers as it dives from high in its display flight.

Diet

Wilson's Snipes eat insects, earthworms, and other creatures that burrow in wet soil. They also eat leaves and seeds.

Nesting

Males arrive on the breeding grounds 10 to 14 days before females. They establish territories and, once they arrive, attract females with their dramatic flight displays. Females build their nests on grass or sedge hummocks. The nest is a shallow depression lined with moss, leaves, and grass, sometimes with plants from above woven in a canopy. The female lays 4 eggs and incubates them by herself for 18 to 20 days. The young leave the nest shortly after hatching, and both parents tend the brood, often splitting the group and each taking one or two young. The parents feed the young at first, although the young start to probe for their own food at about six days. By ten days of age, they find most of their own food. The parents continue to supplement their diet until they become independent (18 to 20 days).

Conservation Status

Both the Christmas Bird Count and the Breeding Bird Survey in Washington have indicated that Washington's Wilson's Snipe population is in decline. This species is difficult to survey, however, and these numbers may not reflect the actual population. The Canadian Wildlife Service estimates the current population at 26,750,000 worldwide and 2,000,000 in North America, although the North American form is often considered to be a separate species. The destruction of wetlands continues to reduce available habitat. Wilson's Snipe is a game bird in Washington. Annual harvest rates vary considerably throughout the state and have ranged from 879 to 164,595 birds taken statewide within the past ten years.

Alien, Exotic, Weedy, Introduced, Noxious or Invasive?

WEED THEM OUT!



Introduced, alien, exotic, weedy or even *noxious and invasive* are terms given to the plants that hog sunlight and water, out-compete for space and nutrients, and even prevent growth and reseeding of native plants through chemical emissions.

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board and county weed boards maintain lists of weeds that must be removed or are encouraged to be controlled. English ivy, gorse, knotweeds, Scot's broom, thistle and tansy ragwort are extensive problems west of the Cascades.



Gorse (L) has long, sharp spikes, seeps caustic sap and can greatly contribute to wildfires.

Scot's broom, (R) looks like gorse, has no prickly spikes and produces abundant seed pods. After flowering, the plant drops its pods, dries out, blackens and can be a fire hazard.



If you see them, weed them out!

Need more info? See: https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/pdfs/Noxious_weed_disposal_2012-1.pdf

To All Surfside Members
2021 Board Of Trustees Election

Applications must be received at the office by May 7, 2021 no later than 1pm.

THIS WEEK IS THE DEADLINE

We are now taking applications for positions on the board.

The election will be at the annual meeting in July.

If you are interested; every trustee is assigned a committee for which they are liaison. If you currently are not involved in a committee and are interested in a position on the board, it's in your and the membership's best interest to get involved in a committee right away.

There are 4 positions open for 2021, Mark Scott, Rudd Turner, Gary Williams & James Clancy

Committees include:

Community Relations, Emergency Management, Fish & Waterways, Lands & Buildings, Water System Planning, Architectural Review Committee

**CALL FOR
BOARD
MEMBERS**

April 19, 2021

Financial Report

by Rudd Turner, Trustee and Treasurer

This report reflects information and actions at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 17, 2021.

Income: From January 1 through March 31 (1st Quarter), \$1,549,092 or 89.5% of member fees were received to fund the 2021 SHOA budget of \$1,731,737. This compares with 84.8% of budget received by the same date last year. Q1 miscellaneous revenues were \$57,848 or 38.6% of the \$150,000 budget projection. Water hookups and property transfer fees were the largest misc. revenue items.

Expenditures: Q1 Operational expenditures were \$457,440 or 31.1% of budget. The new Sheriff's deputy contract is being implemented. Water main breaks occurred; besides labor, restoration of County right of way was an added cost. Reserve study, software license fees, property taxes, and insurance have been paid. For the Capital program, WMR has expended 24.5% of its budgeted amount. Ongoing pipe replacement along I Street could reach Oyster-ville Road from the south in mid-June. SELP construction will begin after this goal is attained. RV/compactor site renovation is getting underway, 10-year update of the Water System Plan is ongoing, and the water reservoir catwalk/ladder install & repair is complete.

The final 2021 Budget, 2021 Level III Reserve Study, 2021 – 2026 Financial Strategic Plan, and audit of 2019 finances are available on the SHOA web site, home page and Governance – Financial Documents. The audit of 2020 finances by Newman HOA CPA continues under a new 3-year contract.

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 about this.

FEEDING THE WILDLIFE

From the Department of Fish & Wildlife

It is NEVER ok to feed the wildlife, including the deer. WDFW state that deer, elk and other wild animals are biologically adapted to survive the cold months without human help.

Artificial feeding can do more harm than help. Deer can die with a belly full of feed they can't digest. Feeding them can also draw them to roads. Leading to collisions with vehicles. It also concentrates animals making them more vulnerable to disease, predators and poaching.

The best way to help wildlife in winter is to avoid disturbing them, allowing them to conserve vital energy.

For more information visit the WDFW at [www.https://wdfw.wa.gov/](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/)

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS

POOP FAIRIES



PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!

Dog waste does not biodegrade like wild animal waste, it sticks around for a long time. It contains harmful bacteria, pollutes ground water and smells disgusting on the bottom of your shoe.

Please help keep our trails, beach and neighborhoods clear of poop piles by picking up your dog's waste.

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, under the governance tab you'll see Surfside Restrictive Covenants link.

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

May 2021

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WSP= Water System Planning *CRC=Community Relations

June 2021

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