



# Weekender

June 11, 2021

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### \*\*Alert\*\*

Start watching your mail beginning the week of June 14th. The Surf-In-Sider with the Election Packet will be going out postmarked no later than June 10. Instructions for balloting will be included.

### \*\*Candidates\*\*

If you have any questions for the candidates you would like to have answered at the June Board Meeting, please submit them to the office either in person, or by email to [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org)

by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2021 at 1 pm.

**Please note change!**



SHOA staff would like to say **THANK YOU** to; Louise Purdin, Karen Pachman, Monika Stum, Mindy Harris, Kirby Smith, John Williams, Joanne McMurphy, Michelle Turner. We managed to print and stuff the Annual Meeting Packets in only a few days.

## 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.

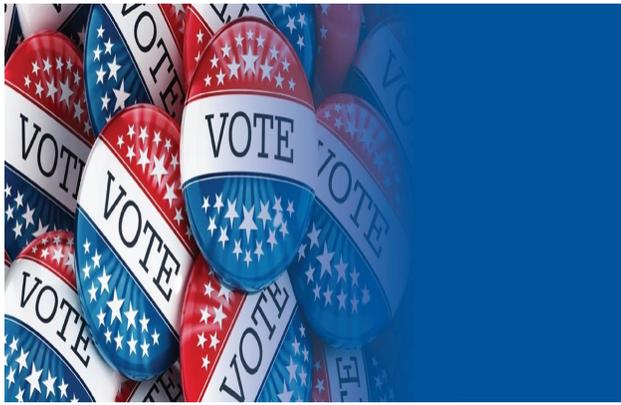
It is the intention of this committee to publish answers from the candidate's questionnaire in the Weekender over the next 7 weeks. The application questionnaire and statements of each of the candidates are posted on the Surfside Website. In addition, if you have a question or questions for all seven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



**Surfside United**

As the Business Manager, I would like to say that the mailing from Surfside United did not come from SHOA Staff or Board of Trustees and was not paid for by SHOA budgeted funds.

Sincerely, Tracy Lofstrom

Confusion over voting for 3 versus 4 trustees.

The By-Laws Article IV, section 2 state: Trustees shall be elected to serve for a term of three (3) years; Three (3) Trustees shall be elected each year; and each shall hold office until a successor is elected: Staggered terms of office for Trustees shall be implemented beginning with the July 1986 Annual Meeting.

The Operations Manual, Handling and Control of Management Proxies, item 4, sub f. states: The nominees with highest vote count shall be awarded Trustee three (3) year terms. All others, in order, shall be awarded Trustee positions of shorter terms in sequence.

Because the 4<sup>th</sup> open spot was from James Clancy resigning his position it would be considered the shorter-term position. Hence, the 4<sup>th</sup> vote getter would have the position to fulfill the trustee position left by James.

Board Meeting—June 19, 2021

The SHOA Board of Trustees June meeting will take place on the 19th in the Board Room at the Surfside Office at 9 am.

The meeting will be held in person for both the Trustees and membership. Masks will be required if social distancing isn't possible (i.e. too many people attending). There will be no streaming or video, so if you need to call in please follow the instructions below. Trustees not able to attend in person will be the first accepted on the call then SHOA members.

Dial 888-585-9008 Room ID 664-308-714#

## 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 proudly presented three (3) \$1000 scholarships to IHS 2021 Seniors, Erika Glenn, Sarah Mathison and Cory Morrison (l to r), from the proceeds of the 2020 Surfside “Scramble for Scholars”.



## SURFSIDE'S ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

### SATURDAY July 3, 2021



8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.



Event will take place rain or shine

- Open to children ages 12 and under who are related to or guests of Surfside members.
- **Register at Surfside office Saturday morning between 8:30 am to 11:00 am to be eligible for cash and raffle prizes.**
- Additional information about the Derby will be available at the Surfside Office 2 weeks prior to the Derby, as well as on Derby Day.
- Fish from 8:30 am until 11:30 am on or near one of the 6 pedestrian bridges or from the bank behind the Surfside office. Please remember to respect private property.
- No fishing license required!
- Limit of 8 fish per child – do not clean the fish before measure-in.
- Measure fish any time between 9:00 am until 12:00 pm from the Surfside Office. Remember to be in the registration line by 12:00 pm to qualify for division prizes. **Don't forget to turn in your registration card even if no fish are caught! You may still win a prize during the raffle.**
- There will be three cash prize winners in each division (age group) for the longest fish. Ties will be broken by weight. Limit of one award per registrant.
  - Division I: Ages 5 and under
  - Division II: 6-8 years
  - Division III: 9-12 years

Hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided from 11 am until food is gone at the Surfside Office.

#### **FISHING RULES:**

We want to make sure that the kids have a great experience! To help make this happen and to ensure the safety of all, please obey the following Surfside Fishing Derby Rules:

- No activities that might result in somebody's injury, including running on bridges, rough-housing, etc.
- Help others who may not know how to fish.
- Obey the requests from Surfside Officials. They are there to help ensure your safety.
- **The use of corn is strictly prohibited – it kills the fish.**
- All fish must be caught during the Derby hours of 8:30-11:30. **R e t u r n** any carp to the canal.
- Adults are encouraged to help their child fish, but the child must be present at all times.
- No adult fishing until the Derby is over.
- For questions during the Derby, ask an official at the bridge or the Surfside Office. They're here to help you even if you've been in the derby or fished before.

*Volunteer to help at the Derby! Call DuWayne Mott at (360) 665-0558 or contact the Surfside office.*

## Surfside's Firewise Chipping Site (35000 G Street) Information

The chipping site had a busy, but orderly, opening on Saturday, May 29th, managed by Surfside volunteer members. It is now available for use by Surfside members in good standing to drop off brush and tree limbs (under six inches in diameter).

The chipping site will remain **open for 29 days** on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., through Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The chipping site will be **closed** for one day, Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to allow for mid-season cleanup and grinding/chipping of the brush accumulated up to that point.

### Some basic rules for accessing the Firewise Chipping Site:

Upon entering the chipping site, members must display their compactor passes (the same pass used to access the garbage drop off site just off 324<sup>th</sup> St) to access the chipping site. If a contractor is removing yard waste for a Surfside member, the contractor must provide the member's name/address to access the chipping site.

Everyone using the chipping site must sign in on the clipboard provided by the site volunteers, indicating their name, address, the number of hours dedicated to brush removal/tree trimming, and the number of loads of material dropped off that day.

Costs of operating the chipping site are partially offset by members'/contractors' donations to the Surfside Firewise Chipping Site Program. You will be offered an opportunity to make a donation to help offset the costs of fencing, signage, and chipper/grinder rental costs and labor.

You may not drop off any noxious weeds/invasive species at the chipping site. The volunteers can show you pictures of some prohibited items. Basically, anything that is declared a noxious weed by WA State or regionally by Pacific County officials must be disposed of at the Pacific County waste transfer station near Long Beach on Sandridge Rd. Some of these items have common names like: gorse, Scotchbroom, tansy ragwort, knotweed, Himalayan blackberry vines, etc.

Some materials are not authorized for drop off at the chipping site. These items include any dimensional lumber pieces/scraps, grass clippings, tree stumps, brush or tree root masses, or any tree/brush limbs larger than six inches in diameter. This is a new prohibition this year! If you have tree limbs larger than six inches in diameter, you have several choices: cut them into firewood-sized pieces and offer them for free from the front of your property, or haul them to the Pacific County waste transfer station near Long Beach on Sandridge Rd.

Please do not drop off any items outside of the fence line after hours, when no volunteers are present. We're providing 29 days for members to drop off their brush and tree trimmings. Find an open time to make it work. Thank you!

# 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

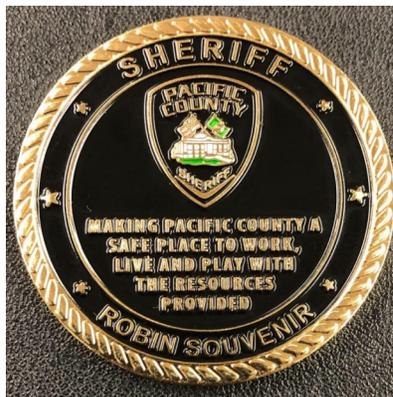


## Patrol Service

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

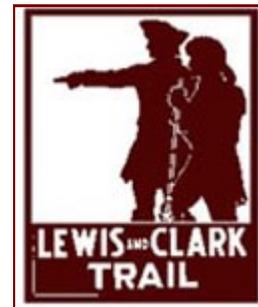
341st Place

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.

## ***Defensible Space: Preparing Your Home for Wildfires***

**Surfside’s Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds Committee**

Surfside properties are particularly susceptible to wildfires: dune grass, gorse, Scotch broom, spruce or shore pine trees readily ignite during dry summer months. Washington’s Department of Natural Resources recommends creating a “defensible space” to protect property from wildfires.

### ***WHAT IS DEFENSIBLE SPACE?***

Defensible space is the area between a house and oncoming wildfire where vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and provide opportunity for effective firefighting. A defensible space can simply be a properly maintained backyard.



*Surfside Dune Grass and Shore Pine Fires 2016*

### ***WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VEGETATION AND WILDFIRE THREAT?***

Many people do not view plants growing on their property as a threat. All vegetation, including grass, native or ornamental plants, is potential wildfire fuel. Properly maintained vegetation can slow a wildfire, shortened the length of flames, and reduce heat, all of which defend the home against oncoming wildfire.



<p><b>HOW DO I CHANGE THE VEGETATION ON MY PROPERTY TO REDUCE THE WILDFIRE THREAT?</b></p> <p>The objective of defensible space is to reduce the wildfire threat to a home by changing the characteristics of the adjacent vegetation. Defensible space practices include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increasing the moisture content of vegetation.</li> <li>• decreasing the amount of flammable vegetation.</li> <li>• shortening plant height.</li> <li>• altering the arrangement of plants.</li> </ul> <p>This is accomplished through the “Three R’s of Defensible Space.” The article “Creating An Effective Defensible Space” provides detailed information about changing vegetation characteristics for defensible space.</p>	<b>THE THREE R’s OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE</b>	
	<p><b>Removal</b></p>	<p>This technique involves the elimination of entire plants, particularly trees and shrubs, from the site. Examples of removal are cutting down a dead tree or cutting out a flammable shrub.</p>
	<p><b>Reduction</b></p>	<p>The removal of plant parts, such as branches or leaves, constitute reduction. Examples of reduction are pruning dead wood from a shrub, removing low tree branches, and mowing dried grass.</p>
<p><b>Replacement</b></p>	<p>Replacement is substituting less flammable plants for more hazardous vegetation. Removal of a dense stand of flammable shrubs and planting an irrigated, well maintained flower bed is an example of replacement.</p>	

**For a defensible space review of your yard, contact Pacific Co Fire District 1 at 360.665.4451 or see: [https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/rp\\_fireprevent\\_living\\_with\\_wildfire.pdf](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/rp_fireprevent_living_with_wildfire.pdf)**

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# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ARC 9 am CRC 1 pm	2	3	4 Tree 1 pm	5 Office Open 9-1
6	7	8 ARC 9 am	9	10 L & B 9 am WSP 10 am	11	12 Office Open 9-1
13	14	15 ARC 9 am	16	17	18	19 Board Mtg 9 am Closed
20	21	22 ARC 9 am	23	24	25	26 Office Open 9-1
27	28 F & W 1 pm	29 ARC 9 am EMC 1 pm	30			

## LEGEND -

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

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Tree 1 pm</i>	3 <i>Fishing Derby</i>
4	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 <i>ARC 9 am CRC 1 pm</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Annual Meeting</i>
11	12	13 <i>ARC 9 am</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>ARC 9 am</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>ARC 9 am EMC 1 pm</i>	28	29	30	31

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