

Weekender

July 30, 2021

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Surfside Homeowners Association 360.665.4171 Surfsideonline.org **Special Meeting of the Board** New Board Trustee Orientation

All Board members required to attend Saturday July 31, 2021

9am SHOA Office

This meeting will be **open to the membership** for the sole purpose of education.

There will be no business transacted or discussed. There will be no motions open for discussion or vote. There will be no comments or questions from the floor. This Board Meeting is strictly for the purpose of education for the new Trustees, with communication and transparency to the membership.

Thank you, Marriann Schweitzer Board Secretary



A Very Short Honeymoon

Marrying my wife Phyllis, our honeymoon was one week. With the love for that woman, as the days passed, one might say that the honeymoon has lasted twenty-nine years. When a President of the US is elected, often time it is said his "honeymoon with Congress" is six months, a milestone just past by our current President. Not that these presidencies are even close, apparently from feedback of usually reliable sources, my "presidential honeymoon" has been less than a week. For you see, rumors have been reported about private meetings with Surfside Business Manager, Tracy Lofstrom as well as talks with former President Gary Williams. Secret? Tracy is now my employee and Gary Williams is required to turnover all the direction or plans he had envisioned from the past year as well as this next year.

As stated earlier in the Weekender, my decision to run for Surfside HOA presidency came less than an hour before the actual vote of the newly sworn in Board of Trustees. This position was neither sought by me nor desired. However, many significant volunteers had encouraged my candidacy. By the slimmest of margins (5/4) the election was complete. For these next seventeen days with no preparation, it has been my duty to form Trustee assignments to include three Trustees who have never served in a volunteer position at Surfside. Three very capable people have left the leadership roles, so filling leadership positions has been difficult. Two of the new Trustees are not permanent residents making trustee assignments difficult, My solution was to talk to each one of the Trustees privately, assuring each Trustee, new or tenured, understood their responsibility, accepting that responsibility, and were comfortable in that position.

Noting many recent social media posts, the Surfside Board of Trustees has been accused of many things from graft and corruption to self-interest. As a Trustee completing a second year, none of these accusations were ever experienced by me. As a matter of fact, quite the opposite. Now, those past two years are part of history. As we look forward to the newly formed Board of Trustees, each one has expressed to honestly do the best job possible, not to have a conflict of interest, and to serve the membership of Surfside representing the majority of members. Everyone of us has committed to a very difficult voluntary position that will be subject to long hours with committees that are the backbone of the community and pledged to uphold the oath each one of us took, a few days ago, last November, or two years ago for your Treasurer Kurt Olds or me, your President. We are a diverse community and each separate area of Surfside has specific concerns. Please understand that not everyone is going to feel satisfied all the time. We are an eclectic community. Give our newly formed Board of Trustees the opportunity to represent all of our community, fairly. Our property lots are small, what we do on those properties will immediately affect our neighbors, either positively or derogatively. Please let that be your choice to be a good neighbor.

This weekend a special meeting will be held Saturday morning entitled New Board Orientation. Two years ago, upon my election to BOT this was not offered as the two others elected with me where one was an incumbent, the other was returning as a Trustee after a year's absence. The next year was the late November election when we were all isolated using Cisco WebEx. The longest tenured current Trustee of this BOT is two years, nine months. Consequently, all nine Trustees will attend the board orientation allowing a refresher and catching up as well as preparation for the August Board of Trustee Meeting. Any Surfside member is invited to attend as a matter of transparency. No business will be conducted at all during this orientation. In that regard there will be no public Surfside membership participation except as a spectator. Your presence if desired is welcomed. Thank you.

Ric Minich, President, Surfside HOA



NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED BY SHOA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We need some new folks to join us in preparing for emergencies in Surfside. Our goal is to make Surfside a safer place to live and enjoy life. We do planning for such events as floods, wind damage, fires, loss of power, providing safe places when emergencies happen. And yes preparedness for tsunamis. We would help members plan for these eventualities. We have established a storage shed for members to store belongings in the case of a major emergency. And we have events like the annual tsunami run/walk where getting prepared for the big one can turn into a fun occasion. If interested, call John Williams at 360-665-6598 and/or talk to Kimber or Mo at the SHOA office or call 360-665-4171 (press 4 at the prompt) . We look forward to making friends.



Photo courtesy of Russ Lewis Taken 7/22/2021

Compactor Attendant Needed:

We are looking to add another compactor attendant. The number of full-time members has increased, and more people are spending time at their Surfside property, in general. Every month so far in 2021 has had 400-500 more cars/walkers than in 2020, except one month. There is a need to have two attendants on duty most days of the week and especially holiday weekends. Most likely close to 20 hrs./week (we would consider two people at 10 hrs. each).

If you are interested, please contact the business office for an application.





PACIFIC COUNTY TIRE AMNESTY EVENT

FREE! TIRE DROP-OFF

SATURDAY

August 21st, 2021

Drop-off Location:

Pacific County Shop

318 NE. 2nd Street, Long Beach / West of Humane Society

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Keeping Pacific County Beautiful!

Pacific County Department of Community Development 7013 Sandridee Rd III Long Beach. WA 98631 II 360.642.9382 III www.co.pacific.wa.us This Event is completely FREE! No fees will be charged.



- Must be a Pacific County Resident
- No tires from commercial businesses
- No tractor/farm/large truck tires
- Motorcycle, passenger vehicle, and light truck tires only
- You must unload your own tires
- Tires with rims okay!

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Over 15 tires must get pre-approval.
 Contact Travis Ostgaard Code Enforcement Officer.

Pacific County

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For more information, residents should contact Pacific County DCD at 360.642.9382 or our website at: www.co.pacific.wa.us

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COMMUNITIES www.firewise.org	Chipping Site
e chipping site will remain o g <u>2:00 p.m</u> ., through <mark>Wednes</mark> e	pen for 29 days on <u>Wednesdays</u> and <u>Saturdays</u> from <u>10:00 a.m. un-</u> day, <u>September 8th</u> .
me basic rules for accessi	ng the Firewise Chipping Site:
Upon entering the chipping used to access the garbag	site, members must <u>display their compactor passes</u> (the same pase ge drop off site just off 324 th St) to access the chipping site. If a contrac te for a Surfside member, the contractor must provide the member's
indicating their name, ad	g site must <u>sign in on the clipboard</u> provided by the site volunteers, ldress, the number of hours dedicated to brush removal/tree trimming, of material dropped off that day.
Surfside Firewise Chippi	ing site are partially offset by members'/contractors' donations to the ng Site Program. <u>You will be offered an opportunity to make a dona-</u> ts of fencing, signage, and chipper/grinder rental costs and labor.
volunteers can show you a noxious weed by WA St Pacific County waste tran	<u>noxious weeds/invasive species</u> at the chipping site. The pictures of some prohibited items. Basically, anything that is declared rate or regionally by Pacific County officials must be disposed of at the nsfer station near Long Beach on Sandridge Rd. Some of these items or gorse, Scotchbroom, tansy ragwort, knotweed, Himalayan blackberry
<u>dimensional lumber</u> piece <u>tree/brush limbs larger th</u> have tree limbs larger the wood-sized pieces and off	uthorized for drop off at the chipping site. These items include any es/scraps, <u>grass clippings</u> , <u>tree stumps</u> , <u>brush or tree root masses</u> , or <u>an</u> <u>han six inches in diameter</u> . This is a new prohibition this year! If you an six inches in diameter, you have several choices: cut them into fire- er them for free from the front of your property, or haul them to the Pa fer station near Long Beach on Sandridge Rd.
<u>Please do not drop off an</u>	y items outside of the fence line after hours, when no volunteers ding 29 days for members to drop off their brush and tree trimmings.
Surfside	e's Firewise Chipping Site (35000 G Street)



DANGER RIP CURRENT



Ocean currents are dangerous at any time of the tide. You cannot swim against these currents.



Wear a life jacket when playing near the water's edge.



Stay away from logs in surf or wet sand.



Attempting a rescue in the ocean is very dangerous! You will likely become a victim yourself! Call **911** and stay there!



Obey the maximum speed limit of 25mph.

Don't dig caves in the dunes. Tunnels and caves will collapse and bury you!

BEACH SAFETY ADVICE



Stay away from wildlife, dead or alive. Leave wildlife alone.



Cliffs and rocks are not suitable for climbing.



You may get on rocks or jetty at low tide, but be trapped at high tide.



BEACH APPROACHES

Holiday card making class led by member Diane Mangels



When: Saturday, August 28, 2021 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm OR - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Where: Surfside Boardroom Cost: Free for members, \$15 for guests Surfside Office: 360.665.4171

Class size is limited to ten participants for each timeslot, 16 or older please. Registration is required. All interested need to register and pay prior to class for guests no later than Monday, 8/23.





SURFSIDE TSUNAMI RUN/WALK 6TH ANNUAL RACE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4 AT 9 AM

Meet in front of the SHOA office. You can register at the SHOA office during regular business hours from now till Friday, September 3 or register the morning of the race between 8AM and 8:50 AM.

FIVE DIVISIONS:

- OVERALL WINNER
- WOMENS DIVISION
- MENS DIVISION
- WALKER WINNER
- YOUTH WINNER (14 & UNDER)

The cost is \$5 for persons 13 & older; 12 and under are free.

Awards are given to all finishers. There are also 3 raffle prizes awarded to participants.

SEE YOU THERE!

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

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?

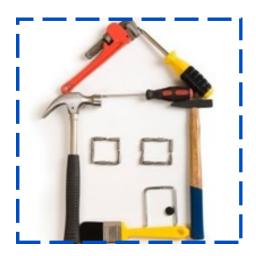
Many people do not view plants growing on their property as a threat. All vegetation, including grass, native or ornamental plants, is potential wildfire fuel. Properly maintained vegetation can slow a wildfire, shortened the length of flames, and reduce heat, all of which defend the home against oncoming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

F	HOW DO I CHANGE THE VEGETATION ON MY PROPERTY TO REDUCE THE WILDFIRE	THE THREE R'S OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE			
1 8 0 1	 THREAT? 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: increasing the moisture content of vegetation. decreasing the amount of flammable vegetation. shortening plant height. altering the arrangement of plants. This is accomplished through the "Three R's of Defensible Space." The article "Creating An Effective Defensible Space. 	Removal	This technique involves the elimination of entire plants, particu- larly trees and shrubs, from the site. Examples of removal are cutting down a dead tree or cutting out a flammable shrub.		
		Reduction	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.		
E i		Replacement	Replacement is substituting less flammable plants for more haz- ardous vegetation. Removal of a dense stand of flammable shrubs and planting an irrigated, well maintained flower bed is an example of replacement.		

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

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 <u>http://www.surfsideonline.org/payment-form/</u> 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 <u>www.surfsideonline.org</u>, under the governance tab you'll see Surfside Restrictive Covenants link.

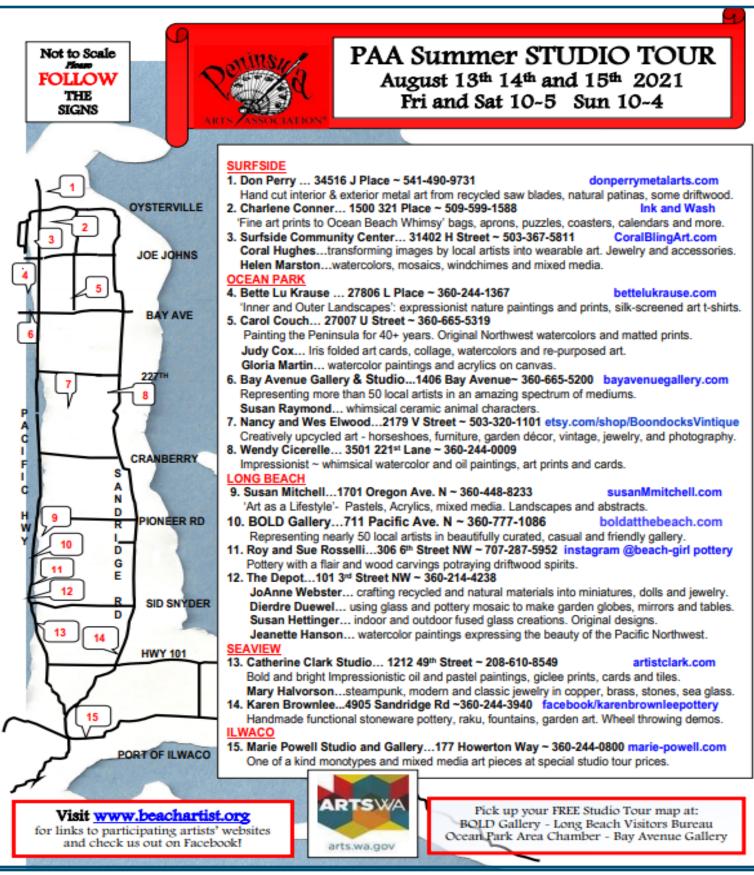
or call the business office 360-665-4171 with any questions.



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RELAXATION TRAVELING HOT SUNSHINE POPSICLE BARBECUE OCEAN BEACH SUNBATHE GRILLING VACATION SWIMSUIT AIR CONDITIONING SWIMMING ICE CREAM

WATER PARK LAKE POOL CAMPING SPEEDBOAT



Coral Hughes will have tables set up at the Surfside Business Office, Friday, August 13th & Saturday August 14th

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Tree 1 pm	3 Fishing Derby 830
	5 Office Closed	6 ARC 9 am CRC 1 pm	7	8	9	10 Annual Meeting
11	12	13 ARC 9 am	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 ARC 9 am EMC 1 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 ARC 9 am	28	29	30 F & W 1 pm	31

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August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 ARC 9 a CRC 1 p	4	5	6 Tree 1 p	7
8	9	10 ARC 9 a	11	12 L & B 9 WSP 10	13	14
15	16	17 ARC 9 a	18	19	20	21 Board Mtg 9 am
22	23	24 ARC 9 a	25	26	27 F & W 1 pm	28
29	30	31 ARC 9 a EMC 1 p				

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

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