



Weekender

July 30, 2021

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SURFSIDE UNITED

Surfside homeowners are a diverse group of folks interested in a myriad of different activities: fishing, gardening, golf, beach combing, and yes even hospitality as we entertain family and grandchildren. For most of us the only reason to leave involves healthcare or unfortunately death. We love our beach life at Surfside. As humans, though we differ in views and opinions. Disagreements occur as we all attempt to live together in a very close proximity. It is for the love of Surfside and a sincere attempt to achieve harmony that this article is written.

Have you heard of Surfside United? Perhaps you have if you received a flyer from them recommending and justifying the reason you should have voted for four candidates. Or you may have seen the advertisement in the July 14th Chinook Observer congratulating those four recommended candidates for being elected to the Surfside Board of Trustees. But who is Surfside United? In addition, for what does Surfside United stand? There is much speculation. The purpose of addressing these points in the August 6th Weekender is to ask a spokesperson to clarify the Surfside United identification and agenda. With regards to the agenda, virtually every member will be affected by the outcome should it be completed.

Certainly, one of the agenda items stated initially by Surfside United is the tree height covenant. The campaign flyer was specific regarding what was called "an unfair requirement of G, H, and I Street members to maintain a specified tree height for the view of J Place residents". A very hot button item if not a dividing issue. The Surfside blog as well as social media like NextDoor Surfside were used to stir up emotions with anonymous posts, inflammatory remarks, unsubstantiated rumors, or just plain lies. Scare tactics were used such as "kill tree committee" or suggesting sending names/addresses of BOT and Committee Chairman to Antifa Seattle. It has been suggested that a former Surfside member and Trustee who apparently wishes to destroy the Surfside HOA has actively been involved in this effort. Of course, not all or most of these posts are submitted by Surfside United. However, the inflammatory results are a consequence of these unscrupulous tactics. Realtors have told me the smear tactics have concerned buyers looking to move here.

Recently a concerned Surfside member approached the HOA. This anonymous member was privy to information discussed by Surfside United regarding an aggressive takeover of the association. Allegedly, Surfside United with a potential majority vote intends to remove me as Board President seizing power and then firing the Business Manager, Tracy Lofstrom. In other words, Surfside United, possibly a relatively small number of members is poised to take over the administration of this community. Is this a concern for the majority of Surfside Members?

Think of the possible significance to Surfside Estates. Covenants that may or may not be in place. Property values that may be affected by covenant changes. An organization that uses slur tactics as a strategy. Inexperience guiding such items as drinking water, public safety, and a large budget. All this because of a vindictive former member and some folks experiencing buyer's remorse for not understanding the responsibility of their purchase.

I am hereby inviting a representative of Surfside United to submit a signed article for next weeks' Weekender, explaining their vision for our community and for our HOA and factually refuting anything in this article that they believe is inaccurate.

We only seek to make Surfside Estates a better place for us to enjoy life.

Ric Minich, President, Surfside HOA

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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.



Caspian Tern

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!

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!
- 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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Chipping Site

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 8th**.

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 324th 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!

Surfside's Firewise Chipping Site (35000 G Street)

PLAY IT SAFE AT THE BEACH

BEACH SAFETY ADVICE

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.

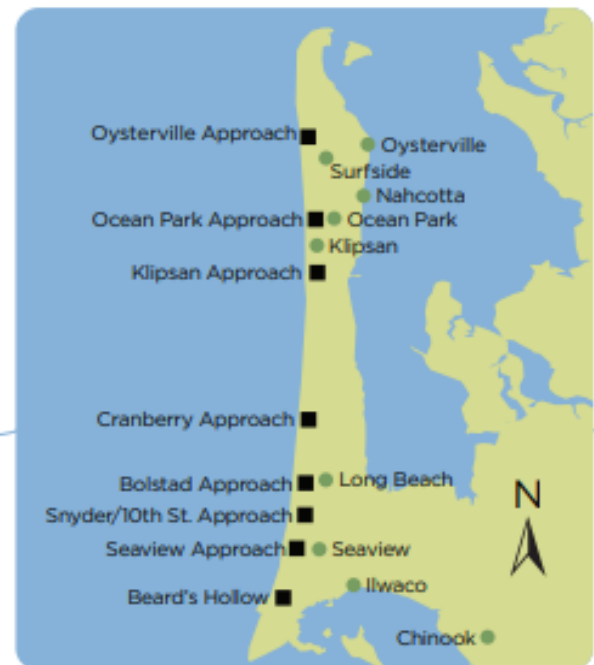


You may get
on rocks or jetty
at low tide,
but be trapped
at high tide.



Pack out your garbage.

BEACH APPROACHES



No fires within 100 feet of the
flammable dune grass area.



SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE
PO Box 549, Seaview WA 98644

The announcement is framed by a decorative border featuring reindeer, evergreen trees, and red and white striped ornaments. The text is centered within a green rectangular frame with rounded corners. The title is in a large, orange, cursive font, and the details are in a smaller, orange, cursive font. The background is a light cream color.

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.

All materials will be provided.



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.

HOW DO I CHANGE THE VEGETATION ON MY PROPERTY TO REDUCE THE WILDFIRE 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" provides detailed information about changing vegetation characteristics for defensible space.

THE THREE R's OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Removal

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.

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.

Replacement

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.

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 <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.

Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
presents
the 3rd Annual

save
the
date

WINGS OVER WILLAPA



FESTIVAL

September 24-26, 2021

LONG BEACH PENINSULA, WA

EVENTS TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN PACIFIC COUNTY


BIRDING | TOURS | ART | WORKSHOPS | WILDLIFE | NATURE HIKES



WWW.WINGSOVERWILLAPA.ORG



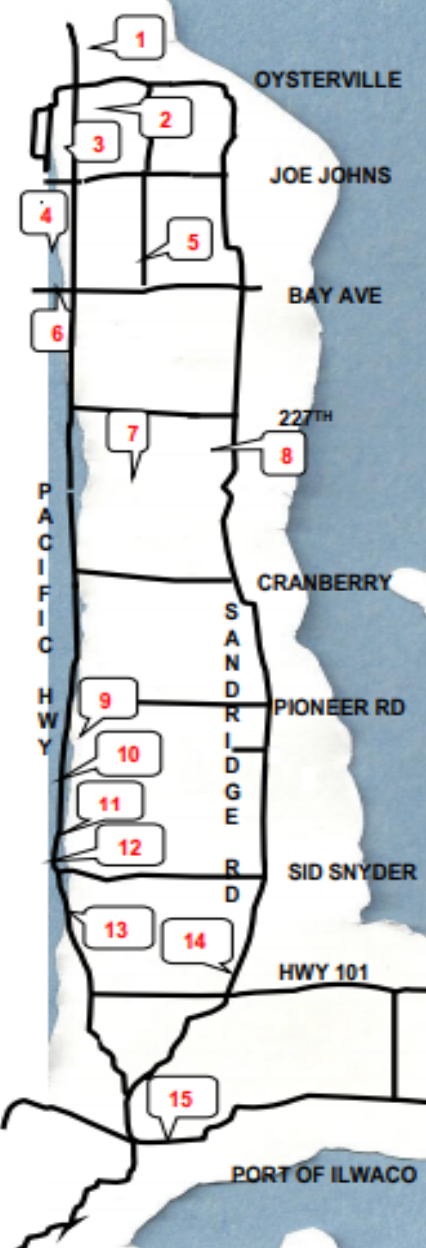
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From
**FOLLOW
THE
SIGNS**



**Peninsula
ARTS ASSOCIATION**

PAA Summer STUDIO TOUR

August 13th 14th and 15th 2021
Fri and Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4



SURFSIDE

1. Don Perry ... 34516 J Place ~ 541-490-9731 donperrymetalarts.com
Hand cut interior & exterior metal art from recycled saw blades, natural patinas, some driftwood.
2. Charlene Conner... 1500 321 Place ~ 509-599-1588 Ink and Wash
'Fine art prints to Ocean Beach Whimsy' bags, aprons, puzzles, coasters, calendars and more.
3. Surfside Community Center... 31402 H Street ~ 503-367-5811 CoralBlingArt.com
Coral Hughes...transforming images by local artists into wearable art. Jewelry and accessories.
Helen Marston...watercolors, mosaics, windchimes and mixed media.

OCEAN PARK

4. Bette Lu Krause ... 27806 L Place ~ 360-244-1367 bettelukrause.com
'Inner and Outer Landscapes': expressionist nature paintings and prints, silk-screened art t-shirts.
5. Carol Couch... 27007 U Street ~ 360-665-5319
Painting the Peninsula for 40+ years. Original Northwest watercolors and matted prints.
Judy Cox... Iris folded art cards, collage, watercolors and re-purposed art.
Gloria Martin... watercolor paintings and acrylics on canvas.
6. Bay Avenue Gallery & Studio...1406 Bay Avenue~ 360-665-5200 bayavenuegallery.com
Representing more than 50 local artists in an amazing spectrum of mediums.
Susan Raymond... whimsical ceramic animal characters.
7. Nancy and Wes Elwood...2179 V Street ~ 503-320-1101 etsy.com/shop/BoondocksVintique
Creatively upcycled art - horseshoes, furniture, garden décor, vintage, jewelry, and photography.
8. Wendy Cicerelle... 3501 221st Lane ~ 360-244-0009
Impressionist ~ whimsical watercolor and oil paintings, art prints and cards.

LONG BEACH

9. Susan Mitchell...1701 Oregon Ave. N ~ 360-448-8233 susanMmitchell.com
'Art as a Lifestyle'- Pastels, Acrylics, mixed media. Landscapes and abstracts.
10. BOLD Gallery...711 Pacific Ave. N ~ 360-777-1086 boldatthebeach.com
Representing nearly 50 local artists in beautifully curated, casual and friendly gallery.
11. Roy and Sue Rosselli...306 6th Street NW ~ 707-287-5952 [@beach-girl pottery](http://instagram)
Pottery with a flair and wood carvings portraying driftwood spirits.
12. The Depot...101 3rd Street NW ~ 360-214-4238
JoAnne Webster... crafting recycled and natural materials into miniatures, dolls and jewelry.
Dierdre Duewel... using glass and pottery mosaic to make garden globes, mirrors and tables.
Susan Hettinger... indoor and outdoor fused glass creations. Original designs.
Jeanette Hanson... watercolor paintings expressing the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.


SEAVIEW

13. Catherine Clark Studio... 1212 49th Street ~ 208-610-8549 artistclark.com
Bold and bright Impressionistic oil and pastel paintings, giclee prints, cards and tiles.
Mary Halvorson...steampunk, modern and classic jewelry in copper, brass, stones, sea glass.
14. Karen Brownlee...4905 Sandridge Rd ~360-244-3940 facebook/karenbrownleepottery
Handmade functional stoneware pottery, raku, fountains, garden art. Wheel throwing demos.

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15. Marie Powell Studio and Gallery...177 Howerton Way ~ 360-244-0800 marie-powell.com
One of a kind monotypes and mixed media art pieces at special studio tour prices.

Visit www.beachartist.org
for links to participating artists' websites
and check us out on Facebook!



arts.wa.gov

Pick up your FREE Studio Tour map at:
BOLD Gallery - Long Beach Visitors Bureau
Ocean Park Area Chamber - Bay Avenue Gallery

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

August 2021

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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 Budget Mtg 10	26	27 F & W 1 pm	28 Card Class 10 & 1
29	30	31 ARC 9 a EMC 1 p				

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WSP= Water System Planning *CRC=Community Relations

September 2021

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			1	2	3 <i>Tree 1pm</i>	4 <i>Tsunami Run 9am</i>
5	6 <i>Labor Day Ofc Closed</i>	7 <i>ARC 9am CRC 1pm</i>	8 <i>Budget 10am</i>	9 <i>L & B 9am WSP 10am</i>	10	11
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