



# Weekender

August 27, 2021

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## A Better Surfside HOA

Spirits should be raised in Surfside Estates after the first meeting of the Board of Trustees since the July 10th election and Members Meeting. The time was an approximately forty-two days stretch with apparently nothing getting done. Many folks were growing anxious, especially with the number of items that needed to be discussed, both old and new business. The new Board worked well together.

The fourth item under old business was the approval of the 2020 Audit prepared by Newman and Associates. Surfside HOA had switched auditors from the previous years for several reasons that included not having the same auditor for a long period of time to get a fresh perspective and the bid submitted to complete the audit was considerably less expensive, approximately \$25,000. As a Home Owners Association, Surfside is required by Washington State Law to be audited annually. The result from the 2020 audit most excellent. There were few recommendations for correction. As an association Surfside is required to have a ten year and thirty-year financial plan, primarily for depreciation scheduled replacement, etc. The audit shows that we are on a solid course to meet the ten-year schedule. If columns of numbers are not your thing, the audit also includes a narrative explaining the significance of those numbers. The audit is public record. You are urged to take the opportunity to review it and take comfort in the financial stability of Surfside HOA.

The second item of old business approved by the Board of Trustees was the Code of Civility. This document was examined and rewritten over many months, again and again. The reason for the necessity of the code is sad but unfortunately has become common place. Members, volunteers, and employees have unnecessarily experienced verbal confrontation and abuse from a few members in our community. It is believed that a very large majority of our members find these actions unacceptable, desiring rather to have a civil atmosphere of courtesy, friendliness, and good will prevail in our community. After all, life at the beach should be enjoyable, not confrontational. The Code of Civility is a step toward assuring peace and joy.

An ad hoc committee was proposed to study the tree issue, plus some other serious environmental areas. Surfside has contacted Alison Halpren of the Washington State Conservation Commission to initially meet and advise us on tree & weed management, incorporate drainage issues, riparian zone protection, fire control, etc. In addition, other human resources include Kelly Rupp, a peninsula resident and consultant was a significant contributor to Pacific County Ordinance 180, Matthew Stuber, Eagle Coordinator, Migratory Birds and Habitat Program, Dept. of Interior, two Surfside residents who claim to be arborists, and Chief Brundage of the Pacific County Fire District. In addition, through all the correspondence suggestions for differing solutions to financially or managerially change the responsibility of maintaining tree heights without changing the covenants. Neither the size of the committee nor the members of the committee have been decided until after the initial meeting with Alison Halpren and her CRM group. As of this writing of August 25th, she has been contacted, responded in the affirmative but has not scheduled a date. It is understood the importance for a prompt resolution to the total environmental concerns, but we do not want to experience a hasty decision that does not satisfy the whole community. Communication to the members detailing the committees progress will be transparent and timely. Think positive and volunteer if asked.

Finally, for those who missed or were unable to participate in the August 21st BOT meeting, please accept our apologies. Funds have been approved for equipment upgrades. The office and IT department began working Monday morning on the issue to allow full participation. In the meantime, the meeting recording will be added to the Surfside web site.

Ric Minich, President

Surfside HOA

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**SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**  
**August 21, 2021**

President Ric Minich called to order the August 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Surfside Homeowners Association at 9:00 am.

**Trustees present:** Ric Minich, Larry Raymer, Kurt Olds, Mariann Schweitzer, Dan Neptun, Tom Rogers, John Curran, Cori Harms and Ronda Christoph

**Staff:** Tracy Lofstrom, Kimber Holtermann, Gil Gonzalez, Heidi Larson, Cyndi Sayce

- **Safety Message-** The Destructive Power of Hate and Anger
- **Pacific County Sheriff** – A motion was made to end the contract with the Sheriff's Department. Motion withdrawn and item tabled until more information can be gathered. The contract expires January 2022 but we are required to give at least 30 days' notice if we are not continuing the contract.
- **Agenda-** The agenda for the August 21, 2021 regular board meeting was amended and approved. Amendments added: a trustee liaison for compliance, Roberts Rules of Order, Legal liaison, ARC function and Board Secretary duties.
- **Minutes Approval-** The minutes from the June 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved.
- **Code of Civility-** was approved as amended; adding administrative or legal action to the last paragraph; it will be added to the Operations Manual and the website.
- **Complaint #5599-** After reviewing the letter received from the Department of the Interior stating that removing the tree in question is unlikely to cause any disturbance to the nesting bald eagles identified in the area and is unlikely to violate the Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act, since the tree in question is greater than 330 feet from the reported nest location. Motion passed to enforce tree heights for this complaint.
- **Draft Audit for 2020-** The 2020 audit drafted by Newman CPA was approved.
- **Resolution 2021-08-01** – The resolution for paving repairs at the G St. Mini Mall and Lighthouse Realty driveway was approved at a cost of \$11,402.39
- **Resolution 2021-08-02** – The resolution awarded Calgon Carbon Corp the purchase of the replacement carbon filter for the water treatment plant in the amount of \$38,592.71.
- **Board Policy Investments-** the duration of the Capital (Reserve) funds that shall be invested in financial instruments with duration was approved to increase to three (3) years from two (2) years.
- **Annual Meeting Motions-** Discussion about the attorneys letter regarding the annual meeting floor motions. They are considered advisory motions for the new board of trustees. See proposed AD-Hoc committee below.
- **Proposed AD-HOC Committee** -this new committee will study trees, environment and covenants.
- **Proposed Rule Change-** "No Surfside funds will be spent to defend a board member accused of violating their legal duties as a Surfside Board member." This would require a Bylaw change by member vote.

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- **Trustee Committee Assignments-** Trustees voted unanimously on their assigned committees and the committee chairs.
- **Board Goals-** discussion but no motions
- **Board Check Signers-** Rudd Turner, Ric Minich, Mark Scott & James Clancy were removed as check signers. New signers added are Larry Raymer, Ronda Christoph, John Curran & Cori Harms.
- **Operations Manual Correction-** Page 18 of the Operations Manual has the incorrect spelling of recuse.
- **Roberts Rules of Order-** a motion passed to utilize Robert's Rules of Order 3rd edition printed in September 2020 by this sitting board.
- **Board Secretary duties-** tabled until the September 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- **Removal of Ric Minich as President-** Ronda Christoph withdrew the motion, no vote was taken.
- **Video Conferencing Equipment-** the board authorized new video conferencing equipment for the office at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00
- **All staff, trustee and committee reports were accepted**
- **Meeting adjourned at 4:07**

**SURFSIDE SPEED LIMITS**

I know we all forget sometimes that the speed limit in Surfside is 25mph, except on I street, north of the Hotel where the speed limit increases to 35mph.

We don't have sidewalks or much of a shoulder on our streets.

We have several dog walkers, bicyclists, joggers, children & elders walking, plus all the deer & other wildlife to navigate while driving.

Please, please, please, slow down on your way to/from the trash compactor, on I street, on G street and all your travels through Surfside.



**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.

*Peninsula Quilt Guild***25th Annual Quilt Show***Sept. 17 - 19, 2021**Friday - Sunday*

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free admission

*Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum*

Ilwaco, WA

**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.





## 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!

Surfside's Firewise Chipping Site (35000 G Street)

## A message from Department of Fish & Wildlife

If you live in an area where black bears are seen or are causing damage to your property, use the following management strategies around your property to prevent conflicts:

- ⇒ Remember– Bears are typically present because of an attractant
- ⇒ The first step would be to secure your garbage either in a garage or locked shed to prevent the bear from having access to it. If you don't have a garage or shed we recommend contacting your waste disposal company and seeing if they offer bear proof garbage cans. Remember, an empty trash bin still smells like dinner to them!
- ⇒ We also request that you take down bird/suet feeders for the season as bears are attracted to these as well.
- ⇒ We also strongly recommend talking with your neighbors to make sure they are following the same guidelines. If you do your part to clean up but your neighbor doesn't, the bear will continue to come to your properties and cause damage while looking for food. It is extremely important that EVERYONE is on the same page. It only takes one neighbor to cause a problem for everyone.
- ⇒ If after you've tried the above methods and the bear continues to return, please contact WILDCOMM at 360-902-2936, option #1 to file a report. Remember, bears rely heavily on smells and their hearing to get around to locate food. Making noise can work very well in deterring certain bears, so something as simple as clapping your hands or using a noise maker can be effective in deterring them.

**It is very important to know that you could be cited for feeding dangerous wildlife either intentionally or unintentionally.**

- ⇒ **RCW 77.15.792**— Intentionally feed or attempting to feed large wild carnivores or intentionally attracting large wild carnivores to land or building –penalty
- 1. A person may NOT intentionally feed or attempt to feed large wild carnivores or intentionally attract large carnivores to land or a building.
- 2. A person who intentionally feed, attempts to feed or attracts large wild carnivores to land or building is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 3. A person who is issued an infraction under RCW 77.15.790 for negligently feeding, attempting to feed or attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building and who fails to contain, move, or remove the food, food waste or other substance within twenty-four hours of being issued the infraction, is guilty of a misdemeanor.



The announcement is framed by a decorative border featuring reindeer, evergreen trees, and red and white striped ornaments. The text is centered within a white rectangular area with a green border. 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 6<sup>TH</sup> 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!**





**37th Annual ROD RUN to the END OF THE WORLD**

**SEPTEMBER 2021 Ocean Park, Washington**

**-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS-**

**FRIDAY,**

REGISTRATION:	8:00 - 5:00
ENGINE RAFFLE SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
T-SHIRT & APPAREL SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
50 - 50 TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
RAFFLE TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
POKER RUN REGISTRATION:	9:00 - 1:00
FIELD OPENS FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS	
"STAKE OUT" ONLY:	8:00 - 5:00
NO VEHICLES	

**PORT OF ILWACO EVENTS**

THE PORT OF ILWACO IS OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES FROM 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

SLOW DRAGS CHECK IN PORT OF ILWACO:	10:00 - 2:30
SLOW DRAGS PRACTICE, PORT OF ILWACO:	3:30 - 5:00
SLOW DRAGS, PORT OF ILWACO:	5:00 - END

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$5.00**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET A CAN OF FOOD FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK. DONATED CANNED FOOD IS NOT IN LIEU OF ENTRANCE FEES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS.**

**SATURDAY,**

ALL GATES OPEN:	8:00 - 5:00
REGISTRATION:	8:00 - 5:00
SHOW & SHINE:	8:00 - 5:00
AUTO SWAP MEET:	8:00 - 5:00
PARTICIPANT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:	8:00 - 10:00
VENDORS:	8:00 - 5:00
ENGINE RAFFLE SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
T-SHIRT AND APPAREL SALES:	8:00 - 5:00
50 - 50 TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 2:00
RAFFLE TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 4:00
RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS:	11:00 - 4:00
MUSIC BY DJ:	8:00 - 5:00
VFW COLORS PRESENTATION CEREMONY:	9:00
POKER RUN REGISTRATION:	9:00 - 4:00
OPENING CEREMONY:	12:00
50 - 50 WINNER PRESENTATION:	2:00
CRUISE LINE-UP (SOUTH GATE):	2:30
CRUISE EXIT (SOUTH GATE):	4:00

**SUNDAY,**

ALL GATES OPEN:	8:00 - 5:00
REGISTRATION:	8:00 - 12:00
SHOW & SHINE:	8:00 - 5:00
AUTO SWAP MEET:	8:00 - 2:00
VFW COLORS PRESENTATION CEREMONY:	9:00
STAYTOWN RAY:	11:30 - 2:00
VENDORS:	8:00 - 5:00
ENGINE RAFFLE SALES:	8:00 - 1:00
T-SHIRT AND APPAREL SALES:	8:00 - 2:00
50 - 50 TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 1:00
RAFFLE TICKET SALES:	8:00 - 11:30
RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS:	8:00 - 2:00
MUSIC BY DJ:	8:00 - 2:00
POKER RUN:	8:30 - 11:30
TROPHY & AWARDS PRESENTATION:	2:00
ENGINE RAFFLE WINNER DRAWING:	2:00
50 - 50 WINNER PRESENTATION:	3:00
POKER RUN WINNER PRESENTATION:	3:00

**NO PETS**

**ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ON FIELD. SERVICE ANIMALS MUST REGISTER THROUGH MAIN GATE.**

**Beach Barons Car Club.**

P.O. BOX 257 - 20516 SANDRIEGE RD. OCEAN PARK, WA 98640  
WWW.BEACHBARONS.COM - (360) 985-2545

# 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](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](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.



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



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# 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 PAA Tour 10-5	14 PAA Tour 10-5
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				

## LEGEND -

\*ARC=Architectural \*EMC= Emergency Mgmt \*F & W= Fish & Waterway \*L & B= Land & Buildings  
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 &amp; B 9am WSP 10am</i>	10	11
12	13	14 <i>ARC 9am</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Board Mtg 9</i>
19	20	21 <i>ARC 9am</i>	22 <i>Budget 10 am</i>	23	24 <i>F &amp; W 1pm</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>ARC 9am EMC 1pm</i>	29	30		

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