

Weekender

September 3, 2021

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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!

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The Destructive Power of Hate and Anger

Poison isn't something you eat or drink – it can be an emotion. And hate is one of them, eating you up inside and causing destruction. Do you have hate in your life?

Hate is a mighty strong emotion. This mental venom can pollute your spirit, poison your soul, and seep into all relationships that surround you. Anyone who has found themselves wrapped up in the arm of hate knows how damaging and mind consuming it can become. Even the word carries power, particularly if it comes from a friend, a family member, a child, a Trustee, or someone you are trying to help.

While hate can be directed at almost anything – animals, foods, jobs, movies – the most destructive is hatred toward other people.

Ask yourself these questions: Does hate have a place in my life? Do I harbor any feelings of hatred toward myself or anyone else? Address this negative feeling before it becomes something much more dangerous. Hate, when left unchecked, will drain your spirit, tarnish your soul, and darken your days.

Generally speaking, there are two kinds off hate: the kind that is turned outward (explosion) and the kind that's turned inward (implosion). Both of these will eat you up inside, so if you find yourself living with hate, perhaps today is a good day for a little wellness housecleaning.

Hate turned outward is both dangerous and ugly.....You can control the feelings that lead to hatred. Consider this different meaning for "hate" and acronym of the mindset you need to counter this destructive emotional assault on your mind and body. Simply think of H.A.T.E. this way: Healing Aggressive Thoughts Emotionally

When you begin to feel hateful thoughts, stop, take a deep breath, let it out very slowly and repeat this process for four or five times.

Consciously challenge your irrational thoughts

Replace those hateful irrational thoughts with calmer rational thoughts.

If your feelings are directed at another person, limit your contact with that person.

Employ a "distraction strategy" to refocus your mind – watch a movie, go for a walk on the beach, read a book, exercise.

Come on folks, our properties are small, our houses are close together, let's learn to live well in harmony together in Surfside.

Ad hoc Committee, Tree Plus Update, 9/3/21

The stage was set Monday morning in a Zoom conference call with Dr. Allyson Halpren, Scientific Policy Advisor of Washington State Conservation Commission to evaluate the environment of Surfside Estates: natural, developed, and political. The issues of trees, flood control, algae, riparian zone management, wildlife, noxious weeds, water production, fire prevention, etc., were discussed. She is interested in assisting Surfside HOA by asking the WSCC Coordinated Resource Management Committee to accept Surfside HOA as one of their projects at their September 7th meeting. If accepted a Coordinated Resource Management Plan will be written for our community. CRM will then find or name a Facilitator familiar with community HOAs to mediate with the Surfside ad hoc committee to find successful solutions that everyone can live with and find acceptable. The ad hoc committee members will not be picked until the Facilitator is named. For those of you who have criticized the Board of Trustees of catering only to special groups, this is an opportunity to solve all the environmental issues experienced by the whole community of Surfside Estates. Please participate input when asked.

Ric Minich, President



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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.



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.

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COMMUNITIE www.firewise.org	s™ Chipping	Site
		ys on <u>Wednesdays</u> and <u>Saturdays</u> <mark>nesday, September 8th.</mark>
<u>me basic rules for access</u>	ing the Firewise Chippir	<u>ıg Site:</u>
used to access the garba	ge drop off site just off 324 th ste for a Surfside member, t	ay their compactor passes (the same pas ^h St) to access the chipping site. If a contrac the contractor must provide the member's
indicating their name, a		<u>lipboard</u> provided by the site volunteers, s dedicated to brush removal/tree trimming, t day.
Surfside Firewise Chipp	oing Site Program. <u>You will</u>	by members'/contractors' donations to the <u>be offered an opportunity to make a dona-</u> chipper/grinder rental costs and labor.
You may not drop off an volunteers can show you a noxious weed by WA S Pacific County waste tra	y noxious weeds/invasive a pictures of some prohibited state or regionally by Pacific ansfer station near Long Bea	e species at the chipping site. The d items. Basically, anything that is declared c County officials must be disposed of at the ach on Sandridge Rd. Some of these items by ragwort, knotweed, Himalayan blackberry
<u>dimensional lumber</u> pied <u>tree/brush limbs larger</u> have tree limbs larger th wood-sized pieces and of	ces/scraps, <u>grass clippings, t</u> <u>than six inches in diameter</u> . han six inches in diameter, <u>s</u>	t the chipping site. These items include any cree stumps, brush or tree root masses, or an . This is a new prohibition this year! If you you have several choices: cut them into fire- ront of your property, or haul them to the Pa n on Sandridge Rd.
Please do not drop off an are present. We're prov	ny items outside of the fe	nce line after hours , when no volunteers to drop off their brush and tree trimmings.
Surfsid	le's Firewise Chipping S	ite (35000 G Street)

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Living with Wildlife—Raccoons

The most effective way to prevent conflicts is to modify the habitat around your home so as not to attract raccoons. Recommendations on how to do this are given below:

- Don't feed raccoons: Feeding raccoons may create undesirable situations for you, your children, neighbors, pets, and the raccoons themselves. Raccoons that are fed by people often lose their fear of humans and may become aggressive when not fed as expected. Artificial feeding also tends to concentrate raccoons in a small area; overcrowding can spread diseases and parasites. Finally, these hungry visitors might approach a neighbor who doesn't share your appreciation of the animals. The neighbor might choose to remove these raccoons, or have them removed.
- Don't give raccoons access to garbage: Keep your garbage can lid on tight by securing it with rope, chain, bungee cords, or weights. Better yet, buy garbage cans with clamps or other mechanisms that hold lids on. To prevent tipping, secure side handles to metal or wooden stakes driven into the ground. Or keep your cans in tight-fitting bins, a shed, or a garage. Put garbage cans out for pickup in the morning, after raccoons have returned to their resting areas.
- Feed dogs and cats indoors and keep them in at night: If you must feed your pets outside, do so in late morning or at midday, and pick up food, water bowls, leftovers, and spilled food well before dark every day.
- Keep pets indoors at night: If cornered, raccoons may attack dogs and cats. Bite wounds from raccoons can result in fractures and disease transmission.
- Prevent raccoons from entering pet doors: Keep indoor pet food and any other food away from a pet door. Lock the pet door at night. If it is necessary to have it remain open, put an electronically activated opener on your pet's collar. Note: Floodlights or motion detector lights placed above the pet door to scare raccoons are not long-term solutions.
- Put food in secure compost containers and clean up barbecue areas: Don't put food of any kind in open compost piles; instead, use a securely covered compost structure or a commercially available raccoon-proof composter to prevent attracting raccoons and getting exposed to their droppings. A covered worm box is another alternative. If burying food scraps, cover them with at least 8 inches of soil and don't leave any garbage above ground in the area—including the stinky shovel. Placing a wire mesh barrier that is held in place with a heavy object over the in-ground compost will prevent problems. Clean barbecue grills and grease traps thoroughly following each use.
- Protect fruit trees, bird feeders, and nest boxes: To prevent raccoons from climbing fruit trees, poles, and other vertical structures, install a metal or heavy plastic barrier. Twenty-four-inch long aluminum or galvanized vent-pipe, available at most hardware stores, can serve as a premade barrier around a narrow support. Note: Raccoons will attempt to use surrounding trees or structures as an avenue to access the area above the barrier.



Living with Wildlife—Raccoons

Public Health Concerns

A disease that contributes significantly to raccoon mortality is canine distemper. Canine distemper is also a common disease fatal to domestic dogs, foxes, coyotes, mink, otters, weasels, and skunks. It is caused by a virus and is spread most often when animals come in contact with the bodily secretions of animals infected with the disease. Gloves, cages, and other objects that have come in contact with infected animals can also contain the virus. The best prevention against canine distemper is to have your dogs vaccinated and kept away from raccoons.

Raccoons in Washington often have roundworms (like domestic dogs and cats do, but from a different worm). Raccoon roundworm does not usually cause a serious problem for raccoons. However, roundworm eggs shed in raccoon droppings can cause mild to serious illness in other animals and humans. Although rarely documented anywhere in the United States, raccoon roundworm can infect a person who accidentally ingests or inhales the parasite's eggs.

Prevention consists of never touching or inhaling raccoon droppings, using rubber gloves and a mask when cleaning areas (including traps) that have been occupied by raccoons, and keeping young children and pets away from areas where raccoons concentrate. (If washing raccoon droppings from a roof, watch where the liquid matter is going.) Routinely encourage or assist your children to wash their hands after playing outdoors. Unfortunately, raccoon roundworm eggs can remain alive in soil and other places for several months.

If a person is bitten or scratched by a raccoon, immediately scrub the wound with soap and water. Flush the wound liberally with tap water. In other parts of the United States raccoons can carry rabies. Contact your physician and the local health department immediately. If your pet is bitten, follow the same cleansing procedure and contact your veterinarian.





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	THE THREE R'S OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE			
 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. The article "Creating An Effective Defensible Space" provides detailed information about changing vegetation characteristics for 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.		
	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.





September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Tree 1pm	4 Tsunami Run 9am
5	6 Labor Day Ofc Closed	7 ARC 9am CRC 1pm	8 Budget 10am Last day chipper	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 Budget 10 am	23	24 F & W 1pm	25
26	27	28 ARC 9am EMC 1pm	29	30		

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 ARC 9 CRC 1	6 Budget 10a	7 L & B 9 WSP 10	8	9
10	11	12 ARC 9	13	14	15	16 Board Mtg 9
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