



# Weekender

July 16, 2021

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## MINUTES

### SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

July 10, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Gary Williams, Mark Scott, Ric Minich, Rudd Turner, Tom Rogers, Tom Newman, Kurt Olds, Dan Neptun and Marriann Schweitzer.

**Staff Present:** Tracy Lofstrom, Heidi Larson, Gil Gonzalez, Maureen Gilbert, Cyndi Sayce and Darryl Groner.

#### Call to Order:

President Gary Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Sharon Sperry made a motion to adopt the agenda for the July 2021 Annual Meeting, as amended. Kirby Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Statement from Sam Jacobs regarding 3 ballots discarded in error.

#### Introduction of Board and Staff:

Gary Williams introduced/recognized all individual board members and staff for Surfside.

#### Introduction of DECC- Janet Corey:

Janet Corey declared that there was a quorum and distributed the proxies.

Introduction of Sam Jacobs and Brandon Gribben from Helsell-Fetterman

#### Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2019 Annual Meeting:

Valerie Harrison made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2019, annual meeting. Wdeborah Wells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Introduction of Candidates for the Board:

Ric Minich introduced the candidates running for the board this year. This year we have seven candidates running for four positions. This year's candidates are Annette DeLeest, Cori Harms, Gary Williams, John Curran, Mark Scott and Ronda Christoph. Each candidate was given an opportunity to speak on his/her behalf and answer questions from the floor.

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**Presidential Address:**

President Gary Williams thanked the board for their service, acknowledged the outgoing board members, and thanked the employees for their continued support and job well done. He identified the staff changes that had occurred this past year and explained the changes to the infrastructure of the association, and a discussion of social media.

**Legal Report-Sam Jacobs:**

Sam Jacobs- Surfside is in good shape with very few losses over the last few years. Mr. Jacobs was asked how many lawsuits Surfside generally has. He explained that each year there is at least one for foreclosures, and there is one on the books from 21 years ago.

Brandon Gribben introduced himself to the audience. He will be taking over our account from Sam Jacobs, who is retiring.

**10 Minute Break:****Floor Comments:**

Many concerns about the speeding on M place, I St and G Street. Many people are unhappy with Proactive compliance and want a moratorium on tree complaints.

**Janet Corey explained the Proxy process**

Proxies were distributed. Floor ballots were collected.

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**Robin Souvenir, Pacific County Sheriff:**

Sheriff Souvenir answered questions from the audience on how the patrols are scheduled for our area. He explained the delay in getting a dedicated officer for Surfside – the need to hire and train an officer. He will schedule a speed enforcement day.

**Proxy votes were collected.****Jacob Brundage – Pacific County Fire District 1 Chief**

Chief Brundage explained the fire district roll in property issues and government agencies in charge of burning. If a fire is left unattended- call the Fire Department

**Financial Audit Report:****Hand-outs were available at the meeting.**

We received a clean audit report. Our operating funds are good, and our capital reserves are at a very healthy 48% of funding. The budget planning will begin next month.

**Cyndi Sayce demonstrated the new website and explained it's functionality.****Architectural Committee:**

117 applications processed from January 1 through July 5 resulting in 24 new houses, 2 home additions, 35 sheds, 35 fences, 6 decks, 7 garages, 3 workshops, 2 green houses, 2 gazebos and 1 rail.

**Tree Committee:**

Based on member input, we have moved away from complaint driven compliance to proactive compliance. We have a new Compliance officer and a new program for processing compliance issues.

**Fish & Waterways Committee:**

Committee meets every 1 to 2 months. Handouts were available for information on plants that will help maintain the waterways and information on blue/green algae.

**Lands & Buildings Committee:**

Covers all the land and buildings owned by Surfside, managing improvements and maintenance.

**RV/Compactor Committee:**

The RV storage area is scheduled to be renovated and upgraded this fall, including the electrical and adding security. We need to hire another attendant for the compactor.

**Community Relations Committee:**

The committee plans activities for the members such as the Golf Scramble and the Annual Picnic. We need more Surfside residents to represent us in some of the Peninsula events that occur all year long.

**Emergency Management:**

We are not prepared in the event of a major event such as a tsunami.

**Firewise:**

Everyone working at the chipping site is a volunteer. We are getting donations that help offset the expenses.

**Water/Field Services:**

Water connections have grown this last year, but usage has not, thanks to the conservation rate. The water department has replaced 1.3 miles of old pipe.

Gil explained the South End Loop project – the next step of the water main replacement.

**General Announcement:**

Gary Williams mentioned the Compliance program that we purchased.

**Election Results:**

The following are the election results for board trustees in no particular order: Cori Harms, Larry Raymer, John Curran and Ronda Christoph.

The 70-604 election passed.

Certified results will be mailed.

**Motions from the floor:**

Beth Bauer moved to reevaluate tree heights. Candice Carteen seconded. A verbal vote was taken, the motion was approved.

Claudia Bell moved to continue the moratorium on tree cutting. Marta Towne seconded. A verbal vote was taken, the motion was approved.

Steve Cox made a motion to have the Board reexamine the \$200 property transfer fee. Gwen Wagner seconded. The motion was approved.

Rick Dunbar moved to Review all covenants vs RCWs to ensure they were in compliance. Ronda Christoph seconded. Seconded. The motion was approved.

Since so many people had left the meeting, it was unclear if a quorum still remained.

The motions will be used as a guideline by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm

## A Message to the Surfside HOA Community

Humbly, if not surprisingly, the office of Surfside HOA President was accepted by me Saturday morning, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Three leaders of key positions exited the Board of Trustees: President Gary Williams, Vice President Mark Scott, and Treasurer Rudd Turner. As President Gary has led Surfside HOA multiple years recently as either President or Vice President. One of his greatest assets is his management skill of finding a common ground solution between two opposing positions. During his tenure, Mark has excelled in his passion of emergency management, specifically regarding the tsunami threat and more importantly the existence for those who survive. Rudd was Treasurer for three consecutive years attending nearly all key committee meetings, monthly, assuring and understanding Surfside funds were spent properly as well as most effectively. In 2020, he took the bold move of changing audit firms, saving thousands of dollars while gaining a diverse spectrum of Surfside HOA spending. While departing, all three men will remain active in committees, advisory roles, and experience in the pursuit of excellence in making Surfside HOA an even better community. We are indeed grateful for their previous leadership service and their continued dedication to service in our neighborhood.

Nearly hours after the election, posted on social media were the results of the election, by name and number of votes. Unofficial! As of this writing, noon on Thursday, July 15, 2021, Surfside HOA has still not received official, certified results from Janet Corey, the DECC (Designated Election Committee Chairperson). Once again, unofficially, the top four vote getters in order of votes received are Cori Harms, Larry Raymer, John Curran, and Ronda Christoph. Regarding the initial, unofficial vote count of the day, the closest result was four votes between third and fourth place. This is significant in that the fourth-place winner serves only a one-year term, filling a vacated position. Since the fifth-place vote receiver was seven votes behind the fourth, it is very unlikely the official count will change the four candidates announced. The only change likely would be a flip in the third and fourth vote getters. With these results, in a special Board of Trustees meeting held immediately after the Members meeting, Cori, Larry, John and Ronda were sworn in as Trustees to fill the four contested positions. Ending that meeting, was an election for the officers of the Board of Trustees. In a five to four vote, Ric Minich was elected President followed by unanimous votes for Larry Raymer Vice President, Mariann Schweitzer Secretary, and Kurt Olds, Treasurer. This is known as the Executive Committee.

Looking forward now that all posts and positions are filled, it is time to address issues that must be corrected or clarified to allow Surfside HOA to function efficiently and harmoniously. It takes no imagination to understand that tree height was the central issue of those in attendance. It is my intention along with others to immediately set forth a number of the motions voted on in the latter hours of the Member's Meeting. Other areas of immediate concern are clarification of the election format prior to the 2022 elections. A code of civility has been written addressing what appears to be our community relationship with each other, volunteers, and employees. There are numerous other issues to address. Committee assignments will be completed today and submitted to the Trustees as well as Chairman to lay a base for the next BOT meeting in five weeks. Please join me in best wishes to all persons involved in sincerely working toward improving the quality and experience that is our community, Surfside Estates.

Ric Minich, President  
Surfside Homeowners Association

## **SHOA FISHING DERBY RESUMES**

The 33rd Annual (+1) Surfside Homeowners Association Fishing Derby was held on Saturday morning, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This long standing event is open to all children 12 years of age and under, who have either family or friends residing in our great community.

A total of 101 youngsters registered, with 49 of those catching at least one fish. Cash prizes were won by the following, with all others choosing from a large array of prizes.

### **Ages 5 and Under**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place,	\$20.00	Kenzie Eaton (5)	15 ¼"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Cooper Moyer (4)	15 1/8"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place,	\$ 5.00	Ebby Sloan (4)	14 ½"

### **Ages 6 – 8**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place,	\$20.00	Caleb Bolisle (6)	11 5/8"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Crosby Bressen (7)	11 ½"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Mason West (6)	11 1/2"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place,	\$ 5.00	Connor Krueger (8)	10 ¾"

### **Ages 9 – 12**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place,	\$20.00	Sydney Wong (11)	15 3/8"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Abigail Locati (10)	15 ¼"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Ellie Parker (12)	15 ¼"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place,	\$10.00	Tyler Waldo (10)	15 1/4"
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place,	\$ 5.00	Paityn Fraumeni (12)	15"

This year, thanks to a very special donation by long-time resident Shirley Baker, an additional raffle was held for salmon rods. The lucky winners were Lochlan Chen, Lily Fox, Willa Dalton, Abigail Locati and David Wagner.

This fun-filled event wouldn't be possible without a lot of help from the Fish and Waterways Committee, The Kilian Klan, The Lee Family, Bruce Mason, Joe Rudy, Robin Mott, and many more unnamed heroes.

Please contact DuWayne J. Mott at (360) 665-0558 if you'd like to help out next year.

### **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.

  
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## 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>**.

### 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!

## State investigating whether algae bloom linked to dog's death at Hagg Lake



This headline was taken from KATU 7/15/21. It is a reminder that Blue-Green Algae is a problem all over Washington and Oregon.

There is a brochure here in the Surfside Office if you want more reading material regarding this issue.

Please be cautious and don't let pets and kids swim in waters that may have Blue-Green Algae.

State health officials are investigating after a dog fell ill and died after swimming in Hagg Lake. Specifically, they're looking into whether a toxic algae bloom may have played a role in that dog's death. The Oregon Health Authority says right now it doesn't know what caused the dog's death.

### PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE PATHS FOR SURFSIDE

I spoke briefly at the annual meeting on July 10th about creating user friendly and user safety paths for pedestrians and bicyclists. The membership response was encouraging.

Therefore, I would like to form an exploratory committee to study the feasibility of bringing such a project to fruition. This would mean looking for the best route, pavement options, and, of course, cost. Perhaps it could be done in segments.

Once the committee completes its work, we would submit it to the Board for refinement. And, after that, it would go to the county roads department for further discussion.

If you are interested, please contact: Tony Pfannenstiel, (503) 720-6786. Email:

[Tonypfan@aol.com](mailto:Tonypfan@aol.com). Hopefully, we can use a conference room at the HOA 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

## ***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.

# July 2021

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				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
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## LEGEND -

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WSP= Water System Planning \*CRC=Community Relations

# August 2021

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