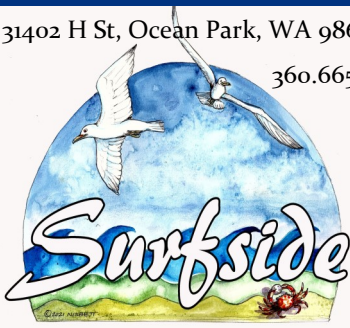


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Weekender

December 23, 2022

- Surfside Events
- Peninsula Events
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Most of my family did not celebrate Christmas. We did not have trees full of colorful, shiny decorations. Our house was not outlined in twinkling lights. We did not wake up on Christmas Day and open presents. We did not celebrate Hanukkah, either. We never gathered to light the menorah

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or read scriptures. We did not have eight nights of gifts. We did not eat latke. We didn't even celebrate Festivus! (Especially since it was popularized after I was born.) But what my family did try to do during the holiday season was give thanks. So I carry that tradition forward by expressing my gratitude and appreciation for all Surfside members, volunteers, and staff. I work with dedicated, sincere people. We are supported by hard working, caring volunteers. And we are bolstered by kind, gracious members who make each day a little brighter. From me to all of you...THANK YOU for a wonderful year!

Pauline, Business Manager

I thank thee, friend, for the beautiful thought
 That in words well chosen thou gavest to me,
 Deep in the life of my soul it has wrought
 With its own rare essence to ever imbue me,
 To gleam like a star over devious ways,
 To bloom like a flower on the drearest days-
 Better such gift from thee to me
 Than gold of the hills or pearls of the sea.

For the luster of jewels and gold may depart,
 And they have in them no life of the giver,
 But this gracious gift from thy heart to my heart
 Shall witness to me of thy love forever;
 Yea, it shall always abide with me
 As a part of my immortality;
 For a beautiful thought is a thing divine,
 So I thank thee, oh, friend, for this gift of thine.

Lucy Maud Montgomery

The office will be closed Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, and Monday, January 2nd for the holidays.

Employee Superheroes

You see them on the side of the road, you see them in an emergency, and sometimes you see them at your front door offering help. Who are these employee superheroes? It's our very own Aquamen - Aaron Brooks, Chris Staudenraus, and Jason (Jake) Taylor.

The members of the water and field crew are responsible for maintaining the water mains and the water meters. They provide new water hook up services. They are key personnel on large projects like updating old water main lines. This is commonly called the WMR (water main replacement). In short, the crew does whatever is needed whenever we need them to do it!

The water and field crew is indispensable to the smooth operation of our community. They support the health and well-being of all members by maintaining the transport systems for clean water...and they do it all behind the scenes with little to no interruption in service.

Jake has worked with us since early 2019. Chris has been with us since 2010. The Field Crew Leader, Aaron, has over 13 years with the HOA. That kind of loyalty is hard to find these days.



FILLING SANDBAGS...MADE EASY

Filling sandbags is often an arduous, tedious task but no more! The Emergency Management Committee purchased an *ExpressBagger®* to simplify the task.

Sand bags are available at the HOA business office. Call (360) 665-4171 or email office@surfsideonline.org for more information.

Sand and the *ExpressBagger®* are located at the gravel pit at 315th and G Street. The bagger is behind the cement wall. Simply move the bagger next to the sandpile and begin filling your bags.

Please return the bagger to its nesting spot behind the cement wall when finished. You can [watch this video](#) on how to use the bagger. Be prepared and stay safe!



Who ya gonna call?

Covenant Corner

The business office fields lots of phone calls and in-person questions about the HOA covenants, the majority of which we handle efficiently and with good humor. But sometimes we get questions we have to pass on to other county or state entities. Here is a short list of who to call when your question relates to an issue outside of our restrictive covenants.

- ◇ **Trespassing**—If someone is accidentally or purposefully accessing your lot from the street or from the beach, call the **Sheriff's non-emergency number** and report it, **360-642-9397**.
- ◇ **Drug Sales or Drug Use**—if you have suspicions there are drug deals happening in your neighborhood or you have evidence of blatant drug use, contact the **Pacific County Drug Task Force** and report it. The south tip line is **360-642-9300 x 2847** and their email is dtf@co.pacific.wa.us.
- ◇ **Vehicular accidents/road hazards**—if you witness an accident or erratic driving, or there are unmarked road hazards, yep, you guessed it, call the **Sheriff's non-emergency number**.
- ◇ **Smoke/Fire**—If you question the size of an open burn pit or campfire, contact the **Fire Department's non-emergency number (360) 665-4451**.
- ◇ **Vehicles Parked on the Roadside**—depending on your neighborhood the county may own up to 60' of "roadway", both the asphalt and the utility right of way. If there is an *unknown* vehicle parked on the side of the road for more than a week and it does not belong to your neighbor or a guest, [send a comment/concern form](#) to **Pacific County Code Enforcement**.
- ◇ **Illegal dumping**—take photos and notate the correct address of the lot, then [send a concern form](#) to **Pacific County Code Enforcement**.
- ◇ **Septic failures**—you might want to call your neighbor first, but then [send a concern form](#) to **Pacific County Code Enforcement**.
- ◇ **Dead Wildlife**—this depends on where the animal is located. If there is a dead animal on your property you are responsible for dealing with it. If the animal is in the roadway or the right of way, you can call, **Pacific County Dispatch, 360-875-9397**. If the animal is on the **beach call 360-642-9397**.
- ◇ **Dangerous Wildlife**—not all injured animals are dangerous and unfortunately, the deer in our community are in conflict with vehicles frequently. If there is a dangerous situation, like an injured bear or coyote, call the **Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, 360-902-2936, Option 1**.
- ◇ **Injured Wildlife**—there are some local rescue groups whose information you can find online. You may also [submit an "observation"](#) to the **Department of Fish and Wildlife**.
- ◇ **Feeding Bears**—it is illegal to feed bears. If you witness this occurring call the **Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, 360-902-2936, Option 1**. It is not illegal to feed deer, raccoons, etc. but it is unhealthy and potentially life threatening for wild animals to consume human food.

Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Non-Emergency Number: 360-642-9397 (staffed 24 hours a day)

Pacific County Drug Task Force: 360-642-9300 x 2847

Pacific County Fire District 1, Non-Emergency Number: 360-665-4451

Department of Fish and Wildlife, Montesano Regional Office, Non-Emergency Number: 360-249-4628

Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, 360-902-2936, Option 1.

Pacific County Dispatch, 360-875-9397

Safety and Security Committee Year End Update

The Committee is working on your behalf to make Surfside a safer community. Here are some of the highlights from 2022.

- ⇒ **LAW ENFORCEMENT** - The committee contacted WSP to ask for patrols in Surfside. We sent a letter of request to Pacific County asking for more deputies to patrol Surfside. You may have noticed an increase in the number of patrols. We also contacted Washington US Representative Jaime Herrera-Beutler, who sent the District Director of Issues Aide, to look into releasing funds to train and hire more deputies. We facilitated contact between the aide and Sheriff Souvenir. The committee looked into the possibility of an outside contract with the Long Beach Police Department, but their city council denied the request due to legal issues. The committee is also in contact with Sheriff-Elect Daniel Garcia. We've outlined our requests and feel encouraged and hopeful by his responses.
- ⇒ **TRAFFIC CALMING** - Another letter with requests was sent to the Pacific County Commissioners. We highlighted speeding in Surfside and listed specific problem areas. They forwarded our letter to the Department of Transportation Road Engineer, who we invited to come to our monthly meeting as a speaker. The community will soon have new signs, and this small step will progress to actual road restructuring in an attempt to slow traffic. Please be patient as these types of improvements can take up to two years. The department is pursuing a grant to fund our requests.
- ⇒ **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - In the new year, we will work with the Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce on the mutual goal of consistent and visible law enforcement on the northern end of the peninsula. We hope two strong voices will prove influential.
- ⇒ **E-BIKES** - After complaints from residents about unsafe conditions on beach pedestrian paths, signs were added to trails warning members and guests that e-bikes are not allowed on any pedestrian access paths. We also provided education to our members through articles in the Weekender. As Surfside continues to evolve and grow we must implement safety measures so humans, pets, wildlife and vehicles do not collide.
- ⇒ **RELATIONSHIPS** - We are following the progress of the newly formed Surfside Area Neighborhood Watch and lending support as needed. We worked with other committees on the Wild-fire Management Plan. The committee provided support to both the business office and the water department to update their Pre-Fire Emergency Evacuation Plans.
- ⇒ **DISPATCH**- There was an explosion early this year and so many people called the sheriff the system was overloaded. We found out the existing system, from the 70's, is antiquated. The committee is researching solutions which may help in future emergencies. Our goal is a quicker response time for the peninsula. Time saved equals lives saved.

Please remember to call and report all incidents to the Sheriff or Drug Task Force. Data is vital in obtaining grants, and grant funding will help the community reach our goals.

Sheriff's Office, Non-Emergency Number: 360-642-9397

Drug Task Force: 360-642-9300 x 2847

If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please contact the business office.

Safety and Security Committee Request

Do you know any, or are you, a retired law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or emergency responder? If yes, the sheriff elect would like to know you and meet you. Please call or email the business office with your contact information.

2022 Donations under the Foster Children's Program

Our Surfside Homeowners' members donated an overwhelming amount of money to the Foster Children Christmas Program this year. In the past we purchased Christmas presents for children using Santa Grams from the Department of Children and Families. This year we were able to fulfill those requests from foster children, as well as children served by Head

Start, the children who lost their home, grandma and belongings to a devastating fire in November, and children served by the Ocean Park Fire Department Toys for Tots! We were able to pay power and water bills for 7 families with children in need. And we provided much needed hygiene products for homeless/at-risk students on the peninsula. We are proud to live in the Surfside Homeowners Association and be your neighbors. Well done everyone and Merry Christmas!



John Harris patiently built two bikes.



Mindy and John Harris dropping off collections.

The Community Relations Committee

Surfside Area Neighborhood Watch

(not affiliated with the Surfside HOA)

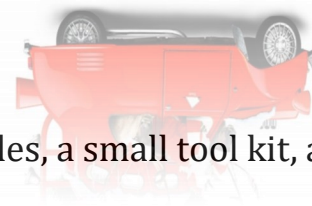
Are you concerned about security on your street or block? If yes, please attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the HOA business office. We will discuss ways to build our membership and start our training program. Find us on Facebook by searching for [Surfside Area Neighborhood Watch](#). For more information on Neighborhood Watch in general go to nnw.org.



HOLIDAY ROAD TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

If you are planning trips over the holidays here are some safety tips to consider.

- * Make sure your car is in good condition for a road trip. Check the tires for wear and pressure, including the spare. Check the oil level. Check all the fluids (brake, transmission, washer, etc.).
- * Make sure your roadside assistance plans are up to date and you have the contact numbers.
- * Pack a vehicle emergency supply kit with things like jumper cables, a small tool kit, a flashlight with extra batteries and reflective triangles.
- * Put an emergency preparedness kit with things like water, food, a whistle, emergency blankets, a small radio and a first aid kit in your vehicle.
- * Always share your travel plans with a family member or friend.
- * Check the weather before departing and along your route. Consider alternate plans to travel around any storms or weather hazards.
- * Get some sleep before you leave! Drivers should be well rested and alert.
- * Buckle up, slow down, and don't drive impaired...this includes driving while taking prescription medications which may limit your ability to stay alert.
- * Follow the rules of the road and use caution in construction zones.
- * Give your full attention to the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones or argumentative conversations. Put your pets in crates or harnesses to keep them and you safe.
- * Make frequent stops if you are alone. If with others, rotate drivers during long trips. If you're too tired to drive, stop and get some rest.
- * If you have car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.



Helping First Responders to Help You After an Accident

from the Safety and Security Committee Chair, Linda Voss

When police or emergency personnel approach an accident scene they look for vehicle registrations, licenses, insurance and other sources to help them identify victims. Since we're always carrying them, cellphones can be a valuable tool in an emergency. Here are some ways you can use your cellphone to provide first responders with vital information about you.

Create an ICE contact. ICE stands for "in case of emergency." Add this contact with all caps and make it the first contact in your list. You can highlight your ICE by using asterisks, too, like this *** ICE #1 My Husband ***, *** ICE #2, My Son***. If you have an iPhone it will automatically add "Emergency Contact" in red letters. You can also add ICE contacts as a note to your phone's home screen. Put all pertinent information in the note, like your ICE's full legal name, all their phone numbers, and their work, school or home address. You can also add a noticeable icon next to the ICE's contact name, like a red phone.



Keep your information current. Some phones have Safety and Emergency settings, some have About Phone settings. Use these to your advantage. If your phone is "old school" it may have an ICE contact already that you can update. If not, add a contact that is all about you and force it to be at the top of the list. You can also prominently display your contact information by putting it in all caps which is easier to see when scrolling. Include things like your date of birth and any secondary numbers.

Add your medical information and keep it updated. If you have a medical condition, place a medical icon by your contact. Add a note and list all your prescription medicines and the dosage, add your allergies, and even list things like dentures, contacts or glasses. Put that note on your phone's home screen. If you have a "medical application" put the app's icon on your home screen. This precaution could save your life in an emergency room.

Setup the Emergency Call options which bypass a locked phone. On most new smartphones the emergency call button will show on your lock screen and allows you or others to quickly dial numbers you've added for emergency situations. If you don't have that option on your phone, search the internet for ways to bypass the lock screen in an emergency.

Let first responders access your phone with an app. When you're not able to call 911 yourself, a first responder can use your phone even if it's in lock mode. iPhones have a "medical ID" option installed on all devices running iOS 8 and later. For Androids, Medical ID is a free app that can be downloaded from the Google Play store. Emergency responders (and anyone else with physical access to your iPhone) can view your Medical ID from the lock screen without entering a passcode. [Read this guide from a Florida Fire District to learn how to set up Medical ID.](#)

For more information, visit AARP, "[Find Out How Your Smartphone Can Help Save Your Life](#)".

A Message from the Emergency Management Committee

There is space available in the storage shed for emergency caches. If you are interested in learning more about storing an emergency cache for you and your family, call Louise Purdin at (352) 586-0082.

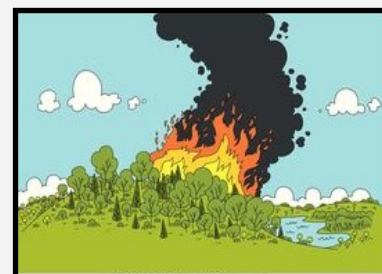
Storage fees are \$10 per year. Images of approved containers for the EMC storage shed are below. If you are interested in purchasing them, you can find them at Home Depot.



Help! It's an emergency.

The Emergency Management Committee needs volunteers to support Surfside's emergency response plans. They meet at 1 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month.

Please contact the office at office@surfsideonline.org if you need additional information or would like to join. Thank you.



INSIGHT FOR ELDERERS—FAMILY GENEALOGY

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Presented by: Sandi Melvin

Location: Oysterville Schoolhouse, 3322 School Road, Oysterville

Let history come alive as you explore your own family's link to monumental events of the past. Sandi will pass on tips from years of her own research and explore some factors that might motivate you to become a passionate researcher. She will share ideas about how to get started or to overcome brick walls you may have already encountered. Have you ever pondered where or how your great-great grandparents lived or how their medical history might affect you?

Genealogy may help you uncover circumstances of their day-to-day lives, open doors to their relationships, status, possessions, professions, experiences, and possibly actual old photos; through wills, deeds, census data, and other valued archives. To properly build a family tree you need to know physical places to search, as well as how to search online. You need to know what data to trust, how to uncover obscure facts, issues with online genealogy programs, how to use DNA, and the value of family lore.

Sandra (Sandi) Melvin has lived the majority of her life on the Columbia River and the Long Beach Peninsula, however, she spent 18 years in the oil fields of Southeast Texas as a professional genealogical researcher searching for the rightful owners of mineral rights for various oil companies. She has served as president of the Clatsop County Genealogical Society, president of the Long Beach Genealogical Society, and numerous other historical societies and heritage museums.

The Mission Statement of INSIGHT FOR ELDERERS is to provide opportunity for continued learning for seniors through lectures and discussions on critical topics relevant to their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Subjects will include local ecology and geology, legal and financial advice for seniors, habits for living well, recreational opportunities, death and dying, living with pain, and much more. We are hoping these lectures will provide for rousing discussion and opportunities to form a better community. For more information contact Anthony Pfannenstiel at Tonympfan@aol.com.



Upcoming Events

- January 1st, Fireworks at the Bolstad Beach Approach, Long Beach, 12 am (midnight)
- January 5th, Surfside Area Neighborhood Watch, 2—4 p.m., business office
- January 12th, Speaker Series #10, Russ Lewis, Beach Debris Clean-up, 2-4 pm

2023 Fishing Derby



This year, our Fishing Derby Chair, DuWayne Mott, told us he will not have time to oversee and run the Fishing Derby. This is an annual event, usually on Memorial Day weekend, that kicks-off the Surfside fishing season. The fishing derby typically sees the largest member turnout for any Surfside event (second only to the annual members meeting).

We are hoping a few volunteers will step forward to host this event for the children. If you or someone you know would be interested please give us a call at 360-665-4171.

Going to the compactor? Don't forget your pass!

The Community Relations Committee Presents the Speaker Series #10

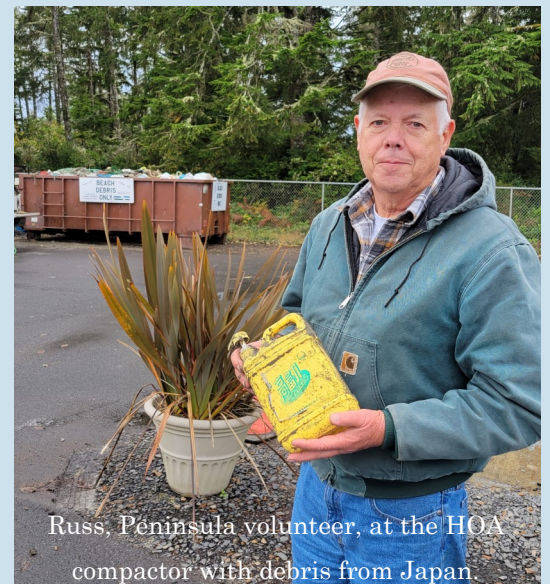
Surfside Member, Russ Lewis

January 12, 2023, 2 pm at the business office

Topics for discussion:

- Debris accumulation on our beaches
- Beach clean up and the Grass Roots Garbage Gang
- Tsunami Marine Debris and our marine environment

Call 360-665-4171 to reserve your spot.



Russ, Peninsula volunteer, at the HOA compactor with debris from Japan.



Will you help the South Pacific County Humane Society's cats and dogs start the new year with a bang by filling their stockings for Christmas?

We hope so! Please help if you can:

FOOD:

Our favorite food is Kirkland (Costco) kibble for its high quality and low price (our pups also like Purina Pro Plan & Iams); Purina Kitten Chow; Kirkland canned food; Friskies pate.

SUPPLIES & TOYS

We appreciate gift cards for pet & office supplies. Our favorite all-purpose gift cards are for Dennis Company in Long Beach, Costco in Warrenton, and Amazon online. The cats and dogs love toys – please no squeaker toys or rawhide.

WISH LISTS

You can send directly to the shelter from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and [chewy.com Wishlist](#).

TOP NEED

What the shelter animals want more than anything is a forever home! Meet our shelter animals at [beachpets.com](#) or join the conversation on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Plan on installing a fence, a shed, a gazebo or building a garage or a house?

REMINDER...

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 every Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the business office. The building packets are on our website at surfsideonline.org/forms/ or you can pick them 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.

Please notify the business office if you want to attend the meeting in person.

If you are building on a vacant lot without an address, please post a sign so the committee knows which lot will be developed.

Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee. Once approved, you will get a copy of the approved plan. Take it to the county for their approval as needed. Surfside will retain one set of approved plans to keep on file.

For more detailed information on the Architectural Committee duties and guidelines go to our website surfsideonline.org, select the Other tab, then Governing Documents. Download the Operations Manual and the Surfside Restrictive Covenants or call the business office 360-665-4171 with questions.

Thank you!

Zoom Links for January 2023 Regular Meetings and Events

Jan 3, 2023, 1—3 PM , [Community Relations Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 849 1549 0661, Passcode: 510418

Jan 6, 2023, 1-3 PM, [Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 817 4154 9932, Passcode: 893628

Jan 12, 2023, 9-11 AM , [Land, Buildings and Waterways Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3512 7281, Passcode: 973952

Jan 12, 2023, 11 AM—12 PM, [Water System Planning Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 841 4662 5992, Passcode: 483414

Jan 12, 2023, 2-4 PM, [Speaker Series, Russ Lewis, Beach Debris, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 848 8830 3605, Passcode: 630037

Jan 21, 2023, 8:30 AM, [Board of Trustees Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 817 7183 2809, Passcode: 818665

Jan 26, 2023, 3-5 PM, [Safety and Security Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 868 1750 6606, Passcode: 259138

Jan 31, 2023, 1-3 PM, [Emergency Management Regular Monthly Meeting, January 2023](#)

Meeting ID: 839 8667 8755, Passcode: 113711



From the Safety and Security Committee...

If you have a complaint or question about the roads in Surfside, send an email to pw@co.pacific.wa.us or submit a complaint through the county Maintenance Request form at <https://www.co.pacific.wa.us/public-works/index.html>.

Our Safety and Security Committee continues to communicate with the Interim Public Works Director, Grace Amundsen Barnkow. Ms. Amundsen Barnkow indicated her department focuses on flood control this time of year, finishing their budget process, and pavement management. She shared that the transportation improvement program (TIP) recently adopted includes the pedestrian projects Surfside HOA requested. She indicated the speed studies the HOA requested will be done soon. Finally, there are some draft documents prepared in anticipation of potential grants for pedestrian improvements.

The Safety and Security committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

December 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Neighborhood Watch 2 pm	2 No TBVN Mtg	3
4	5 Auditor 8—4 pm	6 AC 9 am CRC 1 pm	7 Book Club 3 pm	8 LB&W 9 am First Aid 1 pm	9	10 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, The Cove, 5 pm
11	12 Election Committee 9-11 am	13 AC 9 am	14	15	16	17 No Board Meeting
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