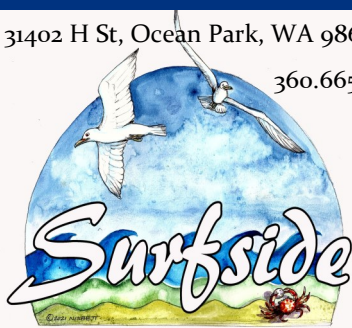


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Weekender

August 5, 2022

What happened?

Surfside Events

Peninsula Events

Entertainment/News

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If you attended the July annual meeting, you likely saw some of the chaos that ensued. The business office conducted an after action review (AAR) which included input from staff, trustees, members, volunteers, venue staff, and the inspector of elections. It also included combing through old emails and planning documents. We outline here our conclusions in short.

- ◆ Logistically, neither the Surfside HOA or AES inspector of elections were prepared for the member response.
 - ◇ Over 700 ballots were cast and 300 plus were received by the inspector the day of the meeting. This was the highest tally in memory.
- ◆ The proxy form was confusing for members, AES personnel, ballot counters, and proxy holders.
 - ◇ The business office fielded many calls, emails, and walk-in visits on proxy form questions.
 - ◇ Instructions and communications on completing the form were not clear.
- ◆ A majority of the proxy designations were blank.
 - ◇ AES relied on our operations manual but did not have the context of our traditions.
 - ◇ AES could not efficiently distribute the proxies to the trustees due to lack of person power and time.
- ◆ We did not follow AES suggestions for best practices.
 - ◇ We allowed proxies to be delivered up to 9:45 a.m. the day of the meeting.
 - ◇ We allowed members to deliver proxies to a locked box in the business office up to 5 p.m. the day before the meeting.
- ◆ There was too much reliance on our operations manual (a living document) and tradition.
 - ◇ Read Operating Procedure #101, starting on page 110, for details.
- ◆ AES had some internal coordination and organization issues.
 - ◇ Staff based in New York and California lead to delays in mailing and coordination.

We will provide the full review to the Board of Trustees and the future Elections Committee to ensure the 2023 elections and annual meeting employ smooth, efficient processes.

We did receive positive responses about the venue overall (comfortable, better parking, more space, better restrooms, etc.). Our staff also received many thanks and compliments for handling the day with courtesy and grace.

We started planning for the 2023 annual meeting. First, we are thoroughly reviewing the state RCWs, our Articles of Incorporation, ByLaws, and operations manual. We will then discuss options for venues, proxy forms, ballots, election officials, member packets, etc. with the Elections Committee.

Once again, we appreciate your patience as we work through improving our systems.

Pauline Hitch, Temporary Office Manager, Surfside HOA

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Reporting Crimes in Surfside

Property crimes in Surfside occasionally happen, for example, breaking into sheds, which can be an easy mark for thieves. If you are the victim of a property crime, contact the Pacific County Sheriff's department non-emergency number as soon as possible to report it. You do not have to file a written report, but you should call the non-emergency number. The non-emergency number is open 24/7. They will take your information and assign you a case number. If there was significant property damage you should take a photo of the damage, for your records, and possibly to file an insurance claim.

If you experience a violent crime, call 911 immediately.

In the event of any crime, please **do not** report them to the Surfside business office. The office has no authority to respond or report an incident. **The property owner or victim must make a report.**

Why is reporting crimes important for our community? The Sheriff's department cannot adequately perform their job if they do not know property and other crimes are happening in our community. Further, they need data showing the level of crimes in the area. This supports their requests for additional funding, which ultimately allows them to hire more patrol officers and purchase crime deterrents.

Property crimes do not require an officer to respond, but you, the property owner, must call, report the crime, and receive a case number.

Let's all do our part in helping Pacific County Sheriff's department to do theirs.

The Pacific County Sheriff's non-emergency phone is (360) 642-9397.
It's open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Trespassing...on your neighbor's property

Many of us moved to Surfside for the peaceful setting, the temperate weather, the proximity to the ocean, and the long sandy beaches. And of course, the beach life! We want to relax, refresh, and simply be. So why would anyone get upset if we decided to walk across a few dunes and leap over a few fences to get to our favorite beach spot?

Because we'd be trespassing, that's why. In Surfside, homeowners along G street (and other streets which directly face the ocean like F Place, 352nd, 338th, etc.), may own the accreted lands to mean high tide. If you walk across the dunes you are probably walking on an individual member's property. You may see their personal trail to the beach but please do not use it. And if you see a "no trespassing" or "private property" sign, do not ignore them. To access the beach without trespassing, **Surfside maintains multiple pedestrian pathways**. Some of them are connected to walkways over the canal. These pathways are for Surfside members and guest only, and they are limited to foot traffic (you may walk your bicycles). **The pedestrian beach paths are located at:**



306th, 311th, 317th, 330th, 341st, 345th, 350th, and 357th

Landscaping around a septic system

Landscaping when you have a septic system requires special care. Since your yard is where sewage is treated, a landscape design **should not interfere** with the natural functioning of your septic system. A balanced combination of oxygen and organisms will maintain the healthy soils necessary for your system.



Do's and Don'ts when preparing your garden:

- ⇒ **Don't** plant a vegetable garden on or near the drainfield or reserve area
- ⇒ Plants over the septic system may be disturbed or destroyed with repair work
- ⇒ **Don't** put plastic sheets, bark, gravel, or other fill over the drainfield or reserve area
- ⇒ **Don't** reshape or fill the ground surface over the drainfield and reserve area (just adding topsoil is generally okay as long as it doesn't exceed a couple of inches over the drainfield area)
- ⇒ **Grass or the existing native vegetation** are the best covers for your drainfield and reserve area
- ⇒ Direct all surface **drainage areas away** from the septic system
- ⇒ Use **shallow-rooted plants**
- ⇒ **Avoid** water-loving plants and **trees**
- ⇒ **Do not** make ponds on or near the septic system and the reserve area

"Landscaping with an on-site sewage system" June 10, 2020, King County, Washington,

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/environmental-health/piping/onsite-sewage-systems/maintenance/> Extracted 08-03-2022



Fragrance Free Zone

The Business Office is implementing a fragrance free zone and respectfully request all volunteers and members who attend meetings or events here during business hours do not wear cologne or perfume. We have several staff members and volunteers who are allergic and/or sensitive to various scents. Thank you for your guarding our health.

Planning on selling your house or lot?

Please notify the business office if you are about to sell your property in Surfside. If we know in advance, we can perform a compliance check before the property goes into escrow. This ensures you are aware of any issues before the sale so you can take action or properly notify potential buyers. It will also speed up the escrow process once a contract moves forward. Call us at 360-665-4171. Thank you!

FISH AND WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee met on July 29th. We were happy to have 4 HOA members as guests. We discussed Coastal AG's report regarding both the canal (in the last two versions of the Weekender) and Seabreeze Lake.

Coastal AG observations of Seabreeze Lake from July 14, 2022:

"Findings based on a full scouting of Seabreeze Lake done by boat from south to north along the east bank and north to south along the west bank with sampling conducted throughout the length of the lake on both sides and along the middle. Approximately 100 samples were taken with no plant life found at any point along the entirety of Seabreeze lake. Visible algae was seen along the lake and was concentrated at the South end being pushed by the seasonal north wind. Sampling confirmed that the multiple years of broad-spectrum herbicide treatments (Sonar) have resulted in the complete absence of any submersed aquatic plants based on the attempts at sampling and the visible absence of plants in shallow waters near all banks. The only plants in the water appear to be a planting of water lily and those that are rooted on shore such as yellow flag iris. The waters of the lake appear to be essentially an ecological desert, devoid of life. Algae is rapidly taking advantage of the absence of higher plant life, while some filamentous algae was present in relatively small amounts and attached to vegetation reaching into the water from shore. I believe that the remaining algae and "particles" that are present in visibly high concentrations are likely blue-green algae (BGA) and may be highly toxic. Based on my inspection I would highly recommend taking a sample from the south end of the lake and sending into a lab for confirmation."

Coastal AG recommends the following treatment:

Canal: one application of Diquat for surface weeds.

Seabreeze Lake: one application of GreenClean Pro for algae and blue-green algae.

The Committee will bring these recommendations to the Board for approval.

Committee members will work on a broad range plan for 2023, with the possibility of weed control in the canal, "planting" sub-emergent plants in Seabreeze Lake for fish, and blue-green algae treatment. We may also consider introduction of 'filter-feeders' to provide environmental building blocks. In future, we will attend to the eastern waterways.

We are excited to provide members with safe waterways for recreational fishing and boating.

Washington State Bans E-Bikes on Trails

On February 27, 2018, the Washington State House of Representatives enacted [House Bill ESSB 6434](#) relating to electric-assisted bicycles. The bill outlines the use of e-bikes. According to law, e-bikes cannot be **operated** on a natural surface trail like the pedestrian pathways we have here in Surfside.

Bill ESSB 6434 does more than simply restrict the use of e-bikes to **paved surfaces**, it also puts e-bikes into three categories. Class 1 e-bikes are those limited to 20 mph that cannot be operated without assistance from the rider by pedaling. Class 2 have the same speed restriction but can be operated with a throttle. Class 3 are pedal assist only but have a top speed of up to 28 mph. Other states use the same classification. The bill allows class 1 and 2 bikes to be ridden on **paved surfaces**, barring restrictions from local jurisdictions. To actively use an e-bike trails must be **paved** and at **least 5 feet wide** to accommodate pedestrians as well as bicyclists.

Electric bikes are a wonderful and economic resource, but they are also a motorized vehicle. And like all vehicles, accidents can happen. The pedestrian trails in Surfside can be narrow and are often undulating.



In some areas one cannot see over the dunes for any type of oncoming traffic, and due to the wonderful roar of our ocean and wind, a person cannot always hear on-coming traffic, especially something as quiet as an e-bike. Further, e-bikes re-entering the roadway on G street face potentially speeding automobiles and collisions.

For residents and visitors who want to use their e-bikes on the beach, **please use the Oysterville Beach access road or WALK your e-bikes on the trails.**

Safety and Security Committee

Precautions taken at the Chipping site

Pacific County is in the middle of a burn ban. The HOA is taking precautions at the chipping site to prevent fires. Hoses and sprinklers were recently set up and the HOA will water the vegetation debris frequently.

In addition, Surfside HOA is working with a contractor to start chipping the material.

PLEASE...**DO NOT BURN YARD DEBRIS.** [Be cautious and follow the county guidelines.](#)

Noxious Weeds

SCOTCH BROOM

According to www.pnwplants.wsu.edu Scotch broom is considered a noxious weed in the Pacific Northwest as it outgrows all other vegetation. In Washington State it is un-lawful to transport, buy or sell all parts of this plant and it is on the quarantine list. More information on controlling this noxious weed can be found here:

<https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/scotch-broom>



TANSY RAGWORT

Tansy is highly toxic to humans and livestock, and when ingested can cause bloody diarrhea, liver failure, and a myriad of other unpleasant symptoms, including death. Dried and hidden in a field of hay it is easily harvested and sold wreaking havoc with hungry animals. A mature tansy ragwort plant can produce 100,000 to 250,000 seeds, which can remain viable in the soil for a decade or more.

GORSE

Gorse is dangerous for many reasons (fire, habitat loss, property devaluation, physical injury) and it's nasty due to long spikes that easily penetrate clothing, even thick gloves. The Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board has designated gorse as a "County-select" weed, making control efforts by property owners mandatory.

For more information visit the [Pacific County Noxious Weed Con-](#)



Seeking: video and/or audio of the annual meeting. Due to technical difficulties with our recording device we did not capture a clear recording of the first 90 minutes of the meeting. If you recorded it, please contact Pauline Hitch, Temporary Office Manager, 360-665-4171, office@surfsideonline.org.

Dog Show

Saturday, August 6, 2022
1 to 3 p.m.

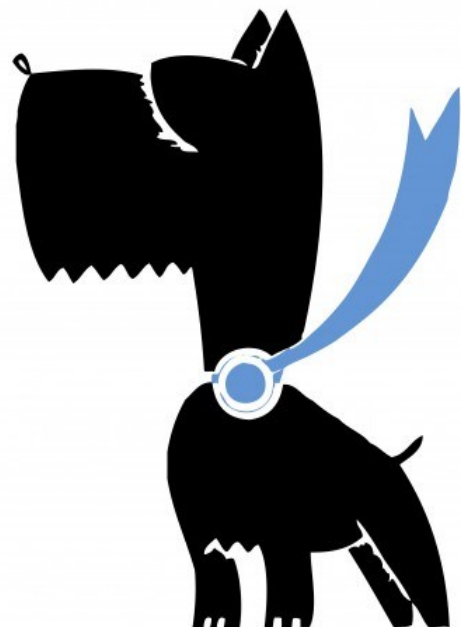
Surfside HOA Business Office, Front Lawn

CONTESTS:

- ⇒ Fashion Show/Best-Dressed Dog
- ⇒ Look-a-like
- ⇒ Tricks/Talent/Agility

FOLLOWED BY:

- ⇒ Youngest
- ⇒ Oldest
- ⇒ Biggest
- ⇒ Smallest
- ⇒ Best Dog Smile
- ⇒ Cutest
- ⇒ Ugliest
- ⇒ Best Howler/Talker/Singer



Please bring your own chair.

"Linda! Where's
my Chimken?"


Tucker B.

Prizes are ribbons and dog treats.

Please keep all dogs on leash at all
times.

Taking donations for our local Humane Society.

Annual Tsunami 2.5K Walk/Run
Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 9 a.m.
Registration begins at 8 a.m.
Meet at the Surfside HOA Office
31402 H St. Ocean Park



How long
to higher
ground?!

Entry fee is \$5 for those over 12.
12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.
Please call 360-665-4171 for information.

Sponsored by the Emergency Management Committee

The Community Relations Committee Presents the *Speaker Series*, #5

Hope Pressley, Visitor Services Specialist

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

Wednesday, August 10th at 3 p.m., at the Surfside HOA Business Office

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge is located on the Long Beach Peninsula and offers a sanctuary for wildlife and people! The refuge maintains and restores a variety of habitats for many different types of wildlife species particularly the hundreds of thousands of birds, both resident and migratory, that rely on the refuge. There are also plenty of recreational opportunities and many ways to get involved! Join Hope Pressley, Visitor Services Specialist at the Refuge, and Kathy Freitas, Secretary for the Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge to learn more about the refuge, the wildlife, and volunteer opportunities available!

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/willapa>

<https://friendsofwillaparefuge.org/>

Space is limited. Please RSVP to 360.665.4171 or office@surfsideonline.org.

The Community Relations, Emergency Management, and Tree, Brush, Vegetation, and Noxious Weeds Committees Present the *Speaker Series*, #6

Chief Jacob Brundage

Pacific County Fire District #1

**Wednesday, August 24th at 2 p.m.,
at the Surfside HOA Business Office**



Pacific County Fire Protection District 1 was officially formed on October 7, 1940. It is a progressive, full-service fire district providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, ALS and BLS emergency transport services, and public safety education.

Pacific County Fire Protection District 1 serves unincorporated areas of the Long Beach Peninsula including the state parks, and the communities of Seaview, Klipsan, Ocean Park, Nahcotta, Oysterville, and Surfside.

<https://pcfd1.org/>

Space is limited. Please RSVP to 360.665.4171 or office@surfsideonline.org.



The business office needs your help! Our community has a special and diverse skillset which we hope to use in support of our membership. We are continually grateful for all the current Surfside HOA volunteers, but we need more people willing to bolster the community.

If you have experience with any of the skills below, please contact us via email or phone, phitch@surfsideonline.org or 360-665-4171.

Records Archivist

Website Content Creator

Videographer

Surveyor/Pollster/Researcher

Publisher/Editor

Relational Database Designer

Volunteer Coordinator

Grant Writer

Thank **you** for making the community better!

The Community Relations Committee Presents the Speaker Series, #7

Robertson Miller – Astro-Photography

Wednesday, September 21st
at 2 p.m. at the Business Office

Robertson is a Surfside member. He's had a life-long interest in astro-photography and wants to share his hobby with us.

Space is limited (pun intended). Please RSVP to 360.665.4171 or office@surfsideonline.org

Cardmaking Class

led by member Diane Mangels

RESCHEDULED for SEPTEMBER 10, 10 a.m.

Where: Surfside Boardroom

Cost: \$10 for members and
\$25 for non-members/guests

Class size is limited to ten participants.

Registration is required.

If interested please register and pay at the Surfside Business Office prior to class, but no later than Friday, 9/2/22.



All materials provided.

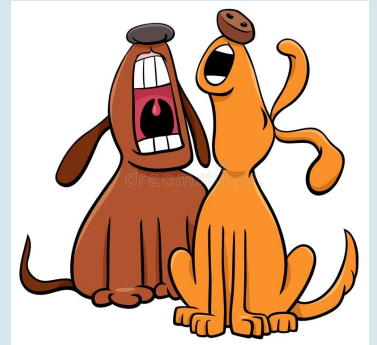
Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee

If you are interested in starting a Mahjong group, please join us on August 8th at 6 p.m., in the Business Office, or contact us at office@surfsideonline.org or 360-665-4171. Thank you.



Barking can often mean our furry friends need or want something...to go outside, to play, or receive a treat. It may also mean your dog has separation anxiety and, to deal with the stress while you are away, they bark constantly and excessively when left alone. Below are a few websites that review different products to assist you and your dog with barking.

1. www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/bark-control-tools-to-help-stop-nuisance-barking/ - breaks down the different ways to control nuisance barking
2. dailydogstuff.com - anti-barking devices – best picks
3. www.ecollar.com/ - discusses e-collar equipment and training
4. www.k9ofmine.com/bark-box-review/ - learn about bark boxes and if they are right for you and your pet
5. petkeen.com/best-barking-dog-deterrents/ - 7 best barking dog deterrents in 2022
6. consumereviewer.com/best-ultrasonic-dog-trainer-v2/ - 5 best ultrasonic dog trainers of 2022



Did you know? The Pacific County leash law, Ordinance No. 36 was passed August 1970.

Upcoming Events

- * August 6th, Dog Show, 1-3 p.m., Business Office Lawn
- * August 8th, Mahjong Startup Discussion, 6 p.m.
- * August 10th, Hope Pressley, Willapa National Wildlife, 5th in the Speaker Series, at 3 p.m.
- * August 15th, Start of the International Kite Festival, runs through August 21st
- * August 24th, Chief Brundage, Pacific County Fire District #1, 6th in the Speaker Series, at 2 p.m.
- * September 3rd, Tsunami Run, Registration starts at 8 a.m., at the business office
- * September 9th, 10 a.m. Card Making Class, RSVP required, small fee
- * September 9-12th, Hot Rod Run to the End of the World
- * September 21st, Robertson Miller, 7th in the Speaker Series, at 2 p.m.

JAZZ CONCERT PORT OF PENINSULA



JAZZ & OYSTERS

SATURDAY - AUG 13, 2022
NAHCOTTA BOAT BASIN
OCEAN PARK, WA - \$25

FB: jazzandoysters

A time to celebrate! Relax in a comfortable outdoor area. Enjoy world class music and beautiful scenery while watching the activities in a working oyster port. There will be a variety of delicious food and beverages available for purchase. Locally grown oysters are a feature.

12pm **ILWACO HIGH JAZZ BAND**

1 PM **RANGER AND THE "RE-ARRANGERS"**, Seattle's "Gypsy Jazz" band, the spirit of a Paris cafe and energy of a Romani campsite.

3 PM **THE ELLEN WHYTE ENSEMBLE** known for astonishing vocals from blues to jazz to funk and ballads. Award winning performer

5 PM **MEL BROWN B3 QUARTET**
The best in classic blues and jazz created by Mel Brown and his incredible band made up of amazing well-known musicians.



WATER MUSIC SOCIETY

2022 – WE'RE BACK!

TICKETS & INFO • WaterMusicSociety.com
Your attendance helps us support our school music programs.



Architectural Review 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!

August 2022

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| 7 | 8 Mahjong startup 6 pm | 9 ARC 9 am | 10 Speaker Series Talk on Willapa Wildlife 3 pm | 11 L&B 9 am WSP 10 am | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 ARC 9 am | 17 | 18 S&S 3 pm | 19 | 20 Board Mtg 9 am |
| 21 | 22 | 23 ARC 9 am | 24 | 25 | 26 F&W 1 pm | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Budget 10:30 am | 30 ARC 9 am EMC 1 pm | 31 | | | |

LEGEND

ARC=Architectural CRC=Community Relations EMC=Emergency Management
 F&W=Fish and Waterways L&B=Lands and Buildings S&S=Safety and Security
 TBVN=Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds WSP=Water Systems Planning