

# Weekender

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## Press Release – Explosion in Surfside

Explosion involving a structure (Updated 1500 hours)

At approximately 1345 hours this afternoon Pacific County Fire District 1 terminated on-scene operations at the building explosion at 305th and N Place. The damaged properties have been released to their respective owners and the Sheriff's Office. The Fire District conducted door-to-door contacts within a three (3) block radius, and has compiled data related to property damage caused from the explosion. It will take several days to compile all of the information and determine an approximate "dollar loss" for this incident. At this time, the scene is no longer under active investigation. During the course of the initial investigation, the Pacific County Fire Investigation Team consulted with the Washington State Patrol and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The cause of the explosion and fire is not considered suspicious or nefarious in nature. The American Red Cross is providing support to the involved parties that are requiring temporary housing.

Pacific County Fire District #1 would like to thank all of our partner agencies for their assistance during the response, mitigation, and investigation of this incident. Assisting agencies include Long Beach Fire Department, Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Pacific County Communications (PACCOM), Pacific County Emergency Management, Pacific County Department of Community Development, Pacific County PUD, Surfside Homeowner's Association, and the American Red Cross.

- Chief Jacob Brundage

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Here are some photos of the area affected by the explosion that rocked the peninsula Tuesday morning.



## BOOM!

Exceedingly early Tuesday morning the majority of us were awaked at 1:20 AM. According to reports, the explosion was felt and/or heard within a twelve-mile radius, from the ocean to the bay, up Stack Pole Road south to below Klipsan Beach. All of us are thankful that no one suffered any significant injuries, although at least six structures sustained considerable damage and streets M and N were blocked with debris for a brief period of time. For more details read the Chinook Observer, as my article here is not on the subject of this particular explosion. It is a wakeup call, please pardon the pun, for us to consider the potential of hazards on our own property and the importance of addressing those items, not just for the safety and health of ourselves but also the safety and health of our neighbors. An interesting fact was stated by our Surfside Water Department this past week. Of the 2,800 (plus or minus) buildable parcels in Surfside Estates, only four hundred (plus or minus) have yet to be developed, that is land cleared, water and power service not installed. The Surfside community is rapidly moving towards rows of houses that set a mere ten feet from each other.

One last shout out about early Tuesday morning. The explosion was at 1:20 AM, the fire was contained by 1:50 AM. Kudos to Fire Chief Jacob Brundage and the members of Pacific County Fire District #1 for their vigilance and efficiency. In last week's Weekender there appeared a notice of how each of us may volunteer to become part of that unit. For you and your neighbors, please consider the opportunity. In addition, Chief Brundage has volunteered to speak with any interested member of Surfside, in person and/or by Zoom to answer questions about the explosion, prevent rumors, and provide safety tips for Surfside Estate members. The plans are forming, and this event will likely occur at the end of this week or the first of next week.

Now, what can we do on our own? Likely many of you are already cautious and do not become less cautious during the holidays. Listed below are just a few reminders for you to "check twice."

### Fire Prevention Safety:

Being aware of fire safety tips can have a substantial impact in helping to keep your home safe while you are decorating during the holidays. Even with all those Christmas trees, cooking equipment is still the leading cause of home fires and injuries. According to the National Fire Protection Association, many fires occur on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

- Check storage of flammables such as gas, propane, oil-based paint, stains, solvents, and paint cleaners. Assure these are all well ventilated and safely away from a source of ignition.

- Avoid using candles if possible. Consider using battery operated ones.

- Mantels are beautiful when covered with stockings and greenery. But these items are flammable. If you use your fireplace frequently, consider hanging these decorations someplace else.

- Be sure to check the Christmas tree, make sure that it has plenty of water and is not near a heat source.

- When cooking pay close attention to what you are doing and your surroundings.

- Keep fire extinguisher close by.

- Be sure you have smoke detectors at least ten feet from your stove and test them monthly.

### Electrical Tips for Safety:

Between 2016 and 2019, the NFPA indicates an average of 160 home fires per year started by Christmas trees. Those fires resulted in an annual average of two deaths and \$10 million in property damage.

- Avoid electrical fires by purchasing lights from reputable retailers and only those approved by nationally recognized testing labs like UL, Intertek, or CSA

- Inspect both indoor and outdoor lights for broken sockets frayed wire or loose connections.

- Do not overload circuits with too many electrical devices, this could cause a fire.

Please stay safe, watch out for danger, and take care of your neighbors and their property.

Ric Minich, President  
Surfside HOA

**RCW 9.61.260****Cyberstalking.**

(1) A person is guilty of cyberstalking if he or she, with intent to harass, intimidate, torment, or embarrass any other person, and under circumstances not constituting telephone harassment, makes an electronic communication to such other person or a third party:

(a) Using any lewd, lascivious, indecent, or obscene words, images, or language, or suggesting the commission of any lewd or lascivious act;

(b) Anonymously or repeatedly whether or not conversation occurs; or

(c) Threatening to inflict injury on the person or property of the person called or any member of his or her family or household.

(2) Cyberstalking is a gross misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Cyberstalking is a class C felony if either of the following applies:

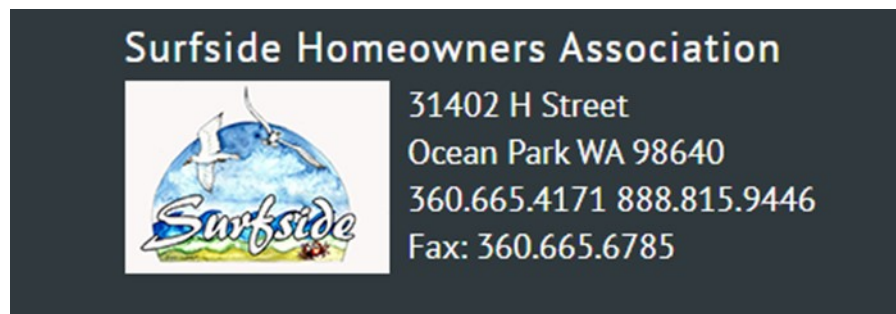
(a) The perpetrator has previously been convicted of the crime of harassment, as defined in RCW [9A.46.060](#), with the same victim or a member of the victim's family or household or any person specifically named in a no-contact order or no-harassment order in this or any other state; or

(b) The perpetrator engages in the behavior prohibited under subsection (1)(c) of this section by threatening to kill the person threatened or any other person.

(4) Any offense committed under this section may be deemed to have been committed either at the place from which the communication was made or at the place where the communication was received.

(5) For purposes of this section, "electronic communication" means the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, electromagnetic, or other similar means. "Electronic communication" includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, and electronic text messaging.





## New SHOA Website

Surfside Homeowners Association website is up and running. Staff is working on it daily to make sure all the kinks are ironed out. The new SHOA logo is now on the header of the home page. If you click the SHOA logo, it will take you to the “Home” page (there is also a link at the bottom of the website). When you first log in you will notice a “red” banner. This will let you know if there are any important updates or emergencies in Surfside.

At the bottom of the “Home” page there is a place to sign up for the Weekender. You can also find “View Weekenders” at the bottom of the same page. Remember, when you move your cursor around if you see the “pointer finger” you can click on that item and see where it takes you!

Also, under “Other” you will find our new calendar layout. It allows you to view several months out and the different committees are color coded. They are also printable and downloadable to your Outlook or Google calendar.

There are “Member Only” pages, which means SHOA members must sign up for a login and password. Once you are approved you will be able to go to any page within the website.

A new feature on our website is our “Member Forum”. It can be found under “Services” at the bottom of the drop down. We encourage members to use this forum to ask questions, discuss ideas or problem solve. There are some rules associated with posting to the forum and it will be monitored daily.

- 1) No profanity
- 2) No disparaging remarks about SHOA staff, other members, etc.

If you have issues with staff, please call or email me, Tracy at [tlofstrom@surfsideonline.org](mailto:tlofstrom@surfsideonline.org) or 360-665-4171 x222.

- 3) No ranting. If you see a problem, please discuss it openly and remember, offer solutions rather than only complaining.

At some point, we will offer a “pay” button. It is located on the “Home” page and currently shows “Online Bill Payment Coming Soon”. We will be working with our current software company to get that set up. Please remember, the website is an ongoing project. We are always open to suggestions. You may email me directly at [tlofstrom@surfsideonline.org](mailto:tlofstrom@surfsideonline.org) or [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org).

Cyndi (SHOA IT person) has done a tremendous amount of work on our new website, so a gracious thank you goes out to her.

Tracy Lofstrom, SHOA Business Manager

## New Website Registration

Registering for our new website is a very easy process! Click on the “login” tab on the top menu, then click the [Click here to register](#) link as shown below. You will be asked to create a username, enter your first and last names as well as email, phone number and property street address. Once your request is approved, you will receive an email confirming your registration. We are manually checking and confirming registrations, so please check your spam mail folder if you don’t see the confirmation email.

## Login

### Existing Users Log In

Username or Email

Password

☐ Remember Me

Log In

New User? [Click here to register](#)



### Reset Forgotten Password

Username or Email

## COMPACTOR HOLIDAY HOURS

The compactor will be closed on Saturday, December 25th, but will be open Friday, December 24th from 9-3 and Sunday, December 26th from 9-3.

Friday, December 31st the compactor will be open 11-5, Closed on New Year’s Day, January 1st and re-open again on Sunday, January 2nd from 9-3.



# WREATH MAKING CLASS





**IF YOU HAVE AN  
EMERGENCY...  
CAN WE FIND  
YOU?**

**Order an address  
post or sign today  
from Pacific County  
Fire District 1.  
Reflective signs  
make it easier for  
emergency  
personnel to locate  
your home.**



## Life Safety Project – Address Signs

Pacific County Fire District 1

### ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Address Sign Options

(Description of signs and suggested donation in order to keep this program on-going.)

**House Numbers - 18"x6" Aluminum Panel \$ 6.00**

*Need to indicate vertical or horizontal.*

☐ Vertical

☐ Horizontal

**Address Post – Height 54"**

**\$15.00**

*(All prices include tax and shipping)*

Qty.	Type of Sign	Address Nos.					Cost
Total Cost							

### **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

#### Life Safety Project

Mail this order with payment to....

Pacific County Fire District No. 1

PO Box 890

Ocean Park, WA 98640

**Or drop off at: 26110 Ridge Avenue, Ocean Park**

CALL ME \_\_\_\_\_

When ready to be picked up.

INSTALL IT FOR ME \_\_\_\_\_

(I live in PCFD#1 area.)



A banner image showing a stack of colorful architectural plans and documents. Overlaid on the image is the text "Architectural Review Committee" in a large, dark blue serif font.

# Architectural Review 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. 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.

**Due to COVID restrictions please advise if you want to attend the meeting in person.**

**Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee.** Once approved, you will get a copy of the approved plan so you can take them to the county for their approval and Surfside will retain one set of approved plans to keep on file.

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.


# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Tree 1	4 AD-Hoc 10-12 Methodist camp
5	6	7 ARC 9 CRC 1	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ARC 9	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ARC 9	22	23	24 Office Closed Compactor open 9-3	
26	27 Office Closed Compactor 7-1	28 ARC 9	29	30	31 Compactor open 11-5	Jan 1 Compactor Closed
Jan 2 Compactor 9-3	Jan 3 Office Closed Compactor 7-1	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8

## LEGEND -

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

# JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2	3 Office Closed	4 ARC 9 CRC 1p	5	6 L & B 9 WSP 10	7 Tree 1p	8
9	10	11 ARC 9	12	13	14	15 Board Mtg 9
16	17	18 ARC 9	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ARC 9 EMC 1p	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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