

Weekender

December 31, 2021

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Farewell 2021, Looking Forward to 2022

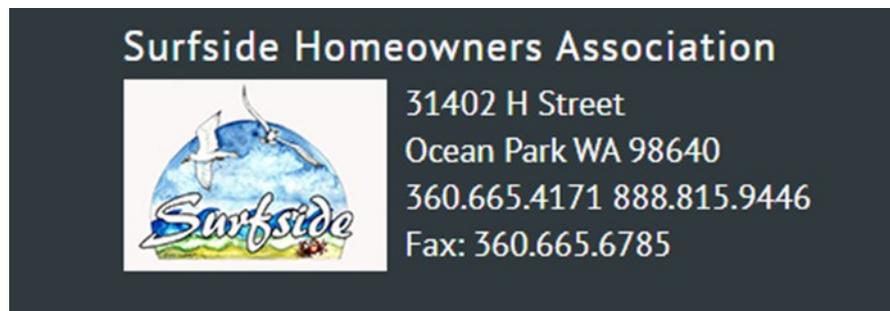
First, let me bring the Surfside Membership up to date regarding Covid-19 in our neighborhood, specifically with our employees. Monday, one of the Water Department crew became sick at work. He was taken to the hospital, tested for Covid-19, and found to be positive. The Thursday before, the office staff and the Water Department had their annual Christmas Lunch together. The Surfside Office was closed that Monday, so Tracy, our Business Manager, devised a plan to keep the office open through the next four days, while isolating half at home, working. The office will have only two people separated in the office. Thus far it has worked for the office staff. It has now been learned that a very part-time employee who has been boosted has tested positive today but had previously been isolated as a precaution. Meanwhile, back at the Water Department, a second employee tested positive on Wednesday, even while keeping the crew separate. Obviously with the snow, the waterline replacement had halted for the week, so the water employees have been able to work individually. We believe the planned isolation has stopped any further spread with our employees. Most importantly, we hope and pray for our three Covid positive employees, that the variance is as mild as the flu and look forward to their full recovery, returning to work at Surfside.

As we look back on 2021, it was a year that started with great optimism, after all in January the Covid vaccines were going to become available. We were told by July, life as we had grown used to was going to return to normal. Normal? Initial mass unemployment turned into a non-returning labor force; help wanted everywhere. Initial empty shelves, shipping backups, more empty shelves. Then, we began to learn the Greek alphabet with each new strain of virus that has appeared. In Surfside new groups were being formed, Surfside United followed by Surfside Preservation. Four new persons were elected to the Board of Trustees at the annual Membership Meeting. The private sheriff's patrol was stopped, an ad hoc environmental committee was started, George Miller passed. Mother nature on Christmas Day brought us a "White Christmas at the Beach." The second half of 2021 was as abnormal as the first half, or should it be asked, what is normal?

With our optimism dashed in the exiting old year, should we look optimistically toward 2022? We are now hearing of record shattering numbers of new Covid cases, and the jury is still out regarding how severe the Omicron variance is. But of course, we should be optimistic. Not just at the holidays but year-round, we find neighbor helping neighbor, neighbor being watchful for neighbor, both welfare and property. The charter of the ad hoc environmental committee is to consider Surfside Estates as an environment rather than attempting to solve manmade or natural issues one at a time. We have seen accelerated growth in developed properties and then house building on those lots. Pacific County allows for structures to be built five feet from the property line. It will not be long for some of you until your neighbor's house is a mere ten feet away from your house. Be courteous, show respect, make Surfside Estates a prime destination on the Pacific Coastline. Take the opportunity to volunteer at something you enjoy. Many folks on the peninsula need help but the true reward is the self-fulfillment you feel from doing the "right thing." Let us be Surfsideers, together. Don your mask, stay safe and isolated when you have the opportunity, think of the wellbeing of others as well as yourself.

To all Surfside Members, their Families, our Staff, our Water Department, our Trustees, and all of our so very valuable Surfside Volunteers you are wished a very healthy, happy, and prosperous NEW YEAR!

Ric Minich, President
Surfside HOA



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 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 or 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

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

Reset Forgotten Password

Username or Email

A NOTE FROM FISH & WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FLOODING – January 11-13, 2021 we had two events: 1. multiple storm surges with King Tides that brought water east onto Oysterville Road, bringing some sea water to homes on the south side of Oysterville Road. (This event also swept sand and logs into our two outfalls at 327th and 350th, closing the gates for water to move from the Canal and Seabreeze Lake respectively into the ocean – causing the Canal and Lake water level to rapidly rise. The county had to clean out the outfalls three times, twice in 24 hours.) 2. Lots of rain rapidly, causing overflow of the stormwater catch basins and flooding on the north side of Oysterville Road – primarily between 343rd to 347th at F Pl, and G St, but also east to H Pl, I St, and I Pl. Some lots throughout Surfside had standing water on their properties and septic systems.

SANDBAGS – The HOA/Board purchased 500 Sandbags. They are stored in our Warehouse. If we get another storm event this winter and you have the need for a few sandbags, please contact the office. They are empty and would need to be filled by you, friends & neighbors. The Fish and Waterways Management committee is in the process of purchasing another 1,500 Sandbags.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS What is that chirping sound? what is that orange or red flashing light on the box on your house? It is probably your Septic System alarm, indicating that you need to have your full Septic tank cleaned out. This quite often occurs in the Wintertime with heavy rains, if your lot floods and fills the Septic tank, the effluent flows out – and possibly flows into a stormwater catch basin and then into a body of water – a lake or canal. This may include pollutants e-coli, but also nutrients for feeding Cyanobacteria – Blue Green Algae. Please be a responsible steward of your property and your community and clean out your septic tank regularly. Professional Septic companies recommend for a family of 2 in a 2-bedroom home, living here year around, you may need your tank cleaned out every 3 to 5 years.



THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO A
SELF DEFENSE CLASS

at

Pacific Integrated Martial Arts

2103 Pacific Ave. North

Long Beach WA 98631

Surfside members - Free

Guests of members - \$10

Saturday January 15, 2022 at 2 pm

Register early at Surfside office or call 360-665-4171

Surfside Snopes

Q: Does the Surfside Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds (TBVN) Committee cut trees in the riparian zone around Surfside lakes? NO.

Maintaining Surfside property is the responsibility of the Surfside Lands and Building's Committee (L&B). If maintenance is necessary on Surfside property in a riparian zone, the L&B acquires necessary county permits and bids to do the work in a responsible, environmentally friendly manner, consistent with Surfside covenants.

Q: Does the Surfside Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds (TBVN) Committee or Compliance staff cut trees on member properties? NO.

Absolutely not. Members are responsible for their property maintenance, including trimming or removing trees. However, TBVN volunteers have contributed countless hours assisting their low-income neighbors, who may have trouble paying for help, with trimming, hauling or other landscape maintenance. This volunteer help is available on request and at no charge. Some social media users blame the TBVN for unsightly tree cutting. If a member doesn't like unsightly tree cutting on a neighbor's lot, please lodge that complaint with your neighbor, not Surfside volunteers or staff!

Q: Do trees soak up significant amounts of water in the winter and prevent flooding? NO.

The vast majority of trees are dormant in the winter when the heavy rains and flooding occur in Surfside. While they intake some water in the root area during the winter, the majority of water intake is during the active, growing season, when water conservation measures are most needed in Surfside.

Q: Can members enjoy ocean or lake views and trees that are consistent with Surfside covenants for building height limits? Absolutely yes!

We can have both views and abundant tree cover. Using native trees and shrubs will reduce maintenance costs and water usage, are easy to prune, increase biodiversity and help prevent fire hazards. Beautiful deciduous trees and tree-like shrubs to consider: Vine Maple, numerous varieties of Japanese Maple, Dogwood, Magnolia, Evergreen Magnolia, Lagerstroemia (Crepe Myrtle), Sambucus (Elderberry), Redbud, Dwarf Crabapple, Flowering Plum, Japanese Tree Lilac. Looking for slow or low growing evergreens? Try these: The Blues Weeping Colorado Spruce, Hinoki Cypress, Dwarf Balsam Fir, Chalet Swiss Stone Pine, Green Spire Euonymus, Green Arrow Weeping Alaskan Cedar.



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

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City							
Phone							
<u>Address Sign Options</u>							
(Description of signs and suggested donation in order to keep this program on-going.)							
House Numbers - 18"x6" Aluminum Panel \$ 6.00							
<i>Need to indicate vertical or horizontal.</i>							
<input type="checkbox"/> Vertical							
<input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal							
Address Post – Height 54" \$15.00							
<i>(All prices include tax and shipping)</i>							
Qty.	Type of Sign	Address Nos.				Cost	
Total Cost							
<p>MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: <u>Life Safety Project</u> 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</p>							
CALL ME _____ When ready to be picked up.				INSTALL IT FOR ME _____ (I live in PCFD#1 area.)			

AD-HOC Environmental Committee

Upcoming meeting dates for the Ad Hoc Committee.
To be held at the Sandcastle Building at the Methodist Bible Camp aka:
Ocean Park Retreat Center, Ocean Park.

Our next dates are:

Fri, December 17, 1-3pm— **CANCELLED**

Sat, Jan 8, 10-12— **CANCELLED**

Fri, Jan 21, 1-3pm

Sat, Feb 5, 10-12

Friday, Feb 18, 1-3pm



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

BE A HOMETOWN GUARDIAN



PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR DYNAMIC PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION

- Help your community in their time of need
- Improve team-building skills
- Earn State & Internationally recognized fire certifications
- Learn & acquire life saving skills as an emergency medical technician

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING OUR TEAM AS A FIRST RESPONDER OR SUPPORT MEMBER

- Visit us at 26110 Ridge Avenue in Ocean Park
- Visit our website at <https://pcfd1.org/volunteers-make-a-difference/>
- Contact us at 360-665-4451 or email Chief Brundage at brundage@pcfd1.org

FIRE ACADEMY Begins in JANUARY 2022!

A banner for the Architectural Review Committee. The background is a collage of architectural drawings, including floor plans and elevations, in various colors like blue, green, and red. The text "Architectural Review Committee" is overlaid 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, 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	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

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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 Self defense class 2p
16	17	18 ARC 9	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 ARC 9 EMC 1p	26 Bunco 6pm @ SHOA ofc	27	28	29
30	31					

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