



# Weekender

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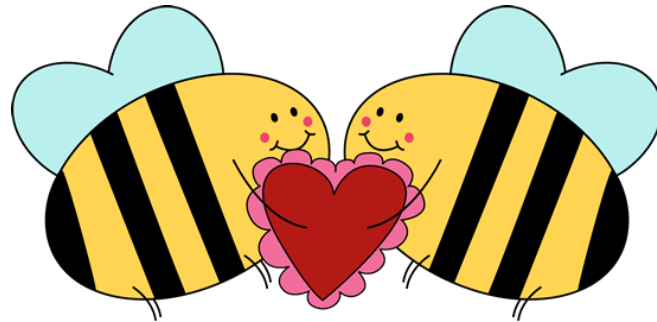
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## Bee My Valentine

Around 35% of crops rely to some extent on bees. That means every third bite of food you eat is made possible by bees! In Washington alone, there are over 600 species of native bees ( not including honeybees). Bees aren't the only beneficial insect. Butterflies and moths also help pollinate plants.

When you plant a garden full of native flowers, you help both honeybees and native pollinators. The more forage that's available, the less these species have to compete.

There are several steps that homeowners can take to protect bees and other pollinators:

1. Stop using or only use limited amounts of pesticides. Garden pesticides can be replaced with natural alternatives such as garlic, onion or salt spray, soap & orange citrus oil or even chili or pepper spray. Even natural pesticides can be detrimental to bees, so use them outside of normal foraging hours.
2. Plant a bee and butterfly friendly garden. Make sure you include native plants and provide a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees.
3. Provide a home for bees. Bees are solitary creatures with the exception of honeybees. 70% of solitary bees live underground and 30% live in holes in trees or in hollow stems. Bumble bees live in undisturbed ground. Leave areas of your yard in a more natural state: don't pick up dead leaves or trim dead branches on bushes, and don't disturb the ground and let vegetables and herbs bloom.
4. Only buy local honey. You will be supporting your local beekeeper and will know you are getting real honey. Unfortunately, fake honey is sold in many stores.

Follow the links for more information about Pacific Northwest bees and how to have a pollinator friendly yard:

- ⇒ <https://arboretumfoundation.org/2016/07/15/getting-to-know-our-native-northwest-bees/>
- ⇒ <https://www.oregonbeepoint.org/blog/2018/6/7/coastal-demonstration-garden-exceeds-expectations-with-a-year-round-habitat-for-pollinators>
- ⇒ <https://www.healthyyards.org/homeowners/invite-pollinators/>
- ⇒ <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/garden-by-region/pacific-northwest/native-northwest-bees-and-butterflies.htm>

## Neighborhood Watch Tips

Let's all work together to help eliminate neighborhood crime. Please watch out for these activities in our neighborhood:

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming. If you can't explain the screams, call law enforcement and report them.
- Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- Someone asking about past residents.
- Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.
- Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods.
- Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
- A stranger entering a neighbor's home which appears to be unoccupied.
- A stranger in a car who stops to talk to a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.

Please call 911 to report an emergency or crime. You can also call the non-emergency number to the Sheriff's Department to talk with a deputy at 360-642-9397

[http://myhoa.com/newsletter\\_articles/neighborhood%20watch%20tips.pdf](http://myhoa.com/newsletter_articles/neighborhood%20watch%20tips.pdf)

## Legal Clarifications and Agenda Items Explained

The Surfside February Board of Trustees Meeting is a mere nine days away. Today's message will actually be a couple of messages to the Surfside Membership regarding two different items. These are as follows:

Regarding the Surfside HOA attorneys, there are apparently a few misconceptions that must be cleared up. First, as many of you may have witnessed at the past July Members Meeting, we currently have two attorneys. The law firm is Helsell-Fetterman. Sam Jacobs has been the Surfside attorney for a couple of decades. Like many of us, he is retiring and handing the account to Brandon Gribben who was also at the July meeting. While the transition is taking place, they only charge Surfside as a single attorney, specifically when they are working in tandem on a single Surfside problem. Lately, over the past two months there is a misunderstanding promoted by a few people of who Helsell-Fetterman represents. The law firm represents the wellbeing and best interest of Surfside HOA. The misconception, which most recently was erroneously promoted at the Ad Hoc Environmental Committee Meeting was that they represent individual Surfside Members. This is not true, and it makes common sense. Of the six or seven Surfside members who have contacted Helsell-Fetterman, all have been complaints against Surfside HOA. A law firm cannot represent both the complainant and the defendant. Half of the issues were administrative, not legal issues anyway. All were rejected by Helsell-Fetterman and sent back to Surfside HOA. Another misconception is that the attorney's advice is law. It is not, it is a very educated, current opinion of interpretation of the law. A great deal of authority that homeowners associations work under in the state of Washington are the RCWs (revised codes of Washington) which change frequently. One primary reason for change is the most recent court decision involving the codes. In some cases, these revised codes can overrule legal documents such as Bylaws and Covenants that initially exist for the HOA. That is why the lawyer's advice is an opinion, not law, the law can change. Finally, the largest expense of the firm is boiler plate legal work, filing legal documents required by law as we are both a HOA and a non-profit, liens, legal notifications, etc. There are no secret strategy sessions going on wasting money.

Regarding agenda items, today is the last day to present an agenda item for consideration. Generally, an agenda item is submitted out of one of the many Surfside committees for action items to be accepted. Often times a member of the Board of Trustees will submit an item. For instance, often the Treasurer will submit an agenda item, primarily for the water department, for a contract to purchase materials or a construction contract for asphalt repair patching after main or service pipe is laid. This is required if the contract exceeds three thousand dollars. Occasionally a member will have a cause or concern they wish the Board of Trustees to consider. There is a standard requirement for that agenda item that was proposed and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 2021 meeting. "Motions clearly written following Robert's Rules of Order, How to Make a Motion and must have purpose which includes impact to the community, if applicable. A change to Surfside governing documents must include a copy of those governing documents, how it is written, and what the change would be. Any motion that would have a financial impact on the association must include a financial impact statement and/or estimate, etc. Supporting documents must also include any member feedback, if any, and any other documentation that supports and/or further clarifies the motion." In addition, an agenda item must have a motion, which will be introduced by a member of the Board of Trustees. If a proposed agenda item is submitted but does not meet this criterium, it will be sent back to the author and asked to be resubmitted properly.

Next week, the day before the February BOT Meeting it is our intention to explain the differing types of Surfside meetings with meeting etiquette included. If you have any questions or desire clarification on Surfside attorneys or agendas, please contact the Surfside HOA office.

Ric Minich, President  
Surfside HOA

## **Community Safety and Security Committee**

### **Purpose:**

1. The general purpose of the SHOA Community safety and security committee is to serve as the SHOA eyes and ears of the association, working with homeowners to ensure the community's sense of safety & security through open access and communication.
2. Gathering information and sharing with the BOT and membership.
3. From time to time the committee through the committee's Chair shall make recommendations to the BOT for actions that will help protect the members and preserve the protection of the HOA at large.

### **Duration:**

1. This committee shall have a temporary status subject to BOT review In January of 2023.

### **Appointment:**

1. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board subject to approval by the BOT. The committee will consist of at least three (3) members in good standing of the association approved by the Board of Trustees. The chair of the committee will select the committee members subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

#### **1. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY of the committee to:**

- a. Evaluate Safety & Security related issues of the members community, as well as common area property and buildings.
- b. Maintain ongoing liaisons with other committees to insure all SHOA needs are met.
- c. Recommend policy & procedures to the BOT regarding Safety & Security of the Association and its members.
- d. Work with BOT leadership and local law officials on needs of the Association, crime issues, and traffic concerns within the community.
- e. Encourage but not engage in neighborhood watch groups.
- f. Monitor vehicular traffic issues and report to local authorities through the BOT the homeowners' concerns.
- g. Perform periodic evaluation of SHOA property to identify possible security concerns and report them to the BOT.
- h. Provide updates to the community Association website/newsletter concerning the actions of the Committee related to Community Safety and Security.

**Next meeting is February 17th at 3pm via zoom.**

**If you would like to join the committee or the zoom meeting**

**Call 360-665-4171 for more information**

## Emergency Water Line Repair

Contrary to what has been said on social media, there was not a main break. During routine work, the crew discovered a leak. The photo below shows how deteriorated the plug and clamp were. Once discovered, the crew began the emergency repair. Two valves were shut down on I street containing the leak from 348th to 355th.

The crew went door to door advising members of the situation. The only time the reverse 911 call is utilized is when a main break affects the entirety of Surfside. Pacific County Emergency Notification will not use the system if the break is only affecting a few home and lots. There was no reason to issue a boil water advisory as this was not a main break.

To our homeowners, if and when you have any questions about water or anything water related in Surfside please call business office 360-665-4171 or water department 360-665-4171 ext. 228, we are here for you.

Gil Gonzalez, Water System Manager



## Habitat Restoration: Replacing Invasive Beach Grass with Native

By Rebecca Lexa-Naturalist

I love sleep, and I love not having to wake to an alarm. It's one of my favorite things about my current occupation. But yesterday I made an exception, and got up extra-early (alarm included) so I could take part in habitat restoration up on Leadbetter Point with staff and other volunteers from Willapa National Wildlife Refuge. The goal? Continue habitat restoration efforts in an area where invasive beach grass had been removed by planting 300 pots of the native species.

To read the rest of the article just click the link below.

[https://rebeccalex.com/invasive-beach-grass/?fbclid=IwAR2sCgkZxp\\_tQv7CN4Pp1EKHU2UB-l4vfxq\\_FK\\_1VEukH\\_8z2RDCGQBQko](https://rebeccalex.com/invasive-beach-grass/?fbclid=IwAR2sCgkZxp_tQv7CN4Pp1EKHU2UB-l4vfxq_FK_1VEukH_8z2RDCGQBQko)

More information on the Willapa Wildlife Refuge at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Willapa/>



## What Is A Backflow Preventer And How Does It Work?

A [backflow preventer](#) is a device that's installed on your home's water pipes that allows water to flow in one direction but never in the opposite direction. Its sole job is to prevent drinking water from being contaminated due to backflow.

### How does "backflow" happen in the first place?

When water enters your home from the main water supply line, it should only ever flow in one direction: *into* your home.

But sometimes, due to pressure changes in the pipes, that water can actually flow backwards and seep back into the main water supply line.

For example, backflow can happen when there's a break in the main water line or when a fire hydrant is opened for use. Because pressure is lost during these events, water is no longer being pushed forward into your home and will flow backwards into the city water lines.

And when this happens, backflow can contaminate the public drinking supply with:

- Fertilizers/pesticides
- Human waste
- Chlorine from pools/spas

Soap from sinks/dishwashers/showers

### A backflow prevention system... prevents backflow

Think of it as a one-way gate that allows water from the city's public water supply to flow into your home's piping but stops water if and when it ever tries to flow backwards into the main water supply.

Excerpt taken from: [What Is A Backflow Preventer And How Does It Work? \(plumbingtoday.biz\)](#)

## RV Storage Area

We are getting a lot of calls about members unplugging other members RV's from their power source so they can't plug in.

Please do not unplug another members RV; we have been advised by several members that they are now putting security cameras on their RV's so they can see who is unplugging them.

If there is a problem with your space please call the office to report it so we can get that space repaired as quickly as possible. 360-665-4171

Please **DO NOT** use plugs that don't allow for other paying members to utilize their plug.

This is not acceptable.



This allows all members to plug in correctly.

## **CORRECTED**

### **BOARD POLICY – MEETINGS**

(page 55 of the Operations Manual)

#### Monthly Board Meetings

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings on the third Saturday of each month.
2. Meetings shall convene at 9:00 a.m.
3. Meetings shall be open to all SURFSIDE members.
4. Meeting date will not be changed except by prior approval of the Board.
5. Any SURFSIDE member wishing to place subject matter on the agenda shall notify SURFSIDE'S Business office or the Board Secretary at least six (6) business days prior to the meeting. **Motions must be clearly written following Roberts Rules: How to make a motion and must have a stated purpose which includes impact to the community, if applicable. A change to Surfside governing documents must include a copy of governing documents, how it's written, and what the change would be. Any motions that would have a financial impact on the association must include a financial impact statement or an estimate, etc. Supporting documentation must also include any member feedback if any and any other documentation that supports and/or further clarifies the motion. Added, September 18, 2021)**
6. **Members may request to speak at a regular board meeting by sending the request to the Surfside office email ([office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org)) or in person no later than 1:00 pm on the Friday before the board meeting. The comments must be associated with an item on the agenda and not to exceed 2 minutes. No other member comments will be allowed unless the board President acknowledges the request. (New, January 22, 2022)**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Do I have to pay for water?**

Surfside has its own water department. Use of the water is included in your annual Dues & Assessments. If your monthly usage exceeds the state mandated water conservation threshold of 5,000 cubic feet/month (2022 rate could change) you will be charged \$.03 per cubic foot **OVER** the 5,000 cubic feet threshold.

#### **2. Where can I find the Covenants?**

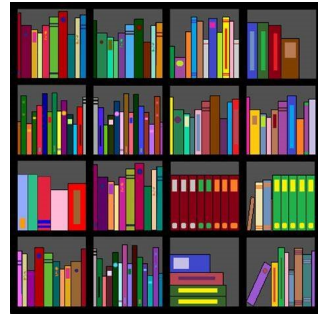
[www.surfsideonline.org](http://www.surfsideonline.org). Click on "Other" and in the drop-down menu you will see "Governing Documents". You can also view/read the By-Laws & Articles of Incorporation and Operations Manual.

#### **3. What happens if I don't pay my Dues & Assessments?**

Dues & Assessments are due in full by July 31st each year. If you have not paid your balance you will receive an "Intent to Lien" letter informing you that Surfside will place a lien against your property if the balance is not paid by a specified date and the cost of filing/releasing will be added to your account. If you do not pay Dues & Assessments for two years in a row you will receive an "Intent to Foreclose Lien" letter stating Surfside will refer your account to our attorney for collection, incurring additional costs to your account.

## Surfside Foodies

Residents of Surfside are invited to join the Surfside Foodies, a fun group exploring food, enjoying food, cooking, sharing, and learning more about what we eat and share. This non-political group plans about 10 activities a year and is conducting a poll on NextDoor to learn more about member interests. Recent activities include an appetizer party, Christmas cookie exchange and cookie share with the Christmas Angels volunteers. In February we will have a Cajun and Creole recipe exchange followed with a Mardi Gras dinner on Fat Tuesday, March 1st. Please check out the Surfside Foodies on NextDoor.



The paperback Library in the business office will be closing. If you would like to come down and look at what books are available they are free to a good home.

Please give us a call ahead of time to ensure there are no meetings scheduled in the office during the time you would like to be here.

360-665-4171

## Tentative Razor Clam Digs

- Feb. 14, Monday, 5:35 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach
- Feb. 15, Tuesday, 6:09 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Mocrocks
- Feb. 16, Wednesday, 6:42 P.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Copalis
- Feb. 17, Thursday, 7:14 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors
- Feb. 18, Friday, 7:45 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Feb. 26, Saturday, 3:18 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Feb. 27, Sunday, 4:16 P.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Mocrocks
- Feb. 28, Monday, 5:06 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach





## Looking to Volunteer Locally? The South Pacific County Humane Society needs volunteers.

### IN the Shelter

- **Dog Walker.** Exercises shelter dogs in our enclosed areas and/or on leash walks. Our facility is less than half a mile from the beach; enjoy a beach walk with a dog and help them become more adoptable!
- **Cat Cuddler.** We are in constant need of volunteers to help socialize our shelter felines. Sit with the cats and kittens in our play rooms and engage them in exercise and/or human contact!
- **Laundry Maven.** Laundry is a big deal at the shelter. We do around eight loads of laundry every day. Our Shelter Manager and staff are very thankful for our laundry volunteers.
- **Set-Up Kennels.** Help our dog and cat care staff set-up the kennels after they have been cleaned.
- **Clean Dog/Cat Dishes.** Help our dog and cat care staff with washing all of the food and water bowls.
- **Front Desk.** During shelter open hours, answer phones, greet customers, take donations, and serve as the Jack Russell of All Trades with light computer and paperwork tasks. Ours is a fun, fast-paced, environment!
- **Adoption Counselor.** Meet people as they enter the Shelter and walk them through the facility to meet the pets while explaining our adoption procedures. Assist them with the application process and serve as their primary contact before, during and after adoption. This position interfaces with shelter staff on behalf of the customer to provide the best possible customer experience.
- **Facilities.** It seems something is always in need of the services of a handyman, plumber, electrician, contractor, cyclone fencing pro – you name it. Help!
- **Gardening.** Do you have a green thumb? We could use a few more hands to work on landscaping tasks and flower pots.

### OUT of the Shelter

- **Grant Writer.** We submit and receive many grants to support our low-cost spay/neuter program, community/feral cat spay/neuter program, facilities updates and more.
- **Fundraising & Events Committee.** Be part of the think tank! This group meets roughly monthly and plans our key fundraisers and events.
- **Marketing.** This could mean helping with our website or social media, creating flyers, brochures, signage or mailings. It includes our weekly Pet Report in the Chinook Observer and a gazillion small projects that get the word out.
- **Data.** We can use computer savvy volunteers to keep track of animal intake/outcome, donors, website updates and more. All can be done from the comfort of your home.
- **Foster.** We have several cat and dog fostering options available to animal lovers in our community. The type of fostering depends on the time of year and other circumstances.
- **Community/Feral Cats.** Controlling cat overpopulation is a priority for SPCHS. Assist residents of the community with community/feral cat issues.
- **Advisory Council.** Members are part of the Board and are responsible for specific areas of responsibility such as chairing a fundraiser, leading a team such as our dog walkers or other area of need. Advisory Council members are not required to attend Board meetings except to annually vote in Board elections.
- **Board of Directors.** Our board is very much a working board, with a focus on setting direction to improve SPCHS through vision and policy while fundraising, fundraising, fundraising. We believe in term limits and are always looking for new energy.

Contact the SPCHS at (360) 642-1180, [spchs330@gmail.com](mailto:spchs330@gmail.com), PO Box 101, Long Beach, WA 98631

*THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE*  
*INVITES YOU TO*



## Paint & Sip

at

Forgotten Treasures

Bay Avenue

Ocean Park WA

Surfside members - \$10

Guests of members - \$35

**Saturday March 5, 2022 - 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**Register by February 28<sup>th</sup> with the fee at  
the Surfside office or call 360-665-4171**



*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 March 19, 2022 at 2 pm**

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

A banner image showing a stack of colorful architectural plans and documents. 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](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.

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ARC 9 a CRC 1 p	2	3	4 Tree 1 p	5 Ad-hoc 10-12 Methodist camp
6	7	8 ARC 9 a	9 AED Class 1p	10 L & B 9 a WSP 10 a	11	12
13	14 	15 ARC 9 a	16	17	18 Ad-hoc 1-3 Methodist camp	19 Board Mtg 9 a
20	21 Presidents Day, Ofc Closed	22 ARC 9 a EMC 1 p	23	24	25 F & W 1p	26
27	28					

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



# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ARC 9 CRC 1pm	2	3	4 Tree 1pm	5 Sip N Paint 130 p
6	7	8 ARC 9	9	10 L & B 9am WSP 10am	11	12
13	14	15 ARC 9	16	17 	18	19 Board Mtg 9am Self Defense 2
20	21	22 ARC 9	23	24	25 F & W 1pm	26
27	28	29 ARC 9 EMC 1pm	30	31		

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