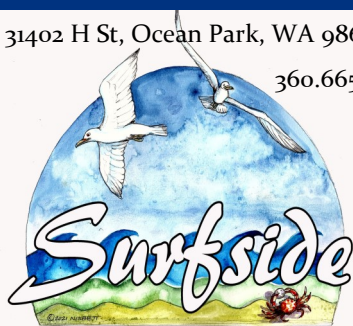


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PRESS RELEASE

July 14, 2022

OUTDOOR BURNING RESTRICTIONS IN PACIFIC COUNTY

Pacific County will be implementing a "Burn Ban" effective at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 15th until further notice. Pacific County joins Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) along with Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania, and Wahkiakum Counties in implementing this burn ban.

The burn ban applies to outdoor debris burning.

Recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, county, and state parks and in commercial campgrounds. On private land, recreational fires are permitted when built according to the following regulations:

- Recreational fires must be in a metal, stone, or masonry-lined fire pit such as those in improved campgrounds or available at home and garden stores.
- Size may not exceed 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure or other combustible material and have at least 20 feet of clearance from overhead fuels such as tree limbs, patio covers or carports.
- Fires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16 years old who has the ability and tools to extinguish the fire. Tools include a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces, also known as patio fireplaces, designed to burn solid wood should not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material and must always be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Completely extinguish recreational fires by covering them with water or moist soil and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch.
- Self-contained camp stoves are a safe and easy alternative to campfires.

Please contact your local fire district for further information and also the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for updates on burn restrictions at 1-800-323-BURN or visit their website at www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions. You can also contact ORCAA at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at www.orcaa.org.

To contact our office, please call 360-642-9382 for Long Beach or 360-875-9356 for South Bend.

Shawn Humphreys
Director of Community Development
Fire Marshal-Building Official

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

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 (see page 1).

Recent History of the Surfside HOA Compactor: Design and Decisions, Part 1

In the Spring of 2018, the Surfside Lands and Buildings Committee was tasked to upgrade the Compactor and RV Storage area. Reserve funds were set aside to cover costs and the project was fully funded. Three committee members collected input from a variety of sources, including Pacific Sanitation, the county, the attendants, and our members. By the summer of 2019, the committee knew what could and could not be done to the site.

The Research

The HOA is subject to current laws on land use and refuge, however, the compactor area was “grandfathered in” and received exceptions. For example, when Surfside HOA was incorporated in 1965, the wetlands buffer was 15’, but by 2019, it was 150’. Surfside could make improvements to the facility but could not add or change the original design.

The HOA is also subject to changing market conditions and rates from Pacific Sanitation, the one and only facility on the peninsula who accepts refuge. At one point we received a premium rebate for recycled metal. We also received rebates for recycled cardboard. Both rebates were reduced due to a flooded recyclables market.

The HOA is dependent on members following the rules, too. The dry cardboard recycling box inside the old building was being abused. Members and/or their representatives were dumping construction material, carpeting, small appliances, fencing, etc. into the bin. All these items had to be separated from the cardboard in the Pacific Sanitation yard. Surfside was being charged extra for the additional weight and the cost to separate the cardboard from the trash. The cost of debris in the “dry box” was twice as much per pound versus trash thrown in the compactors. We ultimately lost any rebate for cardboard recycling.

Most members provided the committee with positive feedback about the site. The committee found out the compactor has peak hours, some for no reason. Three-day weekends differed from regular weekends. Members were concerned though about congestion and they were confused about what is allowed. The allowed debris list, unfortunately, changes with supply and demand of recyclables.

When the committee spoke with the compactor attendants, there were concerns about traffic flow, site hours, and abuses by a few members. The committee learned scheduling a bin or compactor pickup is challenging. The attendant must make an experienced guess whether a partially filled dumpster should be picked up or if there will be enough room left for another day of collection. The attendants also wondered if the increase in home building would require a third compactor in the future.

The Design

With research completed, in the fall of 2019, the Lands and Buildings Committee searched for an engineer to re-design an efficient and economical combination compactor and RV storage area. Many engineering firms were contacted with little interest. Ultimately, an Oregon company, Mid-Columbia Engineering, accepted the challenge. By the Spring of 2020, we were hit with the pandemic. Design issues would be difficult in normal times, but to accomplish it remotely seemed impossible. Further, the type of refuse collected had shifted significantly, for example, increases in Styrofoam from online purchases and takeout trays were now the norm.

Before

After

Recent History of the Surfside HOA Compactor: Design and Decisions, Part 2

On a bright note, in 2020 one of the compactors was scheduled for depreciated replacement. The new compactor turned was about thirty percent more efficient in capacity. Assuming the second unit scheduled for replacement would also be more efficient, the committee decided a third compactor would not be necessary.

Unfortunately, after several rejected designs, specifically in the RV storage area, Mid-Columbia Engineering terminated their contract with Surfside HOA. The committee was forced to complete the details of the design. Further, due to shortages in qualified contractors on the Peninsula and to cut costs, the committee acted as the general contractor, too.

The plan, specifications, construction drawings, required Pacific County permits, and estimated cost were presented to the Board of Trustees in early spring 2021. The project was approved as presented.

Removing the dry box building was the first phase of the project. The building was in disrepair and infested with rodents. It was abused by members who were disposing of everything from construction materials, old carpet, and small appliances to car parts and engines. This abuse made the cost to empty the dry box double that of the compactor.

The building also housed books, sporting goods, luggage, and small appliances which other members might take and use. On the surface this was good. Unfortunately, while rummaging, members would leave their car parked in a drive through lane creating a bottle neck for others needing to access the site.

The covered cardboard only box now in place is only 20-yards because that is all Peninsula Sanitation could offer. A 30-yard covered box is on order and expected to be in place before the end of the year.

Other phases of the long-term project include lighting for winter months, repaving some areas, painting lane stripes to help with traffic flow, and professional signs to save on attendant person-hours. Depending on funds there could also be two to four cameras installed and a card reading gate. The latter to allow only authorized people to enter the site and to provide data on site use.

If you are concerned about the plan or the site, please attend a Lands and Buildings Committee meeting or contact the committee chair. Committee members and all Trustees are committed to doing what is best for the community of Surfside. They work diligently to keep expenses low and therefore dues low. And they ensure funds spent receive the most value for the dollar. Fiduciary responsibility is part of the oath.

Finally, all committee members and the Board are volunteers who accept positions and responsibility to make Surfside HOA a better place.

Ric Minich, Former Land and Buildings Committee Chair

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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.

FISH AND WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT (F&WM) COMMITTEE UPDATE

Canal

The committee wants to thank all members who contacted the office recently regarding plant material in the canal. One of the F&WM committee members toured the canal and considering their findings the committee decided to bring in a professional consultant, who was here on July 14th. We received the consultant's report which indicates the weeds observed from the shoreline are composed almost exclusively of common elodea (*elodea canadensis*). Other weeds such as curly pondweed are present but represent a minor component of the weeds observed. There was no milfoil present. However, along some of the shoreline an emergent plant, marsh cinquefoil, was observed.

The consultant is working with the committee to put together a plan to effectively address controlling the plant life in the canal this year and in the future.

Insects

The HOA has not sprayed/fogged for mosquitoes in at least 10 years or more and there are no plans to do so.

Seabreeze Lake

There are ongoing studies being conducted on Seabreeze Lake, and we will submit an update to the board on those findings.

Algae

Members should be aware this is the time of year when toxic blooms of blue green algae (BGA) may appear. If you are interested in more information about BGA, there are handouts available at the HOA business office. There are also informational signs near bridges and access points to the waterways. Please take cautionary measures if a BGA toxic bloom is present.

The Fish and Waterways Management Committee will discuss these topics and many others at our next regular **monthly meeting on Friday July 29 at 1 p.m. at the HOA business office.**

July 29th
6:30 p.m.

Business
Office



**JAM
SESSIONS**

**Bring your instruments if you play, bring your voice if you sing,
and bring you to enjoy both!**



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!

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

- * July 30th, Pacific County Sheriff Robin Souvenir, 4th in the Speaker Series, at 1 p.m.
- * July 30th, Foodies at Heritage Farms, 1-2:30 p.m.
- * 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
- * September 9th, 10 a.m. Card Making Class, RSVP required, small fee
- * September 9-12th, Hot Rod Run to the End of the World

**The Community Relations Committee in conjunction with
the Safety & Security Committee
Present the *Speaker Series*, #4**

Sheriff Robin Souvenir

**Saturday, July 30th at 1 p.m.
at the Surfside HOA Business Office**



If you have questions for the Sheriff and want to attend the seminar, please RSVP to office@surfsideonline.org Questions must be submitted by Monday, July 25th.

Space is limited, so call ahead to reserve your seat.

The Community Relations Committee Present 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 Presley, 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/>



**N A T I O N A L
WILDLIFE
REFUGE SYSTEM**

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

All Surfside Members are Invited to a Special Foodies Group Event!

The **Surfside Foodies Group** is collaborating with **Willapa Bay Heritage Farms LLC** to offer an exclusive tour for Surfside members and their family/friends. At this event, you will tour the beautiful grounds, learn about local farm life and sustainability, as well as visit with various farm animals along the way!



Mark your calendar for **July 30th 1-2:30 p.m.**

We will meet up at the farm located at **15600 and 15720 Sandridge Rd. Long Beach, WA 98631**

Modest snacks and drinks will be provided.



Please check out the farm website at <https://willapabayheritagefarm.com>.

You may also contact Shelly at 360-666-9999 with any questions.

Donations to the farm are welcomed.

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.



Dog Show

Saturday, August 6, 2022

1 to 3 p.m.

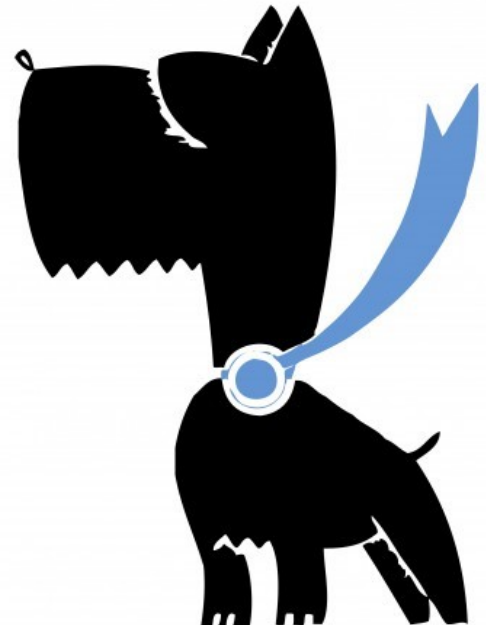
Surfside HOA Business Office, Front Lawn

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.



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 <https://www.surfsideonline.org/forms/> 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 committee tab, under the Governing Documents you'll see Surfside Restrictive Covenants link or call the business office 360-665-4171 with any questions.

August 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					7/29 F&W 1 pm	7/30 Speaker Series Sheriff Souvenir 1 pm Foodies 1 pm
7/31	1	2 ARC 9 am CRC 1 pm	3	4	5 TBVN 1 pm	6 Dog Show 1 to 3 pm
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