



Weekender

October 8, 2021

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Zoom Info for the October 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Topic: October Board Meeting

Time: Oct 16, 2021 08:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Correspondence and Floor Comments

If you are wanting to send correspondence to a trustee or to the entire board just send the email to Kholtermann@surfsideonline.org. or to Office@surfsideonline.org. You can also email the trustee directly, all trustee emails are listed on the website under the Board of Trustees tab. Just go to www.surfsideonline.org and click that tab.

Any replies will come from the business manager at the direction of the board during their meeting.

If you have a floor comment for the October 16 Regular Board Meeting please call the office at call 360-665-4171 ext. 223. Floor comments must relate to the agenda items.

Floor Comments must relate to the agenda items for October

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Sheriff's Patrol

During the September Board of Trustees meeting, a motion was made for the President to notify the Pacific County Sheriff's Office that Surfside did not intend to renew the annual patrol contract in 2022. This motion was made and approved based on the recommendation by the Surfside Sheriff's Patrol Committee. Sheriff Souvenir was contacted of the Surfside approved intention. To let the contract expire at the end of the year seemed fair and equitable, somewhat like a two-week notice. Upon talking to him he made an offer that we couldn't refuse. He offered to stop the private patrols at the end of September (the third Quarter) as well as not charge us for all year fuel and maintenance. We discussed the matter briefly and accepted it. As of Friday October 1st, the sheriff's patrol of Surfside will be the same as any other community in Pacific County. Meanwhile, the patrol committee will seek reasonable alternatives for safety and law protection. The savings will be rolled over in the 2022 budget.

Veteran's Day Celebration

For me, the Surfside Memorial Day ceremony was a disappointment, specifically in the length of time, about eight minutes. There was the flag raising/lowering, the wreath placement, and TAPS. My thought was we should do more. So, Louise Purdin, Chairperson of the Community Relations Committee was contacted. Ultimately the two of us met with the Peninsula American Legion unit in Ilwaco. Nothing is firm, the plan currently is still in progress. However, this is what we are initially planning. We intend to have a Surfside tent at Veterans Park for inclement weather. About 10:30 AM we will gather with the American Legion unit. There will be refreshments, a speaker or two, the traditional ceremony, and then TAPS at the 11th minute of the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month. After that two of the fraternal orders of the peninsula, the Moose for members and the Elks for the public serve a free Veteran's lunch. Anyone who submits a suggestion of how to improve on this is welcome to do so to Louise Purdin of the CRC. We look forward to a good attendance and welcome all.

Information Gathering Get Together

Thank you for all who took the time of attending the information gathering get together this past Saturday. Included in the Weekender is a three-page review by the facilitator, Kelly Rupp and an article written by one of the attendees, Steve Wallace. Overwhelmingly the participation was in harmony, addressing, questioning, and commenting on the most important issues of Surfside's environment. We hope to have the ad hoc committee together and functioning on the issues that were discussed. Thank you once again for your attendance and support.

Ric Minich, President
Surfside HOA

Saturday Oct 2 member meeting*** WORKSHOP

Submission For inclusion in Weekender:

Last Saturday the Surfside Board president convened a meeting for all members to hear an expert help with issues that confront Surfside members. With an eye to bringing healing to contentious points of view. Before the speaker took member input, he outlined his expertise, both environmental, master gardener and mediation on the subjects at hand.

Before he took member input he outlined, as a recognized expert in the field, the issue of Tree topping. He showed that Tree topping is Harmful and Bad environmental policy. He brought slides and live trees to help illustrate the point. His explanation was technical but put into clearly understandable lay language so that all could follow why this is a harmful practice. His presentation included tree chemistry from nutrient and hormone perspectives. Now the Science is settled on this antiquated practice. The overwhelming message is : Tree trimming is beneficial, Tree Topping is just Wrong.

Now that Pres Minich has put this divisive practice into the dustbin of history we as members can look toward the future with focus on maintaining the ocean environment we depend on. As we heard Saturday the aquifer we depend on for water may be under duress. We all need to pull together so the fragile system bounded by a changing ocean stays viable.

Pres Minich was quite correct when he pointed out that time is of the essence on this issue. The board must take immediate action, given the now settled science, to stop any further damage caused by the antiquated practice of topping trees. An immediate pause would give a new Ad Hoc committee time to address and correct the 60 year old rules while further harm is mitigated. Rules that were codified before we understood well the ecosystem that sustains our life here must be corrected and can be if we as a community can pull together and follow the science.

Steven Wallace

Chipping

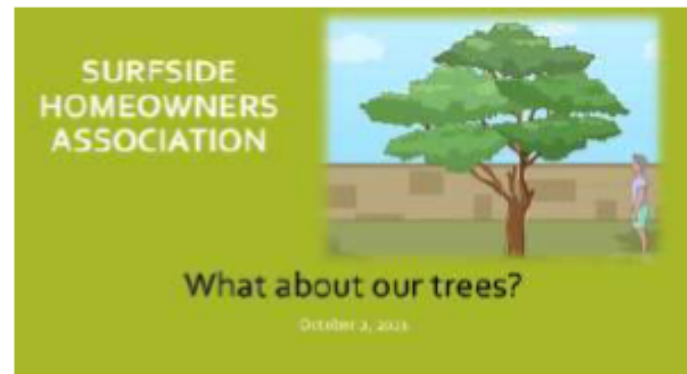
If you are interested in picking up some of the chips from the chipping site just give us a call. We can check out a key for you so that you can access those chips.

Give us a call 360-665-4171

Surfside Homeowners Association
Tree Discussion Workshop, continued

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Surfside Homeowners Association Tree Height Workshop Meeting October 2, 2021



Summary:

Over 45 individuals participated in this workshop, representing both long-tenured Surfside residents as well as recent arrivals. Notes below are drawn from the flip-chart exercises and group discussions around “what are the issues...” and “why...”?

Individual expressions of concern and frustration were collected via Post-it notes, and clustered into “affinity groups” (i.e., similar ideas or themes).

Major themes collected from this exercise included:

- View (expressions of aesthetics and vegetation health, property value protections, fairness and consistency for all homeowners)
- Community (concerns of lack of civility and even neighbor-to-neighbor hostility in dispute discussion, misunderstandings of rules/ordinances, lack of education in best practices for vegetation management, inappropriate social media postings that unintentionally – or perhaps intentionally -- misinform)
- Covenants (clarity and communications of ordinances, misunderstanding and perceived inconsistency in code enforcement and dispute resolution, processes for proposed revisions or review of covenants and bylaws)
- Costs (regarding fairness and lack of sharing in the expenses of individual homeowners to manage vegetation for the benefit of the entire community).
- Safety, Fire Protection and Hazard Mitigation (concerns that haphazard and unprofessional vegetation management by property owner may contribute to increased risks of wildfire, flooding, erosion, or hazard trees to utilities or other infrastructure).

KJ Technique / Affinity Mapping

... an idea-generating and prioritizing technique (named after its inventor, (Iiro Kawakita)

1. **Individual Inputs**
Everyone silently writes down ideas. Each idea goes on a separate note.
2. **Sharing Ideas**
Post ideas to the group space.
3. **Grouping or Clustering**
Working together, cluster similar ideas. Tag each collection with a single word or phrase that best captures the core theme.
4. **Prioritize**
Vote on which concepts matter most. Each person gets a set number of votes to support the concepts they care most about.



Successful resolutions to group concerns on these issues will depend upon community engagement and goodwill. All decision-maker participants must commit to share ownership of conclusions/determinations by that group/team. If consensus decisions cannot be reached on issues and a clear majority of participants democratically concludes a specific direction/decision, it is imperative that minority participants in the group who may be disappointed in the outcome effectively “disagree but commit” to the group decision. In all deliberations, group members must be respected for their contributions and allowed to share their perspectives. Similarly, dissent must be expressed in a civil manner and energetic debate should be celebrated by decision-making group(s).

Communications in our 21st century to a diverse and dispersed public group is challenging – made even more challenging if the topic is emotionally charged or long-festering in misinformation. Consistent and repeated (repeated!) communication through official media channels (print, webpage, social media) is encouraged as these topics are worked through. Include links/pointers to any official governance documents that can be accessed/referenced for clarity. Ordinances and policies should be clearly – and simply – described in easily understand language to minimize misinterpretation or misconstruction. Questions, comments, or request for clarity should be welcomed and respectfully engaged. “Trolls”, taunts, and intentional misinformation should meet with direct rebuttal with unbiased, non-defensive, honest information.

General questions:

- What is our definition of “view”?
- Should the HOA have a consensus “vision” on what we want to achieve (with respect to this issue, and perhaps with respect to the community overall that we aspire to become)?
- Should/could we engage in periodic review of Bylaws and overall Covenants? Because the Surfside HOA is a defacto government-of-sorts, perhaps its governance effectiveness and community communications would benefit from periodic review/refresh of policies and regulations. Other public taxing districts (ports, school districts, municipalities, counties, etc) are required by various state codes to review key administrative documents regularly (e.g., no more than every eight years for Comprehensive Plans and Shoreline Mgmt Plans). Amendments to these governing policy/ordinance plans requires a disciplined update process, beginning with a Public Engagement / Participation Plan that specifies how public input and feedback on proposed changes will be broadly solicited. At the very least, begin review of Covenant 2.16 (Tree Mgmt)

Desired outcomes, broadly:

- Ensure that everyone’s voice is heard / respected
- Ensure broad homeowner representation on follow-on committees, workgroups, and/or teams
- Engage professional assistance as needed to inform groups on best practices, best-available-science, accurate data mapping of affected areas.



Recommended next steps include:

- Education forums/workshops:
 - Tree species and plant selections for our micro-climate and for height/vegetation control, to consider changing climate, invasive species and pests, and hazard mitigation.
 - Firewise landscaping (“Defensible Space,” fire-wise vegetation choices, distancing from buildings, management of landscape).
 - Pesticide and fertilizer use (to avoid unintentional “drift” across property lines, pollution or runoff to waterways, impact to wetlands, environmental habitat destruction)..
 - Impacts of climate change and sea level rise on vegetation management.
 - How to effectively and sustainability manage vegetation for “viewsapes”.
- Assemble teams (committees) to address focus topics, to include the following
 - Education (public meetings/forums around the subjects noted above, with tutelage from professional arborist(s) or urban forester(s), professional firefighters, etc
 - Re-visit view constraints through a re-map of geography with LIDAR (height) overlays. Consider revising height restrictions in geography sub-areas depending upon view impairment (or not). Expand mapping exercise to consider fire-wise landscape consideration (i.e., distance of concentrated vegetation from permanent structures, clearly defined lanes for wildfire protection, consideration for canopy fires of untended forest). Ensure consistency and clarity in mapping.
 - Financial and permitting support for tree pruning/removal. Could HOA-funded subsidies, expedited permitting, professional pruning contractors, etc. relieve the cost burden on vegetation management?
 - Compliance Enforcement and Dispute Resolution: Should issues with vegetation management be complaint-driven (by members) or proactively monitored (by HOA)? Should a moratorium or pause be enacted while committee work proceeds? Could disputes be arbitrated by an independent/neutral body (perhaps modeled after municipal/county “Hearings Examiner” for rulings on land use variance requests or permitting) to ensure consistency/transparency/un-biased solutions.



From the Department of Revenue– Single Use Bag Ban

- **Plastic bag ban and charges on other reusable bags.** Effective October 1st there is a ban on single use plastic and non-recycled bags, and a charge on the use of certain paper and plastic bags.
- **Ban on certain carry-out bags**– establishments may no longer provide customers with any of the following: Single use plastic carry-out bags, paper carry-out bags that are not compliant paper carry-out bags and reusable carry-out bags made of film plastic that do not meet recycled content requirements.
- **Single Use plastic carryout bag** means any carryout bag that is made from plastic that is designed and suitable only to be used once and disposed.
- **Questions?** Questions concerning the taxability of these charges can be directed to our Telephone Information Center at 360-705-6705
- Questions concerning the ban, qualifying carryout bags or anything else related to this legislation should be directed to the Department of Ecology at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Waste-reduction-programs/Plastics/Plastic-bag-ban>



RV Season

Just a reminder that RV's must come off the (applicable) lots October 31st. You can utilize the winter permit beginning November 1st. To use the winter permit just call the office with the dates that you will be using the and we will get that ready for you to pick up.

Winter permits are only used for occupancy, when you leave you take them with you. We do not issue winter permits for RV's to sit on lots.

You can refer to 2.9b of the Restrictive Covenants to find out what your lot restrictions are.

We also offer RV Storage for members. If you are interested in storing your RV here just give us a call and we'll get you all the information.

360-665-4171



Now is the time to winterize.

- You can start with inspecting your trees for any dead branches, disease or overgrowth. When snow falls, trees become heavy quickly and can cause branches to snap and dead trees to fall. Dead branches can also become a hazard during wind storms.
- An easily forgotten area of the home is the roof. Check and replace loose or broken shingles and inspect the gutters and chimneys. If your gutters have long term build up this is a great opportunity to clean them and install gutter guards.
- Checking windows and doors inside and outside the home is important for keeping out the drafts, snow and pests. This will also help with heating costs.
- Mulching leaves is one of the least enjoyable jobs that homeowners are faced with. You can use your lawnmower to mulch the leaves. Most deciduous trees leaves contain around 2% nitrogen, which is the most important nutrient for your lawn. This means mulching leaves will create a natural fertilizer for your lawn over the winter.
- A lot of work goes into winterizing your home and that's why its important to start early. Get these tasks done before the cold weather hits and you'll have more time to start working on the inside of your home. Don't forget to tune up your heater, turn off watering systems and test your smoke detectors.

Source: www.dreamlandsdesign.com

The Annual Harvest Festival

HARVEST UPDATE – The Annual Harvest Festival, which usually occurs during the second week-end in October, has been simplified. We will be harvesting during the week-end of Oct. 9-10, so come and watch the harvesters work their magic. We don't plan on having food service available this year, but the gift shop will be open and there are lots of cranberry goodies available. Don't forget the cranberry ice cream! We have freshly harvested berries now, so stock up for the holidays.

Pacific Coast Cranberry Research Foundation,
2907 Pioneer Rd, Long Beach, WA 360-642-5553 Open daily 10-5

Clam Dig Schedule

October Tentative Schedule

A.M. TIDES ONLY:

Oct. 3, Sunday, 4:52 A.M.; 0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Oct. 4, Monday, 5:33 A.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Oct. 5, Tuesday, 6:12 A.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

P.M. TIDES ONLY:

Oct. 6, Wednesday, 7:20 P.M.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

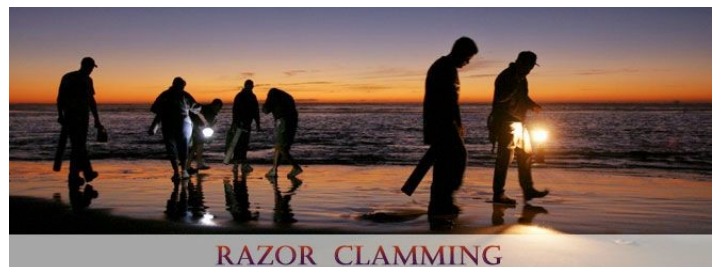
Oct. 7, Thursday, 8:04 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Oct. 8, Friday, 8:50 P.M.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Oct. 9, Saturday, 9:38 P.M.; -1.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Oct. 10, Sunday, 10:32 P.M.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Oct. 11, Monday, 11:32 P.M.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis



RAZOR CLAMMING

Soil Erosion and Riparian Zones: Helping Mother Nature

BY: Surfside's Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds Committee

What is Soil Erosion? Soil, or all the complex dirt and sand beneath our feet to bedrock, supports plant and animal life and the human communities built on it. When soil is disturbed, by humans or Mother Nature's activity, it can erode or move from one location to another. Erosion can come from rain, irrigation, wind or human activity. If left unchecked, erosion can strip valuable, productive soil away causing water pollution, leaving unproductive sub surfaces, elimination of wildlife and fish habitat. Erosion can lead to increased flooding, block draining ditches, and harm fisheries.

How do Riparian Zones help? Riparian zones are vegetation areas along streams, lakes and canals. They stabilize streambanks, provide habitat and food for birds and fish, and cool adjacent waterways. They are also Nature's filters for overland pollutants like lawn chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides, keeping adjacent waterways clean. They also help purify groundwater. Surfside canals are subject to blue-green algae blooms. Dense ground vegetation helps filter pollutants such as septic effluent that contribute to these blooms.



Are there rules to control erosion and protect Riparian Areas?

Yes. Critical Area Resource Lands (CARL) #180 is a Pacific County ordinance. It requires protection of riparian areas and discourages certain land-use activities that cause erosion, such as clearing within 25 feet along stream or canals. Surfside has several exemptions related to CARL to allow for vegetation management in these zones. Ordinance No. 180 can be viewed at:

<http://www.co.pacific.wa.us/ordres/Ord%20180.pdf>

How do I control erosion and manage Riparian Zones on my property? The most important thing to remember is to replant disturbed soil areas and maintain dense vegetation along a riparian zone. Trees can be maintained a covenant height while allowing for abundant understory vegetation to control erosion and maintain a riparian zone. Planting native grasses, bushes and shrubs along the water way helps prevent water pollution and control soil erosion while providing habitat, shade and food for birds, animals and fish.

Need More Information? Contact Surfside Office, (360) 665-4171 or

Pacific County DCD Long Beach Office, 360-642-9382

A banner image showing a stack of colorful architectural blueprints 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, under the governance tab you'll see Surfside Restrictive Covenants link or call the business office 360-665-4171 with any questions.

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WSP= Water System Planning *CRC=Community Relations

November 2021

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