



# Weekender

October 22, 2021

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## SURFSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

October 16, 2021

President Ric Minich called to order the October 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Surfside Homeowners Association at 9:00 am.

- **Trustees present:** Ric Minich, Larry Raymer, Kurt Olds, Mariann Schweitzer, Dan Neptun, John Curran, Cori Harms, Ronda Christoph and Tom Rogers
- **Staff:** Tracy Lofstrom, Kimber Holtermann, Cyndi Sayce, Heidi Larson
- **Safety Message-** October is National Fire Safety Month.
- **Agenda-** The agenda for the October 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting was approved.
- **Minutes Approval-** The minutes from the September 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were approved as amended.
- **Closed Session:** 9:30 am
- **Reconvene from closed:** 9:50 am
- **Motions after closed:** Hourly wage increase for Jake Taylor effective December 2021. Hourly wage increases for Kimber Holtermann & Maureen Gilbert effective January 2022.
- **2022 Budget-** The 2022 budget was approved. Voting packet will be sent out next week.
- **Covenant Change Update-** sent back to the Architectural Committee for housekeeping changes to language.
- **Termination of the Sheriff Patrol Contract Letter-** On September 18, 2021, the Surfside Homeowners Association Board of Trustees decided to terminate the Patrol Services with the Pacific County Sheriff's Department as of December 31, 2021. Per a phone conversation and a letter written to Sheriff Souvenir, it was the Sheriff's desire to end the Patrol Services Contract as of September 30, 2021. It was also stated Surfside Homeowners Association would not be billed for fuel, maintenance, or any other miscellaneous costs for the prior three quarters. SHOA Business Manager Tracy Lofstrom.
- **Charter /Member approval for the HOA Environmental AD-HOC Committee** – The charter and members were both approved. Mariann Schweitzer & John Curran are the primary and secondary trustees for this committee. Kelly Rupp was approved by the board as facilitator to the AD-HOC Tree Plus Committee.
- **Bylaw/Covenant change-** tabled for further review.
- **New Surfside Logo-** the new logo was approved and will be unveiled on the new website November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Resolution 10-01-2021-**Roof replacement for booster office and manifold building was approved.
- **Resolution 10-02-2021-** purchase of a DitchWitch was approved.
- **Emergency Management Committee** – New member Sharon Sperry was added to the committee.
- All staff, committee and trustee reports were accepted as submitted.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

## SHOA ENVIRONMENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I know we're all eager to get started, Our first meeting will be IN PERSON in the Sandcastle Bldg at the Methodist Bible Camp. (same place as the first workshop) this coming Friday 10/22/2021, **Time 1-3pm.**

Suggested agenda for the kickoff meeting:

- **Welcome and Introductions:**

Round-the-room self-intros

Agenda review for today

- **Charter recap (presentation with discussion/questions):**

Our assignment (clear description of primary deliverables, timeline objectives)

Engagement expectations (for report-outs, for engagement of other committees, etc.)

Protocol expectations (civil discourse, unbiased objective consideration of issues, etc.)

“Extra credit” goals (e.g., education/workshops, consideration of Firewise landscape best practices, reflections on climate change and sea level rise)

Organization (to be self-governed, selecting our chair/co-chair/secretary, process for decision-making, subcommittees if needed, meetings plan, etc)

- **Dive in (group exercise):**

Clarify the problems: Prioritize the answers/solutions we want to find (that is, rank order the problems/answers/solutions that we're tasked to deliver)

Describe the Solution (s): For each of the “top” (five to eight?) as ranked, what would an ideal answer/solution look like? (e.g., “a re-written covenant that more equitably establishes height constraints” or “an education program that helps people understand how best to landscape for concerns over height, fire, soils, ...”)

Collect our Info Needs/Tools/Resources: What info do we need to collect/sift through/review? Who could be engaged to assist? What obstacles do we want to avoid? How will we know we've successfully answered the question/problem?

Workplan towards Solution (s): Shall we organize subcommittees? Individual assignments? What explicit action assignments do we agree to?

- **Checkpoint:**

Do we have our chair/co-chair/secretary? Do we have a meeting plan? Administratively, these must be completed before adjourning.

What else to cover?

Feedback?

It will be most helpful if you have read the CCR's and are prepared to discuss the one (s) you are interested in.

See you all at the Sandcastle building Friday!

Thank you,  
Marriann

## SURFSIDE HOA ENVIRONMENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE CHARTER

### BACKGROUND:

A wide variety of environment-related issues are facing Surfside. Members have become increasingly concerned about seasonal flooding, view protection, tree height covenant restrictions, increasing wildfire hazards, water table fluctuations, king tides and the costs related to addressing these issues. Members feel these issues have resulted in the polarization of our community, reducing the quality of life and sense of community Surfside has enjoyed for almost sixty years.

The Surfside HOA Board of Trustees is launching an Ad Hoc Committee focusing on Environmental issues affecting Surfside, to be led by a professional independent facilitator, and made up of interested Surfside HOA members in good standing. The goal of this effort is to develop a recommended action plan that addresses the environmental that are or will inevitably affect Surfside in the future.

To prepare for the launch of this Ad Hoc Committee, the Surfside Board sponsored a community wide information gathering workshop on October 2, 2021 to solicit member input. The data gathered from that member-driven workshop is shown in Attachment 1. Data has been sorted into six key areas this committee is asked to consider: View, Covenants, Community, Fire/Hazards, Cost and other issues.

### PURPOSE:

To address key areas identified at the October 2, 2021 Information Gathering workshop which included View, Covenants, Community, Fire Hazard, Cost and Other (see Attachment 1 below) and others that come out of Ad Hoc Committee discussions.

Mitigate issues related to the above in the following areas and others brought up by the Ad Hoc committee.

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.

Potential revisions to Surfside Covenants in all areas related to the identified topics

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 "viewscales."

An information/education plan to implement the recommendations for all Surfside members.

Estimated costs for implementing the plan elements.

### DURATION:

This Committee shall have temporary status.

Target completion March 2022 or determine amount of additional time needed with goal of final Board approved implementation plan to be presented at July 2022 Annual Meeting.

### APPOINTMENT:

The Committee shall be made up of all members that expressed interest in being part of committee, will maintain a minimum of 8 members. Member list to be approved by the Board

The Chairperson (s) will be appointed by the committee and submitted to the Board for approval.

A independent qualified facilitator will be appointed by the Board on a volunteer basis

### QUALIFICATION:

All Committee members must be members in good standing

### DELIVERABLES:

A recommendation to the Board of Trustees that capsulate solutions and next steps needed for the issues described in the Purpose section of this charter and expanded on in Attachment 1. Recommendation to the Board of Trustees should include but not be limited to the following:

Problem Statement – Summary of the current situation that is being addressed

Target Statement – Desired outcome of recommended actions

Action Statement – Recommended action (s) and recommended steps of implementation. Actions could but not required to include Education program

Government Changes (Covenants, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation)

Enforcement approach (Proactive, Complaint driven, Cost Sharing)

Cost Statement – Estimate of cost to implement above recommended actions.

### CHECKPOINTS:

Keep Board Secretary apprised of current committee roster (Name, Surfside Address)

Keep Board President, Board Secretary and office manager apprised of progress via meeting minutes which would include help needed.

Monthly reports to the Board of Trustees at the monthly Board Meetings in writing and in person report as required.

As an aligned action, the Board of Trustees directs the following Surfside Committees, Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weed, Architectural, Fish & Waterways, Water Systems, Land & Buildings, Firewise Chipping, and Emergency Management as well as other groups to be solicited to prepare studies that will inform and educate the actions of the Ad Hoc Committee.

THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

invites you to a

# Veterans Day Service

to honor our Veterans, past and present

at

Veterans Park

306<sup>th</sup> = I St.

Thursday, November 11, 2021

10=00 am until 11=11 am

Opening remarks by Dan Neptun, RADM, USCG

=Retired=

Taps at 11=11 am

Refreshments will be served

If you would like to offer a few words about your service to our country, please let us know by calling 360=665=4171 or emailing [kholttermann@surfsideonline.org](mailto:kholttermann@surfsideonline.org)



### **Blessings Counted**

Friday a week ago, speaking with a Surfside Board of Trustees member, the discussion went to how efficiently and great living in Surfside Estates is enjoyed by the owners and members of the community. Perhaps the first and greatest is the Surfside water system. Without a doubt, the quality of water is the best on the peninsula. This is accomplished from the installation of the carbon filtration system. Alternating each of the two carbon filtration tanks should be changed out, on every other year basis. Our engineering consultant recommended we install a venturi to force air into the filters which has resulted in a 50% (or nine months) increase of usefulness of the carbon, an approximate \$18,000. Savings. There is a former Surfside owner now living in a two-bedroom apartment who claims her lowest water/sewer monthly bill to be \$133.00 for the month. Think of what our members receive for a little over \$50.00 a month: the best water on the peninsula, compactor/garbage, cabanas, maintained beach trails, and scheduled social events. Why would anyone wish to change a system that is working so well?

The basis of our economy is the volunteers and many of the volunteers have brought their professional and labor skills to aid in cost control. Listed herein are just a few examples. Referring back to our water, the Chairperson has and still does test water quality for a profession. As a volunteer, he provides Surfside the confidence and expertise of sound water purification decisions without the association relying on our paid water engineering consultant. The Surfside Treasurer has a degree in accounting. At least part of his career was as an auditor for Bonneville Power Administration. Surfside would be hard pressed to find a better person in education, experience, and integrity than our association Treasurer. The budget committee spent many long, volunteer hours to put together a 2022 budget that is less, approximately \$16.00 less per member than the 2021 budget. In a year of fed predicted 6% inflation, where else have you seen a decrease in your budget?

At the October Surfside Board of Directors meeting four major items were approved for the immediate and hopefully long-term future of Surfside Estates. The charter for the ad hoc Surfside Environmental Committee was presented and approved. Next, the twenty four members of the committee were approved, unanimously. Next, the two Trustees to collaborate with the committee were approved, Marriann Schwietzer and John Curran (both property owners between I and H Streets). Kelly Rupp was also unanimously voted to be the committee facilitator, a non-resident who is also volunteering his time. All twenty seven are volunteers. Be thankful to all as the task ahead is great, time consuming, and vital to so many significant issues of the future for Surfside Estates: vegetation control, climate change, flood control, fire safety, riparian management, surface water, and more. Be flexible in your thoughts and positive toward the outcome. Support your committee and “count your blessings”

### **Veteran's Day Update**

Preparation for the Surfside Veteran's Day Celebration continues. We are seeking someone to speak for five to ten minutes in celebration of veterans, past, present, or those serving today, our next generation of Veterans. You need not be a veteran yourself, as a speaker you can speak from the heart about someone you know or love. Please consider taking the opportunity to speak from the heart about a veteran you knew or know, including their family.

Please contact Kimber at the Surfside HOA office at (360) 665-4171 or [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org).

Thank you.

Ric Minich, President  
Surfside HOA

## November Regular Board Meeting & Budget Ratification

The November 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting & Budget Ratification Meeting will take place at Senior Center, located at 21603 O Lane, Ocean Park.

The meeting will begin at 9am, there will be no zoom broadcast, this will be an in person meeting. Maximum occupancy will be 109 people and it will be first come first in.

The budget packet should be arriving by the end of next week, which will have the proxy for voting in that as well. All proxies must be received by 2 pm on Friday, November 19th. If you have questions please call 360-665-4171.

### Surfside Business Office Winter Hours

Beginning on November 1st, the office hours will move to 8:30-4 pm Monday—Friday.

The office will be closed on, Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.



### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time this year is on November 7th.



## LOST AND FOUND



The office is always having items brought in that were found on approaches or out on the beach. So if you've lost your keys or your phone, just give us a call to see if anyone has dropped them off.

## PAA OPEN STUDIO TOURS

The dates for the Peninsula-wide artists open studio tours are:

**November 26 thru 27**

**Hours: Fri - Sat 10 am to 4 pm**

The Open Studio Tours are one of the very best ways to see the beauty of the Peninsula and to discover the many talents our creative members possess. Art studios are open up and down the Peninsula through Ilwaco, Long Beach, along Willapa Bay, Ocean Park and Surfside . . . the art you find as you journey will be as different as the villages you travel through.

The Old Train Depot in downtown Long Beach may also showcase a few artists. Several new artist studios are planned for this year as well. It's interesting to see where the artists actually create and have the chance to talk to them about their work. Most locations will be serving refreshments. This is a family friendly outing and the perfect way to do some special shopping. What's better than something handcrafted by local artists and one-of-a-kind?

<https://www.beachartist.org/events-for-peninsula-arts-association/>

# Surfside Snopes

**Question? Can members contribute, ask questions, or speak during a board meeting?**

**Answer:** Members may ask to have an agenda item per our Operations Manual, page 55, item 5, under “Monthly Board Meetings”. The other opportunity to speak is during floor comments, which we ask you to submit before by 1:00 pm on Friday before the board meeting.

Board meetings are for conducting SHOA business and is not an open discussion meeting. It is a long-standing policy to not answer questions from the member audience from the Zoom side panel or during in person meetings.

**Question? Does the board want to: 1) do away with the HOA; 2) change the rules for RV's; 3) do away with the community dump; 4) sell the water system.**

**Answer:** The current board has no intentions of dissolving the HOA. It is the desire of most members to keep the HOA as is. It is written in the By-Laws, Article III, Dissolution, and there are also state RCW's that pertain to non-profit corporation (HOA) dissolution.

No planned changes to the rules for RV's. Year round allowed on the east side, not on the west. The RV storage lot is getting a major face lift. See the previous Weekender for more information.

The trash compactor site, also getting a major face lift. One of best benefits of this HOA. The cost is included in your annual dues and assessments. Currently the cost of garbage service on the peninsula is \$56 EOM for a large can, weekly pickup. How cheap & good is our water? Regulated by the state. The annual water would cost more than the current dues, just for water. The cost per month for surrounding areas; Long Beach water \$62.29 per month, North Beach water \$45 per month, Ilwaco water \$61.79 per month.

The other cool amenities are the lakes, parks, cabanas, fun events for members and trails to the beach.

**Question? So there really isn't a choice, just covenant compliance. Even if my trees were paid to be cut down and hauled away, I still had no choice over my property. Is that why you're saying?**

**Answer:** No not at all! You have the choice to manage your trees how you see fit, as long as the trees you choose are maintained within Surfside's tree height restrictions in your area which are based on building height limits. You can choose to plant, prune, trim, shape or remove trees and shrubs on your property.

The list of tree and shrub species that work well within Surfside's height limits and wetlands is extensive. The information is readily available at the Surfside Office. You can have a beautifully treed lot and successfully comply with tree height limits, or no trees at all! The choice is yours.

Our homeowner's association is a community of homeowners that have agreed to manage their property consistent with Surfside's CCRs. These CCRs have been in place for over 50 years. All members signed a document when they purchased their property indicating they read, understood, and agreed to live by these CCRs. Surfside is legally obligated to enforce all CCR's for the benefit of all.

\*\*\*If you have any questions for Surfside Snopes please submit them to [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org), Attn: Surfside Snopes.

## Chipping

If you are interested in picking up some of the chips from the chipping site, the fence has been removed so you can help yourself at your convenience.



### Clam Dig Schedule

Oct. 19, Tuesday, 6:47 P.M.; 0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis  
Oct. 20, Wednesday, 7:23 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks  
Oct. 21, Thursday, 7:58 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis  
Oct. 22, Friday, 8:32 P.M.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks  
Oct. 23, Saturday, 9:07 P.M.; 0.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis  
Oct. 24, Sunday, 9:43 P.M.; +0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks  
Oct. 25, Monday, 10:25 P.M.; +0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/wdfw-announces-62-days-tentative-razor-clam-digs-2021>



THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Hot cocoa, cider and goodies for all

October 31<sup>st</sup>

31402 H St., Ocean Park, WA

Surfside Business Office

From : 2-4 pm All ages welcome



## RV Winter 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 the RV/Trailer/5th Wheel or camper with you. We do not issue winter permits for RV's to sit on lots unoccupied.

You can refer to 2.9b of the Restrictive Covenants to find out what your lot restrictions are. Page 9 of the weekender also shows the RV restrictions for Pacific County.

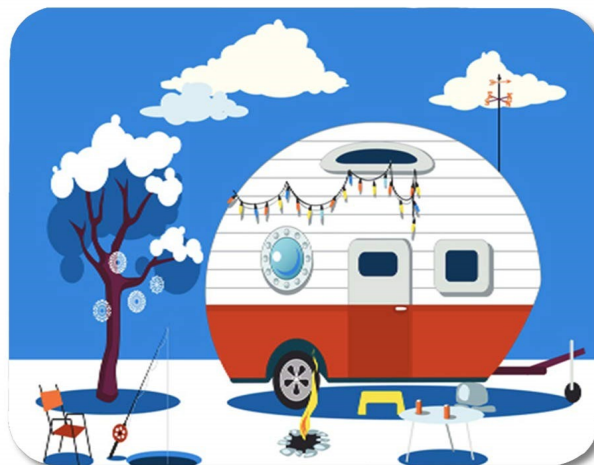
## RV Storage Area

We also offer RV Storage for members. Currently we only have a couple of spaces that will fit an RV 35' + and those are powered. We still have several powered spaces available for those trailers under 25' as well as non-powered for those smaller trailers.

We currently have a waiting list for non-powered spaces for RV's over 25' in length including the hitch.

If you have a space that you are renewing, please remember you will need the insurance and registration prior to receiving the new key.

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



**Current Zoning Regulations for RV Use Pacific County Land Use Ordinance No. 184****RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USE, OCCUPANCY AND STORAGE.**

Recreational Vehicle (RV) use, occupancy and storage outside of approved RV Parks shall meet the following requirements:

1. **Licensing/portability:** All Recreational Vehicles shall maintain current license plates and registration, shall be readily transportable at all times, shall not be permanently affixed to the ground, and shall not be used as a permanent dwelling unit;
2. **One (1) Recreational Vehicle** may be temporarily occupied or stored on a parcel at any given time. This standard may be waived for periods of time not exceeding seven (7) consecutive days, provided that the total number of Recreational Vehicles temporarily occupied on a parcel does not exceed more than one Recreational Vehicles per two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet of lot area, up to a maximum of four (4) Recreational Vehicles per parcel, for those parcels that exceed 10,000 square feet.
3. **All RV usage and parking shall occur outside of the County right-of-way;**
4. **All RV usage, including storage,** shall adhere to the minimum setbacks for the District within which the RV is being temporarily occupied;
5. **In the R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-R districts,** no structures including decks, RV covers, lean to's, garages, shops, carports, etc., shall be allowed in conjunction with the recreational vehicle usage; however, one storage building, not exceeding one hundred twenty (120) square feet in size, being temporary in nature and placed on a temporary or portable foundation, may be permitted;
6. **Recreational vehicle occupancy** shall meet all minimum Pacific County and State of Washington Health standards for sewage disposal, waste management and water availability. RV occupancy for periods exceeding seven (7) consecutive days or thirty (30) days in a calendar year requires connection to either a municipal sewer service or an approved and permitted on-site sewage disposal system. This requirement may be waived by the Administrator if proof of service such as a written contract or receipts of service by a licensed septic pumper, or receipts of disposal at an approved RV dump station, are provided upon request;
7. **Long Term Recreational Vehicle Occupancy.** An Recreational Vehicle may be temporarily occupied for a period not exceeding one year with specific approval granted by the Administrator, if the applicant can demonstrate the following: **a.** The property on which the RV is to be located has a current and active building permit, and measurable progress is being made on the project. At the conclusion of one year, the RV shall be immediately unhooked from utilities and stored on the lot according to the storage standards contained in Subsection 21.I.6, or removed from the site within 30 days after the building permit is voided, closed out, or finalized by the County Building Official; **or b.** The RV is to be used as a temporary dwelling in the case of caring for a sick family member. At the conclusion of one year, the need shall be re-evaluated by the Administrator, or his/her designees, and approval for another year of temporary usage may be granted. When this specific use is no longer needed, the RV shall either be removed from the site or disconnected from all utilities and stored on the site according to Subsection 21.I.6; and,
8. Use and storage of Recreational Vehicles differing in circumstances than those enumerated in subsection 1 through 7, may be considered by the County only upon the issuance of a Special Use Permit. The applicant shall demonstrate a specific need indicating why compliance with these Subsections is not attainable as well as meeting the Special Use Permit criteria established in Section 24.F.
9. **All Recreational Vehicle use, occupancy and storage within the approved plats of Surfside Estates shall conform to the minimum Recreational Vehicle standards contained in the Surfside Estates Restrictive Covenants dated November 16, 2002, and as contained in Appendix D.**

## PLANTS FOR RIPARIAN AND COASTAL GARDENS in SURFSIDE

Prepared for the Surfside Members by the Fish and Waterways Committee

2021

Many Surfside community members have asked what plants they can plant in Riparian areas and their gardens throughout the community. As most Surfside residents know, the Riparian area is the 25-foot land buffer area from the waterline edge along our lakes and canals. Surfside Fish and Waterways committee is working on a plant list, including Native plants encouraged for Riparian areas, deer resistant (not deer proof, if a deer is hungry enough, it will eat almost anything!), ornamental plants, and mature heights – for our tree covenant limited heights in certain areas. In the meantime, here are some links to websites that may help in your search.

**Trees & Shrubs for Riparian Plantings**, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Washington state, March 31, 2010

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/wapmstn13160.pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/wapmstn13160.pdf) 27 plants in MLRA 4A Major Land Resource Area 4 – all Natives.

**Streamside Planting Guide for Western Washington**, 2015

<https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2079/2015/06/streamside-planting-guide-for-western-washington.pdf> 6 trees plus 17 shrubs, all Natives.

Mason County WA, Mason Conservation District [www.masoncd.org](http://www.masoncd.org) (recommended by Pacific Conservation District (Pacific & Grays Harbor counties).

**"Native Plants for Marine Shorelines"** TAM 22 Technical Advice Memo, March 2016 – has 11 Small Trees / Large Shrubs, 14 Large Trees, 12 Medium / Small Shrubs, and 24 Upper Beach & Backshore Species (mostly grasses & sedges). In addition, TAM 32 "How Plants Protect Your Marine Waterfront Property" is very informative and a quick read. Lastly, see "Sample Planting Plan: Marine Shoreline"

<https://www.masoncd.org/marine-shoreline-plants.html>

**"Coastal Planting – Plants for Seaside Gardens"** brochure from Portland Nursery, January 2019. Mostly ornamental plants, some Natives. Has 10 Conifer Trees, 8 Deciduous Trees, 22 Shrubs – some evergreen; many species within a name. Plus, Perennials, Ground Covers, and some Herbs.

<https://portlandnursery.com/docs/garden-planning/coastal-plantings.pdf>

**"SHOA Plant list 2021 Plants for Canal and Lakeside Buffers"**

by Kathleen Sayce, Shoalwater Botanical, Nahcotta, WA

A 3 page list of Native species of Small Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, Ferns.

Ask the Surfside HOA office for a pdf copy of this list made specifically for Surfside!



Fish & Waterways Committee, Surfside HOA, Ocean Park, WA



## 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.

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**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 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.

# October 2021

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|--|----|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
|  |    |                       |                 |                        | 1<br>Tree 1    | 2                    |
| 3  | 4  | 5<br>ARC 9<br>CRC 1   | 6<br>Budget 10a | 7<br>L & B 9<br>WSP 10 | 8              | 9                    |
| 10   | 11 | 12<br>ARC 9           | 13              | 14                     | 15             | 16<br>Board<br>Mtg 9 |
| 17   | 18 | 19<br>ARC 9           | 20              | 21                     | 22             | 23                   |
| 24   | 25 | 26<br>ARC 9<br>EMC 1p | 27              | 28<br>Patrol Mtg 1pm   | 29<br>F & W 1p | 30                   |
| 31<br> |    |                       |                 |                        |                |                      |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue                      | Wed                         | Thu  | Fri           | Sat  |
|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------|--|
|     | 1   | 2<br>ARC 9am<br>CRC 1pm  | 3                           | 4  | 5<br>Tree 1pm | 6  |
| 7   | 8   | 9<br>ARC 9am             | 10<br>L & B 9am<br>WSP 10am | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>Ofc Closed   | 12            | 13   |
| 14  | 15  | 16<br>ARC 9am            | 17                          | 18   | 19            | 20<br>Budget<br>Ratification/<br>Board Mtg 9 |
| 21  | 22  | 23<br>ARC 9am            | 24                          | 25<br> | 26            | 27   |
| 28  | 29  | 30<br>ARC 9am<br>EMC 1pm |                             |  |               |  |
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