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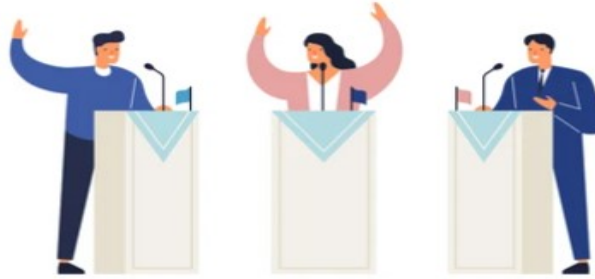
March 24, 2023

Surfside Events

Peninsula Events

Surfside HOA Elections

We are excited to announce the upcoming HOA elections for 2023!



All members in good standing are welcome to apply for the office of Surfside HOA Trustee.

There are five open positions this year, including three positions for a three-year term and two positions for a one-year term.

- ⇒ Candidate application packets are available on the Surfside website or in the office.
- ⇒ Applications may be sent directly to the Nominating Committee via email at NChair@surfsideonline.org or applications may be dropped off at or mailed to the Business Office.
- ⇒ Applications must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than **4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023**, no exceptions.
- ⇒ The criteria are included in the candidate application packet. If you have any questions, please submit them to the nominating chair at NChair@surfsideonline.org.
- ⇒ Candidates will be introduced to the Board at the regular board meeting on May 20th. No candidate comments will be made, and no questions taken at that time. Candidates are invited to attend the regular board meetings in May and June.
- ⇒ Candidates will be asked to participate in Surfside Homeowners Association election events, including meetings on May 20th at 2:00 pm. and on June 10th at 10:00 a.m., to answer questions from the membership.
- ⇒ The annual meeting this year is on Saturday, July 8th at 9:00 a.m. and the annual picnic is on Sunday, July 9th at noon.

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Eradipest will treat Surfside pedestrian paths with herbicide to remove sand spur the week of March 27th, weather depending.

The Importance of Volunteers

I and several trustees are attending a professional development course through the Community Associations Institute. It's called the "Board Leader Certificate Course." In one of the earlier modules we covered recruiting and motivating volunteers to assist the association. The module started by saying "The importance of volunteer's can't be overstated—associations can't function without them." They went on to provide tips like "grab the attention of residents", make "personal invitations", "be clear and simple", and "make volunteer work fun." But the recommendation which stuck out most to me was also the simplest... "Ask."

As an HOA member you may not realize your HOA needs help. You may be aware that Surfside has many committees which handle a plethora of tasks like budgeting, social events, and emergency evacuation plans. But are you aware those

committees and the work they accomplish is entirely managed by volunteers? Without the time and effort of our volunteers the community of Surfside would struggle. So, I am **asking**...we need you. We need your energy, your ideas, your experience, your positive input, your time, and yes, your participation in our committees, on our board, and in our community as a whole. I agree with the leadership course reviewers when they say "the community is only what the volunteers make of it..."

Right now, **the Safety and Security Committee needs help**. They are asking for members concerned about crime, traffic and emergencies to join their ranks. If you think you'd like to assist they meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the boardroom. You can also email us at office@surfsideonline.org and express your interest. Thank you.

Pauline, Business Manager



Embrace Equity this Women's History Month

"This Women's History Month, programming around the world is applauding the achievements of women while emphasizing that gender bias still exists, women are underrepresented in nearly all areas of power and influence, and women's rights are human rights.

Economists estimate the Covid-19 pandemic set women's participation in the labor force back 30 years, disproportionately impacting women of color and those in low-wage jobs.

Moreover, women's empowerment in achieving health equity for themselves, while a fundamental right and an ongoing movement, still lags behind men. Empowered women are more likely to access health services and have control over their reproductive rights and are less likely to suffer domestic violence.

Volunteering and mentoring are great ways to make a difference in the lives of women and girls, during Women's History Month and all year long."

[WSU, UW Combined Fund Drive: https://hr.uw.edu/cfd/2023/03/02/womens-history-month/;](https://hr.uw.edu/cfd/2023/03/02/womens-history-month/)
[Extracted 03/23/23](#)

Why we need women in STEM

Although women make up 48% of all US workers only [27% of science, technology, engineering, and math \(STEM\) workers are women](#). And women who do pursue STEM careers are more likely to leave them than men. 91% of [women in STEM careers](#) said gender discrimination is a career obstacle, and 73% cited sexual harassment as preventing them from advancing.

It makes good sense to increase diversity in the workforce because [a variety of perspectives and ideas can give organizations a financial and scientific edge](#).

Organization supporting women in STEM:

- ◇ [National Girls Collaborative Project](#)
- ◇ [National Math and Science Initiative](#)
- ◇ [Women in Engineering Proactive Network](#)
- ◇ [Million Women Mentors](#)
- ◇ [American Association of University Women](#)
- ◇ [Scientista Foundation](#)
- ◇ [Association for Women in Science](#)

"You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for his own improvement and, at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful."

Marie Curie...

the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person to win one twice, and the only person to win in two scientific fields.



Join trustees **John Curran and Rick Dyer** on Monday, March 27th
at 2 p.m. in the HOA Boardroom

If you cannot attend in person or via Zoom, but have questions for the trustees
please send them to office@surfsideonline.org.

Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee

Did you know...

The rate of formal volunteering through organizations dropped by seven percentage points, from 30 percent in 2019 to 23.2 percent in 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An estimated **23.2 percent** of Americans or more than **60.7 million people** formally volunteered with organizations between September 2020 and 2021. In total, these volunteers served an estimated **4.1 billion hours** with an **economic value of \$122.9 billion**.

[AmeriCorps; https://www.americorps.gov/about/our-impact/volunteering-civic-life](https://www.americorps.gov/about/our-impact/volunteering-civic-life); Extracted 03/23/23

NOXIOUS WEEDS



Gorse



Scotch Broom



Tansy Ragwort

They look lovely don't they? The bright yellow flowers of the three plants pictured above would liven up any coastal garden. But don't be fooled by their appearance because these three are some of the most invasive plants in our community and we must eradicate them (per restrictive covenant 5.4 and state law RCW 17.10). Here's what Washington State recommends you do now to slow the spread of these noxious weeds:

- ◇ Conduct as much noxious weed control before plants flower and develop seed. If you do this earlier in the season, before the plants are finished growing, there will be less plant material to manage and dispose of.
- ◇ Fall and spring are the best times to control noxious weeds and establish native plants.
- ◇ Hand-pull weeds in the spring and fall when the soil is moist and roots are more easily removed. This is also a great time to reseed with annual grasses, since disturbing the soil can cause buried weed seeds to germinate.
- ◇ Control weeds when they are young. Seedlings and rosettes take less effort and resources to treat, whether you are tilling, hand-pulling, digging, tarping, or applying herbicide. Controlling before flowering means you don't have to worry about them setting seed that year.
- ◇ If you are unable to treat noxious weeds before they bloom, try to time control efforts after pollinators have visited and remove and discard flowerheads before they set seed if possible.
- ◇ Well-established infestations take longer to convert to desirable vegetation. It may be best to reseed with grass as a placeholder for the first few years. That way you can hand-pull or use a selective herbicide to treat any emerging weeds and then plant native, broadleaf species when the seed bank has been depleted.
- ◇ Composting is not recommended. Most home compost piles do not get hot enough to kill seeds or plants.

More detailed information can be found at the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board website, <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/control-and-disposal>. Brochures to help you identify weeds are also available in the front lobby of the HOA office.

[NWCB, Controlling Noxious Weeds; Extracted 03/16/23](#)

The [Pacific County Assessor's Office](#) is in the area evaluating properties. If you see two staff in orange vests on your street, they are the assessors. Their vehicle is marked as Assessor's Office. They are allowed by state law to "visit" or walk on your property in the line of their duties for the purpose of "valuation of all taxable property" ([RCW 84.40.025](#)). The assessor's office is the only county agency which can access your property without your permission.



Summer RV Season Started March 15th



It's here! The summer RV season is upon us and that means sun, fun, and permits. If you plan to bring your RV back to your home at the beach, **please stop by the office and get a conditional use permit and register your stay.**

Permits will not be sent via email, but we can arrange to leave them for you to pick up after hours.

The summer use permit is good from March 15th to October 31st (2.9a.1) The **permit must be prominently displayed and visible from the street** (2.9a). If you have no windows facing the street we can laminate the permits for \$1 or supply you with a



plastic sleeve so you can tape the permit to a street-facing side of your rig.

In addition to being a covenant, permits are a safety measure ensuring only owners and their guests are parked on a lot and not squatters. And remember, **all RVs must be registered, licensed, and maintained in a mobile condition at all times** (2.9a). Happy glamping!

The Community Relations Committee Presents the Speaker Series

Native Plants & Dune Prairies

with

Kathleen Sayce

March 29th, 2 p.m.

Surfside Boardroom



Wax Myrtle



Salal

Kathleen Sayce is an ecologist, and lives on Willapa Bay between Nahcotta and Oysterville with spouse Frank Wolfe, a retired county commissioner and merchant mariner.

For several decades Kathleen did wetland delineations and ecological assessments, managed wetland monitoring permits, and designed restoration plans for private and public entities. These days she focuses on native plants in residential gardens.

Coastal prairies have been her passion for years. Natural, native coastal prairie is completely unlike the modern grass swards of today's dunes, or the pine-dominated back dunes, which historically supported diverse wildflowers and native grasses. Come learn what some of those species look like and how to grow them.

This Earth Day

Celebrate with a Beach Cleanup

VOLUNTEER AT ANY MAJOR
BEACH APPROACH
SATURDAY 4/22
STARTING 9:30 AM

THE GRASSROOTS GARBAGE GANG




JOIN@OURBEACH.ORG
OURBEACH.ORG

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

Your used eyeglasses can make a difference!

Vision is one of the Lions Club International Global causes.

The Peninsula Lions Club seeks donations of your old eyeglasses.

They are then cleaned, recycled and packaged to serve the visually impaired in impoverished areas around the world.

Drop boxes are located in the:

- ◇ Long Beach Pharmacy
- ◇ Peninsula Senior Center
- ◇ Ocean Park Chamber of Commerce
- ◇ Ocean Park Pharmacy



“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”



**Dr. Maya Angelou,
poet, author and civil rights leader**

Celebrate Women's History Month by sharing kindness and joy with others.

A reminder...

We only accept household trash at the compactor site. This is standard “garbage,” not carpet, construction, appliances, or flammable materials. If you have questions, the attendants are happy to answer – but please remember, they are trained on what items are and are not acceptable to put in the compactor. If they say an item you bring for disposal or recycling is not acceptable, please respect their expertise and take the item back home with you.

The beach debris dumpster in the southeast corner of the compactor area is for debris found on the beach only. Please...do not put household waste, construction items, ladders, appliances, used clothing/housewares, etc. in that bin.

All non-household items can be taken to the Peninsula Sanitation Transfer Station at 4404 67th Place in Long Beach. The transfer station is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They are closed on Sunday. The fee is \$25 for a truckload up to 320 lbs.



Water Turn On Service



If you need your water turned on for the summer season, give us a call during regular business hours and put in a request. A member of our water department staff will go to your house or lot and turn on your water at the meter. This service is **free of charge**. Call 360-665-4171.

Neighborhood Watch

Are you concerned about security on your street or block? If yes, please attend the Surfside Area Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 6, 2023 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the boardroom. Visit nnw.org/start to find out more about Watchers.



UPCOMING Q & A SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 AT 10 A.M.

VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 AT 2 P.M.

THE ILWACO COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE LIBRARY
158 FIRST AVENUE N. (NEXT TO THE HOSPITAL)WWW.OCEANBEACHHOSPITAL.COM

Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics (OBHMC) invites community members to learn more about the capital facilities bond that will be on the April 25, 2023, special election ballot. The purpose of the bond is to increase access to and improve health-care services for rural residents. **Voters should receive their ballots in the mail by April 7.**

Attend a question-and-answer session to learn more:

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 5 at 10 a.m. via Zoom (find the link to the meeting at www.oceanbeachhospital.com or in the Chinook Observer)
- ⇒ Thursday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at the Ilwaco Community Room in the Ilwaco Library next to the hospital, 158 First Avenue N.

The number of people OBHMC (also known as Public Hospital District 3 of Pacific County) serves has increased significantly. In 2022, the hospital district served almost 30,000 patients. OBHMC is designated a Critical Access Hospital by the state and federal governments to help bridge the healthcare gap between cities and rural communities.

Many people in the community still must travel long distances to get the basic and specialty care they need. If approved by voters, the bond will fund necessary improvements to increase the quality of and access to health-care services right here at home.

Bond projects include:

- ◆ Renovating patient rooms
- ◆ Adding a nonprofit urgent care center for non-life-threatening concerns or injuries
- ◆ Expanding the Ilwaco Clinic, the Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, and the pharmacy
- ◆ Increasing access to women's health services at the Ocean Park Clinic
- ◆ Acquiring or adding space for specialty services such as orthopedics, dermatology, podiatry, urology, behavioral health, and diabetes care
- ◆ Upgrading medical equipment
- ◆ More efficient delivery of in-home nursing care services
- ◆ Energy efficiency improvements at facilities to save on utility costs

The bond is projected to cost \$0.17 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The cost would be \$5.67 per month or \$68 per year for the owner of a \$400,000 home. This rate is less than half of what voters approved in the last bond, which was paid off in 2021.

Find more information about the bond at www.oceanbeachhospital.com.

The 315th bridge was repaired and is open...courtesy of Pacific County.

MAGIC SHOW, FEATURING SETH HOWARD



COME ONE, COME ALL ! COME EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC, COMEDY, AND MIND BENDING ABILITIES OF SETH HOWARD.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 2:00 P.M.

ILWACO HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 404 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD

ADMISSION IS FREE!

ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS LIKE:

TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, BAR SOAP, RAZORS, MOUTHWASH, PADS, DIAPERS, WIPES, COTTON SWABS, ETC. ALL ITEMS DONATED TO THE OCEAN BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (FCRC).



SPONSORED BY THE PENINSULA LIONS CLUB

On February 18, 2023 at their regular board meeting, and per the Articles of Incorporation and the covenants, the board *interpreted* the definition of recreational vehicles (RVs) in covenant 1.3 to be only units which can be lived in temporarily. Boats and boat trailers which cannot be lived in (no cabin, no galley, no utilities, etc.) are not considered RVs at this time.

However, **boats with a motor or sail and boat trailers must** be licensed and registered per Pacific County. Please contact the office if you have questions.



Upcoming Events

- March 25th, 1-3 p.m., Mandala Art for Beginners, Boardroom, RSVP only
- March 27th, 2 p.m., Coffee Talk with Trustees, Boardroom and Zoom
- March 29th, 2 p.m., Speaker Series, K. Sayce on Native Plants, Boardroom
- March 30th to April 1st, Driftwood and Daffodils, Columbia Heritage Museum
- March 31st to April 2nd, PAA Spring Art Show at the Long Beach Train Depot
- April 8th, 11 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Business Office Grounds
- April 19th, 2 p.m., Oysterville History with S. Stevens, Boardroom
- April 28th, 4 p.m., Trustee Candidate Applications Due



Easter Egg Hunt

**April 8th at 11 a.m.
Surfside business office grounds**

**Sponsored by the
Community Relations Committee**

Steel Magnolias
By: Robert Harling

March 17th - April 2nd

Fri & Sat 7pm | Sun 2pm
Fort: Columbia Theater Chinook, WA
NO DISCOVER PASS NEEDED

SCAN ME!

PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF PERFORMING ARTISTS @papatheater

Tickets & Info @ papatheater.com
Also at Okie's Thriftway or by phone 360-836-4448

COLUMBIA PACIFIC HERITAGE MUSEUM
PRESENTS:

**DRIFTWOOD
AND
DAFFODILS**

MARCH 31-APRIL 1
10AM-4PM

Enter your best daffodils, flower arrangements, and driftwood finds.

Registration forms accepted until March 29th.
More information available online at
columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org or call 360-642-3446.

JOIN US FOR A SPRING DAFFODIL TEA
SATURDAY APRIL 1ST
SEATINGS AT 11:30 OR 2:00
\$25/PERSON FOR CURATED SELECTION OF TEAS, SWEETS AND SAVORIES
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. CALL 360-642-3446
WEAR YOUR BEST SPRING HAT!



Do you have a question for the Board? Do you want to make a suggestion? Do you have an issue with your property but you don't know what to do? Do you want to send a note or comment to a committee or a trustee? **Submit a Membership Request!** We WANT to hear from you, our membership, to improve our community and ensure we respond to your needs. You can either come to the Business Office, fill out our [Membership Request form](#), or email office@surfsideonline.org. Talk to you soon!



Service Fee of 1% Effective March 1, 2023

If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues and assessments in full a 1% service charge is added to the outstanding balance each month. Statements are sent out monthly until your balance is paid in full. Call the office with any questions, 360-665-4171.

2023 Compactor Passes Now Required

Your dues must be paid in full or you must have started making payments to receive a new 2023 pass. You can pick up a new pass at the business office. If you cannot make it to the office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) please call or email and we will set up an after hours pick up for you.

Phone: 360-665-4171 Email: office@surfsideonline.org

YOU MUST SHOW YOUR COMPACTOR PASS TO THE ATTENDANT.

Zoom Links for March 2023 Regular Meetings and Events

Mar 27, 2023, 2-4 PM, [Coffee Talk with Trustees](#)
Meeting ID: 824 6715 9486, Passcode: 941045

Mar 28, 2023, 1-3 PM, [Emergency Management Regular Monthly Meeting, March 2023](#)
Meeting ID: 869 1994 0609, Passcode: 782987

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Plan on installing a fence, a shed, a gazebo or building a garage or a house?

REMINDER...

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 every Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the business office. The building packets are on our website at surfsideonline.org/forms/ or you can pick them 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.

Please notify the business office if you want to attend the meeting in person.

If you are building on a vacant lot without an address, please post a sign so the committee knows which lot will be developed.

Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee. Once approved, you will get a copy of the approved plan. Take it to the county for their approval as needed. Surfside will retain one set of approved plans to keep on file.

For more detailed information on the Architectural Committee duties and guidelines go to our website surfsideonline.org, select the Other tab, then Governing Documents. Download the Operations Manual and the Surfside Restrictive Covenants or call the business office 360-665-4171 with questions.

Thank you!

March 2023

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April 2023

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