

Weekender

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Pacific County has implemented a BURN BAN effective at 12:01 am, Aug 18th, 2023

Until further notice. Pacific County joins WA State DNR in the burn restrictions. The burn ban applies to ALL OUTDOOR BURNING. ALL RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES & other burning is prohibited. Cooking stoves, barbeques and recreational fire pits fueled by propane or gas with a shutoff valve are authorized.

Dcean Park Area Chamber



In memory of Jan & Floyd St. Clair:

We just learned that Jan & Floyd St. Clair both died in the Lahaina Fire in Maui on August 8, 2023. While they lived here on the Peninsula, they were avid beach cleaners and would walk for miles nearly every day, picking up trash along the shoreline out from Surfside. While I was also collecting trash on the beach in my old pickup, I would meet them at the end of the day and take them the rest of their way home as they, and their faithful dog Honey, would ride on the tail gate or in the back of the pickup, depending upon how much debris we had all collected that day. They were so devoted to cleaning up the beach they did little else (maybe go to Taco Tuesday at the Moose Lodge) - except travel to Maui once a year. Their visits there lasted longer and longer - and finally they were able to actually move to their little piece of paradise, close to the foothills above the town of Lahaina. Cheri kept in contact with Jan and they would email each other 2-3 times a week. She got an email from Jan just 2 days before the fire that ended with

"Life is good....Aloha". May they rest in peace. Russ & Cheri

8 Ways to Mentally Prepare for Fall

Wondering how to prepare for fall this year? Start your planning with the idea that the early bird gets the worm-and saves cash when deal shopping for seasonal essentials! Be sure to plan not only for physical wellness, but for your mental wellbeing, too. We have some planning tricks to get you started!

1. Spruce up with some fall cleaning

If Game of Thrones taught us anything, it's that winter is coming. The best time to tidy up around the house is ahead of autumn so that as temperatures drop, you'll be comfy and cozy in a clean abode. Tackle the bigger jobs, like washing carpets, walls, and windows. Now is a good time to declutter, too. Check on your closets, and donate unused stuff you've been collecting to charity.

2. Go outside!

You'll be exchanging tank tops for sweaters soon! This is the time to get out for some summer fun. Go for walks, go to the pool-do what it takes to have a great time in the great outdoors before it gets cold!

3. Get that pantry stocked

Love cozy autumn days with a cup of tea or mug of cocoa? Is oatmeal the perfect breakfast on a chilly morning? Start watching for deals and savings now to get your pantry stocked ahead of fall. You'll save money and enjoy feeling prepared!

4. Schedule some you-time

It starts with Labor Day and moves through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. That's a lot of big holidays, and a lot of time spent prepping, socializing and so on! One of the best autumn health tips to mentally prepare yourself? Ahead of the holiday marathon, schedule some much-needed time for yourself. Think of it as doing something good for your mental health. Listen to music, read a book, work on your hobbies, meditate—do what it takes to decompress ahead of holiday go-time!

5. Don't forget to live in the present

It's easy to get wrapped up in everything you do to prepare for fall, but don't forget to live in the now, too! Visit farmers' markets for late summer produce, head out for coffee with your friends—have some fun because you deserve it!

6.. Don't let seasonal changes get you down

Some suffer from the cold weather blues, and even those of us who don't can get a little sad as the seasons change. Be ready with plenty of things to do to elevate your mood. Track your moods in a journal, take up a new hobby, treat yourself to a spa day-there are lots of ways to put a smile on your face on gloomy days.

7. Switch up your skincare routine

Chilly temperatures and dry air are harsh on your skin. Ahead of autumn, recalibrate your skincare routine with an extramoisturizing product to avoid winter dry skin!

8. Get the cozy clothes ready to go

Those comfy sweaters and cozy hoodies that have been in the back of your closet all summer long? Time to move them to the front and run them through the laundry, if need be. Be ready for the weather—don't let autumn's first cold snap catch you by surprise!







WDFW announces 36 days of tentative coastal razor clam digging opportunities beginning Sept. 29

OLYMPIA – Shellfish managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) today announced 36 days of tentative razor clam digs at coastal beaches from Sept. 29 through Dec. 29.

"We enter the 2023-24 season with a smaller coastal razor clam population than the past few years, but it still remains strong and healthy enough to provide ample digging opportunity this fall and early winter," said Bryce Blumenthal, a WDFW coastal shellfish biologist.

Marine toxin levels have been elevated according to the Washington Department of Health (DOH) guidelines. WDFW is unsure if all beaches will open to start the season. DOH requires two test samples taken seven to 10 days apart, and domoic acid levels must fall under the guideline level before a beach can reopen for digging. Domoic acid, a natural toxin produced by certain types of marine algae, can be harmful or fatal if consumed in sufficient quantities. More information about domoic acid, as well as current levels at ocean beaches, can be found on WDFW's domoic acid webpage.

Final approval of marine toxin testing usually occurs about a week or less – sometimes two to three days – prior to the start of each digging series. It will be particularly important for harvesters to check the WDFW website before heading to the beach.

On all open beaches – Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, and Copalis – the daily limit is 15 clams per person. Each digger's clams must be kept in a separate container, and all diggers must keep the first 15 clams they dig, regardless of size or condition.

"It's important that diggers keep the clams they dig to prevent wastage," Blumenthal said. "It's not unusual to encounter some small clams, especially this early in the season."

Kalaloch beach off the northern Olympic Peninsula coast won't be open due to continuing issues with depressed populations of harvestable clams.

Most successful digging occurs between one and two hours before the listed time of low tide. Below are the tentative dates, along with low tides and beaches.

- Sept. 29, Friday; 7:18 p.m.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Sept. 30, Saturday; 8:04 p.m.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 1, Sunday, 8:49 p.m.; -1.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 2, Monday, 9:36 p.m.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 14, Saturday, 7:17 p.m.; O.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 15, Sunday,7:52 p.m.; -O.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Oct. 16, Monday, 8:28 p.m.; -O.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Oct. 17, Tuesday, 9:06 p.m.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis



Surfside Emergency Management Committee

"Now that your GO BAG is ready to GO, do you know the quickest route to High Ground?" Yes_____, No_____; If No, then get the latest <u>Surfside Tsunami Route Map</u> Or stop by the HOA office and pick one up.





What is a Grab & Go Kit? Why do I want/need one? How do I get one?

To find out, go to: "Prepare in a Year"



https://mil.wa.gov/preparedness Emergency Management Division Washington State

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- \Rightarrow Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- \Rightarrow Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- ⇒ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- \Rightarrow Flashlight
- \Rightarrow First aid kit
- ⇒ Extra batteries

Local maps

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- \Rightarrow Whistle (to signal for help)
- \Rightarrow Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- \Rightarrow Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- \Rightarrow Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)

cars.

- \Rightarrow Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- \Rightarrow Manual can opener (for food)

Kit Storage Locations Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and

⇒ Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Home: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

Work: Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.

Car: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.

Maintaining Your Kit

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed:

- Keep canned <u>food</u> in a cool, dry place.
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers.
- Replace expired items as needed.

Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.





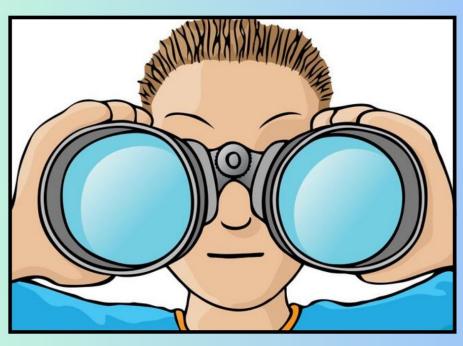


Upcoming Events

- September 22-24, 2023, Wings over Willapa
- September 23, 2023, Card Making Class, 10 am, call to sign up
- Saturdays beginning in October, Chair Yoga, 2 pm, Surfside Board Room

- October 7, 2023, Chili Cook-Off
- October 7, 2023, <u>Oktoberfest</u>, 5-9 pm.
- October 8, 2023, <u>Great Columbia Crossing</u>, 8:45 am
- October 13, 2023, <u>Water Music Festival</u>, 6-9 pm
- October 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, at 9am.
- November 24 –26, <u>PAA Open Studio Tour</u>

SURFSIDE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We are a group of concerned residents who want to deter crime in our community by being the "extra eyes and ears" of the Sheriff. Through familiarity with our block neighbors the group will strive to be aware, watching for suspicious activity and reporting it to the authorities. If you are interested in participating in this neighborhood watch partnership, please contact your neighbor at the number or email below.



Pacific County Emergency Notification System

The emergency notification system is a phone based way for PCEMA to contact Pacific County residents in the event of an emergency. Commonly referred to as "reverse 911", this system can deliver emergency alert messages via landline phone, cellular phone, VoIP phone, or email address. Notifications can be made via voice or text. The system also offers residents the option to indicate whether they may require additional assistance due to physical mobility limitations.

Registering the additional information below with the Community Alerts option will allow your cellular phone, email, and/or TDD to be notified for local emergencies and community alerts as well.

Hyper-Reach will automatically call all landline numbers. You need to sign up for any cell number.

Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up for the Hyper-reach weather and community alerts system

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A Message from your Water Department

Remember to shut off the main water supply to your home any time you're planning to be away for more than 24 hours. Yes, that includes weekend breaks. It's the best way to avoid serious water damage in the event of a plumbing failure. Water damage can result from frozen pipes, leaking supply lines, dripping water heaters, or other causes. Any damage will be greatly reduced by turning off the water before you go on vacation.

Potentially massive costs

Even if you're fully insured, you'll still be out of pocket once everything is dried out, cleaned, and replaced if necessary (highly likely). Not to mention the complete rewiring of the electrics, which is often also necessary. You never fully recover the costs.

The potential massive stress and inconvenience

While you're awaiting the insurance decision and the check, you may have to find rented accommodation. This adds to the inconvenience. Then there is the emotional stress of seeing family heirlooms, prized possessions, and memories all succumb to the water. It's a horrible feeling that no family wants to go through.

You can call and request your water to be shut off or turned on during the week at no charge.

360.665.4171

Waterways Update - Seabreeze Lake Land, Buildings, and Waterways Committee

During the summer months, the waterways are at increased risk of developing algae blooms which can be toxic to humans, pets, and wildlife. In late August, a vigilant homeowner spotted an algae bloom on the lake and notified the committee. We will be treating Seabreeze Lake with an additional treatment for blue green algae in mid-September. Our applicator, AG Coastal, will be notifying residents prior to the application as required.

Prior to spotting the algae bloom, we have received reports of yard debris getting into the waterways. Dumping or allowing yard debris into the waterways is detrimental to a safe and healthy aquatic environment. While yard waste is made up of natural materials that will eventually decompose, they can damage a wetland in the process. As they decompose, it causes oxygen depletion, and provides nutrients for the proliferation of blue-green algae. This results in a rotten egg smell and massive algae blooms during the summer.

For additional information on Homeowner's best practices:

Washington State Department of Ecology

"Homeowner's Guide to Wetlands and Buffers"

1406022.pdf (wa.gov)

When do I need a Land Clearing Permit?

Q: What are critical areas and resource lands?

A: "Critical Areas" include all wetlands, frequently flooded areas, aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically hazardous areas, and shellfish areas and kelp, eelgrass, herring and smelt spawning areas. "Resource Lands" include areas designated as agricultural, forest and mineral lands.

Q: How do I determine if this property has any critical areas, such as wetlands?

A: A Critical Areas Resource Lands (CARL) evaluation may be applied for. This evaluation is performed by the Planning Division and is valid for two years. A CARL is required before any filling, grading, or building may occur. <u>Click here for the Application Process page for the application paperwork and further information</u>.

Q: Do I need a permit to cut down trees on my property?

A: Depends. If a tree poses immediate and direct danger to residences or other structures, then a permit is generally not required provided the stump is left. Removing the stump constitutes a grading activity that triggers the need for a critical areas and resource lands evaluation/permit. When cutting down multiple trees such as those activities considered "clearing" or "logging" requires permit authorization from Pacific County and possibly the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Q: What is a danger tree? What can I do if I have hazard/danger trees located on my property?

A: Danger trees are trees within a tree length and a half from property improvements, i.e., house, garage, etc. These trees must have significant structural defects that are likely to lead to failure, potentially causing property damage, injuries, or power outages. Before cutting a danger tree make sure the tree is located on your property; if not, you will need to contact the owner of the property. When cutting a danger tree, you will not be required to obtain a permit from our department but you will be required to leave the stump intact. For more information or questions concerning danger trees, please call our office and ask to speak with a Planner.

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Recreational Vehicle Use

2.9a Provisions Applicable to RVs on All Surfside Lots - Recreational vehicles must be registered, licensed, and maintained in a mobile condition at all times, and shall only be used as specified herein.

A temporary Conditional Use Permit for each vehicle to be placed on a platted parcel must be obtained annually at the Association office.

These permits (decals and/or permits) must be prominently displayed and visible from the street.

2.9a.1 Conditional Use Permits shall be issued as follows: Summer occupancy, from March 15 through October 31, of a recreational vehicle is permitted as a temporary vacation/short term dwelling. It must display a current motor vehicle license and meet all health codes for temporary recreational use. One-time registration at the Surfside business office is required at the first visit each summer. A summer occupancy Conditional Use Permit and a numbered registration decal will be issued. These shall be placed as stated in 2.9a above.

Winter occupancy, from November 1, through March 14, of a recreational vehicle is permitted as a temporary vacation/short term dwelling. It must display a current motor vehicle license and meet all health codes for temporary recreational use. **During winter visits, recreational vehicles must be occupied. Short term permits shall be issued from the Surfside business office for periods up to 21 days, not to exceed 60 days total, and shall be placed as stated in 2.9a above.**

To read more about the RV Covenants click HERE

Board and Committee Meetings

To find the meeting links for Board Meetings and Committee Meetings just visit the website, by clicking <u>here.</u>

Once on the page, click on the link of the meeting you want to join and, it will take you directly to the meeting. When joining the meetings please make sure that your first and last name are visible. Also—mute your phone, and if you are not speaking, turn off your video. Also- no eating

If you have any questions, just give us a call at 360.665.4171.

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 <u>prior</u> 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 <u>surfsideonline.org/forms/</u> 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 plot 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 <u>surfsideonline.org</u>, 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!

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SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	8/28	8/29 AC 9 am EMC 1:15p	8/30 Budget Cmte 10 am Chipping 10-2p	8/31	1 TBVN 1:30 p	2 TSUNAMI WALK 9am Chipping site 10-4
3 Office	Closed LABOR Day	5 CRC 1:15 p	6 RV Cmte. 130p LAST DAY OF CHIPPING	7 L,B, W 9am WSP 10:30am N. Watch 2p	8 Special Board Mtg 1:15 p	9
Grandporents Grandporents HAPPY CKG DAY	PATRIOT DAV	12 AC 9 am	13 Budget Cmte 10A	14	15	16 Board Meeting 9am
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24	25	26 AC 9 am EMC 1:15p	27 Budget Cmte 10A	28	29	30
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LBW=Land, Buildings and Waterways SS=Safety and Security

TBVN=Tree, Brush, Vegetation and Noxious Weeds WSP=Water Systems Planning

HR= Human Resources Committee

October 2023

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15	16 P & P 10 am	17 AC 9am	18	19 S &S 3p	20	21 Board Meeting 9a
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