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November 3, 2023

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#### Watch your mail for the 2024 budget packet



2024 Budget Meeting November 18th, 2023 at the Peninsula Baptist Church, 9A.M.

#### **Board and Committee Meetings Links**

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

To access the desired meeting, please navigate to the respective webpage and select the hyperlink associated with the target meeting. This action will promptly redirect you to the relevant gathering. When participating in these meetings, please ensure that your complete name is clearly visible. Additionally, we kindly request that you mute your phone and, if not actively engaged in conversation, deactivate your video. Lastly, please refrain from eating while on camera.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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#### VETERANS DAY

The Community Relations Committee cordially invites Surfside Veterans to contribute a photograph, either current or from their military service, accompanied by their branch of service and, if possible, their rank. As a gesture of gratitude for your service, we will be organizing a modest ceremony at the Business Office, where refreshments will be served. This ceremony will take place on November 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to pay tribute to your commitment and selflessness.



Please send your photos to office@surfsideonline.org.



Join us for a free lunch in your honor at this veterans only event!

Saturday November 11 - 12:00 - 2:00

Ocean Park Moose Lodge 25915 U Street - Ocean Park, WA 98640

Please call to RSVP or order a take-out meal

360 665 3999

All Veterans Are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
Help Spread the Word and Invite any Veteran You Know!



Special Thanks to the Ocean Park Moose Lodge, Peninsula Senior Activity Center and Our Volunteers Supporting Our Veterans With This Event Since 2015!





Ocean Park Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting:

### **Donations Drive** for Kids & Community!

Benefiting:
OP Food Bank & Ocean Beach School
District Foundation

In addition to our business meeting, we will be gathering donations for our local food bank and the OBSD Foundation

Public invited! All are welcome!

Thursday, Nov. 9:: 8:00am



opwa.com

Please donate: non-perishable food items; peanut butter, pastas, canned foods, soups & stews, beans, tuna fish, packaged cookies/crackers.

For the kiddos: snacks, juice boxes, jerky, granola bars

Plus: laundry soap, TP, female hygiene products, toothpaste, deodorants

Location: Pacific Co Fire Dist 1 Mtg Hall 26110 Ridge Ave. in Ocean Park, WA

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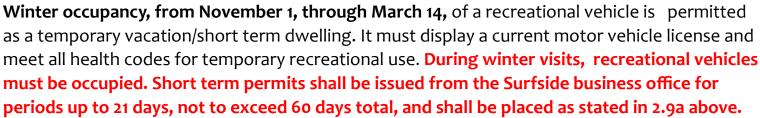
#### Recreational Vehicle Use



**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.



1.3-"Recreational Vehicle" (RV) shall mean a vehicular type of portable structure without permanent foundation, which can be towed, hauled, or driven and is primarily designed as temporary living accommodation for recreational, camping and travel use and includes, but is not limited to, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, and self-propelled motor homes. RV also includes boats and boat trailers. RV's must be licensed full time for road travel and must be in movable condition within one (1) hour.

To read more about the RV Covenants click HERE

#### Signs in Surfside

Signs of an advertising nature of any character **shall not be posted** or maintained on any residential platted parcel except to advertise the sale or lease of a platted parcel. Political issue and candidate signs are permitted on a temporary basis consistent with state and local regulations. Garage, yard, and estate sale signs may be erected not more than 3 days prior to the sale and must be removed within 2 days following the sale.

**Commercial signs, except those erected during a construction project, must be approved by the Board.** Signs other than commercial and construction signs may not exceed 600 square inches each.

**Example:** Clams Cleaned signs are appearing in Surfside. Signage advertising a business that has not been approved will be removed. If you are operating a business with out a business license in Surfside you will be subject to fines and penalties through the HOA as well as Pacific County.



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#### December 20, 2012 Hunting in Surfside

Director Phil Anderson has asked me to respond to your letter about deer hunting in Surfside, Washington. In short, hunting is legal in Pacific County, including Surfside, but the area west of Sand Ridge Road is a firearm-restricted area. Please allow me to explain:

The Washington State Legislature decided long ago that only the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has the authority to regulate the time, place, and manner of hunting and fishing in Washington. This authority is found in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW)77.12.047. For firearms in general, the State of Washington is the sole regulatory entity; see RCW 9.41.290. What this means is that the State controls who can own, carry, and use firearms, and WDFW controls where, when, and how firearms can be used for hunting. Divisions of local government, which include cities, counties, towns, and other municipalities, can restrict the discharge of firearms within their boundaries, but only if there is a reasonable likelihood that humans, domestic animals, or property will be jeopardized. See RCW 9.41.300. Neither Pacific County nor the city of Ocean Park restrict the discharge of firearms. Homeowner's associations like Surfside cannot legally restrict the discharge or firearms or prohibit hunting on association property.

The Long Beach Peninsula, which is where Surfside is located, composes Game Management Unit (GMU) 684 for deer hunting. However, WDFW has designated the pmi of GMU #684 that is west of Sand Ridge Road as a firearm-restricted area, because WDFW recognizes the danger in people discharging modern firearms there. "Modern firearms" means centerfire and rimfire rifles. In firearm-restricted areas, hunters are only allowed to hunt with bows and arrows, crossbows, muzzleloaders, revolver-type handguns meeting equipment restrictions, or legal shotguns firing slugs or buckshot. These types of weapons are safer to hunt with in heavily populated areas and on islands, peninsulas, and the like.

It is important to note that although hunting is allowed in GMU 684, no one is permitted anywhere in Washington State to recklessly engage in conduct that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. So, if a person discharges a firearm or any type of weapon in a manner that no reasonable person would and that truly endangers the safety of others, that person is committing reckless endangerment. Reckless endangerment is a crime under RCW 9A.36.050. If you see a person who you think is committing this crime, you should immediately contact your local sheriff's department or local WDFW police officer to report the activity.

This letter was confirmed by Dan Chadwick, Fish and Wildlife Police, Captain Region 6, Montesano, Washington on October 18, 2023. The laws have not changed since 2012.

You can contact Captain Dan Chadwick atDan. Chadwick@dfw.wa.gov for any additional questions.

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife



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#### Surfside Emergency Management Committee

Do you have a battery powered or hand crank NOAA radio? Click here for the Best Emergency Radios

Do you have emergency contacts identified in your phone?



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

#### **Avoid a Costly Winter Plumbing Leak**

Not taking care of your pipes before the cold weather sets in could lead to frozen pipes and expensive repairs. But there are several preemptive steps you can take to make sure you're prepared and that your pipes will survive the cold weather.



#### 1. Heat and Insulate

Pipes in places like the attic, crawl space, or garage are more likely to freeze. Using heat and insulation together will help protect your pipes. Insulation tools can be found in your local hardware or plumbing supply store.

#### 2. Let Your Faucets Drip

On extra cold nights, turn on faucets along exterior walls and let them drip through the cold. Keeping your faucets dripping eliminates pressure that can build between the faucet and any potential ice blockage. So even if the pipe freezes, it might not burst.

#### 3. Open Sink Cabinets

Introduce more heat by opening the cabinet doors below your sinks. This small act lets more heat get to the pipes within.

#### 4. Fix Exterior Cracks

Inspect your home's exterior and look for any cracks or holes. Fill these imperfections with spray foam insulation and caulking to help stop the cold air from getting to your pipes.

#### 5. Seal Off Your Crawl Space

Pier and beam homes with ventilated crawl spaces should be sealed against the cold weather. Cover your vents with heavy-duty pieces of cardboard cut to size and duct tape the cardboard in place. Don't forget to seal off access to the crawl space, as well.

#### 6. Keep the Heat On

Turning your heat off is a bad idea, even if you're planning to be away from your home. The money you'll save on your heating bill won't exactly cover the cost of fixing damage from a burst pipe. If you're traveling for the holidays, set the thermostat to 55 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.



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Friday and Saturday November 3 and 4 10:00 - 3:00

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Class of 2024 Funraiser

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Long Beach Merchants Association
Visitor Center & Merchant Services





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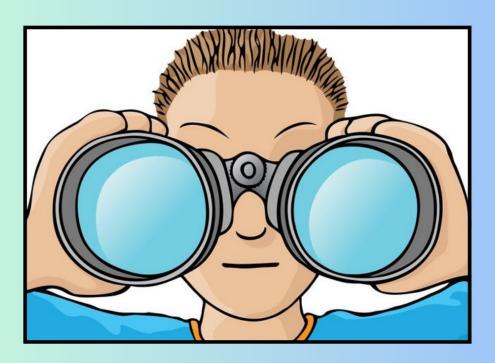


#### **Upcoming Events**

- November 5, 2023, Daylight Savings Ends, set clocks back
- November 10, 2023, Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- November 11, 2023, 10am., Veterans Day Service at the Business Office
- November 18, 2023, Surfside Budget Ratification Meeting, Peninsula Baptist Church, 9am
- November 24 –26, PAA Open Studio Tour
- November 24-26, Holidays at the Beach, more information to follow

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# 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.

Contact

John Curran

Phone

(602) 301-7456 Email

Surfsideareanw@gmail.com

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#### Safety & Security Committee

The committee kindly requests feedback from the members regarding the areas they would prefer the committee to focus on.

You can email your suggestions to Office@surfsideonline.org and we will forward your email to the committee.

If you would like to volunteer on this committee, you can email the request or come down to a committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3pm.

#### **ATTENTION RV Storage Area**

On Monday, October 9th, the RV Storage will be undergoing construction to upgrade the electrical spots. Please enter the storage area with caution. The project will last 2-3 weeks. You can leave your RV on your lot until the work is complete. We will let you know once the work has been completed.

We appreciate your patience. Thank you.

#### How to burglar proof your home FAQs

#### What is the best way to protect my house from burglars?

Protecting your house from burglars involves a combination of physical and behavioral strategies to deter potential intruders and enhance your home's security. For example, you can install security cameras, set up exterior lighting, place defensive plants, collaborate with neighbors, etc. But remember that no security measure is foolproof. You should assess your security needs and find the most effective methods.

#### Do burglars break in through doors or windows?

Yes. Doors and windows are the most common entry points for burglars. Statistics show that 34% of burglars use the front door when breaking into a home, and 23% get into a house through a first-floor window.

#### What type of houses do burglars avoid?

Houses in obvious locations, such as corner lots, have fewer possibilities of experiencing break-ins. And most burglars claimed that they would avoid homes with large dogs. Burglars will also prevent security cameras. Data shows that homes lacking a home security system have a three times higher burglary risk than homes with such a system.

#### How do burglars pick a house to enter?

Burglars choose homes with visible weaknesses, such as unlocked doors or windows, broken fences, or poorly lit exteriors. They also look for unoccupied targets, such as during vacations or when residents work. Moreover, homes without security systems or visible security measures are more attractive targets.

Implementing distinct security measures, like installing security cameras, placing defensive plants, or enhancing entry points to enhance home security, is essential. Nobody wants to become a victim of home invasions.

https://reolink.com/blog/how-to-burglar-proof-your-home/

Sourced 10/24/23

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#### New Surgeon General Advisory Raises Alarm about the Devastating Impact of the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation in the United States

Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a new Surgeon General Advisory calling attention to the public health crisis of loneliness, isolation, and lack of connection in our country. Even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, approximately half of U.S. adults reported experiencing measurable levels of loneliness. Disconnection fundamentally affects our mental, physical, and societal health. In fact, loneliness and isolation increase the risk for individuals to develop mental health challenges in their lives, and lacking connection can increase the risk for premature death to levels comparable to smoking daily.

The Surgeon General's Advisory on Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation - PDF lays out a framework for a National Strategy to Advance Social Connection, which has never been implemented before in the United States. It details recommendations that individuals, governments, workplaces, health systems, and community organizations can take to increase connection in their lives, communities, and across the country and improve their health.

This Surgeon General's Advisory lays out a framework for the United States to establish a National Strategy to Advance Social Connection based on six foundational pillars:

- 1. **Strengthen Social Infrastructure:** Connections are not just influenced by individual interactions, but by the physical elements of a community (parks, libraries, playgrounds) and the programs and policies in place. To strengthen social infrastructure, communities must design environments that promote connection, establish and scale community connection programs, and invest in institutions that bring people together.
- 2. **Enact Pro-Connection Public Policies:** National, state, local, and tribal governments play a role in establishing policies like accessible public transportation or paid family leave that can support and enable more connection among a community or a family.
- 3. Mobilize the Health Sector: Because loneliness and isolation are risk factors for several major health conditions (including heart disease, dementia, depression) as well as for premature death, health care providers are well-positioned to assess patients for risk of loneliness and intervene.
- 4. **Reform Digital Environments:** We must critically evaluate our relationship with technology and ensure that how we interact digitally does not detract from meaningful and healing connection with others.
- 5. **Deepen Our Knowledge:** A more robust research agenda, beyond the evidence outlined in the advisory, must be established to further our understanding of the causes and consequences of social disconnection, populations at risk, and the effectiveness of efforts to boost connection.

**Cultivate a Culture of Connection:** The informal practices of everyday life (the norms and culture of how we engage one another) significantly influence the relationships we have in our lives. We cannot be successful in the other pillars without a culture of connection.

You can read the full Advisory <a href="here-PDF">here - PDF</a>. For more information about the Office of the Surgeon General, please visit <a href="https://www.surgeongeneral.gov/priorities">www.surgeongeneral.gov/priorities</a>.

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#### **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 **HERE** to sign up for the Hyper-reach weather and community alerts system

#### FFFDING THE WII DI IFF

#### From the Department of Fish & Wildlife

Don't feed bears. Often people leave food out for bears so they can take pictures of them or show them to visiting friends. Over 90 percent of human-bear conflicts result from bears being conditioned to associate food with humans. A wild bear can become permanently food-conditioned after only one handout experience. The unintended reality is that these bears will likely die, being killed by someone protecting their property, or by a wildlife manager having to remove a potentially dangerous bear.

The number one reason for conflict, (95% of the calls to offices) is the result of irresponsibility on the part of people: Access to trash, pet food, bird feeders, deliberate feeding, and improper storage of food while camping make up the majority of the calls.

#### Bear attacks

Avoiding bear encounters, using the advice above, is the best way to prevent negative interactions between people and bears. Although black bear attacks are rare, anytime you are in bear habitat you should know what to do should an encounter occur. Here are tips should you come in close contact with a bear:

- Stop, remain calm, and assess the situation. If the bear seems unaware of you, move away quietly when it's not looking in your direction. Continue to observe the animal as you retreat, watching for changes in its behavior.
- If a bear walks toward you, identify yourself as a human by standing up, waving your hands above your head, and talking to the bear in a low voice. If you have bear spray, get it out of the holster and remove the safety.
- If you cannot safely move away from the bear or the bear continues toward you, scare it away by clapping your hands, stomping your feet, and yelling. If you are in a group, stand shoulder-to shoulder and raise and wave your arms to appear intimidating. The more it persists the more aggressive your response should be. If you have bear spray, use it.
- Do not run from the bear. Bears can run up to 35 mph and running may trigger an attack. Climbing a tree is generally not recommended as an escape from an aggressive black bear, as black bears are adept climbers and may follow you up a tree.

For more information visit the WDFW at www.https://wdfw.wa.gov/

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# 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 <a href="surfsideonline.org/forms/">surfsideonline.org/forms/</a> 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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## November 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 TBVN 1:30p	4
FALL BACK THIS SUNDAY AT 2:00AM	6	7 AC 9am CRC 1:15p	8 Election Cmte. 10am	9 L, B, & W 9 WSP 10:30a	10 Office Closed	VETTERANS
12	13	14 AC 9am	15 RV Cmte 10am Speaker Series 2p	16 S &S 3p	17	18 Budget Ratification/Board Meeting 9am
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HR= Human Resources Committee

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