Newsletter Date October 2008





GENERAL ELECTION NOV 4TH

Mark your calendars. The general

election will be November 4, 2008 and the polling booths will set up in the office.

**Board of Director Changes** 

Sandra Thompson has recently resigned as secretary on the board of directors. We would like to thank Sandra for her many years of faithful service to our colony and look forward to her continued involvement in other capacities. Thank you Sandra! We would also like to welcome Sandy Redding to the board. Sandy was unanimously voted to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the term. Welcome and thank you Sandy! The Stage 12 Sand Replenishment contract has been awarded to Manson Construction Co. the same contractor used in the past. The pro-

SAND FILL UPDATE

ject will include one million cubic yards of sand on our beach. This amount is somewhat less than we received from last two sand fills but we may get additional sand added to the contract. Our project will start late December and be completed as quickly as possible, weather permitting.



There have been several reports of theft within Surfside in the past 6 months. In each case, the items stolen were from vehicles that were left unlocked. Please be aware of this and always lock your vehicle. We have notified the police of this problem and they come in routinely to patrol.

**Residents Be Aware** 

## ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING UPDATE



The annual shareholders meeting ran very smoothly this year. Thanks to all who attended or sent in their proxies. Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum present so the meeting will remain un-adjourned until next year. Currently, the board of directors remain as follows:

Dave Evans – President Sandy Redding – Secretary

sident KC Coultrup – Treasurer Secretary Dave Jones – Board Member Keven Loza – Board Member

1

**Changes for 2009** We are implementing a new decal/transponder program for parking in Surfside in 2009. All cars will have to be registered in the office no later than February 15, 2009. At that time you will receive a new <u>one time decal</u> and if you don't already have one, a transponder. All cars are required to have a transponder from this point forward and it must be applied to your windshield by the office. There will be a grace period for renewal for 2009 as we implement this program, but it must be completed by March 1, 2009.

The cost for decals will be as follows:

Owners: \$25.00/year/vehicle

Renters: \$100.00/year/vehicle

Transponders: \$25.00/vehicle (one time cost) (We will be issue a \$25.00 credit for transponders previously purchased)

You will renew your parking decal annually and will receive an invoice each February. At the time of payment, you will receive a sticker showing you are current for that year i.e.. 2009. Your decal and number will not change each year. Should you get a new car, bring in your old decal and transponder and you will be given a new one at no charge. All owners are now responsible for registering their renters vehicles as well as purchasing the decals and transponders for their renters. Once the owners have registered their renters cars and purchased their decals and transponders, the renter must then come to the office to have the transponder attached to their vehicle. It will be the responsibility of the owner to collect the decal/ transponder fees from their renters.

For registration, we will need the make, model, vehicle color and license number of each vehicle. Registration will begin on December 1, 2008.

## Finally, please note the following new Colony policies for all fees, leases, etc:

Invoices past due at 60 Days will incur a \$50.00 late fee plus 1.5% per month penalty on the unpaid balance. At 60 days past due, transponders will be turned off and the owners guest list will be removed from the guard gate. Any invoices past due for 6 months may result in a lien against your property.

### Calling All Volunteers

Please join us November 13 at 10 a.m. for the Southern California Shakeout Drill. Millions of Southern California residents are participating in a disaster drill based on a 7.8 earthquake in the San Andreas fault. Surfside will participate under the supervision of the Seal Beach Police Department. Surfside residents are asked to meet at the post office parking lot at 9:30am on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to participate in the mock disaster. There will be activities related to our response to the quake. Information on preparedness and what to put in your own earthquake kits will be available. Please take the time to join us. The more Surfside residents prepared for the worst, the better off we will all be.



### Friday, Nov. 14th. Fireman's Ball and

**Casino Night.** Sponsored by Las Damas to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department of Sunset Beach - our friends and usually the first responders to Surfside calls for help. Do plan on attending this very FUN gathering of your friends and neighbors! Let's show our support for them and respond positively when you receive the tickets and information in the mail. For information on sponsoring a casino table, contact Pat Taylor at 562-592-1642. As of 10-1-08, we will no longer be accepting cash in the office. Check or money orders only. Thank you.

FYI

Trash Cans are still being left out after pick up. Please be diligent to put them away after each pick up.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Check out our new website!! www.surfsidecolony.org

2

# Library Update



Have you looked for a book in the Surfside Library lately? Added shelves allow fiction books to be arranged alphabetically by writers in single rows (not doubled up as before)! You should now be able to locate what is available by your favorite author. Non-fiction is on the top in alphabetical author by writer.

We are expanding the library shelving to the south and west walls. As soon as shelves are installed, books will be rearranged to include sections for juveniles, periodicals, videos, and books on tape. We plan to label sections to make your search easier.

You can help us manage library organization by placing borrowed and donated books in the marked container rather than on the shelves.

The Library Committee includes Bibi Van Zanten, Pat Taylor, and Sandra Thompson. We thank Todd for installing additional shelves that made these changes possible. It has been fun to make the library more user-friendly—come on in and check it out!!

July 4th Update	Dates to Remember	SURVEY ATTACHED PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! THANK YOU!
This July 4 <sup>th</sup> was memorable! The weather was wonderful with early sunshine. The parade was great fun for all who participated, and the fire-house vehicles from Sunset certainly added excitement for our kids! The sand-castle competition is building in popularity, and the beach was pleasantly full but not crowded. Our regularly scheduled guards worked overtime to manage the number of additional cars in the Colony. We made the networks with a small plane crash in the surf. Photos show swimmers close-by as the plane came down. Thankfully no one in the water was injured, and the pilot was able to climb out with minimal injury. It certainly added excitement to this 4th.	Oct. 14th- Board Meeting 6:30pm Nov 4th - General Election Nov. 11th - Board Meeting Nov. 14th - Fireman's Ball Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Dec. 9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm Dec 25 - Christmas	
	Just a reminder to get your post office needs met at our post office in Surfside. Utilize it for business and personal so the revenues continue to support our	Surfside Colony, Ltd. P.O. Box 235 Surfside, CA 90743 562-592-2352 Surfsidecolony@verizon.net www.surfsidecolony.org

#### Surfside Colony History & Cookbook Update

The History book was compiled by four people:

Donna Metzger Kettler: donated many historic pictures of the inception of Surfside given to her by her mother, Clerice Metzger, the first Post Mistress in Surfside. Donna also contributed other invaluable information and shared many childhood memories of growing up in Surfside.

*Darla Austin Frank*: donated many historic documents and contacted her 90 yr old friend, a former Surfside resident, who shared many of her memories of living in Surfside during WWII and after.

<u>Virginia & Jim Blake</u>: Virginia enjoyed a childhood as a summer resident at Surfside. She and Jim wrote the text for the book. Jim also did the contemporary photography and the computer layout.

Sale of the Surfside History Book provided \$3,000.00 toward an education scholarship awarded to a Surfside resident.

The Surfside Cookbook was created by four Surfside residents who donated their favorite recipes in addition to including recipes from other residents and their friends. The four authors are Claire Maul, Sandy Redding, Judy Wiles and Virginia Blake. Sale of the Surfside Cookbook allowed for a scholarship fund of \$2,000.00, donated to Richelle Villescas, granddaughter of Marion Loughland.

Both books are available for sale at the Surfside Office—History Books \$35.00 each Cookbooks—\$10.00 each. All Funds go toward scholarships.