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SURFSIDE III NEWSLETTER

Daniel Kessner – Editor



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February Board Meeting Starts One Hour Earlier

The next Board meeting on February 12, 2011 will start at 9 AM. Coffee, bagels or muffins will no longer be served. This is a cost reduction effort. As we try to deal with the prospect of higher dues the Board in cooperation with the Budget Committee will implement some cost savings in advance of their recommendations in April.

FROM THE ON-SITE OFFICE

Here at SSIII we're doing our best to cut costs wherever possible. Subsequently, the blue dumpster will no longer be used here on-site. We hope everyone understands that at times like these we really need to make some tough sacrifices, and we feel this is one that makes sense.

We will be getting rid of the blue dumpster in February. This will give you guys a chance to get one last load in before we remove it for good.

Again, thanks for understanding.

COMMITTEE BRIEFS

For more information visit: <http://www.surfsideiii.com/docs/committee/committee.htm>

Please contact the chair to volunteer.

Budget Committee: Michelle Hoffman; ss3budget@gmail.com

Water rate increases are our largest expense and a major cause of our anticipated dues increase.

The budget committee started the New Year with a presentation about our water usage from Surfside III manager, Scott Walker. Scott spent an enormous amount of his personal time on Excel creating spreadsheets documenting our water usage. In 2010 we spent \$325,368 on water. The estimated amount in 2011 is \$351,126 and for 2012 the price is expected to reach \$367,429.

The most surprising news is that the greatest amount is not spent on landscaping or the pool. **THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF OUR WATER USAGE IS INSIDE OUR HOMES!**

The good news is the potential water savings possible inside our units. If **all** the showers in Surfside III used low flow shower heads, the multiple year savings in the future years would be substantial.

Look for the survey from the Budget Committee at the end of this issue of the newsletter and on the Surfside III Website. (On the website newsletter click **SURVEY**). Please complete it and return it to us. We really want to know which amenities are being used here at Surfside III. The survey can be dropped off at the on-site office, e-mailed to ss3budget@gmail.com or mailed to Budget Committee, Surfside III, 600 Sunfish Way, Port Hueneme, CA 93041. It can NOT be included in the envelope with the dues payment. Your reply may have a large bearing on possible other savings. Also please keep sending in your suggestions and comments to the address above or by e-mail.

We are all in this budget crisis together. The budget committee welcomes and in fact wants to hear from you! Please send your suggestions, comments, concerns and questions to ss3budget@gmail.com or to Surfside III Budget Committee, c/o Surfside III, 600 Sunfish Way, Port Hueneme, CA 93041.

Stay tuned, the budget committee is working to find other savings throughout the complex and making recommendations to the board.

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Neighborhood Watch Committee: Val Lameka; 805-986-2855; v.lameka@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Watch did not meet in January due to the Holidays, and on account of the January 20 open meeting for a potluck and presentation on Identity Theft. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. Contact Val Lameka for more information or watch reports.

OWNERS' CORNER

The Owners' Corner is a place in the newsletter for owners to voice their observations and suggestions about the association operations or make announcements about any Surfside III social event or activity. While the newsletter Editor and the Board do review these submissions, the opinions and content only represent the author and not the association. We will refuse and return to the author for re-writing any material that is not factual or is in bad taste or denigrates any individual. We are not perfect and apologize in advance if you find the content of anything in this section offensive.

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Job Hunting Skill-Building Meetings

I am offering a free class and activities to Surfside III residents. These meetings will cover résumé-writing and review skills, interview skills, internet job hunting searching, 'Elevator' speeches, and more.

If you are unemployed, underemployed or looking for a job change and want to network with others in SS III while enhancing your job search tools, please RSVP to: BobBanfill@gmail.com.

If you have experience in providing these skills and want to assist in the class please also contact me.

Meetings will be in the clubhouse Tuesdays February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

This class is not sponsored or provided by the Surfside III Board or COA.

Bob Banfill

FROM THE EDITOR

Please send all newsletter submissions to me at dkessner@csun.edu. Please avoid any special formatting and use Arial 10-point font if you have it. The deadline is the 10th of each month for the following month's issue. Owners and renters should be aware that the Newsletter is always available on the website: www.surfsideiii.com. This includes back issues.

The **Owners' Corner** is a forum for all of you to voice your opinions on anything that might be of interest to everyone else. Please feel free to take advantage of this.

The City of Port Hueneme now has a free electronic newsletter with information on various city-related matters and events. To sign up to receive it, visit the city website: www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us, then in the column at the far left, click on "Sign Up for E-News."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE/RESIDENT SUPPORT (PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAILS BELOW):

Contact Lordon Management, Jennifer Critchfield; for e-mails always copy Donalea Bauer

Include your phone number(s) and/or e-mail for response before end of next business day. If you get her voice mail, but would like to speak with her directly, hit zero and talk to the operator.

If more urgent, call Donalea Bauer.

Surfside III On-site Property Manager's Office: 600 Sunfish Way, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Phone: 805-488-8484

Please note that calls regarding maintenance or billing should be directed to Lordon Management.

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