# BAYSHORE BREEZE

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

## Hi Neighbors,

It's the end of the year and the Holiday season is upon us! I can't believe it went by so quickly. I do love the stormy, windy weather though. Remember there will be no board meeting nor publication of the Breeze in December. From all of us Have a very happy holiday season and stay safe.

Holiday season is a slow time in Bayshore. If you think about it, thank the members of our committees, task forces and other positions. It's the only holiday bonus they will get. We forget sometimes that it isn't always easy to volunteer one's time and energies, especially when there is no real payment at the end. Please be kind and courteous to them and again a HUGE THANK YOU to all volunteers in Bayshore that work so hard for their neighbors.

Send submissions, articles, photos and ideas to the Breeze via the office with a little comment & permission to publish photos and you might see it in the Breeze. office@bayshorebeach.com



Artísans Update

The Artisans next event will be the much loved annual Holiday Bazaar to be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 3pm and December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 2pm!Woodworking, quilting, driftwood and agates, beautiful bags, watercolor paintings and goodies from the kitchen.

Entry fee is one nonperishable food item. We have teamed up with Seal Rock Fire to get the food picked up and delivered to the appropriate agency for distribution.

Get your Christmas shopping done early, buy from a local artist, see a fire truck and possibly a visit from Santa,

Hope to see you all there.



# BYLAWS TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Board of Directors received the Bylaws Task Force's final report in June. At that time, the Board submitted our work to our HOA attorney for review. We received the attorney's comments back this fall. The Task Force now needs time to study the feedback and work on further editing of the document. We plan to meet monthly to work towards that goal.

Editor's note: I am repeating this as this work will probably go into next year and require a working meeting between the board and the task force. Thank them all for their hard work on behalf of all of us in the Bayshore community. Please take a moment to read the proposed changes sent to your emails and become educated.



# Social Committee updates



Saturday December 16, 2023

Holiday Party Registration and Pictures 5-6pm

Dinner 6-7:30pm Provided by the Social Committee

Social time & raffle prizes 7:30-9pm

Space is limited for the Holiday Party. An RSVP is an absolute must!

BayshoreSocial.committee@gmail.com

Sunday February 11, 2023

Super Bowl Sunday determined. TBA

Details not yet

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

# Calendar of Events

# December

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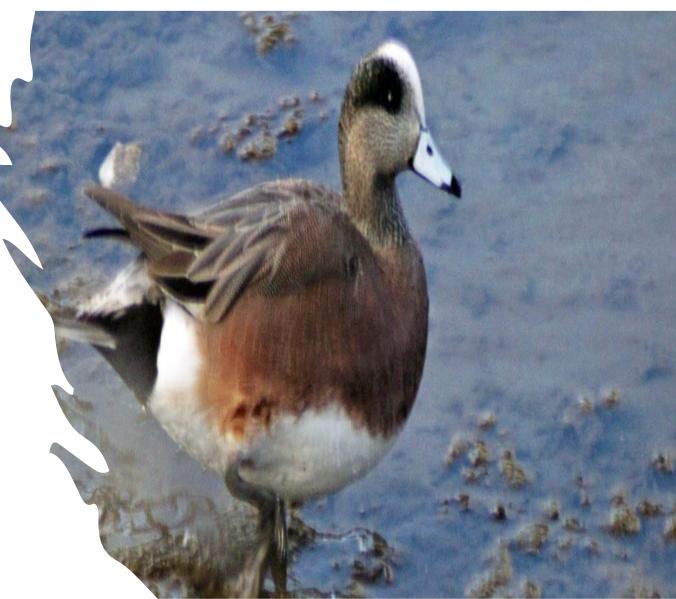
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31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
New Years Eve	New Years Day	x	x	x	x	x

Spotlight on Members

## **Critters of the Bayshore Canal**

Did you know that our canal is a wildlife habitat for all kinds of critters? I recently had a wonderful conversation with some friends who live on our canal about the various critters they have seen there. Of course, we have the usual ones: gulls, sandpipers, clams, raccoons, seals, herons, kingfisher and egrets. But there are also some more unusual ones: various ducks, river otters, and nutria. Tim Brubaker was kind enough to send me some pictures he had taken and answer some questions which led to an internet search to learn more.

There are several types of ducks seen in the canal, including **The America Widgeons** who are here now for breeding before continuing their southern migration. Both males and females have a bluish bill with a black tip. Drakes are white on the top of the head, and the hen is grayish with white on the wing covert patch. In the winter, they prefer shallow habitats like wet meadows or marshes where, like geese, they feed on green grass and sedges. During other times of the year, unlike most dabbling ducks which favor shallow water, American wigeons spend a lot of their time grazing on land or in deeper open waters where they get most of their food by stealing it from diving ducks and coots.





- The Bufflehead, which is the smallest diving duck, is also here now. It is a swift flyer and takes off from the water more easily than other diving ducks. Because of their small size, they can nest in abandoned holes of northers flickers. Males have a striking white body, black back, and iridescent black head with a large notch of white. Females and juveniles are dark charcoal-gray with a white patch behind and below the eye. Along our Oregon coast, these ducks mainly eat crustaceans, mollusks, and some aquatic plants.
- The Hooded Mergansers tend to arrive in December. They are the only ducks that specialize in eating fish. These ducks swim underwater using their long slender bills with serrated edges to catch and hold their prey. To find their prey, they change the refractive properties of their eyes to improve their underwater vision. In addition, they have an extra eyelid, called a "nictitating membrane," which is transparent and helps protect the eye during swimming, like a pair of goggles.

The male has a striking black head and white crest, white breast, black back, and chestnut side. Females and immatures are dull grayish brown except for a reddishbrown crest.





The Pintail Duck is a rare winter visitor to our canal. They are what is called addle or dabbling duck which means they feed by dabbling or dipping rather than submerging. The pintail has an elegant long-neck, long-tail, and full-plumage. The drake has a striking chestnut head, gray back and flanks, bright white breast and front of neck, and iridescent green-bronze sheen on its wings. The brown hen is nondescript but shares the long neck and graceful shape of the drake. Both have a blue-gray bill.

In addition to a variety of ducks, our canal is also home to river otters, which are considered among the more social members of the weasel family. If you are fortunate enough to get a glimpse of them, you will notice that they are relatively small mammals (overall length can be up to 50 inches) with heavily-muscled, elongated streamlined bodies. They live in water most of the time and are superb swimmers.

River otters are nearsighted and have a third protective eyelid for swimming under water. Their small, rounded ears and nostrils close when under water, allowing them to be submerged for up to eight minutes and to dive 60 feet! River otters have an amazing sense of smell and can sniff out and pursue concentrations of upstream fish from long distances. While fish is the favorite, river otters will also eat crustaceans (like crab, shrimp, and barnacles), amphibians (think frogs, toads, salamanders, and newts), invertebrates (such as water insects, worms, snails, snakes), small mammals, birds (eggs, nestlings), and even plant matter.

# Nutria

Far less popular than the cute river otters, are **nutrias**, which are a large, mostly herbivorous rat-like semi aquatic rodent. They are considered an evasive species in Oregon. Nutrias have a hunched body, reddish brown fur, a hairless tail, webbed feet and small ears and eyes. They can have a body length of up to 27 inches. Though they are agile on land, nutrias are also superb swimmers, able to remain submerged for up to 5 minutes. These rodents are very active and are mostly nocturnal, except in the winter when they are active during the day. Riverbanks are an ideal environment for them to make elaborate burrows, which is probably why they like our canal. Breeding throughout the year, nutrias produce up to three litters of two to eight young annually, with a gestation period of only about 135 days.

Though the beach is our most popular place to stroll, I also would like to recommend spending some time at our canal. Almost any tide is a good time to see something. You can see mallard ducks during any tide, herons at mid to low tide, otters, buffleheads, mergansers, kingfishers during mid to high tide. There sure seems to be a lot going on there!

Submitted by Lynda Apel

## Spotlight on Members II

A member wanted to make comment on the current proposed changes to the clubhouse for accessibility. His comments were too long to be a "letter to the editor" so we added it here so his comments could be heard/read.

### ADA Compliance as it relates to HOA Facilities

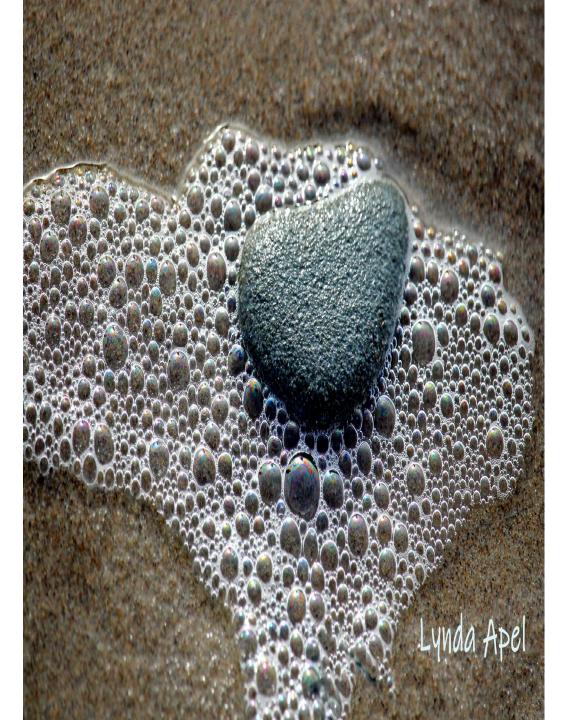
Based upon recent inquiries I made with representatives from the United States Access Board and the Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights regarding ADA compliance mandates, I learned the following information. Under the ADA, all public and government facilities are required to comply with specific use and construction requirements to accommodate disabled individuals. It is important to note that the ADA applies only to "public accommodations. "A HOA will not be subject to the ADA <u>unless the HOA is</u> <u>operating a "public accommodation.</u>" The "public accommodation" standard is met in any facility operated by the HOA when that facility is provided for use by members of the general public and not solely for use by the HOA's members and their guests. HOA members may bring their family and guests to a facility, such as a swimming pool or gym, and it is not considered as converting use to the general public. However, HOAs have been subject to ADA requirements if:

(1) a HOA allows members of the public to buy memberships or passes to the HOA's pool or health facilities; this would include allowing short term vacation renters to utilize HOA facilities, which is currently occurring.

(2) where a HOA allows schools, church groups or clubs to use HOA facilities on a "regular basis."

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Based upon my understanding of the current practices, it would seem that the HOA has opened its facilities to the general public, which would necessitate ADA improvements to the existing facilities to avoid non-compliance violations. This leads to my question as to why we as an HOA would choose to open our facilities to the general public when hundreds of thousands of dollars of expense plus future maintenance costs for such things as elevators could be avoided by simply changing the current business model and simply limiting access to HOA facilities to HOA members and their guests. There are currently 88 short term vacation rentals within the Bayshore community and the County's intention is to reduce that number considerably through attrition in the years to come. There is no reason that the 900 plus other HOA members in Bayshore should have to subsidize ADA related expenses that are mandated by the government in order to accommodate short -term renters' ability to use the pool facilities. Yes, the changes I'm suggesting could possibly involve eliminating the non-profit status of the HOA but this is far from a certainty unless access to our parks, streets, tennis court, and playground areas was deemed to be insufficient; however, the annual 20,000 tax liability is far surpassed by the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are projected for the ADA improvements plus future maintenance and replacement costs for said items. Submitted by Kelly Evans member



Recipe

• This pimento cheese is nothing like the ready-made kind you buy in the store. It is full of flavor. The secret is in the seasoning. Pimento cheese makes a great addition to any gathering and can be served with crackers or bread. It is also really good in sandwiches, grilled cheeses, and omelets.

### **Pimento Cheese**

- 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 oz. shredded pepper jack cheese
- 8 oz. block cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 oz. jar chopped pimentos, drained
- ½ c mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground pepper
- Combine everything together and enjoy.





# KING TIDE SAFETY

It's unwise to walk on the beach during king-tide periods. Even if a beach isn't officially closed due to safety or flood risks, it's still best to keep your distance and view the waters from behind the guardrail of a coastal overlook instead. (Oregon Visitors guide Oct 23, 2023). A couple of years ago, Bayshore unfortunately lost a member and one of her dogs to the king tides while walking along our beaches. Please be very careful. King tides are caused by the proximity of the Moon and the Sun, and their gravitational pull. People are asked to avoid flooded walkways and beaches around this time and stay out of the water due to hazardous swimming conditions.

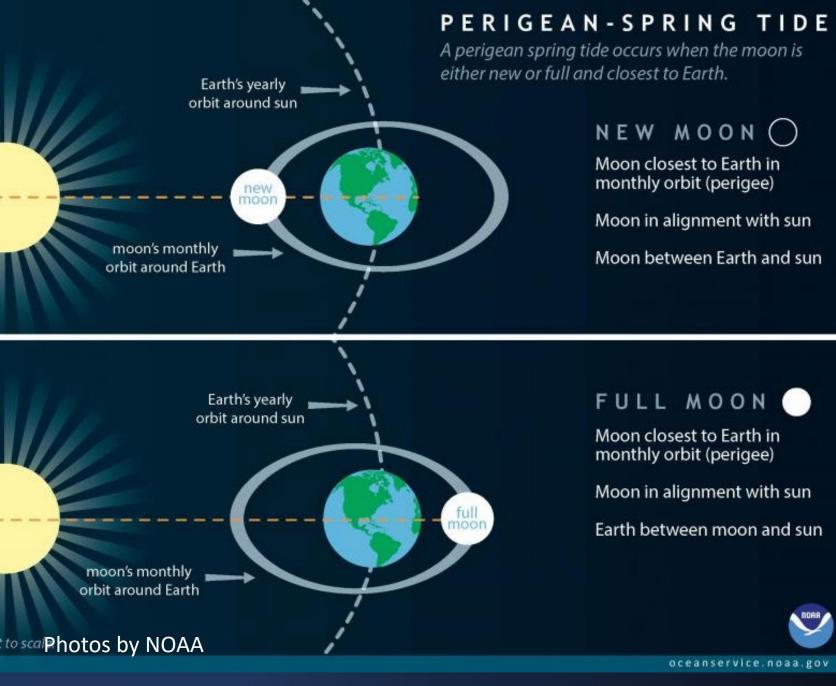
- Oregon's 2023-2024 forecasted king tide dates:
- November 25 27, 2023
- December 13 15, 2023
- January 11 13, 2024
- February 8-10, 202

King Tides Continued

#### WHAT IS A KING TIDE?

The term king tide is generally used to describe the highest tides of the year. Tides are <u>caused by the gravitational forces of</u> the moon and the sun. Even though both the sun and moon influence our tides, the moon's gravitational pull is about twice as strong than that of the sun. Therefore, we experience different tidal forces as a result of how far away the sun, moon, and earth respectively are from each other. When the earth, moon, and sun are near alignment we get a new moon (moon between the sun and earth) and full moon (earth between the moon and sun). This alignment causes an increase in the gravitational pull roughly twice a month called 'spring tides'. The moon's closest position to the earth is called a 'perigee.' When a full or new moon coincides with perigee we get <u>perigean spring tides</u>. These are slightly larger tidal events that happen about three or four times a year.

Courtesy of California King tides research



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"Rising sea levels means increased erosion and more frequent and expanded flooding in the future," the Oregon King Tides Project's website states. "An infrequent event today could become normal in the future. Understanding and documenting the extent and impacts of especially high tide events is one way to highlight the need to prepare for the effects of future climate conditions."

Courtesy of The Oregon King tides project

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- Extreme high tides can occur at anytime during stormy or rainy conditions. Please take care when allowing dogs/pets off leash when on the beaches during these times as they could easily get pulled into the tide.
- Keep your cell phone with you in case of an accident. Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you are expected to be home.
- Keep a very close eye on children. Do not let them wander too close to the shoreline. Rip currents can occur in less than 3 feet of water which is where most waders, children & pets like to play.
- If you do get caught in a rip current, the best thing you can do is stay calm. It's not going to pull you underwater, it's just going to pull you away from shore. Call and wave for help. You want to float, and you don't want to swim back to shore against the rip current because it will just tire you out
- Even a good swimmer will become tired and might even drown. The best escape is to turn sideways to the shore, and wade or swim until you are out of the rip current. Then move back toward shore at an angle away from the rush of water.

## Peaceful Living Guide and Division Map

All information below copied from C&Rs, guidelines for determination, articles of incorporation, Policies & Procedures and Welcome packets.

BEACH ACCESS

*Please only use designated public beach accesses marked with signs to get to the beach.* 

• QUIET TIME

The hours of 10pm to 7 am are required quiet time per Bayshore and Lincoln County ordinance.

• RV Parking

No RVs may be parked on Bayshore properties or along the roadside without previous permission of the planning committee & within limitations set forth.

• PARKING

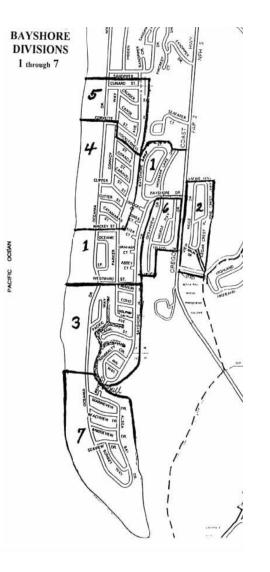
Please Park in the garage or driveway. The roads are narrow, and vision can be obstructed by vehicles along the road. SPEED LIMIT IS 25MPH.

• PETS

Per Bayshore C&rs, P&Ps, you must keep your pets confined to your yard or on a leash. Also, you must clean up after them and dispose of properly.

BAYSHORE DIVISIONS 1 through 7

## Peaceful Living Guide and Division Map



### • SAFETY

The ocean can be very dangerous. Please watch your children very carefully. Seals and seal pups, snowy plovers and other marine animals are protected species. Keep at least 200 feet away and keep your pets from running up on them. Federal law prohibits touching, feeding or disturbing marine mammals.

### FIRE

Fire is a very real danger. Fireworks are NOT allowed in Bayshore or on the beach and are a serious hazard during dry weather. OAR 736.021.0100 prohibits "possessing, discharging or causing to be discharged any firecracker, explosion, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks or other similar devices" on Oregon beaches. Beach fires are ONLY permitted on open sand west of the dunes and cannot be started in areas of built-up driftwood. GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL LOT UPKEEP

- Lots must be kept clean and in visually pleasing condition. Keep weeds, cleared and trimmed trees within the C&R limits. Garbage and other waste shall be placed in sanitary containers with lids and removed weekly. Garbage cans stored near the street must be screened from the view.
- Be kínd to your neíghbors.

# General Information



- The Bayshore Breeze is the official publication of the Bayshore Beach Club Board of Directors.
- The Breeze is emailed to Bayshore property owners, with hard copies available at the Bayshore office.
- The Breeze welcomes Letters to the Editor but submission of a letter is not a guarantee of publication. The Breeze will not publish letters that are a personal attack on an individual or group or include knowingly false information. Letters may be edited for length and are limited to 250 words or less. Anonymous letters are not accepted.
- Bayshore still needs volunteers for the multiple committees. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!! Bayshore needs YOU! Contact the current BOD members for a list!
- Meeting minutes and previous copies of the Breeze may be found <u>here</u> along with forms ( complaint forms, construction requests) etc. If you have trouble finding a form, ask Kathy in the office to send you one. All information about how Bayshore operates and why is contained in the various founding documents on these pages. Calendar of events, pool schedules etc are also found on the website http://bayshorebeach.com/index.html