



The Breeze

August 2025



Editor's Message: What a Wonderful World

We had family visitors last week. Our visitors are seldom from the Pacific Northwest, and that means they invariably talk about the beautiful scenery we have here...in Bayshore...in locations near us (e.g., Seal Rock)...and indeed, throughout Oregon. Although I never take our locale for granted, it is nice to hear others talk about its beauty as a reminder of how fortunate we are here in Bayshore. Unlike many places in the U.S. right now, Bayshore offers beautiful beaches that calm us, tall trees that remind us of how important nature is to us, and ocean breezes that keep us cool,

We also are fortunate to live here in Bayshore, for reasons beyond its natural beauty. It's a very common experience that when someone needs help, others provide it. For example, this week we had to modify the Mobi-Mat path. The gravel laid down from the street to the first mat was hard for those who use walkers or wheelchairs to cross. Frankly, it was tough to get over using any kind of mobility aid. After some online brainstorming among the Mobi-Mat team and others, we decided to move the gravel out of the way and lay down pavers. (See picture below). That was definitely not a one-person task! When I asked the team for help, Dave Smith, and Bernie and Craig Williams volunteered immediately. Together we laid down the pavers, and the path became much more easily navigable. As I have learned to be typical of Bayshore neighbors, they answered a request for help quickly and with great expertise.

I love living here in Bayshore. I love the beauty, and I love the camaraderie. What a combination for anyone to experience! It reminds me of this line from a popular Louis Armstrong song: *I see skies of blue and clouds of white. The bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights. And I think to myself - What a wonderful world.*



Kenn Apel

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President's Corner

My Fellow Members,

One of the toughest things to do when you're President is to write a monthly "President's Corner." It's the end of the month, the sun is gently setting in the west, and the birds are talking to each other. I am sitting here trying to figure out what to write about.

Let's talk about how the BOD decides on where our money gets spent. In 2021 and 2022, several members of the Physical Assets Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee sat down with the Facilities Manager and created a spreadsheet that outlines all our physical assets. This detailed document includes categories such as Property, Buildings and Facilities, Equipment, expected lifespan, estimated cost to repair/replace, the asset's current age, and how much should be maintained in the reserve fund required. This spreadsheet serves as a guide for board members to determine which projects should be funded for the current year. Many volunteer hours went into creating this document. A huge thank you to Craig Jacobs, Bob Tunison, Norman Fernandes, and Kenn Apel for all their time and effort.

One of the projects on this list is re-siding the clubhouse and replacing its windows. The Board voted earlier this year to begin the siding/window replacement project on the west side of the building. The cost to remodel the west side was \$33,159. In June, the Board approved a bid of \$31,048 to continue the re-siding on the north side. We also discovered that some issues with the deck and stairs along the north and west sides needed immediate attention. At the July 2025 BOD meeting, we approved \$5,600 to fix this problem. We decided to change from cedar shingles to Hardi-plank siding, which costs less and lasts longer, and to paint it grey, the closest to its current color.

Some volunteers gave a lot of their time to addressing Bayshore's collective needs over the last couple of months. When you see these people in the community, tell them, "Thank you!" Mary Lou Morris (Election Committee, Budget Committee); Lynda Claro (Social Committee, Budget Committee); and Dave Smith (Safety Committee, Spring Clean-up, Scotch Broom clean-up, Hazmat pick-up).

I welcome any questions or comments. Please call the office at 541-563-3040 or send an email to: office@bayshorebeach.com and Kathy will forward your message to me.

Thank you,

Roger Smith, President
Bayshore Beach Club, Inc.



Clubhouse in the 1960s

Highlights from July Committee Reports

All committee reports are emailed to members with the BOD's agenda. A few highlights of those reports are the following:

Planning Committee: The PC meets every other Wednesday from 9-11am in the clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend. Nine construction applications (e.g., house paint, fences) were approved. Six new complaints (e.g., trees, boats) were addressed and 12 other complaint letters were sent.

Safety Committee: The committee asked Dave Larmouth from Dahl to speak at the BOD meeting about the new Oregon recycling procedures. See page 6 for summary points of that presentation. Robin Portman was added to the committee. The committee reminds members they can contact the office to have one of its members open the emergency cache to replace perishable items .

Social Committee: The Meet-N-Greet BBQ was a success, with 113 members and guests attending. See page 3 for upcoming social events.

A Bird's Eye View

by Staci Louie

*The twilight is sad and cloudy,
The wind blows wild and free
And like the wings of seabirds,
Flash the white caps of the sea."*

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Western Sandpiper

Western Sandpipers are tiny birds, each weighing only about an ounce. A single bird would be easily missed, but together they are quite the sight to see. These highly social birds are often found in large flocks, foraging on the beach, and moving in unison both on the ground and in the air. Moving as a group makes them less of a target for any nearby predators, such as raptors. Just recently, I saw what must have been hundreds of them on our Bayshore beach during an early morning walk. A flock of sandpipers is also called a "scurry," a very fitting name for birds that are constantly on the move, looking for morsels in the sand.

Western Sandpipers eat a wide variety of foods, including crustaceans, mollusks, marine worms, and insects. One of the most interesting things they ingest is "biofilm," a mixture of microbes and organic matter found on mudflats. It is thought they take in half their weight in biofilm, which gives them energy for migration. They are one of the most numerous shorebirds in North America.



Compliments of Staci Louie

Within a group of Western Sandpipers, you may see other birds, such as Dunlins, Sanderlings, Least Sandpiper, and others. Some are so close in appearance that you may think they are all one type of bird. When similar sandpiper species are seen together, birders collectively call them "peeps." So next time you see a scurry of sandpipers on the beach, stop to enjoy the show and say "hi" to the peeps for me!

Interested in learning more about our shorebirds? [Here](#) is an excellent resource by Oregon Fish and Wildlife.

Music on the Patio

This summer, the Social Committee is offering *Music on the Patio* two more times. Each will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on the patio behind the clubhouse. Attendees are encouraged to BYOB and a snack to share (and possibly a lawn chair). The two events are:



Saturday, August 16th
Music by Mike Tolle



Saturday, September 20th
Music by Malcolm Meikle

As Time Rolls By: Karin and Rod Couch

“You Can’t Buy Happiness, But You Can Buy Antique Cars”

Karin and Rod Couch have lived in Bayshore since 2017. They are the Bayshore members who own a number of antique cars. It is not unusual to see them leaving or coming back to Bayshore in those beautiful vehicles. We also can see Rod and Karin regularly at the antique car show that happens at each Beachcombers Days event. But seeing those cars doesn't tell us enough about Karin and Rod. So, let's learn a bit more.

Karin's and Rod's fondness for older cars started way before they became Bayshore members. Initially, both owned antique MGs – Karin's 1966 and Rod's 1972. Those cars stayed in the family for about 5 years (mid-90's). Then, between 1998-99, Karin acquired a 1996 Miata and, soon after, Rod got a 1992 Miata. For part of the time they owned those cars, Karin was the president of a Miata club. But after about 14 years, they sold those cars and got out of antique car ownership.



That all changed when they moved to Bayshore. Karin fell in love with a '35 Ford 4-door sedan and her love (and ownership) of antique cars started again. That '35 sedan is called Lady Grey (picture #1). Karin purchased it in hopes that Rod might find it to be a hobby for his retirement years. However, with the ownership of Lady Grey, it was Karin who initially got the two involved in car clubs, including the US 101 Club, Early Ford Club, and Rhody Cruisers. Not too long after Lady Grey, “Burple,” a purple blue '53 Ford pick-up (picture #2), joined the Couch family. Over the subsequent years, there have been two more purchases: Miss Pearl, a '53 Ford pick-up that Karin bought for Rod's birthday

(picture #3), and Red Ruby, a '36 chopped Ford sedan coupe (picture #4). Can you tell Karin is a Ford girl? Miss Pearl and Lady Gray came in perfect show quality, but Burple required some major work. In fact, Rod had to bring her home in pieces when they bought her. Ruby Red is a work in progress. Although Karin is good at restoring the interiors, she and Rod don't do any other major renovations

Across the years, Karin has been the one who first joined and participated in antique car clubs. Currently, she and Rod both belong to the US 101 Club, Early Ford Club, and Roadie Cruisers. Karin also started the car show for Beachcombers Day over four years ago. This summer, 107 cars joined the show, the largest in the history of that show.



Do the Couches have only antique cars? No, they have a Toyota Prius and Toyota Tundra for everyday uses, although Rod will take one the antiques out for errands sometimes. When he does, he often hears folks comment on the Ford, typically talking about how their grandparent owned a pick-up “just like that” and other fond memories of their past.

“Buying Happiness or Antique Cars” (cont.)



#4: Red Ruby and Karin

Are there more cars in the Couches’ future? Well, Karin does have her eye out for a ’35 Ford convertible and Rod is interested in old trucks, given his background as a truck driver. Stay tuned for whatever vehicle becomes their fifth antique car. After all, their 50th anniversary IS this coming November!

Meeting Karin to learn about their antique vehicles was truly enlightening. What did I learn from that interview? Three important points. First, a car is considered an

antique if it is 25 years old or more. Second, there is a difference between a pick-up (what two of their vehicles are) and a truck (what Rod used to drive to haul goods). Third, Karin and Rod some time ago decided to take a road less traveled (pun intended) and begin their collection of antique cars. By interviewing Karin, I learned about their tireless (another pun intended) love of antique cars. Learning about these vehicles led to a transmission (last pun, I promise) of their love of old vehicles to me. And that’s the key (I lied) to this article: happiness and antique cars CAN go together.



Karin and Rod

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Bayshore Gardens: The Pollinators Need Your Help

by Carrie Davis*

Those are small plastic pots turned sideways in top. You should use all stuff that is on ground as filler .. the more natural the better .. sticks, shavings old leaves, bark etc.



Even for those who don’t garden much .. it helps these pollinators live and some to move on to destination they are traveling to ... hummingbirds, butterflies ...etc.

***Carrie Davis is a Bayshore member, an Oregon State Master Gardener and President of Seal Rock Garden Club**

A Word a Day...

Cancatervate: To heap things into a pile.

Oregon's New Recycle Procedures

The New Recycling List

- What's In
- What's New
- What's Out
- Common Contaminants



<p>Plastic</p>  <p>Bottles, round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots Caps OK if screwed on. All items must be 2 inches by 2 inches or larger.</p>	<p>Metal</p>  <p>Aluminum and steel cans, and scrap metal Less than 10 pounds and 18 inches.</p>
<p>Cardboard and Cartons</p>  <p>Flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, and food and beverage cartons Pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue.</p>	<p>Paper</p>  <p>Newspaper, magazines, office paper, paper egg cartons, mail, paperback books, paper bags, and non-metallic gift wrap</p>

PLASTIC additions are round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots.
CARDBOARD additions are food and beverage cartons.

Plastics: bottles, round containers, buckets, and rigid plant pots; caps ok if screwed on; all items must be 2 inches or larger

Metal: Aluminum and steel cans, and scrap metal less than 10 pounds and 18 inches

Cardboard and Cartons: flattened cardboard, packaging boxes, and food and beverage cartons. pizza boxes must be empty with no food residue

Paper: newspaper, magazines, office paper, paper egg cartons, mail, paperback books, paper bags, and non-metallic gift wrap

Do not to put glass or "tanglers," such as garden hoses and light strings, in your recycle bin.

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- No batteries
- No bagged recyclables
- No foam
- No plastic bags or stretchy plastics (store drop-off available at some locations)
- No hoses, cords or wires ("tanglers")
- No glass in the commingle mix (drop-off only)

Household Batteries

DROP OFF AT WALDPART TRANSFER STATION - NO CHARGE

- Alkaline (Single-Use)
- Lead Acid (Auto/Marine)
- Rechargeables (Lithium)
- No embedded batteries
- No vapes or e-cigarettes
- NEVER dispose of batteries in your garbage or recycling carts.

LITHIUM BATTERY TYPES

Note: These are only examples, there are many styles/brands out there.



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Aerosol cans and aluminum foil will move to depot-based collection.

Thanks to Dave Smith for providing this information.

Wild Card

by
Tom Snethen

Calvin “Wild Card” Blix was born during the final days of the Calvin Coolidge administration. He grew up through the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression. His family moved to Oregon before he could remember. WC moved to Bayshore at age 80. He’d outlived his wife and wanted to distance himself from his daughters. He told his neighbors he wasn’t difficult. He just wanted his own way. In everything.

Rumors abounded about how he acquired the Wild Card handle. Most say he received the tag when he drew a joker to join two jacks in a Vegas poker game. Some say they called him that because you could never predict his next move. He went by “WC.”



My WC moment was when I witnessed an exchange in the Bayshore Market. WC and a gray-haired woman stared at carbohydrate-laden delights in the bakery section.

He reached for a bearclaw, and his companion interrupted. “Grandpa, you know what Mom said.”

“I choose not to listen to your mom.”

“Mom said no sweets.”

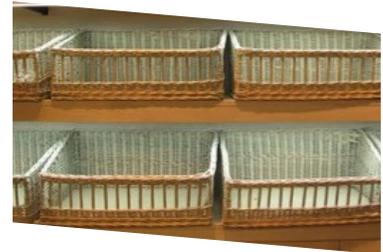
WC reached again. She pulled him away.

I opened my big mouth. “Pardon my interruption, but WC doesn’t need dietary advice.”

WC turned to me. “Thanks for the assist, Son, but I got this.”

Then he emptied the entire display into his cart, taking every bearclaw, doughnut, and Ding-Dong.

He left zippo for me.



Things You Are Not Too Old To Try As An Adult

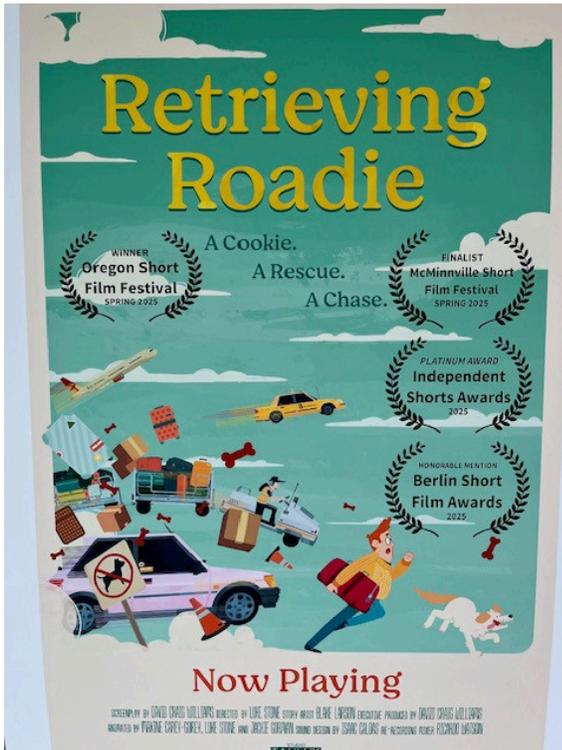
Here are some ideas about trying new things. This information comes from [Kayti Christian](#).

1. **Try something culinary:** Learn how to make your own herbal teas.
2. **Try something outdoorsy:** Start a small balcony or windowsill garden.
3. **Try to boost your intellect:** Watch a classic movie you’ve never seen before.
4. **Try to learn a new skill or try DIY:** Rearrange your furniture for a fresh feel.
5. **Try something fun:** Start a mini collection – vintage postcards, seashells, or enamel pins.
6. **Try getting more involved in sustainability:** Make your [own cleaning products](#) with simple ingredients.

If you do any of these, please let me know!



Retrieving Roadie: Highlight on Craig Williams



Anyone who knows Bayshore resident Craig Williams knows that he loves to tell stories.

Family-friendly, animated comedy short *Retrieving Roadie* is the first of these to make it to screens. *Retrieving Roadie* is inspired by the true story of how Craig rescued a terrific dog from a Texas kill shelter and ran the 1,700-mile gauntlet, partially in a blizzard, to bring his dog to his New England home.

To date, *Retrieving Roadie* has won 19 film festival awards and nominations, including Best Animated Film in the Spring 2025 Oregon Short Film Festival, official selection in the Oregon Coast Film Festival, and winner, Best Animation Short, in the January 2025 Independent Shorts Awards. The film was a finalist for Best Animation in the Spring 2025 McMinnville Short Film Festival, and it's an official selection in the 2025 Boston Short Film Festival and in the upcoming 2025 Portland Festival of Cinema, Animation & Technology.

To bring *Retrieving Roadie* to life, Craig teamed with Producer and Story Artist Blake Larson along with Studio Tahluk Director/Producer/Animator Luke Stone and Animators Maxine Carey-Gorey and Jackie Gorman. Luke and Maxine's studio created sequences for 2024's *Blake Edwards: A Love Story in 24 Frames*, part of the PBS American Masters Series.

Craig has been writing screenplays since retiring from nonprofit prospect research in 2023. His wildly nonlinear career in marketing, advertising, and nonprofit development includes work with Samaritan Health Services, Linfield College, the New York Rangers, Macy's, Dartmouth College, The Nature Conservancy, Free Speech TV, and his own businesses, Newstaff, Audit Security Bags, Projoin Network, and now Retrieving Roadie Productions.

Craig's also written a comedy feature and TV pilot, *Jay vs. The Parkway*, a dramatic feature, *Separate Services*, and a dramatic short, *The Stu Davis Story*.

Retrieving Roadie is streaming on YouTube [here](#). You also can read a Lincoln Chronicle article about Craig [here](#).



Emergency Preparedness

As some of know, the threat of a tsunami can happen any time. Lucky for us, the Bayshore office has a number of brochures/informational flyers that can help us be prepared. These informational pieces include such information about what we can do to be prepared, how we can survive a tsunami, what safety measures we can take after a tsunami, and an evacuation map for our area. Feel free to visit the Bayshore office to learn more from these flyers. Click [here](#) for more on tsunamis from the Lincoln Chronicle.

The Nature of Bayshore

by Lynda Apel

Our Rascally Raccoons

I must admit, I have a complicated love-hate relationship with the raccoons who live near us. On one hand, I admire their intelligence, resourcefulness, determination, and persistence. I also love their distinctive bandit mask markings. And, of course, who can resist their adorable little kits? But on the other hand, they are a nuisance! They destroy our hummingbird feeders, eat our bird seed and other critter food, often make their homes in undesirable places, and get into our trash cans. But they are our neighbors, so I thought it would be a good idea to learn a little more about them.



Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) are often found in urban habitats at much higher densities than in the wild because there is a general lack of predators and easy access to food sources. Because urban raccoons are exposed to a greater variety of obstacles, they are also bolder and better adapted to learning how to meet human-created challenges, such as trash bins with puzzling lids. In short, those living near and around us are smarter than the average raccoon! Raccoons are not typically found in high mountains or desert regions in Oregon because of the scarcity of water and trees.

Though raccoons are primarily nocturnal animals, they can be seen at any time of day. In the Pacific Northwest, the adults typically range in weight between 10 and 25 pounds but can get larger. They are opportunistic omnivorous eaters, meaning they consume a highly varied diet that includes fruit and vegetables, insects, small rodents, fish, and human handouts. As many of us have experienced, they can drain a hummingbird feeder, consume birdseed by the fist-full, and gobble up any kind of dog or cat food, not to mention picking through our garbage cans. As I'm sure you know, they are excellent climbers. Additionally, they are dexterous and social, and they communicate using over 200 different sounds and calls.

Contrary to what many believe, raccoons are generally not violent creatures, but when provoked, they will react by barking, hissing, screaming, screeching, and growling. If they feel trapped and have no other option, they may attack humans or domestic pets like cats or dogs.

Because they prefer to den above ground, old tree cavities or downed logs make great homes for them. But as many of us know, raccoons will substitute chimneys, attics, and crawlspaces where available. They are generally not territorial; however, they will warn others by marking off a limited 1-4-mile region known as their "home range." Since a raccoon will build many dens in this region, a raccoon will usually relocate to a different den every few nights.



The Nature of Bayshore (cont.)



Breeding season extends from early March through early fall. The average gestation period is about 63 days, and litters can range from 1-7 kits. Mothers, called sows, isolate themselves from other raccoons when raising their kits. The kits are weaned at about 2 months of age but may remain with the mother through the first winter. Once weaned, the kits venture out of the den and, under the watchful eye of their mom, they learn how to forage for food. The males, called boars, leave shortly after mating and have no role in raising the kits.

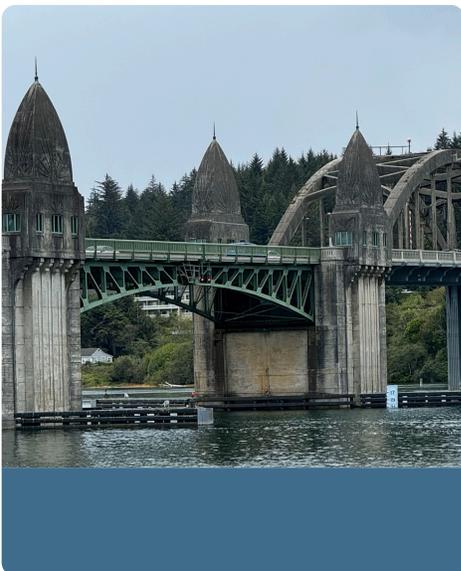
That covers the basic general information about our rascally neighbors. Next month we will dive into some more interesting facts about them and discuss how best to live with them. (Sorry, relocating them is not an option, given an Oregon law.) Until then, hopefully we can lean more toward the love side our love-hate relationship with them.

Resources: [North American nature](#), [raccoon facts](#), [berry patch farms](#), [animal answers](#), [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#), [Bird Alliance of Oregon](#), [Oregon Forest Resources Institute](#)



Q. Did you hear about the martial artists who fought on the beach?

A. They faced off in sand-to-sand combat.



Compliments of Karin Couch



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That's My Oregon!



The state mushroom is the Pacific golden chanterelle



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