



The Breeze

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Editor's Message: In and Around Bayshore

There's always something going in and around Bayshore and this past month was no exception. As usual, member volunteers were helping other members or making Bayshore look that much nicer.

First, the Safety Committee spent half a day collecting members' hazmat materials and then taking those items to the dump. We thank the committee members involved: Dave Smith, Robin Grenier-Portman, and Simone Tunc.

Also this month, the Artisans sanded down and repainted the picnic tables and benches on the backyard patio. The paint is no longer chipping away. Thanks go to Lynda Apel, Paula and Tim Brubaker, and Sarah and Dan Abshier.

See page 4 for pictures of both events. Also, consider joining a Bayshore group or committee. As you can see, great fun was had by all!

Kenn Apel



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President's Corner: What Do Board Members do?

What do Board Directors actually do? We see the Directors on the third Saturday of the month at the monthly Board meeting. But is that all they do? In this month's message, I'll provide some more information on what Directors do "behind the scenes" (although they do more than what I list).

All Board Directors serve as liaisons for a Bayshore committee. That means they typically attend at least one more meeting outside of the regular monthly Board meeting. Several Board Directors serve as authorized check signers, meaning they are called upon to sign any check written for Bayshore. In a typical month, there are maybe 15 checks written, so those authorized check signers need to go down to the office to sign them. If a check is for more than \$2,500, two authorized signers are called to sign the check.

Board officers do some additional work that other directors don't. For example, the corporate secretary signs off on official policy documents (e.g., the recently developed Bayshore Records Policy). The treasurer works with Bayshore's bookkeeper on monthly reports. The President answers questions or addresses unscheduled issues, almost on a daily basis (e.g., member complaints or problems with Bayshore facilities, such as pool heater breakdowns).

Finally, although Directors are not allowed to discuss or make decisions outside of the monthly Board meetings, they still may be asked to provide input on some tasks that need to be completed. For example, the Board recently sent out a survey to get members' feedback on a proposed road change by the Bayshore Road District. I created the first draft of the survey and then asked our Vice-President and Corporate Secretary to weigh in with suggestions/edits to that survey.

The bottom line is that the Board Directors do much more work than what is seen at Board meetings. And they do that as volunteers, not as paid employees of Bayshore. Why do they serve? You can simply go online and look at the April issues of the last few years to get specific information from Directors who were candidates in an election to learn why they wanted to be on the Board. For most of us, it is because we want to support Bayshore and all it offers its members. If you are so inclined, consider running for the Board next Spring. I think you will find it as rewarding as I do.

Kenn Apel, Board President

Highlights from July Committee Reports

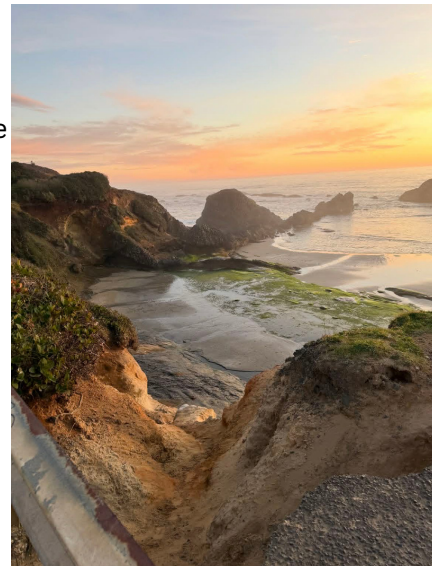
All committee reports are emailed to members with the BOD's agenda and meeting minutes. Below are a few highlights of those reports:

Planning Committee: The committee requested the Board levy a fine of \$250 for a member who has not responded to or addressed a complaint lodged with the committee. The Board approved the request.

Social Committee: Due to minimal number of committee members, the committee will be altering when and how they offer social events. Bayshore members are highly encouraged to volunteer for the committee.

Safety Committee: Dave Smith, committee chair, requested that Simone Tunc be appointed to serve on the committee. His request was unanimously approved.

Budget Committee: Mike Tatro is the new chair of this committee, which also needs new volunteers.



Compliments of Amanda Carnes

Ranger Doug Sestrich

Doug Sestrich, or Ranger Doug, is a familiar sight to those of us who live here full-time in Bayshore. It is not unusual to see him in his beach buggy touring the beach here in Bayshore. He also is very generous with his time and help, as I learned when working on the Mobi-Mats. But it recently hit me that, even though I often see Doug and exchange hellos, I knew hardly anything about him. So, I asked him to share a few things about himself, so we can get to know him better.

Doug earned a degree in Recreational Park Management from Penn State University. He started as a seasonal ranger in 2003 and then became a full-time park ranger at South Beach State Park in 2006. He worked at South Beach State Park until 2016, when he became one of the Beach Rangers for the central coast.



Doug's main duty is to preserve and protect our ocean shore environment for present and future generations. There really isn't a "typical" day for him--every day is different with every tide, a fact he likes most about his job. Most days, though, he patrols the ocean shore, which is defined as the stretch from the extreme low water line to the statutory vegetation line. He mainly cleans the beaches, keeps accesses open for pedestrians and emergency vehicles, puts up emergency and courtesy signage, works on the Oregon coast trail, helps protect the endangered western snowy plover, puts out fires, saves entangled animals, and coordinates logistics for removal of beached stranded items like animals, fishing vessels, and whatever washes on to our shores. He does a lot!

Doug said that the weirdest issue he's ever dealt with was when large sacks of chia seeds washed up on the beach and started expanding. He had to figure out what they were. He finds the most challenging part of his job is helping people recognize their role in dealing with the dynamics of the ocean shore environment. In particular, he wishes that people who live along the ocean side knew their property lines and understood that the dune is there to protect them. Homeowners cannot alter the ocean shore without a permit. That means that no weed whacking, spraying, or removing beach grasses should occur without a permit. He also said he wished people would pick up their dog poop and take it off the beach with them. (And don't we all wish that!)

Doug's Beach Buggy



Overall, one of Doug's main goals is helping people enjoy our amazing natural resources and have a memorable experience. I for one am thankful for all Doug does for our beach. Next time you see him, feel free to thank him as well.

In and Around Bayshore



Safety Committee enjoying their time collecting members' hazmat materials



Artisans painting the patio picnic tables



The Nature of Bayshore

by Lynda Apel

Seeing Our Coastal Fog More Clearly

We're all familiar with the fog that often hovers over Bayshore and sweeps across our beach. But how much do we really know about what it is, how it forms, how it benefits our environment, or how it differs from mist and clouds? As I explored this topic, I realized I was a bit foggy myself.

The first thing that cleared up my foggy thinking was learning that some coastal plants get up to one-third of their water from fog.

That certainly made me look at our fog a little differently.

Here are a few other things I learned that helped me see our coastal fog more clearly.

What is it, and where does it come from?

The fog we usually experience in Bayshore is called sea fog, or advection fog. It forms when warm, moist air from the Pacific moves over the cold ocean waters along our coast. As the air cools to its dew point, the water vapor condenses into millions of tiny droplets that create the blanket of fog we see. Once it forms, the Oregon Coast Range—the mountains running parallel to our shoreline—helps trap the cool, moist air, allowing the fog to linger.

What are some characteristics of our coastal fog?

Fog behaves differently throughout the year. It is most common during the summer, when the temperature difference between the cool ocean and the warmer air is greatest.

During fall and winter, fog is more likely to appear in the mornings and evenings as nighttime cooling and higher humidity encourage condensation. Spring usually brings less fog because the temperature difference between the ocean and the land is smaller.



If you've ever checked surf webcams along the coast, you've probably noticed that fog rarely blankets every location at once. Instead, it moves in patches—sometimes quickly—leaving one part of Bayshore sunny while another remains shrouded in fog.

What's the difference between fog and clouds?

Fog is simply a cloud that forms at ground level. Both fog and clouds develop the same way: water vapor condenses into tiny droplets or ice crystals.

The main difference is where they form. Clouds develop high in the atmosphere and play a major role in weather and the water cycle by producing precipitation. Fog, on the other hand, stays close to the ground and forms only under certain conditions, such as when warm, moist air moves over colder water.

What's the difference between fog and mist?

Fog and mist form in the same way, but fog is denser. The difference comes down to visibility: fog reduces visibility much more than mist. Mist often disappears quickly—like your breath on a chilly morning—while denser fog tends to linger.

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The Nature of Bayshore (cont.)

How does fog benefit our coastal ecosystem?

While fog can frustrate beach walkers, surfers, and sun-seekers, it is also one of nature's quiet helpers. During our dry summers, fog provides valuable moisture for coastal forests and other plant communities. Tiny droplets collect on leaves and eventually drip into the soil, helping sustain plants when rainfall is scarce. Many coastal plants can even absorb moisture directly through their leaves, a process known as foliar uptake. In some coastal ecosystems, fog can provide up to one-third of a plant's water needs. Fog also helps sustain streams during the dry season and influences our behavior, communication, and breeding.



Depending on its density, fog can reduce visibility for drivers and mariners, shape the experience of beachgoers, and even influence the character of our coastal communities.

But beyond its practical effects, fog often stirs something more personal. Which of these best describes your reaction?

- Uncertainty – Limited visibility can evoke feelings of ambiguity or remind us that we can't always see what's ahead.
- Introspection – Fog creates a quiet, contemplative atmosphere that encourages reflection.
- Isolation – Its dense veil can make the world feel smaller and yet more distant.
- Mystery – Fog transforms familiar landscapes into places of wonder and imagination.
- Calmness – For many, it brings a peaceful stillness and a welcome pause from everyday life.

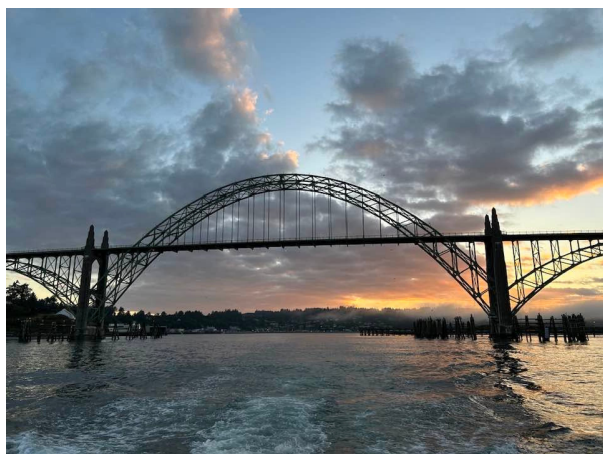
Whatever your response, I hope this article has helped clear up a few foggy notions—and perhaps inspired you to see our beautiful coastal fog in a whole new light.

Resources:

www.mikegravel.org

www.earth.com

www.beachconnection



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That's My Oregon!



The Columbia River gorge is considered by many to be the best place in the world for windsurfing.



Bayshore Webmaster John Parulis

John Parulis is Bayshore's webmaster. He created and continues to tweak our informative and beautiful web site (click [here](#) to see it). But there is more to John than just the webpage. Below is an announcement put out by the Florence Events Center. The exhibition is currently open and will continue to be until August 24. Drive on down and check it out.

Oregon Coast Artist John Parulis Work Presented at the Florence Events Center Galleries

FLORENCE, Ore. — The Florence Events Center Galleries by Florence Arts, Culture and Entertainment is pleased to present an exhibition by Oregon Coast artist John Parulis titled, *Paintings & Photos*, whose multidisciplinary work reflects a lifetime of exploration, creativity, and the environment around us. Through painting and photography, Parulis invites viewers into landscapes both external and deeply personal.

An accomplished painter, photographer, graphic artist, videographer, and craftsman, Parulis has exhibited his work in galleries and public venues throughout California, Florida, and Oregon, including the Geyserville Sculpture Trail, Paradise Ridge Winery in Santa Rosa, Burning Man, and the Yaquina Art Association.

His artistic journey has been shaped by extraordinary experiences. His passion for the intersection of creativity and social change also led him to present "Art and Activism" as part of the San Francisco Asian Art Museum's Yoga: The Art of Transformation series.



Now living near the Alsea River on the Oregon Coast, Parulis finds endless inspiration in the region's rugged shoreline, forests, rivers, and skies.

His exhibition showcases work inspired by the natural beauty of the Oregon Coast and Siuslaw National Forest while reflecting decades of travel, observation, activism, and personal growth. Visitors will discover artwork that encourages contemplation, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for both the natural world and the human experience.

The Florence Events Center Galleries invite the public to experience this inspiring collection and to meet an artist whose work bridges environmental stewardship, artistic exploration, and a lifelong commitment to creative expression.

The Florence Events Center Galleries are free and open to the public during regular Florence Events Center hours. For more information about John Parulis and his work, visit brightpathdesign.com.



All pictures for this story courtesy of John Parulis

New Bayshore Board Director Sundancer Mallaburn

At the July Board meeting, two members were chosen to serve as new Board Directors from July until next May. One of those new directors is Sundancer Mallaburn. As I've done in the past with other new directors, I sent Sundancer a list of questions, asking him to provide answers so I could write an article on him. What I got in return were answers that practically wrote this whole article itself; I had very little to do to create this story on him. So, I will begin with some basics on him and then go on to share what stood out most to me about his answers: a drive to help others, to learn new skills, and to ensure Bayshore continues to be a strong community.



First, a bit of background on Sundancer. He has lived in Bayshore with his husband Carter for two years. He wears a number of different career hats. He is an Expanded Functions Dental Assistant, a commissioned Oregon Notary Public, and a wedding officiant. He also owns a small business that provides notary, wedding, and event services throughout Oregon. When he isn't working, Sundancer enjoys gardening, learning new skills, spending time outdoors on our beautiful coast, and finding ways to give back to the community.

This latter point, giving back to the community, is what motivated him to serve on the Board. Sundancer says that every neighborhood includes a variety of opinions and perspectives, and he sees that diversity as something that can make Bayshore stronger when members approach one another with respect. His hope is to foster open communication, encourage collaboration, and remind us that, at the end of the day, we're all neighbors working toward the same goal: making Bayshore a place we're proud to call home. Indeed, he believes that Bayshore is filled with neighbors who care deeply about where they live, and he considers that as something worth preserving and continuing to build upon together.

As a Board member, Sundancer believes leadership begins with listening. He wants every resident to feel heard, valued, and comfortable sharing ideas or concerns. Some of the best solutions come from working together, and he hopes to help strengthen the connection between the Board and the community through transparency, respect, and a willingness to listen.

I asked Sundancer what his motto or personal mantra was. He provided two: "Leave people and places better than you found them." And "Let them. Let me." He also told me the three words that best describe him are compassionate, resourceful, and determined. Those mantras and the descriptors truly seem to sum up what makes Sundancer tick. He says he is happiest when he's making a positive difference—whether that's helping a patient feel comfortable, celebrating a couple's wedding day, or working alongside others to strengthen the community we all share.



Carter, Sundancer, and their son

Sundancer – welcome to the Board. We know you will bring positive and caring interactions to the Board and to Bayshore's members.

A Bird's Eye View

by Staci Louie

Everyone likes birds. What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird?"-Sir David Attenborough

Osprey, AKA the "Sea Hawk"

Many of us living at the coast share a common trait with the Osprey- a love of seafood! Their diet consists almost entirely of fish, 99% to be exact. In fact, they are so good at catching fish, juvenile Bald Eagles have taken notice. Bald Eagles, in their early years when they are learning how to hunt, get most of their food by scavenging and engaging in kleptoparasitism (aka avian piracy- where one bird steals from another); their most likely target is the smaller Osprey. This will usually involve harassing the fish carrying Osprey mid-air, forcing them to drop their catch, which the eagle will then retrieve for itself.

Watching Osprey hunt is an amazing sight. They dive feet first into the water, and can catch fish up to a meter deep. While underwater, they close their nostrils to keep water out and have a "nictitating" membrane, which acts like swim goggles to protect their eyes and allows them to see underwater. The bird then rises out of the water like Poseidon, with the weight of the fish carefully balanced beneath him, and finds a nice perch nearby to enjoy its meal.



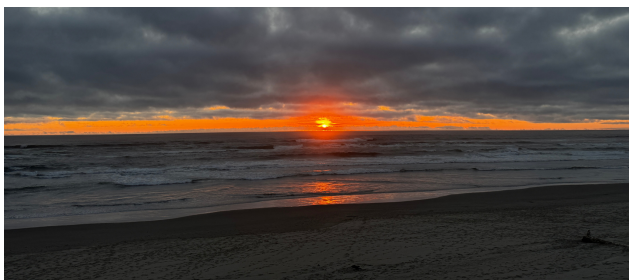
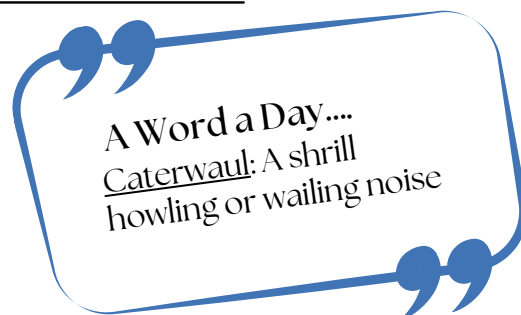
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Ospreys build large nests, often on human-made platforms, near bodies of water. They mate for life and have strong nest fidelity, returning to the same nest year after year. In Oregon, they usually start preparing the nest around March or April and lay eggs between May and June. July and August are for rearing and fledgling of the chicks. After nesting season, they migrate to Mexico, where they stay until the next season starts.

We have an Osprey nest right here in Bayshore, located next to the parking lot across from the clubhouse. While I have seen the Osprey visiting the nest, they have not actually used the nest for the past two years for some reason. There is an active nest located in Eckman Lake, which you can observe from E. Eckman Creek Road. Be sure to bring binoculars for the best view.



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Bayshore's Dog Library

If you take walks around Bayshore, you probably have seen the self-made stands that contain books (or even painted rocks) that are “libraries.” People are encouraged to take one of those items or leave one. However, there is a novel library, just as you start to drive on to Bayshore Loop. It's the Bayshore Dog Library and it's the brainchild of Scott Puskar. As you can see in the picture, the Dog Library has sticks for dogs. One can take one or one can leave one. Scott built the Dog Library (by hand!) after seeing other types of libraries in Bayshore (he got the plaque off of Etsy). He thought it would be fun for dogs and people. And he was right! Scott says he sees people pass by and stop to look at it. They will laugh and then sometimes take a stick or leave one for the library.

Next time you are in the neighborhood, check it out. I guarantee you will laugh (and maybe take a stick from it).



New Bayshore Grand Piano

At the July Board meeting, member Catherine (Cathy) Champion-Predmore provided Bayshore with an opportunity to accept a grand piano. The only cost for Bayshore would be paying for half the cost of moving it to the clubhouse (\$646) and then paying annually to tune it (approx. \$150-\$200). The Board voted to accept the piano and pay the costs to move it and tune it annually (this year, Cathy is paying for the tuning). At this point, \$200 has been provided from members to help cover the cost of moving the piano. A member has come forward to match any additional contributions provided to cover the remaining \$446. When the \$446 is covered, there will not have been any funds provided by the Board.



The addition of the piano is leading to a number of free, musical events in the near future. One Bayshore member, an internationally acclaimed opera singer, had offered to provide an operatic recital soon. Further, a number of local, accomplished pianists also plan to provide free recitals. Stay tuned to emails that will provide specific information on these events.

I wish that Beach Therapy was covered by my Health Insurance.



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- Division 3: Roger Smith (2029) – Corporate Secretary
- Division 3: Jim Long (2027)
- Division 4: Joshua Hanselman (2029)
- Division 4: Megan Hanselman (2029) – Vice President
- Division 5: Carolyn Gardner (2027) – Treasurer
- Division 5: Gary Brown (2028)
- Division 6: Sundancer Mallaburn (2027)

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