

Right Of Way Trees Surfside

As promised at the annual meeting below are email communications with Pacific County regarding ROW Trees in Surfside.

Following a phone conversation with Grace Barnkow, Engineer, Pacific County.

On January 26th I wrote to Grace regarding our issues with ROW Trees.

On January 27th she replied.

The Surfside Board of Trustees continues to work with Pacific County to resolve how Surfside will remove or arrange for adjacent homeowners to maintain these trees at Covenant height.

This will allow us to adhere to our covenants while complying with Pacific County guidelines.

Ron Brumbaugh, Board President

Surfside Homeowners' Association

From: Ron Brumbaugh <rbrumbaugh@surfsideonline.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Grace Amundsen-Barnkow

Cc: Kurt Olds

Subject: Right Of Way Trees

Hi Grace

First, a big thanks to Chris and his crew for keeping the outfalls operational and acting quickly to repair the discharge gate.

Thank You for returning my call and having the discussion about trees in the County ROW.

If you would please provide some guidance in writing that I can share regarding trimming and/or removing trees to the ground without disturbing anything below ground level, like removing the root wad. Also, as you mentioned, that no permit would be required for these actions.

This written confirmation of your guidance will be invaluable when we go to hire a contractor to do this work as they can be reassured that the County is ok with this action.

On a different topic, for my information, when is the next Flood Advisory meeting scheduled?

Thank You

Ron Brumbaugh
Surfside Home Owners Association
Board Secretary
Community Liaison

From: Grace Amundsen-Barnkow <gbarnkow@co.pacific.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Ron Brumbaugh <rbrumbaugh@surfsideonline.org>
Cc: Kurt Olds <KOlds@surfsideonline.org>; Chris Randall <crandall@co.pacific.wa.us>
Subject: Re: Right Of Way Trees

Hi Ron,

Thank you for the feedback on Chris' crew, I'm proud of the excellent job they've been doing.

You've requested us to top trees. As I mentioned, we're diligently working through a substantial backlog of work, for example filling the potholes on 67th Pl yesterday, all of which is a higher priority to the County. I would only prioritize tree topping or removal where the tree is dead or damaged (eg lightning struck), *and* that tree presents a danger to the public by potentially falling either on a road, path, or structure. If you have any trees fitting that description, please do pass them on to me.

For trees that you would like to top or remove from the ROW for aesthetic reasons, Pacific County does not currently have any permitting required for this work. If you remove a number of trees or the root wad of a large tree, please seed the area to stabilize it, and monitor it for erosion until the seed is established. I would recommend getting concurrence from the nearby property owners. If you have any equipment in the traveled way (road, path, shoulder) for this work, please use one of WSDOT Standard Traffic Control Plans for either Shoulder Closure or Lane Closure. I would prefer the equipment stays off of the traveled way where possible, for safety reasons for both your operator and traveling public.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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