

Tunnel Echoes



Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter July 2012

Welcome to Summer in Arch Cape

Another Summer in Paradise...

I believe this area has the best weather of anyplace in the summer.

Ok...perhaps not in "dark cape" every day....but if the fog is low, a short drive over the mountain to Nehalem will get you all the sunshine you need.

Good news for Cannon Beach Elementary School. I wrote back in February that the City Council of Cannon Beach was contemplating closing the school (ok...they can not close it...but they wanted to recommend to the School District to close the school). But the citizens of Cannon Beach and Arch Cape spoke up. Loud and clear. The City Council voted to support a citizens task force to examine options to keep the school in Cannon Beach. That task force



has been busy! We currently have a plan to locate the school on land at the South end of Cannon Beach. And we have a local business owner (Mike Clark) who has agreed to build an emergency shelter on the land that can be used for a school. So we are moving in the right direction. More work to do for sure...but I can see a future for Cannon Beach Elementary School.

Congrats to those of you who identified the cover photo from the

last issue. That was, indeed, our very own Barbara Shaw and the location is "up the creek" to where Arch Cape Creek comes down out of the mountains.

Questions, comments, critiques? Have something you want to say, or something that needs to be said? A topic that needs covered, A restaurant or surf break that needs reviewed? A member of our

community you would like to see profiled? Can you write an article? Perhaps you just want to list your couch for sale (we can do that) Let us (let me) know.

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Dog walk News



(By Bob Tarr)

Yes, folks, Spring finally showed up, and now it's the first day of summer. It was a wet Spring, especially March, when we set a new all-time record for rain; we had measurable precipitation 25 days out of 31, but Tim Crawford and I still walked the dogs twice a day. Once more I thanked Mr. Gore (not Al) and Mr. Tex for inventing Goretex.

April was still rainy most days, but not all day. The trick then was to try to walk the dogs between showers and overall we were pretty lucky. It did sometimes seem that when we were sure it wouldn't rain and didn't suit up, the rain appeared and soaked us, while when we did suit up complete with rainpants and waterproof boots, the rain would stop within minutes of our leaving our homes. Kind of like making it rain by washing your car.

And then we had 15 gorgeous days in a row in May, and got spoiled rotten. It was a shock when the rain returned, but it wasn't all day every day. And now

it's summer. Or, as the Cannon Beach Police officer said to me when he pulled me over for passing an RV when I probably shouldn't have, "Bob, it's summer now, and the tourists are here. You'll never be able to pass them all, so why don't you just slow down and relax." And he gave me a warning, not a ticket. I always remember his words when summer and the tourists (and the Road Slug RVs) come.

The last 3 or 4 of those 15 sunny days in May, Asbury creek had dwindled and the high tides moved the rocks around so the there was a rock berm clear across, with Asbury flowing through and under it. Fun to be able to cross Asbury and walk north without going up to the road, across the bridge, and back down to the beach at Rubensteins.

May and June were also the months for birthdays for two of Arch Cape's more senior citizens, Jack Birkby and Jan Tarr.



And did you all see this years Sandcastle Weekend Poster? And do you know who made it? Micah Cerelli, that's who! It was (and is) a beauty. Congratulations and thank you, Micah.

Linda Lapp Murray, who took the photographs of the wave(s) from the south crashing over Castle Rock in March, is back from a photography trip with other photographers to Guatemala. It's good to see her walking on the beach again, and she's even joined the Board of Directors of the Community Club. Thank you, Linda, for your continued service to Arch Cape.

Don't look for Bob Cerelli's old black Ford Ranger with the silver door anymore, either; he's got a newer white one with all the doors the same color. Look closely, and you will see a decal of Sneakers, who finally "crossed the rainbow bridge", as we dog lovers put it. I think it's a cool way to remember sneakers, myself. And I think that makes Baxter, Tim & Carol Crawfords 15 year old Cairn Terrier, the oldest dog in Arch Cape.

Emma is doing fine, and Jan's birthday party and family reunion were huge successes, with about 90 people showing up for the party. Thank you, Tom, Kate, & Connor Merrell for the 30 pounds of hamburger. The kids and grandkids made them into patties, grilled them, and we ended up with 3 1/2 patties left (all 52 Hebrew National hot dogs were grilled and eaten, also).

Dog walk News (cont)

Family flew in from France, NYC, North Carolina, and Ohio, and many many others drove down from Washington. Jan says it was the best party she ever had.

And now I'm getting hungry & it will be about another year before I can go over to the Arch Cape Deli and Tunnel Cafe for lunch, so I guess I'll have to go downstairs and fix my own. Until the next issue of the Tunnel Echoes ...



Community Center Idea Fades Out for Now

(By Nadia Gardner)

Thanks to the 84 residents and homeowners who responded to the proposed community center survey.

The Community Club was exploring the possibility of purchasing the old Arch Cape Fire Sub-Station for community use after the new Fire Station is in operation. The new fire station will be at the north end of Arch Cape, out of the tsunami zone, and will be much improved.

The idea was to purchase the old fire hall for indoor recreation for community members from Manzanita to Cannon Beach (i.e. art, exercise, classes, children's play area and events.). The Community Club would have

raised funds to purchase the building through private and public grants and individual donations. Ongoing costs would be covered by grants, user fees, rentals and donations. No new taxes were considered.

The survey results were very illuminating. It showed that 47 percent of respondents were very supportive or supportive of the idea. 26 percent were neutral. 27 percent were semi-unsupportive or unsupportive. Most people who were supportive felt that they would use the center or it was a good idea for the community as a whole. Those who were not supportive focused on they personally not expecting to use it and the potential cost.

While we were completing the survey process, the Fire District decided to sell the Fire Station as soon as possible, likely in June. New station construction is starting this summer and the

funds are needed to complete the project in 2012.

The committee looking at the community center concept looked carefully at the survey, grant sources, and our own capacity. The group decided to not move forward with the project at this time. The timeline is too short, our volunteers' capacity is limited, and through a survey we found that the community support was not overwhelming.

If the community is interested in the future, we could look at the community center concept again. It may be possible to build something out of the tsunami zone down the line. If you feel passionate about the community center and have some ideas, please let the Community Club know. Again, thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the survey.



PEOPLE

Ms Marney Beemer

I met Marney at her home. She lives, with her miniature Schnauzer, Elife, on Maxwell lane at the south end of Arch Cape. I believe she is the oldest full time resident of Arch Cape.

Her parents lived in Tacoma when she was born in 1920 and they moved to Longview, WA in 1923, when that planned city opened up to the public. Her Father, "Scotty" Scott, sold real estate in Longview.

In the middle 1920's Marney, and her parents, spent two weeks in Arch Cape, staying at the Arch Cape Hotel. There was no bridge across the Columbia at Longview so they drove on the WA side of the river and took the ferry to Astoria, went to Cannon Beach, waited for the tide to go out, drove on beach, around Hug Point, to Leech Lane in Arch Cape. There were two boards to drive on through the dry sand and up to the Arch Cape Hotel. There were

ten rooms at 50 cents per night and the hotel was owned by two teachers from Seattle, Elsie and Marie English.

For several years she made the trip to Arch Cape and the hotel. The English Girls (as they were called) had a huge, old, wood stove that produced many black huckleberry pies and other good foods. With hand made rakes the guests could bring up fresh crabs and dig clams during the low tides.

Marney graduated from Longview High School in 1938, then graduated from Iowa State College in 1942. She met her husband at Iowa State, Dr. M.R. Beemer (Blackie) was a veterinarian and they raised their five children in Corning, Iowa.

In 1944 Marney visited her parents in Longview and visited Arch Cape and the English girls while staying in Seaside. She then told her parents that, for her next visit to see them, she wanted them to rent a cottage in Arch Cape for their month long visit which was in 1948. They rented the Huff Cabin, on Gelinsky Road, and had a happy time in Arch Cape again.

Of course, her parents fell in love with Arch Cape, bought a lot and built their retirement home in 1951. Her father was an active member of the AC community..some called him the "Mayor"...he helped build the Catholic church and he organized the Community Club.

Neighbors may remember the time when they saw Scotty walking his poodle, "Goldie" twice a day on the beach. Marney brought her family out to visit her parents every other year so the children all learned to love this area.

Her parents died in 1979 and 1980, Marney rented the home for many years, then she and her husband spent the winters here, after Blackie retired from his practice in Iowa. Her husband died two years ago and her children helped clear out her Iowa house and moved her to Arch Cape! So, now she is happily living in the place that she has loved since she was a little girl!

At 92, she is still sharp and fit. In fact she still plays tennis with some regularity. She attributes her longevity to healthy eating, avoiding drugs, including most prescription drugs and cigarettes.

Marney has many interests such as being an avid reader, a longtime bird feeder/watcher (has seen 27 different varieties of birds on her Arch Cape feeder), loves to cook (especially desserts) and she and her husband did some extensive traveling. At one time their five children lived in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Maui and Alaska and they visited all of them, with some interesting side trips.

She loves company so stop in for coffee and cookies anytime soon.

Notes from the Fire Station:

Can we see your address?

I had a call a few weeks back on Carnahan. It was night, and a dark one at that. As I drove north on Carnahan, I was surprised by how very few homes had a visible address. I mean I would see one...then it may be 5 or 6 before I would see another one with a visible address.



I found the home (I parked a bit north...I was guessing since none of the homes in the vicinity of the victim's home had visible addresses) when one of the folks in the home came running out.

It was a minor emergency...the fact it took me a few minutes to find the place was not significant. But next time may not be so lucky. PLEASE, take a look tonight at the front if your home...if you can not see the address? Then please take steps to address.

---End of public service announcement---

The Shingle-Weaver's Finger

(By Forrest Darrough)

Chapter Seven

Early Easter morning, Sandi awoke on Maxwell Lane. She had been to Mass at St. Peter's last night. All seemed well until she looked out her window. Rabbits ... rabbits everywhere. Hopping about everyone's yard.

A whole kaboodle of rabbits. But the oddest thing: all of them were purple. I mean Easter egg purple. Sandi blinked and blinked. Nothing changed. Hers and all adjacent lawns were consumed by purple rabbits.

And there were white boxes strewn all about. By no means a dream. They all moved about aimlessly.

Soon Arch Cape residents milled outside, asking each other "What the Sam Hill?". The boxes turned out to be Cheerios, circa two per household. Someone surmised they were favorite rabbit food. There was general murmuring puzzlement --- but mostly universal aggravation. Some years back there was a notable affluence of lagomorphs up near half-bridge. Seemingly aimless nibblers. Aggravating, however, to the status quo.

But this... Capers were not known to suffer idly the intrusions of the unexpected, whether flora, fauna, disreputable events/ideas, or (shudder) the unknown. And this for sure was a definite puzzlement. As usual they looked to their

patron OSU retiree. Jason too had received his share of morning visitors. He knew of Audubon cottontails --- how they bred every month, five litters per year, up to five young per litter. With gestation period circa one per month.

Although their lifespan was only two years, their total fecundity kinda made up for that. But suddenly en masse and purple --- 'twas indeed a bafflement. Dare he call OSU on this one?

Neighbors commingled and confounded. They shared both utter puzzlement and its cohort: fury.

Count smiled tightly from her tower window, spinning the ring on her finger.

Community Club Meeting Summary

The Community Club Officers meet four times a year, typically at 4pm the 3rd Saturday of the months of February, May, September and November.

Here is a summary from the May meeting

Financials; The club has approximately \$13.5K in the bank. \$2.5 income for the year to date and \$1.1 in expenses.

Board Membership: Three new board members were elected at the May Meeting. Linda Lapp-Murray, Lianne Thompson and Steve Hill replaced Phil Simmons, Mary Mosby and Barbara Shaw. The Board Members will select officers at the next board meeting.

At the annual meeting, Katie Voelke, Executive Director of the non-profit North Coast Land Conservancy gave a presentation on the mission of NCLC. Also Helen Chauncey presented the Red Cross' Map Your Neighborhood program which involves understanding who your neighbors are for accountability during an emergency event.

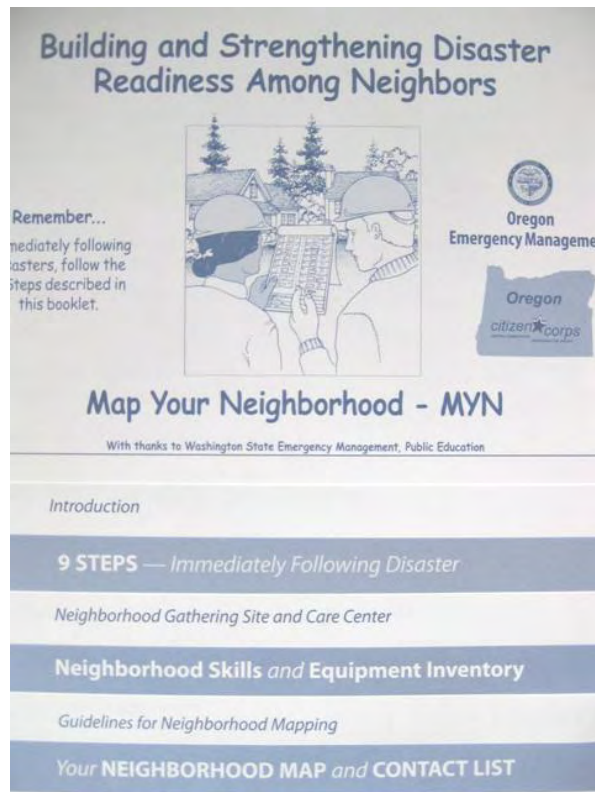
PREPARING FOR DISASTER: MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN)

(By Helen Chauncey)

At the May 19th Community Club meeting, we had an introduction to Map Your Neighborhood (MYN). MYN is an exercise encouraged by Oregon Emergency Management that helps prepare local neighborhoods for disaster response.

After a major disaster, immediate search and rescue and first-aid may make the difference between life and death. Yet Arch Cape/Falcon Cove may be isolated for days – possibly longer – from professional assistance.

MYN guidelines will help us, as neighbors, develop maps and



contact lists that are distributed to and maintained by participating households. The information helps locate houses to be checked after a disaster. It can identify families with special needs, medical concerns,

children, and/or pets. The contact lists can also identify special skills such as radio communications and/or emergency medical know-how.

At the May 19th meeting, over a dozen people signed up, expressing an interest in mapping in their neighborhoods. We are currently working on our first two neighborhoods (of roughly 20 houses each). Over the coming months, we will work our way through all Arch Cape/Falcon Cove neighborhoods that would like to implement Map Your Neighborhood.

If you missed the May 19th meeting and would like to be contacted regarding MYN in your neighborhood, send an email to Helen Chauncey (hrchauncey@gmail.com).

DATES

Some dates to be aware of.

Got a date you think we would all benefit from? Drop us a line!

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NOTE: Design Review held 1st and/or 3rd Wed of each month...posted as needed.

July

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SOLVE Beach Clean-up
9:30-1:30-On the Beach

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AC Water District Mtg
6PM-At the Fire Hall

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Land Conservancy Walk
10 AM. Info at
www.nclctrust.org

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Watershed Council
4:30PM Tolovana Hall

Aug

10

AC Water District Mtg
6PM-At the Fire Hall

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Community Club
Meetin/Potluck

Ecola Watershed Council (Arch Cape & Cannon Beach)

3rd Monday at 4:30 P.M. every month. Contact the council coordinator, Jesse Jones for locations at (503)325-0435 or jjones@columbiaestuary.org. Website: <http://www.clatsopwatersheds.org/>

Clatsop County Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday each month, 10 A.M.

Judge Guy Boyington Bldg at 857 Commercial St in Astoria

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

2nd Wednesday each month, 10 A.M., 4th Wednesday, 6 P.M.

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Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District

2nd Monday at 7pm at Cannon Beach Fire Station

SW Community (Arch Cape) Design Review Advisory Board

1st and/or 3rd Wednesday of each month. Find agendas/minutes at www.co.clatsop.or.us Sign up for emails by sending an email to JDecker@co.clatsop.or.us

Arch Cape Water District Water/Sewer minutes available here

<http://www.archcape.com/acsd.shtml>

FCBWD Board Meetings are 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30 A.M.

2nd Monday at 7pm at Cannon Beach Fire Station

Farmers Markets Are Here!

Cannon Beach Tuesdays 2-5 (City Hall Parking Lot)

Manzanita Fridays 5-8 PM (Across from US Bank)

Bulletin Board

Fall Community Club Meeting:

22 September. 6pm At the Fire Station. Come join us for the potluck.

CASA Gardens By the Sea Garden Tour

July 29, 10 - 3

Start at Trail's End Art Association,
656 A Street, Gearhart
\$25

SOLVE Beach Clean-Up

July 7th. You can register at www.solv.org. The clean-up is focused on Cannon Beach and Arch Cape beaches. For information or questions contact Jenee at jenee@pacificalarmsystem.com

COMING SOON TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU ARCH CAPE DELI CAFE



Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club

The Community Club meets four times yearly on the third Saturday of May, September, November and February. Membership in the club is \$16 for a household and includes membership in the Club as well as a subscription to this newsletter.

Not a member? Please Join or Renew Today. You can mail to ACFCB Community Club, Attn: Treasurer 79816 E Beach Rd, Arch Cape, OR 97102

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Nadia Gardner — President
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Lianne Thompson — Member
Barbara Shaw — Member
Steve Hill — Member

Questions/Concerns/Comments???

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