

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter September 2012

Summer...

Summer again. We moved here four years ago in the summer. It was a wonderful summer...it had me hooked. This summer, so far, has been equally good.

Been a busy summer for me. You may recall several months back I presented some information on Cannon Beach Elementary School and the Cannon Beach City Counsel's push to have the school closed. Well good news (if you are in favor or a school in our community); there has been an incredible outpouring of support for our little school. We have formed a "Task Force" to come up with a plan to save our school. The Task Force was supported by the City Council and to date has made incredible progress.

We have identified a location for the school (south of Haystack Heights, North of Tolovana Mainline), The landowner is negotiating with us and the terms are very reasonable. We have an architect, a geologist, two engineers and a timber land acquisition specialist who have



joined the team and are providing services "pro bono".

We have commitments from many citizens of financial support, including one local builder who has committed to building at least a portion of the school himself.

We are well on our way to getting a new school built, above the projected high water line for the coming tsunami. If you look back at how this unfolded? The school was all but closing just 8 months ago...amazing what a little community action can accomplish!

No "people" section this issue...have been having a tough time finding folks willing to give an

interview. If you have a recommendation or better yet, a desire or at least willingness to submit to my grueling interview please give me a call or email.

We do have an new section called "Emergency Preparedness" which will be written by Helen Chauncey. Those of you who attended our last pot luck will recall

her fine presentation on the proposal for Map Your Neighborhood.

I have solicited questions, comments, critiques? Have something you want to say, or something that needs to be said...but have not received much input. Please let me know thoughts, feedback, critiques, ect. This is your newsletter after all.

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Dog Walk News



By Bob Tarr

Yes, folks, we finally had a summer this summer. The sand came

back, the sun shone, that cold North wind in the sunshine with the fog bank offshore when it was 100 degrees in Portland.

Although I have yet to do it myself, many people have crossed Arch Cape Creek, gone around or through the Arch (formerly "Arches) and walked on SAND all the way to the end of Falcon Cove. I met Jan and Al Fenton on their way back from Falcon Cove. They had both been in a head on car collision a few months ago. Congratulations on your continuing recovery!

Morning low tides; that's one of my main impressions of Summer. Sun's up, the fog or clouds are starting to burn off, and Emma and I head off to walk with Tim Crawford and Baxter and Archie, or with Dave and Donna Hale and Danny and Annie.

If I walk with Tim, we meet on the beach and usually walk up to Asbury, then back to Markham Lane, up Markham, and part at the corner. If it's with the Hales, we meet at the corner of Ocean and Pacific, then walk down to Arch Cape creek then back up the beach to Ocean and Pacific and part.

But enough about me. WHAT ABOUT MARNEY BEEMER AND HER TWO NEW KITTIES? The sad news is that Elfie, Marney's miniature Schnauser, has "passed over the Rainbow Bridge". Rest in peace, Elfie, you were (and are) the best.

Now we all know that Marney is remarkably active, especially for her age ... She still plays tennis, occasionally, knows more people and hosts and attends more social events than I will in my lifetime, but ... Raise a puppy when you're in your (early) 90's? Marney now has two little kitties, about whom I don't know much but will find out and let you know.

Remember Daryl and Lucy Eigen and their Black Russian Terrier, Tasha? Daryl and Lucy ran the "At Ocean's Edge" B&B on Pacific down by Asbury and Tasha was Emma's best friend for her first year and a half.

Daryl has just published his book, A Hellish Place of Angels. I read it. It is very good. See Daryl's web page at www.ahellishplaceofangels.com.

And that's it for ... **See you next issue.**

Community Club Meeting Speaker

By John Piatt

Come to the Community Club potluck on September 15 and learn about the work of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast presented by Sharnelle Fee, the Director. She will bring some non-releasable wildlife, including a brown pelican, who are ambassadors of the center. Find out what you should do if you find an injured animal and how you can support the center. To learn more about the Center, visit www.coastwildlife.org



Arch Cape Fire Station Update

By Charles Dice

Construction has begun on the new Arch Cape Fire Station – located immediately South of the Cannon Turn-out on the East Side of 101 at the North end of Arch Cape.

The foundation footings and stem walls have been poured by the contractor (Keeley O'Brien) and, by the time you read this,

the floor will also have been poured.

The current schedule calls for completion not later than the first week of January 2013, although we may be able to move the Fire Engine a bit sooner.

The “old” Arch Cape Fire Station has been sold and we expect title to transfer around the end of Sept.

The new owner has agreed to allow the Fire District to continue to use the existing Fire Station to house our Fire Engine until the new Fire Station is ready.

Should you have any questions, please contact Charles Dice at 503-436-0146 or cadice@hotmail.com

Emergency Preparedness

By Helen Chauncey

Understanding Fire Extinguishers

You should have a fire extinguisher on every floor of your home.

Types of Extinguishers

Home fire extinguishers are typically ABC-type extinguishers. They are intended to combat fires of A: ordinary combustibles (such as paper, cloth, and wood), B: Flammable liquids and C: Energized electrical equipment

When To Use a Fire Extinguisher

You should only attempt to put out a fire if it is no larger than a small

E-PREP TIP

Have you checked your home fire extinguishers lately?

Check them once a year. Replace them if:

- The dial indicates they are not full – the needle will be in the red not green zone;
- They are past the manufacturer’s pull date; or
- When you turn the extinguisher upside down, you can hear a solid “thunk” telling you the flame retardant has solidified.

If you can’t find the manufacturer’s expiration date, assume that your home fire extinguishers should be replaced every three years, even if the safety needle is still in the green zone.

waste-basket. If the fire is larger than this: Evacuate the building
Call 9-1-1

NEVER fight a fire alone. If you are alone in the house, get out and call for help.

If you have an electrical fire, do not use water (such as a garden hose) to fight it. If you can safely do so, turn off the power.

Using a Fire Extinguisher - Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep (PASS)

Pull the pin in order to operate the trigger handle. Aim low, at the base of the fire. Keep low yourself to avoid inhaling fumes and heated gasses. Keep the fire extinguisher upright.

A common mistake is to aim into the flames, rather than at the base, where the fire is being generated. Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.

Start at a distance and move closer as the fire is extinguished. Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire until it is out.

The Shingle-Weaver's Finger

By Forrest Darrough

Chapter Eight

She had come to Arch Cape back when life was simpler. Count played in the Creek, on the beach north to Hug Point and south far past the Arches. Her brace of quite feral dalmatians rather assured her of little companionship' With exception of her little brother, Rex.

Rex seemed magic. He talked to the cedar trees; they murmured back. All a bit worrisome to old-

timers. Count reveled in it. As it seems, Rex moved to the different drummers of wild children ... the kind Arch Cape felt a bit uncomfortable with. They liked at least a stab at conformation; the good old came-across-on-the-train or even round-the-Horners.

Rex seemingly arrived on some cloud of unknown destiny. Count adored her brother. As expected, other beach-walkers rather circumnavigated Count, Rex, and the ferals. All too uncomfortable ... even spooky with her all in dark lavender.

There were whispers.

When Rex, like everyone, needed money, he applied at the Mill and was hired as some lowly gaffer. But his soft hands soon proved perfect. Someone said "Maybe he can learn to weave." Of course he could To the amazement of others, it was as though Rex was born to it.

As always Rex talked with the cedar. And, of course, with Schrodinger, his ambivalent tabby cat. Now there was quite the puzzlement. Some swore Schrodinger didn't exist. Mostly people just weren't sure.

Arch Cape/Cove Beach Local Wetland Inventory (LWI) Update

By Charles Dice

Many of you may have received a letter from Clatsop County dated 20 July 2012 that addressed the issue the Arch Cape/Cove Beach Local Wetland Inventory that was initiated by the Ecola Creek Watershed Council (ECWC) and CREST back in 2007 and partially funded by the Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club, the Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts and the Falcon Cove Beach Water District.

This Wetland Inventory was a scientific survey done by Pacific Habitat Services, Inc (a professional wetland consultant) that resulted in the identification

and mapping of 17 Distinct Wetland areas in Arch Cape and Cove Beach.

This LWI was approved and adopted by the Department of State Lands (DSL) on 13 September 2011. The ECWC is currently trying to get Clatsop County to also adopt the LWI as part of the Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan - this would mean that these identified and mapped Wetland areas would be shown on Clatsop County GIS maps and that property owners would also be made aware of these areas, as well as any development restrictions regarding these areas, BEFORE they start any development work (as part of the development permitting process).

It would be most helpful if local property owners and residents could contact the Clatsop County Planning Commission to let the Commissioners know that the residents in Arch Cape and Cove Beach wish to have our valuable Lake and Wetlands environmental areas preserved and protected - just like the similar areas in the "North" part of Clatsop County have already been protected.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Charles Dice (503-436-0146, cadice@hotmail.com) or Mike Manzulli, Chairman of the ECWC at manzulli@hotmail.com

<h1>DATES</h1> <p>Some dates to be aware of.</p> <p>Got a date you think we would all benefit from? Drop us a line!</p> <p>philip.simmons@gmail.com</p> <p>NOTE: Design Review held 1st and/or 3rd Wed of each month...posted as needed.</p>	September	October	November
	<p>14 AC Water District Mtg 6PM Fire Hall</p>	<p>13 Cannon Beach Fire Dept Ham Dinner Christian Conf Ctr 6PM</p>	<p>17 Community Club Mtg/ Potluck 6 pm Fire Hall</p>
	<p>15 Community Club Mtg/ Potluck 6 pm Fire Hall</p>	<p>17 Design Review Board 6 PM Fire Hall</p>	<p>21 Watershed Council 4:30 PM Tolovana Hall</p>
	<p>19 Design Review Board 6 PM Fire Hall</p>		

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.
Judge Guy Boyington Bldg at 857 Commercial St in Astoria

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District

2nd Monday at 7pm at Cannon Beach Fire Station

SW Community (Arch Cape) Design Review Advisory Board

3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. 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:

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

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ARCH CAPE DELI CAFE

FOR SALE

Got something for sale? Want to give it away? Have something you need done? Or a job you can do?? Let us know and we will list it right here....

**Membership renewal
forms are in the mail**

Please Renew Today

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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