

Tunnel Echoes

A Newsletter

February 2016

Welcome to Winter in Arch Cape

Feb 20th Potluck

The next potluck is Saturday, February 20th, at the fire station (79729 Highway 101, between Castle Rock Estates and the historic cannon marker wayside) and begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring an entrée, side dish or dessert to share, and your plate, silverware and beverage. Wine is available for a modest contribution.

To help keep you and our community prepared for emergencies, radios of various capacities, power, and license options will be demonstrated. We will talk with you about the most pain-free way to get an FCC license, if you decide to do so. Please see the E-Prep article for more information.

You will also get to see the beautiful photo book, "The History of The Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge". See you there!

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Arch Cape Welcomes New Baby

Arch Cape residents, Nadia Gardner and Michael Manzulli welcomed a son on January 3, 2016. Matteo Gardner Manzulli was 7 pounds and 8 ounces and 21 inches at birth. He was born at Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center in Hillsboro, Oregon. The parents are looking forward to introducing Matteo to beach life this spring and summer.

Meet your Neighbor: George Cerelli

by Linda Lapp Murray

If you ask George Cerelli, the only thing wrong with him, “The Best Athlete at North Beach High School in San Francisco”, is his darn knees that got hurt playing football. But that could have happened to him playing all the other sports, too. According to his beautiful wife of 69 years, Florence Cerelli, “George was good at all sports and all the girls were after him!”

The two grew up in the Marina and North Beach neighborhoods of San Francisco. They met in junior high school, so Florence was watching as this star athlete at first base, led his baseball team to 3 league championships, plus a state championship. Being an athlete must run in the family because Florence had a famous cousin, Joe DiMaggio. And George’s high school baseball team included a couple of guys that went pro in a big way. Bobby Brown played for the New York Yankees and another played for Pittsburg Pirates. George would have gone to the Spokane, Washington farm team with the Dodgers, but it was WWII and he chose to join the Navy after graduating high school at 17 rather than pursue a career in baseball.

He wasn’t even old enough to have a draft card, but was taken by the Navy as a “minority cruiser”, his tour of duty to be over when the war ended. Because he had graduated from high school and knew how to spell, the Navy made him a first class signal man and taught him Morse Code. He spent the war on a navy ship in the Pacific from the Marshall Islands to Saipan. It was at Saipan the sailors watched as the Enola Gay, a Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber, took off and returned after dropping bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

George and Florence were married in 1946 when he returned. They bought their first home on 40th Avenue in San Francisco and George went to work for his uncle Dante, who owned Del Monte Meat Company. The meat packing plant was located where the Moscone Center is now. Uncle Dante and the Cerelli family all knew George Moscone, the 37th mayor of San Francisco, who was gunned down in 1978 along with Harvey Milk, the first openly gay city supervisor.



Del Monte Meat Company sponsored the first TV cooking show in San Francisco that was staged at The Fairmont Hotel’s Tonga Room. While George was running the meat packing plant for Uncle Dante, he watched a carpenter use a Skill Saw to repair the plant floor. George came up with the idea of putting a cement cutting blade on the saw and using it in the plant to cut bone. His saw was copied by the guy who patented The Jarvis Meat Saw and became very wealthy.

In 1947, daughter Janice was born. Then in 1950, son Bob joined the family. Their introduction to the Oregon Coast came through George’s mother’s sister, who was a model for the Paris Department Store in San Francisco. She married the vice president of Meier & Frank Department Store in Portland. The couple lived in Portland, but had a vacation home in Cannon Beach. Each summer, the kids would come to visit in Cannon Beach.

But it was Bob who left San Francisco first to go to University of Oregon. After university, Bob moved to Cannon Beach and began to build houses. When Janice came to visit him, she decided to move here, too. She taught at Seaside High School for years.

By 1981, George was running a meat packing plant for Denver Meat Company in San Jose and they were living in Saratoga. The kids had graduated from Saratoga High School and had moved to Oregon, so George and Florence decided that Oregon was the place they would spend their sunset years.

They owned a lot in Arch Cape, so Bob set to work building their house. He needed help with construction, so he teamed up with John Mersereau and the two have been partners since. After they retired to Arch Cape, George entertained himself visiting the Merserelli building sites every day to kibitz and make sure the sites were clean and neat, just like the meat packing plants he had run.

Bridget Snow suggested George for The Design Review Committee and he served 18 years. He was the group's chairman, guiding the development that was taking place in Arch Cape. Now we need a new community store and coffee shop where George can sit, rest those bad knees and visit with everyone, telling his amusing stories about growing up in the Italian community of San Francisco.



New Year morning 2016, once again Arch Capers gathered on a sandy beach with the sun shining brightly. The Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge included almost 40 dippers. As bright as the sun looked, the wind was chill! Many of the old timers didn't go in, but the tradition continued adding some that were dipping for the first time. Rip Morrison bestowed Barb Beemer Moritz a "Diva of the Dive" crown. At the age of 90, his mother Noanie has decided to retire. We also lost our second "Diva of the Dive", Barbara Shaw this year, but the traditional swim still continues. All are welcome, just remember, no wet suits are allowed.

If you are interested in a copy of "The History of The Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge", please contact Linda Lapp Murray. See the article about the book in this issue of Tunnel Echoes.

The House at the End of Markham Lane

by John Piatt

Who gets to live on a road with their own name? Actually, both John Markham and Jim and Ella Markham have houses on Markham Lane in Arch Cape. But it wasn't always Markham Lane. In early plat maps of Arch Cape, the planned road was called Hug Point Avenue.

John and Jim's parents, Bill and Mamie Markham, first came to Arch Cape in the 1930s while Bill was working in Clatsop County as a logging engineer for Crown Zellerbach. They initially built a garage on a lot they purchased near the intersection of Marshall Road and Pacific. A car in those days was more prone to rust in the salt air, so a garage was the first order of business. This garage later became their first home when a bathroom was added to one side. Bill later worked for companies in the Philippines and British Honduras (now Belize). He returned to Arch Cape between jobs, where he kept busy building and remodeling houses.

While Bill was in British Honduras in 1944, Mamie completed the purchase of a larger parcel of property. Upon his return, Bill put in the road from the highway to their new ocean-front home site. Bill's experience in forestry and building came together in the construction of their new home which was completed in 1960. The site sits on a conglomerate rock which made excavation for the basement very difficult. However, this provided a solid base for the thick concrete foundation. The house has a wood interior, some of which came from the immediate area. John remembers working on it for three years and was 17 years old when they moved into their new home. John said his father was interested in having a well insulated home. He designed the window openings to accommodate available sizes of double-paned windows which were new on the market and came all the way from Chicago. He was also concerned about safety and had three electrical panels with over 30 circuits. All outlet wiring is 10 gage copper wire with each outlet circuit protected by a 30 amp fuse. John remembers helping pull wiring and how hard it was to wire the outlets with the heavy wire they used.



The house has two bedrooms, a kitchen with adjacent dining area looking out at the ocean, and a large living room. There is a full basement, part of which is a two car garage.

After Bill's death, there was a nationwide initiative to provide systematic house numbers to promote rapid response in case of emergencies. There had been complaints that the name "Hug Point Avenue" was confusing for people looking for Hug Point. Since the road had been constructed by Bill Markham, the name of the road to the Markhams' property was changed to Markham Avenue and subsequently to Markham Lane.

John Markham lives in the home his family built at the end of Markham Lane. Jim and Ella Markham live in Santa Barbara, California but built a second home along Markham Lane in 2006.



Commissioner's Corner: More Changes

by Lianne Thompson, Clatsop County Commissioner, District 5

More changes are happening in our neighborhood, starting with me. I have good news to share and reassurance to offer. Ralph Wyatt and I were married last week in Cannon Beach. We're very happy and invite you to share in our joy.

I remain committed to serving you as your Clatsop County Commissioner for the duration of my term. I'll continue to "go full out" to provide you with effective representation.

The biggest and most impactful change on the public policy horizon is the rewriting of the Forest Management Plan that regulates timber operations in Oregon. This gets very complicated very quickly, as you can imagine. I'll try

giving you a thumb-nail sketch and trust that you'll ask me more questions if what I say isn't clear to you.

Here in Clatsop County, we have the biggest and best trees, most easily harvested, and thus most profitable. The forests are not only a treasured part of our landscape and our life, they're an essential component of our economy with the jobs and revenue they provide.

We belong to the Council of Forest Trust Lands, a State body which addresses forest policy issues and practices on the State forest lands that are part of the agreement proposed by our own Judge Guy Boyington to assure best outcomes.

The division of the Department of Forestry that manages our State forests is forecasted as going broke by 2020. Since we depend on them to manage our forest lands, that's a problem. Since the revenue generated from timber sales supports many government entities, that's a problem for Clatsop County and for our law enforcement, roads, schools, and health districts. That revenue also supports the Oregon Department of Forestry that manages the forests, and that's a problem.

What to do? Clearly, we need to do something, and quickly, that satisfies needs for operating revenue.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners's representative on the Council of Forest Trust Lands represents our interests in the deliberations of that body as it seeks to answer the "what to do?" query.

For the past year, I've been the alternate and understudy. Now I go to Salem to serve as the Board's and your representative. As you can imagine, it's a weighty job, one with potential for great impact. I'll continue looking for and clarifying common ground and most mutually beneficial outcomes.

Another issue of huge importance is the housing shortage and what to do about it. Cannon Beach has reactivated its affordable housing task force, and the "Housing Huddle" held in Astoria in October generated a follow-up group to address the issue, both in Astoria and in unincorporated Clatsop county. I'm participating in both groups, seeking a unified effort that covers all of Clatsop county.

Lack of available housing is a bottleneck that chokes our survival. We have professional and blue-collar workers who cannot accept jobs here because there's no housing available for them. My idea is that we manufacture modular affordable housing that adds value to our forest products, gives us a manufacturing tax base and good jobs, and gives us essential housing resources here and throughout our country. I'll be working on this idea and updating you soon.

Arch Cape Water & Sewer District Update

by Phil Chick

Water Management and Conservation Plan Public Review:

The District's Water Management and Conservation Plan is now available for public review and comment. The report can be read on the archcape.com website and is also available at the District office. After the 30 day public review period, the report will be sent on to the Oregon Water Resources Department for final review and approval. The Water Management and Conservation Plan is required to be filed every ten years with the Water Resources Department. The plan serves as a guiding framework for the effective management and conservation of the Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District's water resources. The plan provides a comprehensive strategy for ensuring that continual service is provided to meet the present and future water use needs of the residents of Arch Cape, while maintaining a focus on conservation.

Water Shed Protection Grant Received:

The Arch Cape Water District has recently received a Drinking Water Source Protection Grant through the State Drinking Water Protection Fund. The District has been awarded \$12,000 to be used for brush control of 11.5 miles of logging roads within the Arch Cape water shed.

The roads are privately owned by Stimson Lumber Company. The timber industry routinely relies upon chemical application as a tool for forest land management. The practice of chemical spray application serves as a way to ensure that roads are clear for timber company equipment and emergency vehicles. Chemical application is a cost effective tool for the timber industry, but comes with a potential risk

level to those that rely on water sources within the chemical application zone.

The Arch Cape Water District and Stimson Lumber Company have come to an agreement that all roads within the watershed will be brush cut, rather than sprayed this summer. The brush along the road shoulders will be mechanically removed in an effort to avoid road side spraying, and the potential for contamination of the water source supply. The \$12,000 grant will serve the mutually beneficial purpose of ensuring the safety of the community's drinking water, while still providing for Stimson's need to keep roadside brush maintained. The work is tentatively scheduled to be completed in early summer.

Water Shed Presentation:

The February Water Board meeting will feature a presentation by Rainmar Bartl, retired City Planner for the City of Cannon Beach. Mr. Bartl will be speaking about the state of the Arch Cape water shed, and discussing solutions that communities have developed to protect water quality within drinking water protection areas. The next meeting is Friday, February 12th. The Sanitary Board meeting will begin at 6pm, and will be followed by the Water Board meeting.

Homeowner Annual Backflow Testing and Irrigation Systems Reports Due in the Spring:

Water customers that have backflow devices are required to have their devices tested annually (Ordinance 11-04WD). Reminder letters are currently being mailed, and reports are due by February 15th. Please note that if your home has an irrigation system, the District requires that an annual irrigation system report is filed with the District office by May 1st every year. For copies of the District's irrigation system policy, or to have any questions answered about these reports please contact Phil Chick at [503.436.2790](tel:503.436.2790)

Arch Cape New Year Swim Book

by Linda Lapp Murray

The Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge has a long and colorful history. I have spent many years collecting photographs from the community and organizing my own photographs of the event. This could have gone on forever, but it seems appropriate to climax all the work with a book in memory of the latest “Divas of the Dive”.

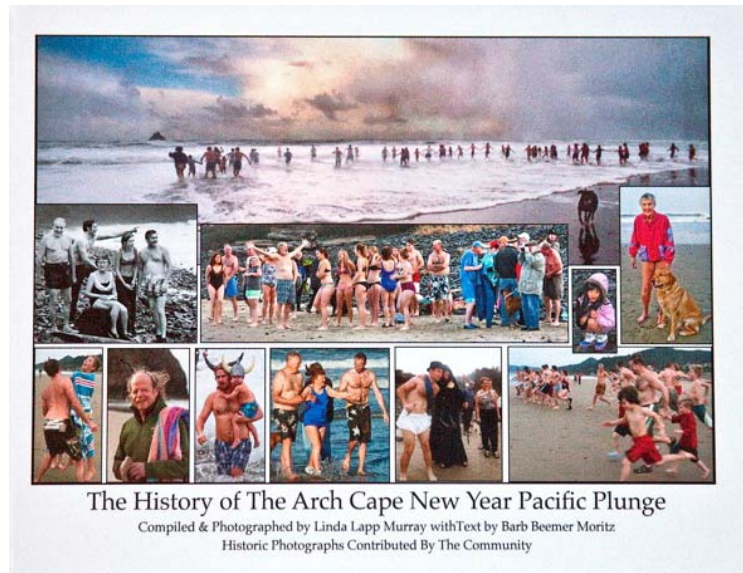
In 2015, we lost Barbara Shaw, who was one of the Arch Capers who began the tradition. And the second reigning Diva, Noanie Morrison, has decided at the age of 90 to give up the dive and watch from the beach.

It is difficult to identify the exact year the tradition began.

Maybe it was Marmaduke Maxwell, one of the pioneer residents of Arch Cape, who is said to have swum all the way to Queen Vic in the 1920s! Or maybe it was a teenage Barbara Shaw and her friend who enjoyed dips in the ocean on New Year Day, but when Bridget Snow began to make the ritual a formal, annual event and was joined by Scotty Scott that “The New Year Swim” became Arch Cape folklore.

Barbara Beemer Moritz joined me in collecting a library of photographs and articles from the newspapers of the time, with only a couple of gaps, to create a picture history of the annual Arch Cape tradition.

Many families in the community have joined in the swim for generations. Some, even introducing the newest members of their families as babies. There have been many years when the dippers numbered close to 80. Just seeing the weather each year, from Rocky beach with monster waves to sunshine, soft sand and gentle surf is enjoyable.



Last fall, I presented a slide show for the Community Club meeting, that included a lot of the photographs from the book. I have been a professional photographer for almost 50 years and I have a pro friend who says, “No one really wants to look at your photographs, unless they are in them.” Well, here we all are! You will be amazed at the number of people you will recognize in this glossy, coffee

table book. It reveals part of the DNA that is Arch Cape.

I have had 2 copies of the book printed and will be bringing them to share at the Community Club meeting on February 20th. Now, I need to have some idea of interest from the community before I order more. The book is 8” x 11”, hard bound with printed cover photo collages, both front & back, it has 84 pages of full color photographs. In order to assure the quality of the photograph reproduction and the quality of the binding, the cost will be \$50.

If you are interested in having a copy of “The History of The Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge”, please contact Linda Lapp Murray by email: murraylapp@charter.net; by snail mail: 79836 Gelinsky Rd, Arch Cape, OR 97102; by phone: 503.436.0893

Land Use Update

by Dan Seifer

Land use and development in Arch Cape are regulated by the Clatsop County Southwest Coastal Community Plan, pursuant to which the County Commissioners appoint members to the Southwest Coastal Design Review/Citizens Advisory Committee. The Committee's current chair is Tod Lundy and members are Linda Lapp-Murray, vice chair, Virginia Birkby, Dan Seifer and Jim Sparks. Rich D'Onfrio is joining but one vacancy needs to be filled. Anyone interested please contact the County or the Committee. The Committee is charged with design review of all proposed new or expanded structures and property development in Arch Cape, and serves also to provide community land use input to the County.

At its January meeting in Seaside, the Committee considered an application for a street-side addition to a home at 80506 Carnahan Road. The Committee recommended approval conditioned on plan revisions to show required off-street parking. An issue of access to neighboring properties on "lower" Carnahan remains to be addressed.

The first application for Butch Coleman's development of the site of the former Arch Cape Deli, to re-zone the site of the former dwelling from "residential" back to its previous "commercial" zone, was postponed.

County staff reported:

- A zoning ordinance amendment will be proposed to correct the height limit on commercial property.
- The Wetlands Advisory Committee is to have an important meeting next week to develop proposals to protect wetlands while still permitting development of adjacent property.
- The County has received a grant to update Farm and Forest code provisions to comply with state law, and intends provisions regarding "agritourism".

Check the Clatsop County website for updates. The next meeting should be in Arch Cape.

Health Column: Partners for Seniors

by Diane Matson R.N.

Partners for Seniors program helps senior citizens remain in their homes and maintain independence and dignity by offering transportation and other services. The program is funded by Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation and consists of volunteers from our local community and businesses.

The following services are offered:

- Transportation to medical and dental appointments, locally and into the Portland area if needed.
- Transportation to other appointments and to local services, such as grocery stores etc.
- Shopping assistance within our Clatsop County north coast communities.
- Daily calls for reassurance, communication and conversation.

These services can sometimes be the safety net that makes it possible for some to enjoy a better quality of life and maintain their independence. All services are offered free of charge and are subject to the availability of volunteers.

Partners for Seniors serve homebound seniors, age 55 or older, in the Clatsop County coastal area. You can support Partners for Seniors in several ways. Each person is vital to the program. The program is funded by Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation. It relies on charitable donations and community grants along with the gift of time from the volunteers.

Most volunteer tasks require two to three hours to complete. The schedule is flexible, and volunteers decide how much time they can give and which tasks they choose. If you know someone who could benefit from assistance, please call us. We will contact the person and talk to them about ways we can help.

To make a donation or become a volunteer, or refer someone who needs help, please call [503.717.7600](tel:503.717.7600)

E-Prep Tip - How Will You Call For Help In A Major Disaster?

by Helen Chauncey

We live in a beautiful place, where nature is both awesome and destructive.

We got lucky during the recent December storm surge and rains. We have debris to clean up; Astoria has docks to rebuild. But our roads did not sustain the kind of heavy damage Highway 42 to our south did. A Declaration of Emergency was triggered by ODOT, not by our emergency managers. Critically, in Clatsop County we were not isolated.

In December 2007, we weren't quite as lucky. All access roads to Clatsop County were closed by storm damage. Landline and cell phone communications failed. Line-power failed, as did Internet access. Contact with the state capital fell silent. Then, fire departments along the coast hopefully attempted communications outside the destruction zone using their newly-acquired satellite phones; the gadgets were generally proven unreliable. The Coast Guard launched a C-130 out of California to fly overhead and monitor our distress. This is an expensive way to confirm what we already knew – we were in trouble and needed help. This will be especially true if we are faced with the overdue unlocking of the Cascadia Subduction Zone right under our feet.



How do you call for help? In 2007, the county did this by turning to its amateur radio operators. For six days, from the initial request for a Declaration of Emergency to directions for the final equipment to repair power and phone lines, critical communications in the North Coast storm area were handled by volunteer amateur radio operators. Head to toe, this is what worked.

What does this mean for the Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach community? Everyone should carry a whistle – in your pocket or purse, on your key-chain. If you are trapped and search parties are in your area, the whistle will be of value long after your vocal cords have given out.

Consider getting a radio. You do not need to get an FCC license or take out a loan to purchase a radio that will help you communicate locally. You can buy a decent pair of “walkie-talkies” (FRS/GMRS radios) for under \$25.00. We looked at FRS/GMRS radios in the February 2014 issue of *Tunnel Echoes* (the link is: <http://archcape.com/communityclub/TunnelEchoes/2014-02-February.pdf>). These radios are cheap and easy to use but have their short-comings. In particular, their transmit distance – how far your voice will reach over the radio – is limited. The GMRS “side” of the radios, which allows you to use high power, requires a license, unless you are operating on equipment with a licensed operator present. This “third party” option is valuable for community communications.



In 2007, the only amateur gear in the community was in private homes. We now have stations in both St. Peter's – officially our Red Cross shelter – and at the Arch Cape fire station. But don't get too comfy with this. Whatever you decide, remember that you are responsible for your own safety. Now is the time to prepare. In the aftermath of the event itself, the highest priority for every individual in the community is his or her own safety, not your needs. Plan accordingly.

We will demonstrate and compare your options for units and license requirements at the February 20th Potluck. We look forward to seeing you there!

Partners for Seniors

Our community partners are:

- Bob Chisolm Community and Senior Center, Seaside
- Cannon Beach Library, Outreach Program
- City of Cannon Beach
- City of Gearhart
- City of Seaside
- Community Presbyterian Church of Cannon Beach
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Seaside
- Providence Seaside Hospital
- Seaside Rotary Club
- Seaside United Methodist Church
- St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church
- Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District
- U.S. Bank, Seaside

Thank You

The Community Club wishes to thank Mike McEwan for placing the log into its proper position at the Cannon Wayside. Also a big Thank You to Dave and Jeannie Stockton for keeping the Cannon Wayside weed free and looking nice. Our Hwy 101 clean-up twice a year makes a big difference. Thank You to John Markham, John Piatt, Dave and Jeannie Stockton, Carl and Diane Matson, and Steve Hill. Our Community depends on volunteers like these to help keep Arch Cape the wonderful place that it is.

Update: Acoustical Tiles in Fire Hall

The Cannon Beach Fire District has considered our letter of intent to purchase phase two of the acoustical tiles for noise abatement in the Fire Hall for the Community Room. At their last meeting it was decided that no further tiles be placed. It was also requested that the Community Club repaint any wall/ceiling area should the tiles be removed. The Community Club has agreed to this request.

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 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, 79729 Hwy 101, Arch Cape, OR 97102

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