

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter

May 2018

Welcome to Spring in Arch Cape

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Come visit with neighbors, and have a fun and upbeat time. Bring your favorite main dish or dessert along with your plates and silverware. Butch Coleman will be speaking at the meeting regarding the construction of the new deli on the property seen in the adjacent photo. Come hear about the progress. Hope to see a full house.

Join us!

Community Club Dues Renewal Time

It's Community Club renewal time! Membership is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Our community club keeps us posted on community events and happenings throughout the year by sending you the Tunnel Echoes newsletter. The club is focused on community events, Hwy clean-up, traffic issues, emergency and safety issues, and of course, the entertainment at the potlucks.

A membership form for will be mailed to you soon. So, keep your eye out and send it in.

Thank You,

Diane Matson, secretary

Quarterly Clean - Up & Potluck

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Everyone is welcome!

10 a.m. Clean-Up: Meet at St Peter the Fisherman Church. Pick up supplies to walk Highway 101 and pick up litter. Come to the 6 p.m. Potluck: Meet at the Arch Cape Fire Hall.



Photo by Diane Matson

Dedication of New Updated Historical Marker in Arch Cape

By John Piatt

Friday June 15th at 1:00 p.m.

When the Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club was considering new projects a couple years ago, it was suggested that the historical marker at the wayside needed the lettering repainted. It was weathered and barely legible. John and Helen Piatt decided to take on this task, but on examining the sign found that the lower portion was rotting and the entire sign needed to be replaced.

John contacted Annie Von Domitz, Heritage & Community Assets Manager of Oregon Travel Experience, who works with the Oregon Historical Marker Committee. Good news: they were already aware that the historical marker in Arch Cape needed replacement due to age. This was reinforced by the photos that had been sent showing the deterioration. Bad news: there was no funding for the project.

Even longer ago, the county had encouraged Arch Cape to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax with tax revenue earmarked to fund infrastructure projects (such as drainage and work on public but not county roads). We later learned that 70 percent of the increase was dedicated to promotion of tourism by state law. Tourism promotion didn't include use of the funds for a park or improving beach access points. A committee of local residents recommended that the tourism promotion funds generated by this tax be turned back to the county to administer. Perhaps because of our generosity, our grant request to fund a new historical marker was approved in January 2017 by Clatsop County.

John worked with the Historical Marker Committee and their representative from the Oregon Historical Society. This effort was supported by the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Much of the information for the new marker history is contained in the *Arch Cape Chronicles* which was written as a Community Club project by Dave and Alma English and published in 1993.

The new historical marker will be dedicated Friday, June 15th at 1:00 pm at the historical wayside in Arch Cape. It is recommended that those planning to attend who live nearby walk, and others carpool and park at the AC Fire Station.

The original cedar "beaver-board" sign with the Oregon beaver logo, described the finding of the original carronade in Arch Cape and how it formed the basis of the name for Cannon Beach. The new sign describes the findings of all three carronades at Arch Cape; how Cannon Beach became Arch Cape and Ecola became Cannon Beach; and where to see all three carronades now.



Photo by Sam Kinch

Arch Cape Speed Sign Survey



As you have noticed, there was an ODOT speed sign recently placed on Hwy 101. This sign makes drivers aware of their speed and hopefully allows them to slow down if necessary. It has made a profound difference in the speed of vehicles passing through. The community club is asking for your feedback regarding the possibility of either the club purchasing one or having ODOT provide us with one. Details will be provided if there is an interest. Please send your opinion, either for, against or neutral, to the club at acfcbcc@gmail.com. We will gather the information, work out the details and present it for approval and a community vote. If you have any questions you can call Paul Williams, Chief Deputy Clatsop County Sherriff's Office, at 503-325-8635,

Thank You, Diane Matson, secretary ACFCBCC

Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts News

By Phil Chick

The Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts have some new wheels to conduct business out of. This past month the "Green Dodge Ram" was officially retired after tirelessly serving the community for 19 years. It is up for sale for \$2,500.

The Water District recently purchased a 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman for just under \$29,000. The truck's use is split between the Water and Sanitary Districts and is utilized for everything from reading meters to inspecting the watershed, responding to storm related emergencies, working in the hills at the irrigation site, and much more. The crew cab truck has room for tool storage or seating available for five passengers. A canopy, ladder rack, and bed slide will be installed later this month. Look for "True Blue" in a neighborhood near you!



New work truck with Angora Peak in the background

Clatsop County Commissioner - District 5 - Lianne Thompson

Democracy in Action

Primary Election day this year is May 15, and I hope you vote. If you already have voted, thank you.

Your voice matters, now and every day, but voting is how you choose which candidate you want to be accountable to you. Your command is indirect and part of the whole electorate, but you are still the boss. That doesn't mean you get to control every word or every vote of your elected representative, but you **are** part of the group that's in charge.

Voting is one way to make this a better, more effectively-run county. It's not the only way, but it's an essential element to begin the process of working together for making this a better place.

I wish I could quote the wisdom of everyone who's been talking to me about their hopes, dreams, and concerns as I listen to them on their doorsteps. They spoke thoughtful, eloquent, wise words. The honor and privilege of representing all of you during the last three years nourishes and inspires me as I do my best to put what you want into action.

The complicated part is finding a way to integrate diverse and contradictory points of view. Believe it or not, not everyone thinks exactly the way you do. They even want me to do things you don't want.

The best way would be to gather us together, listen well and openly to each other, develop common ground, and go forward together in concert. You know, in concert: making sweet and harmonious music, not banging each other over the head with our instruments because we disagree.

If you've read the newspapers lately, you may have noticed a lack of harmony up in Astoria. You'd be right about that. Sometimes it's necessary to talk about what's not working before we can agree on how to do what works better. I hope we can honor each other for trying to do well, even when we fall short.

When your elected leaders disagree, it makes headlines. When we're working together, it doesn't. Even so, I hope the headlines indicate that we're heading toward a better way of governing. I hope that we're moving toward a more inclusive, respectful, and accountable way of using your tax dollars to provide the services you want and need.

Your tax dollars provide the wherewithal for county services. That puts you at the top of the organizational chart, makes you the boss. You hold your elected commissioners accountable by voting us into or out of office. It's our job to hold the County Manager accountable for achieving results, the services for you and everyone else.

Elections happen every once in a while. Accountability should happen every day, and I'd like the County Board of Commissioners to check in with you more often and more directly about what you'd like to see happen that would make this a better county. Together, going forward, let's do that. Stay tuned for more details as we ask you to help us help you.

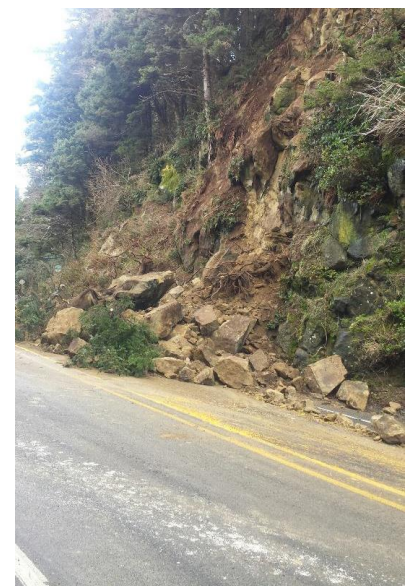


Photo of Hug Point rock slide by Diane Matson



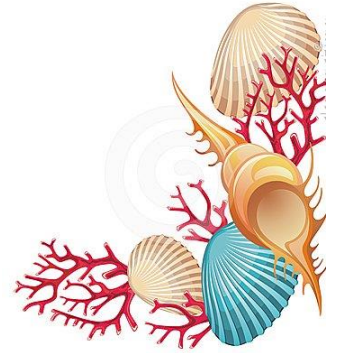
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FALCON COVE BEACH
COMMUNITY CLUB**

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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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