

# Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to Spring in Arch Cape

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Cover Photo by Gil Kinch

## Quarterly Clean - Up & Potluck

Saturday, May 18, 2019

**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. Come visit with neighbors, and have a fun and upbeat time. Bring your favorite main dish or dessert along with your plates and silverware. Tara Erben and team will be reviewing the past year for the community club.

**Join us!**

## Community Club Dues Renewal Time

It's Community Club renewal time! Membership is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. 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 will be mailed to you soon. Membership dues are \$16 per household. So, keep your eye out and send it in.

Thank You,

Diane Matson, secretary



Photo by Diane Matson

# The New AC Community Club Conservation Committee

*By Charles Dice*

The Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club Board voted recently to update our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to allow the Club to accept and manage real estate or real estate interests that might be donated or sold to the Club for Conservation Purposes.

There are a number of “lots” in the Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach area that contain wetlands or that are not otherwise optimum for development whose owners do or might have an interest in donating the lot or a conservation easement on the lot to the Community Club so that the Community Club can maintain or arrange for these lots to be held as Conservation properties for the ultimate benefit of the Community. The Board has also created a Conservation Committee to acquire, vet, and manage such acquisitions.

Linda Eyerman has agreed to chair this Conservation Committee and we are actively seeking additional Committee members who might be interested in helping us with this effort. If you have an interest please contact:

Linda Eyerman ([linda@gaylordeyerman.com](mailto:linda@gaylordeyerman.com)) or Charles Dice ([cadice@hotmail.com](mailto:cadice@hotmail.com)).

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

By Linda Eyerman

The Community Club Board has authorized the formation of a Conservation Committee and is looking for Arch Cape and Falcon Cove Beach community members interested in serving on it. It will be chaired by Board member Linda Eyerman, who previously served on the Southwest Coastal Citizens Advisory Committee. Anyone interested in joining or knowing more should email Linda at [linda@gaylordeyerman.com](mailto:linda@gaylordeyerman.com).

The goal of the new Committee is to assist the Board in carrying out the Club’s primary purpose which, as stated in the Bylaws, “shall be to maintain and enhance the livability and sense of community in Arch Cape - Falcon Cove Beach, protecting the natural, scenic, open space, historical, and cultural aspects of the area and land.”

It’s envisioned that the Committee will serve, in part, as an information-sharing source, since changes to County ordinances have, in recent years, left our communities without a reliable way to track building and other development permits, especially involving Type I residential development.

Under previous ordinances a local planning committee received and reviewed all applications submitted to the County regardless of Type, from adding a shed to construction of a new residence, and had an opportunity for input directly with the County and the applicant or the applicant’s representative. With the repeal of the local planning ordinances, the County now issues almost all residential building permits without notice to, or input from, any community members including surrounding neighbors. And even after issuance, the permits are not posted on the County’s website.

The Oregon Coast Alliance has generously stepped in to fill the void by requesting Type I applications from County Development and posting them to a website which is available to the public, [www.acfcb.org](http://www.acfcb.org). However, the County is not reliably providing all of the applications and/or permits to ORCA, and many times ORCA has gotten information only because community members notified them about construction starting up or in progress in the neighborhoods. The Committee plans to work in partnership with ORCA and hopes to eventually take over the job of being the information-sharing source for the communities it serves.

The Community Club currently receives notice of the Type II development applications, which are those that seek a variance or otherwise require a hearing. It is expected that the Conservation Committee will review these and report on proposed development which might impact the community. These reports and the applications would be shared with those who indicate an interest, possibly through the same website.

Another important role for the Committee is to work on implementing the Board's recent decision to accept land donations. This decision, which at present is aspirational only, needs to be fleshed out with policies defining the types of land the Club might accept, who pays the expenses associated with the transfer of land, and how the land would be managed, among other issues.

There are many isolated parcels of undeveloped land in Arch Cape which owners may decide would best be preserved by community ownership, either now, when they die, or upon leaving the community for other reasons, and the Community Club Board would like those "mini-park" parcels to find a welcome home. There also are wetlands properties which cannot be developed, which the Club would like to be able to preserve for the benefits they bring to the communities.

As for meetings, most likely these will be conducted on the same day as the Board meetings and Community Club Potluck and by email as the need arises. This is all very much in the planning stages, so volunteering for the Conservation Committee is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a new venture and be a part of the shaping the future of Arch Cape and Falcon Cove Beach.




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**SATURDAY, MAY 18 FROM 11AM TO 12:45PM**

**MEET AT THE ARCH CAPE FIRE STATION, 79729 US-101, ARCH CAPE, OR**

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT, AND ASK QUESTIONS.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO [archcapeforest@gmail.com](mailto:archcapeforest@gmail.com) SO WE CAN ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION.**

**THANK YOU!**

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## Safety Committee

We are talking about reinventing the safety committee. We have several ham radio operators and it seems logical we should be devising a plan of communication, especially with Cannon Beach, in case of an emergency.

We have a tentative date of May 21 at 7 pm to meet at the fire station. If you agree with this plan and want to be a part of it let me know. Also feel free to include someone I may have missed.

Thanks,

Diane Matson -- Cell-503-789-2761

# A Small Island Town Prepares for a Major Earthquake

By Hallie Golden

When the ground starts shaking, Rick Wallace has three things to do: check on his wife and house, find his emergency stashes of food and water, and get to work.

As the manager of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) on Washington State's Vashon Island, it's up to him to get the emergency operation team in motion when "the big one" hits the Pacific Northwest. That means jumping on his ham radio and instructing each volunteer member in the community to go to EOC headquarters (a large space at the main fire station) and report to the Island Incident Commander (normally the fire chief).

These plans are just the start of what would surely be a challenging time for the region, and for the island community specifically. They're also seen as crucial to getting recovery efforts off on the right foot for a community that's close to a major urban area, but could suddenly feel a world away when disaster strikes.

Vashon Island, like nearby Seattle and Tacoma, lies along the 700-mile fault line known as the Cascadia Subduction Zone, which runs from Vancouver Island, Canada, down to Northern California. Its last major rupture is believed to have happened in 1700, and [The New Yorker](#) reported in 2015 that its next full-scale quake could trigger "the worst natural disaster in the history of North America." That Pulitzer Prize-winning story documented just how unprepared the region and country are for "the really big one." Vashon Island, nested in the Puget Sound, is also exposed to other major fault lines, including the Seattle Fault, just a few miles north, and the Tacoma Fault, which runs through the center of Vashon. For the community there, that's all the more reason to prepare for its own needs after a devastating quake.

Unlike many of their neighboring communities, the residents of this picturesque island 17 miles southwest of Seattle don't have the luxury of relying on outside help in an emergency. Known for its idyllic beaches, lush forests, and century-old Strawberry Festival, the island is one of two in King County, Washington, that doesn't have a single road connecting it to the mainland. It also doesn't have a hospital.

As Wallace sets up the command post, the emergency response effort is set to kick into gear across the island. The local public radio station, Voice of Vashon, will send out emergency alerts, letting residents know what has happened and asking them to stay off the roads if possible. Members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), local volunteers who have been trained in emergency operations, will set up command posts at Vashon's other fire stations, and go out in teams of two to take stock of 100 critical locations, including gas stations and schools.

And Vashon Fire and Rescue officials will set objectives and establish a field treatment site to care for the injured. All told, the response work may involve as many as 200 volunteers working alongside emergency officials. Wallace expects it will take just a few hours for emergency response leaders to know what kind of destruction an earthquake has caused, and what they'll have to do to keep everyone safe.

"It's not downtown Beirut after the big battle," he says. "A huge part of this is trying to figure out, 'Well, what's up, what's down, what do we need, what do we got?'"

It's difficult to predict exactly how major quakes would affect the island, but Wallace says they could potentially knock out 25 percent of the housing stock, seriously injure dozens of people, and take down natural gas lines and the sewer system.

The ferries might not be working, and helicopters might not be readily accessible. Chances are good that any outside emergency help will be focused, at least at first, on the millions needing aid in Seattle, rather than the nearly 11,000 on Vashon. So, for the first few hours or days, what they "got" may be strictly limited to what's on the island.

The island's separation from Seattle and its rural landscape has certainly had a physical impact on the community, but it's also had a psychological one, says Vicky de Monterey Richoux, a Vashon resident helping to lead disaster preparedness. There is a strong island identity among residents, resulting in a close-knit community where people regularly depend on one another for everything from tools to dealing with downed deer.



## Tara Erben

### President of ACFCBCC

John and I moved from the Tri Cities in Eastern Washington to Falcon Cove five years ago. Not long after moving here, I was asked to accept a position on the Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community Club Board of Directors. In September, 2017, I accepted the position as President of the Community Club. But I am retired, and now it's time to travel and play!

At the February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting, I resigned as president. Being a board member and subsequently President of the Community Club has given me a golden opportunity to meet Arch Cape residents, get to know them and now call many of them friends. I am thankful for that opportunity.

I am hoping someone from the community will step forward and help the ACFCBCC to grow and expand its influence. The Community Club is vitally important as a conduit to and from Clatsop County and Arch Cape/Falcon Cove residents. With the updating of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, the door may be open for the Community Club (as a non-profit) to accept donated land with the goal of conservation. It's an interesting and exciting time for the Community Club. The club meets four times a year with a potluck to follow the board meetings.

If you are curious or have questions, my email is [riverhousehome@gmail.com](mailto:riverhousehome@gmail.com) Please consider sharing your time to help make the ACFCBCC even better.

Tara Erben

# Jacques Torres Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

Submitted by Diane Matson

## Description

I made the Jacques Torres Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe aka NY Times Chocolate Chip Cookie. Are they the best chocolate chip cookie? I actually think they might be. Fussy and time consuming, but 100% worth it!

## Ingredients

- 2 cups minus 2 tablespoons (8 ½ ounces) cake flour
- 1 2/3 cups bread flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups butter (I used salted)
- 1 1/4 cups light brown sugar
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 ¼ pounds chopped dark or semi-sweet chocolate chunks or disks
- flaked sea salt to sprinkle

## Instructions

1. In a large bowl, sift together (or whisk) the cake flour, bread flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment mix the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar together for 5 minutes, until light and fluffy. Add in the eggs one at a time until mixed, and then vanilla. Continue mixing for an additional minute, scraping the sides as necessary.
3. Turn mixer to low and add in the flour mixture, until just combined. Fold in the chocolate until evenly incorporated. Cover and chill dough for 24-72 hours.
4. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
5. Allow the chilled dough to sit out at room temperature for 20-30 minutes before baking to soften slightly. Scoop out 3.5 ounces of dough for each cookie, using a large cookie scoop. This is approximately 1/4 cup. Place mounds onto your baking sheet, spacing them 3- inches apart.
6. Bake cookies for 15-18 minutes, until the edges are golden. Turn your baking sheet 180- degrees once, halfway through baking.
7. Remove from the oven and immediately sprinkle with sea salt. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Notes

Instead of chilling the dough in a large bowl, you can scoop and measure your dough right away and chill it in prepared mounds on a large baking sheet until ready to bake. Baking chilled dough produces a slightly thicker cookie than room temperature dough. Store airtight for up to 3 days.

<https://cookiesandcups.com/jacques-torres-chocolate-chip-cookie-recipe/>

# Clatsop County Commissioner - District 5 - Lianne Thompson

## Cause for Celebration

Spring is here, edging into Summer. Birds and blossoms abound. Time to celebrate.

Celebrate Marney Beemer's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday later this week. I want to become Marney Beemer when I grow up; don't you? She inspires with her wicked sense of humor, strong intelligence, and clear speaking. And style? Marney has style until the end of time. She always looks fabulous and teaches me something whenever I spend time with her. Thanks for being here among us, Marney. Happiest of birthdays, and keep them coming.



Another cause for celebration is the proposed Arch Cape Forest. The Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District has approached the Clatsop County Commissioners and the rest of the County Budget Committee to describe their vision and funding request.

Right now, they're asking for \$250,000 to be budgeted in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. That amount would be part of the purchase price of the two thousand-plus acres of forestland that's adjacent to Arch Cape and provides its watershed.

Mary Olson's article in this newsletter will tell you more about the project. What's exciting to me is the multi-purpose benefits it provides. Not only is water quality protected, it promises to offer recreational opportunities as it continues to be a working community forest. That is, trees will be harvested to generate revenue.

Managing forests requires thoughtful effort, and it costs money. Without thinning of one kind or another, timberland becomes tinderland. Tinderland means increased fire danger to lives and property because of the underbrush and closely packed vegetation that feeds fierce fires.

When I first came to live permanently here, I had an urban person's appreciation of the forest. I thought every forest was my private parkland, that I was entitled to a viewshed of mature and lush forest at no cost to me. I didn't understand that forests and parks were different.

For the people who own the forestland, most expect to generate revenue to offset the cost of managing their land, and more. For landowners, it is the source of family income, corporate income for shareholders, or part of the tax base to provide community services we all need.

How do we deal with an ailing planet, its climate change, species extinction, and degraded quality of life, balanced with the necessity of generating revenue to live? Communities need an adequate and stable tax base to provide public health, mental health, public safety, education, roads, and other public services.

Families need adequate and stable income to pay for housing, food, health services, and education. Businesses need to generate a profit over and above operating and capital costs in order to stay in business, pay employees, and pay taxes.

How do we do all of this, in harmony and balance? By treating ourselves with the same affection, respect, and curiosity that we'd like to receive from others. The way we treat ourselves is the way we treat others. It's also the way we treat the planet. All of it is the same flavor. I hope the flavor is both sweet and nourishing.

# Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts News

*By Phil Chick*

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 we had a volunteer Scotch Broom work party. We cut the invasive plant with loppers and hand saws that we borrowed from the North Coast Land Conservancy. The rain held off until we were finished. Controlling invasive species is important for watershed health, wildlife, and reducing maintenance costs. Thank you to everyone who came out to help. The Scotch broom is blooming now and will be producing seeds soon, so we will not be able to have another work party this season or we risk spreading seeds around.

## Upcoming Field Trips

If you missed the Scotch broom event, we have planned a field trip into the forest for Saturday, May 18, 2019, time TBA. This is an informal event and an opportunity for anyone who is interested to take a tour to learn more about protecting the water source, forest management, and the project in general. There will be another field trip on the third Saturday in June. Please RSVP for these events so that we can arrange transportation. You can RSVP to Mary by email to [archcapeforest@gmail.com](mailto:archcapeforest@gmail.com) or phone 406-396-9864.



From left to right: Mary Olson, Carl Matson, Chris Akterman, Photo by Phil Chick

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Phil Chick at 503-436-2790.*





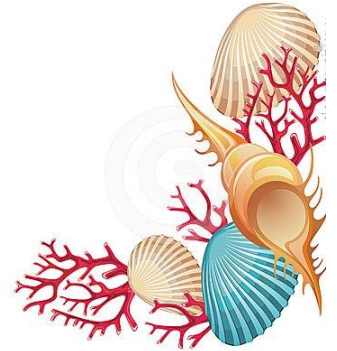
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### Arch Cape - Falcon Cove Beach Community Club

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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