

Tunnel Echoes

A Newsletter

February 2015

Welcome to Winter in Arch Cape

Greetings

Hello! My name is Linda and I am your timid and intimidated new Editor. Phil Simmons has left some big shoes to fill and I hope to do a good job, both for him and our community.

My husband, Mark, and I bought our home in Arch Cape in the summer of 2011. We split our time between here and Portland, but hope that in the near future we will be permanent residents of Arch Cape. Our house was a sad fixer-upper (next door to the church), but after a few years of fixing, we can finally "look up" and hope to learn more about our region, our community, and our neighbors. This is step one!

Step two is to figure out how to channel my frustration and anger over the two 2014 fires into something positive, resulting in meaningful change. I'm looking forward to our February 21st Community Club Plot luck (6pm at the AC Fire Station) where we will host representatives of the Oregon Department of Forestry, Stimson Timber, and Cannon Beach Fire. They will be speaking about the fires and what will be done to prevent them in the future.

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Let me know if there's something new you'd like to see, if there's anything that I got wrong, or just if you want to say hello! I can be reached at lkuestner@world.oberlin.edu.

Linda Kuestner

Potluck Dinner



Feb 21 Potluck Focuses on AC Fires

John Piatt

Our February potluck dinner will be at the Arch Cape Fire Station on Saturday, February 21 at 6 p.m. Come visit with your neighbors, have some good food, see a simple emergency water purification demonstration, and hear about wildland fire prevention.

February meetings typically feature an emergency preparedness topic. With the two wildland fires this past year still fresh in our minds, this

February's meeting will feature a panel to discuss what is being done to prevent future wildland fires and the strategy for protecting homes should another fire occur. The panel will include representatives from Stimson Lumber Company, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Cannon Beach Fire Department, and our Region 5 County Commissioner, Lianne Thompson.

In addition, Peter Nunn, who works with the Nehalem Bay Emergency Volunteer Corp, will be demonstrating an emergency water purification system they have developed.

Commissioner's Corner

Lianne Thompson, District 5 Representative on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners

Once again, the Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club has a member-neighbor sitting on the County Board of Commissioners. It's my honor to follow Debra Birkby in that role, with Matt Samuelson's having served as the appointee who completed her term during 2014 after Debra's resignation in January. Thanks to both of them for their community service.

Thanks, too, to the many friends and neighbors who supported my candidacy all through 2014. I'm honored by your trust and hard work.

I was sworn into office on January 14, 2015 and my first term will conclude four years from now in January 2019. What do we want to happen between then and now? Let's look for ways to do many kinds of good work together in that interim. Let's have those collaborative conversations.

Who will be part of those conversations? What will be the mechanisms or structures for them? We'll be inventing them. Be sure and let me know your ideas and suggestions.

In the meantime, we have an immediate event. Your community club's Safety Committee has arranged for a vitally important conversation, one about your health and safety in this neighborhood. During 2014 we had two "500-year" fires just east of us.

At our potluck on February 21, representatives from Stimson Lumber and the Oregon Department of Forestry in Astoria will join us to discuss wildland fire safety in our neighborhood.

Finally, a big thank you to Linda Kuestner for serving as newsletter editor for "The Tunnel Echoes." That publication provides essential communication, helping our neighborhood become a stronger and friendlier place for all of us.

See you at the potluck on February 21!



This Old House: The Patton/Mosby Cabin

Dale and Mary Jo Mosby

This old log cabin in Arch Cape, originally built by Bert Patton, is of the early log cabin style. The logs are notched on the ends to lock the logs together. The gaps between the logs have nails driven in them and are filled with cement mortar a technique no longer in use, at least not in wet climates. The cabin has a post and beam foundation with creosoted logs used as the beams.

The original was made in 1916 with Sitka Spruce from the property. In 1939 the cabin was rebuilt using cedar from a logging camp near Knappa where Bert was working. The original chimney remains. In the 1960's the house was remodeled by family members installing new windows upstairs, narrowing the fireplace opening, updating the kitchen, and adding a downstairs room along the east side of the house. The original table, step back and corner cupboards built by Bert are still being used, the deer head and old rifle are still above the chimney, and the hand crank telephone is still in the kitchen.

Besides being a blacksmith at the Big Creek Logging Camp near Knappa, Bert was an inventor. We still have his blueprint and a steel model of a hook made for lifting and moving logs. The hook is supported by two cables. One cable from a skyline holds the hook open and then when tension is placed on the mainline the hook closes and holds the log. Bert also made some very large andirons for the fireplace using railroad rail with large brass balls from a locomotive governor on top of each one.



If these old log walls could talk they would tell you of many families visiting Bert with meals of good locally sourced food such as crab and clams, laughter and good story telling. A guest book from 1925 gives evidence and we continue the tradition to this day. A darkly wooded forest trail is remembered that led to the beach with raccoon visitors that came to the cabin often. A large antler rack on the wall and bear skin rug on the floor added to the "scary" memories of a few little ones when many visitors spent the night. Oakum, a fibrous tarry material used to pack joints in cast iron pipe before molten lead was poured in the joints is one of the old odds and ends we found in the cabin.

Visitors have stopped by to tell us of when they stayed at the cabin years ago and we are able to locate their names in the original guest book. Bert loved visitors and we do too. We are blessed to be able to continue to pay it forward.

Eeva Lantela: CURATOR OF AFFORDABLE, ORIGINAL ART FROM THE NW

Danna Kittell

Cannon Beach is known for its art galleries. Recently I had the good fortune to visit with the owner of one such gallery: DragonFire Studio and Gallery. She also happens to be a resident of Arch Cape, building a home here in 2010.

Eeva Lantela was born in Finland, but her father, when she was very young, moved the family to Eastern Canada. After spending a few years working as a uranium miner, they relocated



to Vancouver B.C., where he started a successful family commercial fishing business. In her early twenties, Eeva moved to Toronto to study Massage and Hydrotherapy, then returning to Vancouver to open a clinic with her mother. After 12 years, longing for an adventure, Eeva left for the New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania region where she stayed for several years. There she met her partner, Mari Rockett, with whom she drove up and down the East and West Coasts looking for a new place to call home. They settled on Cannon Beach in

1999, attracted by the natural wild beauty, the local art scene, and the caring attitude for the environment that local people had.

While Eeva was enthusiastic, she didn't have any formal art training, but Mari was a painter and did. They co-founded DragonFire 14 years ago, initially as a place for people to paint pottery and sell some local art. In 2005, Marsha Huss, joined them to co-create what DragonFire has evolved to become: a contemporary gallery showcasing a variety of art mediums, including paintings, sculptures, blown and fused glass, photography, jewelry, water fountains, wearable art, even hand painted shoes. They favor local and regional artists creating original works, who are willing to commit to a long term partnership with the gallery. Step into the gallery and you will find vividly painted walls showcasing colorful artwork, a relaxed ambiance, and a friendly staff.

Eeva recently started an initiative called *Wild*, born out of her desire to make greater contributions to the causes she supports. She features a selection of books, artist cards, clothing, and other items for sale at the gallery. The proceeds from these go directly to three organizations: Clatsop County Animal Assistance, Wildlife Center of the North Coast, and North Coast Land Conservancy. She says *Wild* has been well-received by locals and visitors alike, who appreciate knowing that their purchase supports these hard working local non-profits.

Eeva and I also spoke of the challenges of owning a small business in the area. People are so often drawn to live here on the coast by the beauty of the ocean and the rugged outdoors. Yet, the stress of running a business in a fluctuating tourism economy often leaves little time to enjoy the great outdoors. Eeva and Marsha make sure they don't fall victim to this pattern by prioritizing a walk on the beach nearly every day. Their sweet dog, Charlie, who also accompanies them to the gallery, wouldn't have it any other way.

Arch Cape Water and Sewer Districts

Steve Hill

The Arch Cape all volunteer boards providing governance for local utilities are presently headed up by Virginia Birkby as President for the water district and Darr Tindall as President for the sanitary district. They are joined by Arch Cape residents, Debra Birkby and Rick Gardner on the water board, Casey Short on the sanitary board and Gigi Selberg and Ron Schiffman who sit on both boards with elected terms running for four years.



Virginia Birkby and Darr Tindall

The districts have undergone a transition in 2014 with Phil Chick replacing Tom Merrell as District Manager and the addition of Randy Cruse, previously from the City of Rockaway's utility districts, as a full time employee assisting Phil.

Arch Cape has 280 water hookups and 330 sewer connections. Water service for 50 northern Arch Cape home owners along Carnahan is provided by Cannon View Park.

Having just come off a successful rebuild of the Sally's Alley waste water lift station, collection piping repair and installation of new waste water treatment plant membranes, the collective boards' present focus is upon understanding the communities ongoing capital and maintenance needs and refining a long term financial plan. In addition to these efforts, a water conservation management plan is being contemplated along with future water sourcing combined with the review and establishment of board administrative policies and procedures. Combined with these efforts is an updating of the utility web site with additional information to be made available to the public online concerning the districts at archcape.com.

The budget for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year is soon to be developed and reviewed and there are opportunities available for community members to participate in this important process. Those interested in serving may contact Phil Chick at the plant by calling [503-436-2790](tel:503-436-2790).

Winter Saturday Movie Nights!

All Shows 7 PM at the Arch Cape Fire Station (79729 Hwy 101)
Popcorn will be served!



January 24

October Sky - A true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son who was inspired by the first Sputnik launch to take up rocketry against his father's wishes. - Jake Gyllenhaal - PG

February 28

Benny and Joon - Johnny Depp portrays Sam, a highly eccentric and mischievous person. When Benny, who runs a small auto repair shop loses a bet, he is forced to take Sam into his house. Already in Benny's house is another troublesome eccentric, his younger sister Joon. - PG

March 28

Legend of Baggar Vance - A down-and-out golfer attempts to recover his game and his life with help from a mystical caddy. Will Smith, Matt Damon - PG13

Meet Your Neighbor: Barbara Shaw

Linda Lapp Murray

Barbara Forbes Shaw has spent almost her entire life in Arch Cape. If you want to know the history of our community, just sit & talk with Barbara for a couple of hours!



Her Grandmother, Mary Whitley, whom she called “Grang”, was born on the Isle of Man & lived in Yorkshire, England. After her husband died, she and her daughter, Barbara’s mother, moved from the Chicago area to Seattle’s University District. Mrs. English was living around the corner with her children Elsie & Marie.

Their favorite place was Arch Cape. It reminded Grang of her beloved England. The two women decided to purchase a lot in Arch Cape & quickly became part of the community in the 1930s. Elsie & Marie would run the Singing Sands Hotel on the ocean front just south of the steps from Maxwell Lane to Ocean View Lane. Sister Irene, a nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, married Dr. Countryman & they also lived in Arch Cape.

Barbara’s father, Ralph Forbes, was an insurance broker that insured lumber mills in the northwest. After Grang bought the lot in Arch Cape where the Seiferts now live, he first set up a 16’x16’ tent, while the family built a simple house with lumber he acquired from the mills he insured. The family spent many a happy summer in Arch Cape. That was in the 1930s & there was no road to Arch Cape. To get here, the family would drive on the beach & around Hug Point on the road that you can still see carved out the cliff &

perched over the water. It wasn’t until 1939 that Highway 101 was built.

In 1947 when Barbara graduated from high school, the English sisters gave her a “Beach Diploma” commemorating how much she had learned spending summers in Arch Cape. Barbara left her family in Seattle to go to Lewis & Clark College in Portland. She would spend every summer in the family’s Arch Cape home being looked after by the English sisters & the whole neighborhood. The English sisters & Barbara would take turns preparing dinners that they ate as a group.

Barbara met her husband Jim Shaw at Lewis & Clark, when they both took a horseback riding class. When Jim would come to visit her in Arch Cape during the summer, it was Miss Benson, who was a librarian in Portland, & lived in a little cottage next to her family’s house, who would chaperone the young couple.

They both graduated from college in 1951. Jim & Barbara were married one week after graduation. They moved to Redding, California where Jim was an accountant.

Barbara’s father had gotten the right of first refusal on the cottage that Miss Benson had left to a relative. He then owned several lots at the end of Oceanview Lane. When he died, Jim & Barbara, who had two sons at that time, scraped together the money to buy Miss Benson’s cottage from her father’s estate in 1976.

By 1979 the couple owned an accounting firm in the San Francisco area. They sold the business & on April Fools Day, 1980, they moved to Arch Cape. Immediately, they set to work tearing down Miss Benson’s cottage & building the home where they now live. Jim spent time as an accounting teacher at the Tongue Point Job Corp Center.

They moved into their new home in December 1980. Starting a Bed & Breakfast seemed to happen organically. They were planning to spend that Christmas with their children in San Francisco, while a friend needed a place to stay in Arch Cape. Jim & Barbara have enjoyed having the company.

Her son Bob remembers vacations in Arch Cape as a child. He would leave the house early in the morning & not come back until dinner. He made cookies with the English sisters, was watched over by Frank Lee, who was living in the Leech place, & Bert Patton, who lived in the log house now owned by Dale Mosby. He came to visit his parents after they moved into their new home & never left. He lives in Nehalem with his wife Jennifer & 4 year old daughter Emma. Son Jim III, lives in the San Francisco area & grandson Ben lives in Eureka, California.

Barbara plays the piano & organ for the Christian Science Church of Gearhart. She is also a weaver. She bought her first loom from the Root sisters, who lived in the Madison house, & she was taught to weave by a relative of Jan Priddy's. Her loom is now being used by a weaver in Astoria, who is restoring the weavings of Timberline Lodge.

In the late 1990s, Barbara & two girl friends hiked the Pacific Coast Trail from the Columbia River to Newport. They would do day hikes, having friends pick them up at their daily destinations & take them home. Like her father, who was part of the creation of the community club & building the Arch Cape fire station, Barbara has served tirelessly in the Community Club. She is also the person who is called "The Diva of The Dive" on New Year's Day. How typical of the woman who has been the heart of the Arch Cape community!

E-Prep Tip: Four in Four For 2015

Helen Chauncey

The E-Prep Tips in *Tunnel Echoes* for 2015 will focus on 4 goals for your emergency cache and 4 goals for home safety. In this issue, our 4-in-4 topic is water. Over the year, we're going to beef-up our blue barrels and go on a home hazard hunt.

Blue barrels



Don't have one? You should or have something similar. Whatever the elevation of your house, you're going to need long-term supplies, for several days or several months, depending on the emergency that gets thrown at us. It doesn't matter if you are a full or part time resident. You are responsible for your own emergency supplies. There's nothing else out there except what you yourself have.

If your house is below 75 feet in elevation, you should store your blue barrel in the cache at the Arch Cape fire station. There is no charge for this. Blue barrels can be purchased at City Hall in Cannon Beach, 163 E. Gower Street. We recommend the 55 gallon size. For information, call [503.436.1581](tel:503.436.1581).

Home hazards

Everyone's home has hazards. During an emergency event, unattended-to hazards are going jump out and bite you. Over the year, we're going to hunt down the hazards and up our home safety. While we don't want anyone tripping over loose rugs (nail those things down!), our biggest concerns are danger in the home after an earthquake or wind-storm and fires.

E-Prep Tip: Four in Four For 2015, continued

Water: What you need and need to look out for

You will need access to a minimum of one gallon of water a day per person (and pets): Four people means a minimum of four gallons per day. One week – 28 gallons. One month –you do the math.



You can store water for short-term emergencies. Use containers with tight-fitting lids. Do not use glass or old bleach or milk jugs. Glass breaks; bleach and milk jugs deteriorate too quickly. Store the water in a cool, dark location, such as in a closet. Label the water (“drinking water”) and date it. You do not need to add bleach or other chemical treatments to tap water before storing it. We will discuss the issue of how long water can be safely stored at the February meeting.

For a major event, such as a tsunami, you will need access to more water than you can store on-site. Put in your blue barrels water purification tablets or water filter supplies. A list of options will be distributed at the February Community Pot Luck meeting. Be sure you have at least one five gallon bucket that you can use to collect water from streams or other public supply sources if necessary.

If your home is above the tsunami inundation level, your water system is both a hazard and a potential source of supply.

Home Hazard Hunt: Go look at your hot water heater. Is it strapped? You will know because you will see one or more metal straps, commonly at toward the top and bottom of the unit, which are secured to a wall stud. If you see no metal strapping, adjust your budget to arrange to pay to have this done. An unstrapped heater can break loose and fall on you during an earth quake. The spilled water can soak electrical lines, creating the danger of shock. Also, a strapped water heater holds water – 50 gallons on average – which you can use as drinking water.

If the area experiences an earth quake, your first step is to shut off your water main. Do this at the water main to the house, if you have one. This is much easier than shutting off the line at the meter in the street.

You want to shut off the water main for two reasons. Broken lines outside the house can become contaminated and feed toxic water into the house. Also, your house water, which you need, can drain out through the open lines. Shut off the water main.

Then, and this is important, go to your electrical main. Shut off the circuit to the water heater. Do this even if the line power is already off. Assuming the power is off altogether, shut off each individual circuit. Then – and don’t forget this step – shut off the main circuit breaker. You are doing this so that you can drink the water in the water heater. Since there will be no resupply of water until our water gurus tell us the public supply is safe, the tank will slowly empty. If the line power comes back on, without water in the tank, you run the risk of a house fire.

So you have:

- A blue barrel, water purification supplies in the blue barrel, and a 5-gallon bucket to carry water you are going to purify.
- Also you have a safely strapped water heater at your house, a safely shut-down electrical circuit box; and a shut-off water main.

Now you have water. In upcoming issues, we’re going to look at shelter, food, and first aid. In each issue, we’re going to top off our blue barrels and hunt down the hazards in our homes.

Land Use

Dan Seifer

Land use and development in Arch Cape are regulated by the Clatsop County Southwest Coastal Community Plan, first adopted by the County in 1979. Pursuant to this Plan, the County Commissioners appoint members to the Southwest Coastal Design Review / Citizens Advisory Committee, currently chaired by Tod Lundy. Members are Virginia Birkby, Linda Lapp-Murray, Mike Manzulli, Linda Eyerma, Dan Seifer, and Jim Sparks. The Committee is charged with design review recommendations of all proposed new or expanded structures and development in Arch Cape, and serves also to provide community land use input to the County.

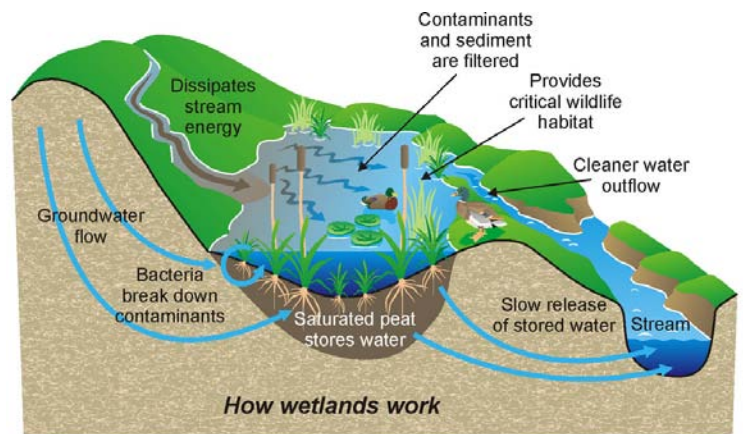
At its October meeting, the Committee recommended approval of a proposed new residence at 31962 Donlon. The County scheduled no meetings in November or December.

A recent development proposal for construction in Castle Rock Estates generated considerable discussion regarding wetlands protection in Arch Cape. The proposal requested a variance from the 50' setback from a wetland. At its June meeting, the Committee had recommended that the variance be denied. In an appeal to the County Planning Commission, the Planning Commission denied the variance. During an appeal to the County Commissioners, outside attorneys hired by the County opined that the County had no authority for the wetlands setback at issue. Based on that opinion, the County Commissioners held that no variance was required and that the development could proceed.

In response to this controversy, the County Commissioners held a "work session" in December jointly with the Planning Commission and the Committee. Also participating were County Planning and Development staff, the State Department of Land Conservation and Development, the authors of the Arch Cape Local Wetlands Inventory, and representatives of local watershed councils.

Although the work session did not achieve agreement on the nature of wetlands regulations, the County Commissioners, Planning Commission and this Committee will work together with County staff to develop proposed new regulations for wetland protection in Arch Cape. At that time, it is expected that public hearings and local input will be solicited. Stay tuned.

The Committee's next meeting is expected to be scheduled for January 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the new Arch Cape fire station. The public is, as always, welcome and invited.



Wetland Protection Update

Nadia Gardner

On December 10, 2014, the County Commission held a workshop with the SW Coastal Citizens Advisory Committee/Arch Cape Design Review Committee to discuss recent issues regarding the wetland setbacks (buffers) in Arch Cape. They decided to form an ad-hoc committee to work on more clear regulations with a focus on equitable protections throughout unincorporated Clatsop County. The committee will include members of the Planning Commission, SW Coastal Citizens Advisory Committee/Arch Cape Design Review Committee, and at large members.

To listen to audio of the meeting and read the informational packet, go to: <http://www.co.clatsop.or.us/boc>

HEALTH NEWS: The Benefits of Volunteering

Diane Matson R.N.

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community, but do you know the benefits it may hold for you? Research continues to show that those who volunteer function at a higher level and suffer less depression!

When we hear news about people needing assistance after a natural disaster, see photos of abused animals, read about the thousands of people living on the streets, we may think, "What can I do about those problems?" Well we can volunteer! In addition to helping remedy social problems, volunteering has a positive effect on your physical and mental health. Just ask people who volunteer, and most will tell you that the personal satisfaction they get from volunteering far exceeds the time they give-it also provides time for social interaction and building new relationships with people who have similar interests.

According to national surveys, more than 26% of Americans did volunteer work in the 12 months ending in 2012, with an average of 52 hours per year. One study determined that the averaged value of volunteer time in 2011 was \$21.79 per hour. Using that figure, the American volunteer force (63.4 million of us) gave nearly 8.1 billion volunteer hours of service worth \$173 billion in the year 2010.

Volunteering is ultimately about helping others, impacting their wellbeing...What better way to improve your life and your community than by returning to society some of the benefits that society gives to you? Don't wait to be asked, there are many ways to find organizations that are looking for volunteers.



"Wherever man turns, he can find someone who needs him." Albert Schweitzer

Here are some local groups that could use your help:

- Partners for Seniors Seaside Hospital 503-717-2000 contact Elizabeth Bunce
- Cannon Beach Library
- Cannon Beach Historical Society
- Cannon Beach Food Bank
- Arch Cape Community Club

Visit these sites to learn more:

- www.worldvolunteerweb.org
- www.aoa.gov (US Administration on Aging)
- www.getinvolved.gov/newsroom/press/factsheet

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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