

Tunnel Echoes

A Newsletter

February 2017

Welcome to Winter in Arch Cape

Surviving Japan's Big One

You might be thinking, "Not another meeting on emergency preparedness!" On the other hand, whoever suspected that Arch Cape would have two wildfires, especially during the months of February and November.

By now, everyone has at least thought, "What if the big one on the Cascadia fault line strikes?"

What would that be like and what would I really do?"

Come Saturday February 18 and see videos taken of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck Japan in 2011.

Hear the story of Scott West and a group of Americans who survived when so many Japanese in the town of Otsuchi did not.

Read up on this story at:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/asiapcf/03/19/japan.activist.survivor/index.html>,



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and bring a dish to share Saturday at 6:00 pm, February 18th at the Arch Cape Fire Station.

It should give you new insights on surviving the big one.

A survivor walks his bicycle through the remains of the devastated Japanese town of Otsuchi on March 14.

Photograph by Damir Sagolj, Reuters

George and Florence Cerelli

1925-2016

by Daniel J. Seifer

A beloved Arch Cape institution is gone. George Cerelli passed away at home December 13, at age 91½. Florence Cerelli passed away at Avamere in Seaside December 22, at age 91.

George and Florence were born and lived most of their life in San Francisco. As a kid, George's first passion was baseball.

His American Legion team won the California state championship with teenaged George playing first base. He played with and against a number of future big leaguers, and stayed close especially to Yankee player and American League president Bobby Brown. He is included in the Galileo High School Hall of Fame. Florence all her life described George as "a great athlete".

With the outbreak of World War II, George enlisted in the Navy as soon as he completed high school, not even waiting to receive his diploma. For more than three years, he served as signal man on a barrage rocket ship that assisted in the invasion of Peleliu Island transporting the 1st Marine Division on LCI(G) 77 and every island invasion across the central Pacific. All his life he would occasionally translate a piece of conversation into Morse code – "di-di-di-dum-dum-dum . . ." As soon as George was discharged, he rushed home to claim his high school sweetheart.

George and Florence were a team all their life – a 70 year love story we all admired. Their two children, Bob and Janis, and three grandchildren, Micah, Vito and Brigid, all well-known in this community, were the treasures of their life.

George went to work driving a truck for his mother's brother, a part-owner of Del Monte meats. With no special training, George taught himself the meat packing business and came to manage the entire operation.

Who here hasn't heard the stories? Florence kept the homes, in San Francisco and later Saratoga, and cooked the meat George brought home daily, sometimes for unexpected visitors with George. All her life, she quoted Bob, "Steak again?"

George took up golf, and was a regular at the California Golf Club, along with Forty-Niners' quarterback John Brody and other Bay Area luminaries. Always a baseball fan, he often fondly recalled his round with Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.

In the day, many golfers played with "Ken Venturi" clubs, but George's clubs really were Venturi's, and he kept them.

In 1981, George called it quits and he and Florence, together with his mother Peggy, moved to the Arch Cape home Bob built for them. Unable to sit still in retirement, George became a fixture in all community activities and in Cannon Beach as well.



He served on the Water and Sanitary Districts budget Committees, the Community Club and as its president, and the County's Design Review committee which he chaired for years.

He led the Friday morning salons at Cheri's Cookie Co. from the day she opened until his final illness. Florence was a regular in Seaside in recent years, generally with her Yorkshire terrier Maggie.

They enjoyed several trips to Italy with Florence's sister and her husband, including a visit to George's maternal hometown of Angera on Lago Maggiore.

George died with a baseball in his hand. Florence couldn't live without him. We will miss them both very much.

(For more of George and Florence's life, see Linda Lapp Murray's profile in the February, 2016 issue of Tunnel Echoes)



Photograph by Gilbert Kinch

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

Recipe courtesy of Diane Matson

• Title Sweet & Sour Meatballs

• Serves _____

• Favorite recipe from _____

• Ingredients _____

2 lb ground beef

1 cup corn flake crumbs

1/3 cup dried parsley

2 eggs

2 T Soy sauce

1/4 tsp pepper

1/2 tsp garlic powder

1/3 cup catsup

2 T inst. minced onions

1 116 can jellied cranberry sauce

1 12 oz bottle chili sauce

• Method 2 T brown sugar

1 T lemon juice

Combine beef, corn flake crumbs, parsley, eggs, soy sauce, pepper, garlic powder, catsup, & onion. Form into balls, place on cookie sheet 2" side or 15x10x1" pan.

In saucepan combine cranberry sauce, chili sauce, brown sugar & lemon jc.

Cook till smooth. Pour over balls

& bake 350° 30 min

County Awards Grant for Historical Marker Replacement

by John Piatt

The existing Historical Marker, located at the Wayside near the Arch Cape Fire Station, is over 60 years old and deteriorating. The Community Club board agreed to submit a request to Clatsop County for a grant from Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) tourism promotion funds for the sign's replacement. The current style of historical markers cost \$7300.

Monica Steele, Clatsop County's Budget & Finance Director, reported that our request has been granted for the full amount. These funds will be distributed January 25, 2017 directly to Oregon Travel Experience, which oversees Historical Markers.



<http://ortravelexperience.com>



The board will continue to work with Annie Von Domitz of the Historical Marker Committee to come up with the revised text for the marker. This will include the finding of all three carronades on the beach below the historical wayside from the 1846 wreck of the schooner Shark.

This effort will be coordinated with the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum where the first carronade found in 1898 is located, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum where the two carronades found in 2008 are located.

Spring Project Reminder



As discussed at the last membership meeting, please check benches at beach access points and report any that need to be repaired to the board.

You can report needed repairs to the club's email address, acfbcc@gmail.com.

Photo:

http://www.beachconnection.net/vtour_cb71.htm

North Coast Land Conservancy's Rainforest Reserve Proposal

by John Piatt

Many local residents have wished that the forested hills east of our communities could be preserved. This wish is on its way to becoming a reality with the following announcement:

"On Friday, Nov. 18, North Coast Land Conservancy took the first steps toward the acquisition of approximately 3300 acres of timberland between Arch Cape and Manzanita, Oregon, marking the single largest conservation initiative in the Conservancy's history.

The agreement with Onion Peak Holdings, a private investment entity, gives NCLC a unique opportunity to arrange the financing required to acquire the property in phases within the next five years.

The transaction is on track to becoming the largest single private acquisition of land for conservation in western Oregon."



Photo by Randall Henderson

See the full article at <http://nclctrust.org/nclc-to-serve-rainforest-reserve/>

The rocky Onion Peak complex east of Arch Cape lies at the heart of property North Coast Land Conservancy is in the process of acquiring.

Important Information for Home Owners with Irrigation Systems and Backflow Devices

by Phil Chick

Backflow Testing:

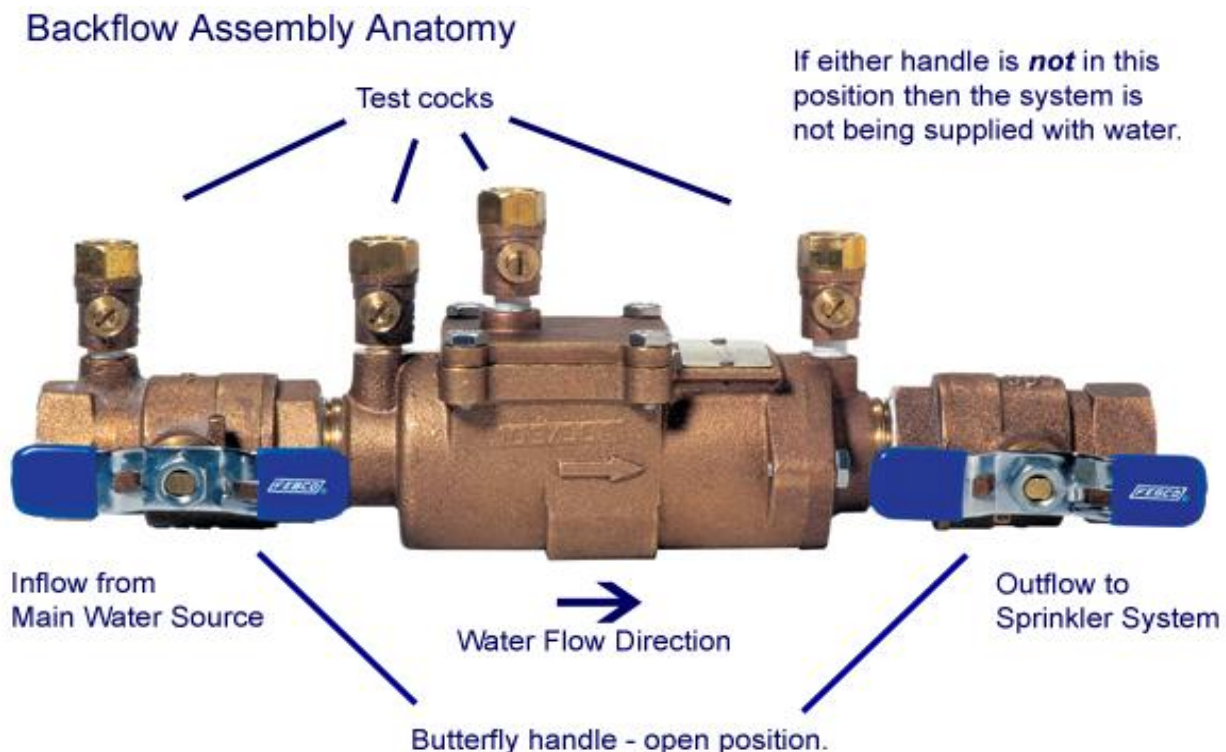
Water and Sanitary District customers that have backflow devices are required to have these devices tested annually by a certified inspector. A backflow device is required for homes with irrigation systems, fire suppression systems, in floor water heating systems, hot tubs, or any systems which present a potential for cross contamination of the public water supply. The District will be sending reminder notices to customers with backflow devices in January. The backflow testing report is due no later than March 1st each year. ***Irrigation System Report:***

Please note that if your home has an irrigation system, you will be required to file an additional irrigation system report. **This report is separate from the backflow test report, and is due by May 1st every year. If this report is not submitted to the District by May 1st, customers shall have no claim for relief from billing invoice charges (basic, excess, or otherwise) in the event of an irrigation system malfunction.** An irrigation system report form will be included with the backflow testing reminder notice.

Copies of the Irrigation Leak Policy and Irrigation System Report forms are available by contacting the District office.

If you are unsure whether or not you need a backflow device or need assistance understanding the backflow test reporting process or the irrigation system leak policy and report, please contact Phil Chick, District Manager, at 503-436-2790 or philchickacutil@gmail.com

Common Backflow Device





What's Community Resilience?

by Lianne Thompson

It's the beginning of 2017 as I write this, a wonderful opportunity to wish you a joyous and satisfying year. I'll be working for our community resilience during this year, and I'd like to update you.

First, there's inescapable unpredictability about what it will take to flourish after a catastrophic event of whatever kind. Come to think of it, there's unpredictability about what it takes to flourish on a day-to-day basis. That means that we're dealing with some degree of uncertainty, no matter what we

do. This is part of the fun and the adventure of life. An essential element in both day-to-day and catastrophic resilience is relationships characterized by respect and affection.

Another essential element is a healthy curiosity about getting the full picture, which means listening to all kinds of people with differing points of view. After that, then comes applying a creative intelligence to the data and the emotions, working to take effective actions, making use of multi-disciplinary thinking to develop mutually satisfying solutions.

Perhaps most challenging is grounding in profound empathy. Empathy for ourselves, for each other, and for the place in which we live, work, play, and worship glues us together in a social and environmental context. The environment matters a lot to all of us. We're blessed to live in a place where people are passionately devoted to protecting the environment, and there are differing opinions on how to do that, including people who don't want to see another tree cut. Part of our place is people who make a living from natural resource extraction industries, cutting trees. How do we live in peace and harmony with each other? How do we create a resilient community for all?

I'm a long-term community activist. My purpose is to activate people to think, find common ground, and develop mutually satisfying solutions. There are community organizers, and their goal is often different. They're often looking to motivate people to adopt a position, voice a mantra, apply pressure to achieve results they believe necessary for community well-being.

Too often, we can fail to take each other's point of view into account, all in service of our noble cause. Too often, we can think that having our voices heard means obedience to our preferred action.

As an elected member of the governing body of Clatsop County, I'm committed to listening to all relevant points of view on important issues. I'm asking questions, asking the natural resource extraction people how we can have a livable planet, asking the environmental community how we can pay the bills, on both a family and a community-wide basis?

We must take each other into account, or we perish.

Pressing issues currently in play: the Linn County lawsuit, ecologically sustainable economic development by means of manufacturing modular housing using mass timber technology (which can also help with our housing shortage), and building more structures and relationships to support emergency response.

I'm devoted to protecting Clatsop county's resources in the forests and oceans, using the best science and our own expert legal advice, especially as regards the Linn Co. lawsuit.

Polar Dip January 1st at Arch Cape Beach

by Linda Lapp Murray

From inside the house, it looked like a lovely summer day on the beach... wait a minute, there is snow on the ground! As my son said, "I'm not going to stand out there on the beach in my bathing suit waiting in this cold."

And others must have had the same thought, because "hanging around" in your bathing suit didn't happen. Suddenly, there was a scream from the north end of the group and the surge toward the ocean began to happen from north to south.

There was no organized line-up, very little holding hands and marching into the ocean. Mostly, what happened was a noisy rush of freezing humanity dashing into a Pacific Ocean that was probably warmer than the air.



Afterward, there were many comments about what a pleasure the dip had been, what a lovely day for a swim, how satisfying to have sand to run on, and how quickly it was all over.

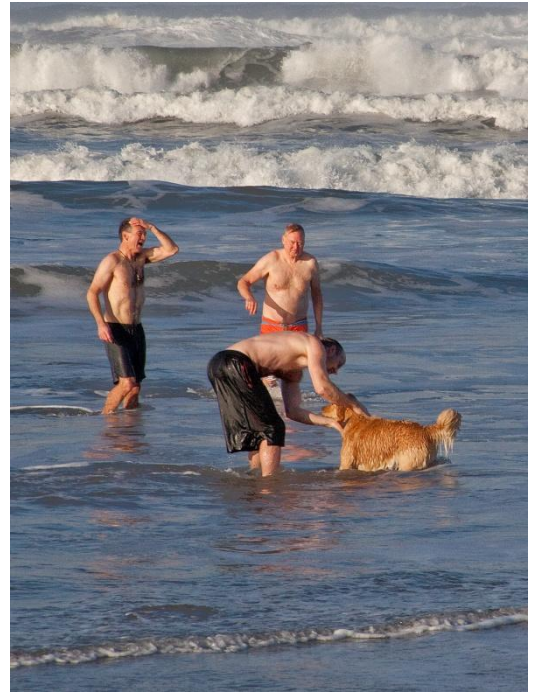


The reward for participation is always a sense of power and pleasure for having started the New Year with a challenge. One of the original “Divas of the Dive” Barbara Shaw, used to say she felt cleansed for the New Year after her dip.

The annual New Year Swim in Arch Cape has been happening for at least 52 years. If you would like to know more about the history of the swim, I put together a picture book on the history

of the tradition with the help of the community and Barb Beemer.

There are still a few copies left. If you want to purchase “The History of the Arch Cape New Year Pacific Plunge” for \$45 just call Linda Lapp Murray at 503-436-0893.



Photos by Linda Lapp Murray



Additional Photos by Dale Mosby







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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