

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter

November 2018

Welcome to Fall in Arch Cape

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the program director for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program. Come listen and learn about the ever-changing ecosystem that surrounds Haystack Rock. There's a lot more than we think on that rock. Learn how you can protect and prevent degradation of this amazing offshore island.



The Haystack Rock Awareness Program

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) is a stewardship and environmental education program whose mission is to protect, through education, the intertidal and bird ecology of the Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock. Since its modest beginnings in 1985, HRAP has educated and inspired over one hundred thousand adults and children to learn about the natural resources at Haystack Rock and in other places on our Earth.

Our goal is to promote stewardship of the environment and to prevent ecosystem degradation at Haystack Rock. To carry out this, HRAP offers an extensive interpretive program on the beach in front of Haystack Rock during most spring and summer low tides. Trained staff and volunteers are present to answer visitor questions and share their knowledge about this amazing offshore island and other marine related topics.

Quarterly Clean - Up & Potluck

Saturday, November 17, 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. Come visit with neighbors, and have a fun and upbeat time. Bring your favorite main dish or dessert along with your plates and silverware.

Our speaker for November is Melissa Keyser. She is

The Coast Community Radio

Submitted by Dale Mosby

The Coast Community Radio station, KMUN, has a plan to place a new translator at the north end of Cannon Beach. This would provide radio coverage to the Cannon Beach and Arch Cape communities. This translator would rebroadcast the KMUN FM 91.5 radio station on another frequency providing a strong signal in this area. In an emergency it would be possible for someone to visit the transmitter site and broadcast information pertinent to the local area. KMUN will also make tower space available to amateur radio and the police department if desired by those services.

There is presently a translator operating in Cannon Beach on a frequency of 89.5. This is a 10-watt station at a low elevation with no backup power. The new station will be out of the tsunami inundation zone, have a backup generator, and 100 watts. The new station would be a benefit to the south county area in a time of emergency.

The project plan would complete the station next summer. Funding is primarily through a number of grants. Donations for the project are also sought from the south county area. In addition to helping to fund part of the project local contributions demonstrate local support to funding organizations. The Coast Community Radio web site is www.coastradio.org. You can get more information by contacting Graham Nystrom, the station manager, at graham@coastradio.org or calling 503-325-0010.

The Arch Cape Watershed

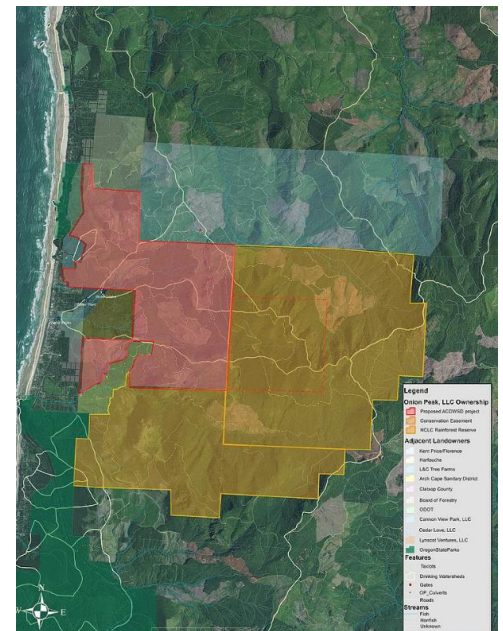
Submitted by Mary Olson

I am the Outreach Coordinator for the Arch Cape Watershed. I will be working with the community, stakeholders, and partners to increase awareness about the proposed acquisition of the watershed which will become a community forest. The Arch Cape watershed has been managed for timber production for many years. Acquisition of the watershed for creation of a community forest will allow the Arch Cape Water District and the community to have control over the activities in the watershed.

Drinking water comes from Shark Creek and Asbury Creek. These creeks originate high on the mountains above Arch Cape. Runoff and groundwater feed these creeks as they flow down to the ocean. One of the highest threats to the water is sediment contamination. Through ownership of the watershed, responsible forest management will help to reduce sediment delivery and provide clean, safe, affordable drinking water for the community.

To learn more, visit our website at archcapeforest.org, or follow us on Facebook – Arch Cape Forest. Help us to reduce waste by signing up to receive our newsletter via email, archcapeforest@gmail.com.

Mission Statement: Our vision is to provide clean, safe, and affordable drinking water to Arch Cape residents and visitors through the creation of a working, community-owned forest, to sustain the rich character and beauty of Oregon's coastal rainforest for generations.



Amendments to the ACFCBCC Bylaws

Submitted by Tara Erben

The Arch Cape – Falcon Cove Beach Community Club Board of Directors was approached in August by Arch Cape residents interested in the possibility of donating land to the nonprofit Community Club. To preserve the land such as wetlands, salmon spawning grounds and wildlife habitat, the Board of Directors voted to amend the outdated bylaws to enable the acceptance of land donations from interested property owners as well as allow the Community Club to act in the community's best interests.

Below is the updated *Section 1 and 2* of the Bylaws.

The ACFCBCC Board of Directors will continue to review the remaining Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation at upcoming board meetings before presenting to the general membership for approval.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

at the regularly scheduled Membership Meeting/Potluck, November 17, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Arch Cape Fire Station

Revised November 17, 2018

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1.

NAME –The name of this corporation shall be The Arch Cape-Falcon Cove Beach Community Club, Incorporated, hereinafter called the “Club”.

Section 2.

PURPOSE –The Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of the Club shall be to engage in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or its corresponding future provisions).

The Club's primary purposes 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.

Gordon's Update about Sonic Booms

Submitted by Diane Matson

Explosion or Sonic Boom on November 6th

The buzz yesterday was the loud boom that occurred around 10am. Many had seen or heard the jet going across and quickly put 2 and 2 together and knew it was a sonic boom, many others questioned if it was an explosion, a vehicle hitting the house, or even an earthquake. So, what is a sonic boom anyway? Well, it is a shock wave or a pressure wave produced by an aircraft traveling faster than the speed of sound, which varies but is roughly 700 MPH. The loudness of the boom depends largely on the distance between the observer and the aircraft, and the shape of the aircraft producing the sonic boom. Believe it or not, the pop of a bullwhip is actually a sonic boom as the end of the whip, at the last second, is moving faster than the speed of sound.

Yesterday's loud boom was courtesy of F-15 fighter jets of the 142nd Fighter Wing out of PDX. They routinely fly out of PDX, across our area, on the way to a training area that extends offshore from Astoria to Lincoln City. They are authorized to fly over at 15,000' or above and once in the training area can operate from 1000' to 50,000' but they should not operate above the speed of sound until over water away from populated land areas. Sometimes, when weather conditions are just right, like when an inversion layer is present, the sound, such as when an explosion or sonic boom occurs at ground level, the sound wave is reflected from the warmer upper layer and returns towards the ground can be heard further than when the inversion is not present. This may have been the issue yesterday. This is not the first-time sonic booms have been heard in our area and is likely not the last time. I did contact them yesterday and they said they would check to ensure that all squadron policies and procedures were followed.

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Recipe for Apple Crisp

Submitted by Patty Kinch

6 Cups (6 med.) peeled, sliced cooking apples

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

1 Tablespoon water

¾ Cup firmly packed brown sugar

½ Cup un-sifted flour

½ Cup rolled oats

1 Teaspoon cinnamon

½ Cup butter or margarine (1 stick)



Preheat oven to 375*. Place apples in 8 or 9-inch square or 10x6-inch pan. Sprinkle with lemon juice and water. Combine brown sugar, flour, rolled oats, and cinnamon. Cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples. Bake 40-45 minutes or until apples are tender. Serves 6.

Clatsop County Commissioner - District 5 - Lianne Thompson

Where Do We Go from Here?



As you read this, we've already learned the results of the November General Election. Most of us are glad it's over, whether we "won" or "lost." Politics is a game of winners and losers, and it's like contact sports, a kind of mixed martial arts.

What comes after the political battles is the governing, finding the courage and generosity to consider the common good, the common ground, and an equitable distribution of costs and benefits through public policies and programs.

Like the rest of our culture, politics has become a game of constant, never-ending warfare. We never get to the governing part, the part where we put down our weapons and put our heads together in a positive way. We need to stop butting heads and start

using more of our heads for their brains, to generate and execute solutions. It's not that we're doing everything wrong. We are definitely doing things right. But there's a body of challenges that we're not addressing effectively as a team. We can do better.

But we need a process. And we need to be willing to be capable, which means we're willing to try, make mistakes, learn from them, and then try again. I think we can learn from the last twenty years' experience with volunteer commissioners, as provided under the current Home Rule Charter in effect in Clatsop County. Here's what I see.

Taxpayers work hard to earn the money that government spends to provide services for the public. Without a dedicated elected governing body that can spend the time and effort to understand what it takes to earn the money and how to wisely spend that money, there is no effective public accountability.

In my experience, volunteer commissioners are usually part-time, especially if they have to earn a living doing some other job. They may be too eager to accept “advice” from a lobbyist or a bureaucrat, neither of whom is elected by the public or accountable to the public.

However well-meaning or self-serving the advice, how is a part-time elected official to weigh and sift the truth to arrive at the best path to the common good? How are transparency and accountability served, except with dedicated and capable elected public officials? Dedicated and capable elected public officials need to do planning and evaluation, I think, and they need to do it strategically. Other Clatsop County Boards of Commissioners have done real and substantive strategic planning.

In 2011, in an open competitive bidding process, my firm won a contract to provide strategic planning facilitation to the sitting board of commissioners in Clatsop County. As a result of that strategic planning, the board committed to follow a new form of clear and empowering accountability and developed board rules to implement the new way of operating. That included a series of listening sessions in 2014. Vision 2030 community input sessions were held in seven locations all over Clatsop County, and people showed up to voice their vision.

What was supposed to happen after that was a statement of the board's mission and measures of effectiveness in achieving progress toward achieving that mission. It didn't happen. It needs to happen, now more than ever. If a volunteer board cannot achieve the statement of mission that expresses the will of the people in this county and the dimensions along which it should evaluate its employee, the County Manager, we're in trouble.

I do see trouble. I see the churn of both elected and appointed leaders, the Clatsop County Commissioners and the County Manager. Our rate of turnover is alarming. It's a waste of time, talent, and treasure. It's costly in money spent and opportunities lost. We can and must do better. I hope the new board that takes office in January 2019 will do better.

Where do we go from here? Back to listening to the people, and then moving forward to refine and define the County's mission, what kind of difference we want to make and how we intend to make that difference, for ourselves and for the County Manager whom we both hire and hold accountable.

And it is, I think, the Board's job to hold the County Manager accountable for results achieved in realizing the County's mission. The voters, the people, elect their representatives on the governing body and hold those representatives accountable. If staff isn't held accountable to the members of the governing body, there is no other way to do it. Voters certainly have no other direct impact than their votes.

But the Board of County Commissioners can, should, and must be accountable to the people. The best way I see to do that is to listen again to the people. What we thought years ago needs refreshing. The housing and opioid crises are much worse now, for example. After listening to the people, the board should define and refine community input into a compelling mission. Then comes another interesting part, translating the mission into focus areas, such as housing, economic development, community physical and mental health, public safety, and the arts. From those focus areas come logical action steps, with analysis and planning to evaluate needs, methods, and results or outcomes.

The details remain to be worked out. But the operative word here is “worked.” The time has passed for a board that does not perform the essential work of thoughtfully proceeding to answer the question, “Where do we go from here?”

In Memoriam of John Marshall Sproul M.D.



John Marshall Sproul, M.D., of Mercer Island, died suddenly October 6, 2018 at home. A passionate photographer, birder, genealogist, historian and occasional poet, John was 85. John was born March 18, 1933, in Grafton, N.D., to Everett and Mary Sproul and grew up in Barrington, Ill. A graduate of Northwestern University (1955) and Northwestern University Medical School (1958), he specialized in pulmonary disease and internal medicine. Following post-graduate studies, he served as a doctor stationed at the 8th Field Hospital in Nha Trang, during the Vietnam War (USAR, LTC, MC).

After retiring from his medical career, John traveled extensively, often to photograph birds or while researching detailed histories of Lopez Island, Wash., where he had a farm for many years, and Oregon's Arch Cape, where he had family ties. John is survived by sister Ann Jensen (John), of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and niece Elizabeth Jensen and nephew David Jensen (Yvonne), of New York City, and numerous cousins. Family and friends will gather at the Mercer Island Community Center on Sunday Nov. 18, 2 - 4 p.m. to share memories of John. (Published in The Seattle Times Nov. 6, 2018).

The Arch Cape connection: John's grandfather, Dr. John Ed Countryman, was married to Irene English, who with her two sisters, Elsie and Marie English, owned the "Singing Sands" hotel in Arch Cape. They bought the original Arch Cape Hotel from Marmaduke Maxwell in 1929 and changed the name to Singing Sands. In 1939, John Countryman and Irene English Countryman moved to the Singing Sands hotel until their home was built next to the hotel. More information on the family and their lives in Arch Cape can be found in the Arch Cape Chronicles under the section starting on page 162, "The English Connection".



Brown Pelican - *Pelecanus occidentalis*



Western Gull - *Larus glaucescens*

Caspian Tern - *Hydroprogne caspia*



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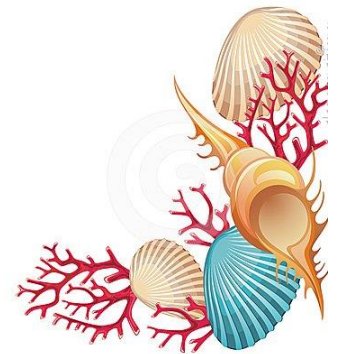


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ARCH CAPE FALCON COVE BEACH COMMUNITY CLUB

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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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