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General Meeting Wednesday, January 5th, Chuckanut Fire Hall 7:30 PM

Don't Miss an Evening with the South Whatcom Fire Authority Chief, Dave Ralston, and Board of Commissioners member, Lynn Trzynka

Chief Ralston will discuss the changes that have occurred since the SWFA was formed in 2009, and how this has affected response times and other emergency services in the Chuckanut area. This includes discussing operations, what we can expect in 2011, and much more. He'll also be available to answer any questions that community members may have.

Also in attendance will be Lynn Trzynka, our Fire Commissioner for SWFA. She will also be providing the community with an overview of the progress of the Fire Authority. If you have questions you would like answered, please email them to her beforehand at lynntrzynka@yahoo.com.

Since emergency preparedness is a priority for our entire community, we highly encourage you to attend this informative evening. So come on by!

President's Message

At the November executive board meeting, we considered whether our newsletter should have a clearly defined editorial policy. This question was prompted by contact from several members of our community regarding what appeared [to them] to be an increasing politicization of the newsletter.

Since it is our goal to focus on issues which are common to all residents of the community, i.e. fire protection, law enforcement and emergency preparedness, and to avoid potentially divisive issues, it was resolved that there should be an editorial policy, and that, stated simply, it should be TO INFORM RATHER THAN TO PERSUADE.

As an example of this policy, the newsletter will publish basic information -- time, location and simple description -- regarding public meetings that may be of interest to our community. The goal will be to make useful information available to our community, but to avoid using the newsletter as a platform for any potentially divisive point of view.

Also discussed was the rationale for dues-paying membership in the Association. What do we actually receive from our all-volunteer Association that is worth the modest annual dues? Some of the benefits mentioned were:

1. Ongoing support of and liaison with our firefighters and medical aid services.
2. Quarterly programs that speak to our quality of life in the Chuckanut community, most recently the Washington State Patrol and Red Cross; coming up in January, Fire Chief Dave Ralston along with Lynn Trzynka, Chuckanut Commissioner for the South Whatcom Fire Authority.
3. The quarterly newsletter.
4. Welcoming of new residents.
5. Neighborhood address and phone directory.
6. Ongoing development of the 'pod' system, with enhanced communication among residents and facilitation of mutual assistance in emergencies.
7. Access to our brand new community website, the prototype for which is viewable at www.chuckanutcommunity.org.

I encourage you to support the Association by submitting your dues -- \$24.00 per family or \$12.00 per single member household -- in the return envelope provided with the hard copy of this newsletter.

Once again, your comments and feedback are invited.

J. Michael Newlight
 CBCA President
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Projected 2011 Budget

INCOME

Dues	\$3500
Donations	1300
Fund Raising	
Chuckanut Chronicles	75
Chuckanut Memories	75
Reflective Posts	125
Carryovers	1700
L. Shafer Fund Interest	210
TOTAL INCOME	\$6985

EXPENSES

GENERAL	
Administration	\$1374
Website	150
Newsletter	900
Hospitality	550
Chuckanut	600
Chronicles reprint	
Chuckanut	700
Memories reprint	
Grounds	150
Memorial Garden	80
Welcome New	100
Neighbors	
Reflective Signs	425
CBCA Signs	200
Maintenance Fund	
General Sub-total	5229
FIREFIGHTERS	
Firefighters 24 Hour	1020
Area	
Firefighters	500
Appreciation	
Firefighters Sub-total	1520
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6749

From Your Editor

You will find the Dues / Volunteer envelope in this issue. The Association still needs a few **Pod Captains** to cover our community. They provide a communications link among Pod Members (residents), and the Community, particularly in time of emergencies such as rock slides, fire, earthquake etc. Volunteers should have email access and have Chuckanut as their primary residence. We are also still looking for a volunteer to help organize our **Archives**.

Please consider volunteering.
Georgia Heald

Happy New Year!

Fire Authority

South Whatcom Fire Authority Regular Meeting December 8, 2010

The South Whatcom Fire Authority Board held their regular meeting December 8. The bulk of the meeting consisted of various reports from Chief Ralston including housing, the budget, and the termination letter the county has sent the City of Bellingham regarding EMS service the county and city operate together. The letter was sent in case the city and county aren't able to resolve differences within the three year window. It was essentially a notification to re-negotiate. In the interim, service continues.

Regarding the budget, Chief Ralston reported \$766,885 revenues and \$758,887 expenditures remaining for 2010. Revenues expected for 2011 are \$2,400,000 with \$1,822,000 operating expense. The balance will be for cash and capital reserves. Revenues are up significantly in line with costs projected when the district was formed.

The Chief also reported on the housing of firemen in the various areas of the district. Securing a place to house firefighters in the Chuckanut area is a priority.

Under Strategic Planning, Chief Ralston reported that the district is endeavoring to get automatic aid from the City of Bellingham. Currently, we have "mutual aid" which has to be summoned, it is not automatic. He said that is key to the Chuckanut area, since a critical component of the firefighting capability is response time.

There will be a volunteer firemen recognition banquet March 25, 2011, at the Lakeway Best Western. Chief Ralston mentioned that in the past the Chuckanut group paid for the firefighters' spouse or girlfriend to attend the recognition banquet. The group may wish to continue this practice.

Delight Green
Fire Protection Liaison



Firefighters

SUPPORTING OUR FIREFIGHTERS

How could or should the CBCA relate to our individual volunteer firefighters, now that we no longer have responsibility for providing or overseeing equipment and facilities?

As we discussed this question at the November board meeting, we realized that one of our experienced volunteers, Steve Mitchell, was on duty in the fire hall. We invited him to sit in on the meeting and speak to this issue.

Steve made it clear that the current volunteers felt somewhat cut off from engagement with the local community which they had enjoyed in previous years. Although Steve assured us that ongoing professional support of the new fire district was a great improvement, and that coverage by fire personnel was as good or better than it had been before the amalgamation of the districts, he did say that the contact with the local residents was missed by the volunteers.

When asked what the Association could do for the firefighters, Steve pointed out that they were in process of improving the living quarters and that we could help by providing additional financial support for the upgrade, which was to include, for example, shelving to hold the historical memorabilia of our fire hall, frames for past awards and pictures, refreshing of paint and other minor improvements. In addition, Steve said that small items, such as food, T-shirts, warm socks, etc. were valued, since their significance as tokens of appreciation were as meaningful as the actual items themselves.

The board voted to budget \$1020 for materials to support the firefighters in making their improvements, plus another \$500 for gifts of food and small items over the coming year. It was noted that, for the past two years, no direct financial support had been given to the firefighters by the Association.

In addition to Steve, three other volunteers -- Nick Ackerman, Ryan Hull and Vicki Hsueh -- live close to our area and focus mainly on Chuckanut. As President of our Association, I will paraphrase another President thusly: "Ask not what your firefighters can do for you, ask what you can do for your firefighters." These are the people who will be there if your home catches fire; they will be first on the scene of your medical emergency. They deserve your utmost support and consideration.

I invite you, the members of our community, to step forward and contact your Executive Board with offers of support. Doesn't have to be much -- how about a box of cookies for the holidays? A wool cap? A DVD for the volunteers to watch while they're on duty at the Fire Hall?

It is the demonstration of widespread support that is most important.

J. Michael Newlight

Neighborhood Pod Captains

Chuckanut Bay Community Association -- Neighborhood Pod Captains/Co-Captains

Volunteer Captain	Address	Phone	
Carin Gurliaccio	289 Beacon Road	733-3870	
-- All on Beacon Rd, Cove Rd E of RR tracks (10)			
Marsha Riek	297 Beacon Road	733-8277	
-- Working together with Carin Gurliaccio above			
Susan Gelhar	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177	
Kathy Lorson Howell	1096 Chuckanut Drive	736-0416	
-- 938-1054 Chuckanut Drive (18, even #s only)			
Will Cady	1105 Chuckanut Drive	756-0511	
-- 933-1127 Chuckanut Drive (18, odd #s only)			
Ken Kaliher (Klipsun)	1207 Chuckanut Drive	734-2096	
-- 1177-1247 Chuckanut Drive (9; odd #s only)			
Dale Anderson & Joanie Greenberg	1317 Chuckanut Drive	592-0223	
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049	
B.K. Smith	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955	
-- All on Chuckanut Crest Lane (5)			
Diane Smith	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955	
-- All on Brighton Crest Drive & Lane (18)			
Gale Gropp	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991	
Richard Tucker	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815	
Liz Wright	280 Chuckanut Point Road	671-5518	
Ethelyn Payne	345 Cove Road	734-4972	
-- 340-373 Cove Road, west of RR tracks (7)			
Susan Brown	185 Hiline Road	650-9511	
Carletta Vanderbilt	915 Hiline Road	676-6044	
Laura Leigh Brakke	585 Pleasant Bay Road	734-3771	
-- All on Pleasant Bay Road (11)			
Chris Donaldson	567 Whitecap Road	676-8955	
-- All on Whitecap Road (22)			
Ralph & Joyce Gardner	524 Whitecap Road	738-4054	
-- Backing up Chris Donaldson on Whitecap			

Pod Captain candidates are particularly needed on Dolphin Place, Chuckanut Crest Drive, and along Chuckanut Drive south of the low 900s.

If you have not received the new Directory for the Chuckanut Bay Community, Please contact your Pod Captain. If you live in an area that is not currently covered by a Pod Captain, please consider volunteering to distribute the Directories to your neighbors by calling Ken Kaliher at 734-2096. The Directories will also be available at the General Meeting on January 5.

CBCA

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Gale Gropp 733-3991
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	Historian Lynette Berry 676-8131
Fire Commissioner Lynn Trzynka 715-8038	Newsletter Georgia Heald 733-9358
	Greet New Neighbors Ralph & Joyce Gardner 738-4054
	Memorial Garden Susan Brown 650-9511 Frank Schultz 676-0115

**On-Going Fund Raisers:
Call the Pattersons 922-0049**

Books

Chuckanut Chronicles
Chuckanut Memories

\$12 each

Historic Chuckanut Cook Book
\$3 each

Note Cards

Chuckanut Memories
Chuckanut Island
six for \$5

Reflective ID Driveway Posts

Available at \$25 each. These will easily identify your house in an emergency.

CBCA Mission

The Association shall be maintained by the members as an administrative, fundraising, and social organization devoted to the safety and welfare of the Chuckanut community.

Bulletin Board

Pet Sitters Available

Two responsible, animal-loving Chuckanut kids would like to help you and your pets. Evan and Hadley Frazier are experienced animal care-takers, and are available days and evenings to feed, walk, play, and give general care to your pets. Adult-supervised. References available. Phone: 733-4470

Baby Sitter/Mother's Helper

Hadley Frazier has taken the baby sitter/first aid course and is available as a baby Mother's helper. Phone: 733-4470

If you are looking for someone to provide a service or if you have a service you would like to offer community members like pet sitting, baby sitting, house sitting, lawn or yard care please provide the information to chuckanutnews@yahoo.com with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

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CBCA Important Dates:

- Wednesday, January 5: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Wednesday, February 2: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, March 2: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Friday, March 18: Deadline for newsletter articles for the April issue

Please send all news, announcements, articles, photos, story ideas, artwork, or letters to:
chuckanutnews@yahoo.com or call Georgia Heald, Editor, 733-9358