



# CHUCKANUT NEWS

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## General Meeting Wednesday, January 4th, 7:30 PM Chuckanut Fire House

### **An Evening with the South Whatcom Fire Authority**

Don't pass up your chance to meet South Whatcom Fire Authority's own Chief Dave Ralston this January 4th at 7:30 at the Chuckanut Fire Station. 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, an introduction to the resident firefighters who staff the Chuckanut Fire Station, and much more. He'll also be open to answering any questions the community may have.

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

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# President's Message

Central to your Board's discussion at the November meeting were possible ways in which the CBCA might offer greater value to the community, and do a better job of communicating that value.

Following that discussion, I met with a WWU Senior who is President of the student Management Information Systems Association and a member of Western's Information Technology Leadership Team.

We reviewed the vestigial CBCA website ([www.chuckanutcommunity.org](http://www.chuckanutcommunity.org)), and he proposed scheduling an intern or team of interns, beginning in January, to bring the CBCA web presence up to its full potential.

This could include encryption and password protection for member access to:

1. Community blog for discussion of security issues, social events, etc.;
2. On-line directory, each member's entry updatable by the member, with opportunity to input info which might be important in emergencies, such as health and mobility issues, special skills, access to vehicles, boats, tools and gear, etc.;
3. Member access to email list;
4. Community map showing pod boundaries, identifying pod members and captains, and creating a communication network for the pods.

With public access to include:

5. Quick links to community resources – sheriff, fire, red cross, state park, etc.;
6. Current and archived newsletters;
7. Chuckanut community history;
8. Storefront for publications;
9. Announcement of community meetings;
10. Archive of video recordings of the presentations given at quarterly membership meetings.

Will we, residents of the Chuckanut community, be engaged by a more sophisticated CBCA web presence? Will we find value in it? My intuitive sense is 'yes', and I quote Steve Jobs: "A lot of times, people don't know what they want until you show it to them."

Let's see where this goes.  
Your comments would be appreciated.

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# Projected 2012 Budget

## From Your Editor

You will find the Dues / Volunteer envelope in this issue. Please take a minute to look at the volunteer opportunities to help our community. In addition to the usual positions, this year we are looking for a Website Coordinator to help expand and improve our website. Please see the President's Message, on page 2. We are also looking for a new Membership Chair.

Just a reminder of some of the benefits of paying your dues and joining the CBCA:

- Access to our new expanding website.
- Ongoing support of and liaison with our firefighters and medical aid services.
- The quarterly newsletter.
- Neighborhood address and phone directory.
- Ongoing development of the Pod system to aid and help residents in times of emergency or disaster.

Georgia Heald, Editor



## INCOME

Dues	3000
Donations	1200
Fund Raising	
Chuckanut Chronicles	50
Chuckanut Memories	50
Reflective Posts	100
L. Shafer Fund Interest	<u>68</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4468</b>

## EXPENSES

### GENERAL

Administration	525
Website	100
Newsletter	1191
Hospitality	250
Grounds	200
Memorial Garden	75
Reflective Signs	425
CBCA Signs Maintenance Fund	<u>200</u>
General Sub-total	2966

### FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters Appreciation	500
Banquet	<u>200</u>
Firefighters Sub-total	700

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3666</b>
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# Gateway Pacific Terminal: The Issues

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By Sherri Burrill Communications Coordinator for Gateway Pacific Terminal

## Jobs and Tax Revenues

- \$600-\$700 million privately-funded project
- Two-year construction period will create **3,500-4,400 new jobs**<sup>1</sup> and \$74-\$92 million in state and local tax revenues.
- Once operational, the terminal will sustain **294-430 permanent direct jobs**, with an average annual salary of over \$90,000. These direct jobs, along with induced and indirect employment will sustain **860-1,250 permanent jobs**,<sup>2</sup> and create \$8 to \$11 million annually in local and state tax revenues.
- GPT will exhaust the **local workforce first**—putting local union workers back on the job.

## Terminal Basics

- Designed to handle more than one commodity at a time such as U.S. coal, grains, corn, potash, calcined coke, and wood bio-fuels, which makes it adaptable to changing markets.
- Shoreline permit requires zero dust at the property line; it states: “No odors, dust, dirt, or smoke shall be emitted that are detectable at or beyond the property line...to cause a nuisance.”
- All materials will be unloaded in enclosed, air-controlled structures, and moved in conveyor systems that are either tightly covered (over land) or fully enclosed (over water).
- Open storage area (coal) will use additional dust control systems including a wind wall, sprayers, foggers, and berms—these measures are far superior to Canadian terminals (such as the Westshore terminal built 40 years ago at Tsawwassen).
- The project will undergo a thorough two-year environmental review that ensures **the project complies with a multitude of federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.**

## Air Quality

- **Locomotives** are four times more fuel efficient than the trucks we pass by every day on I-5, and only account for 0.6% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>3,4</sup>
- Trains are subject to new stringent standards by the EPA to reduce diesel emissions by 90%.<sup>5</sup>
- Of the 19 activities monitored by the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE), **locomotives rank among the three smallest contributors of air particulate emissions.**<sup>6</sup>
- **Trains only contribute 0.8% of the state’s total PM2.5 emissions** (fine particulate matter) —way behind wood stoves (19%) and farming equipment (17%).
- **Coal dust:** Studies show that coal dust loss from untreated railcars occurs with the most frequency close to loading points at the mines and materially decreases as the railcars move farther from the mining areas in the Powder River Basin (PRB). BNSF has issued a new rule that requires PRB coal shippers to implement measures that will reduce coal dust loss by 85 percent.<sup>7</sup>
- **Trains carrying coal have been travelling through Western Washington on their way to B.C. ports for years, yet the Northwest Clean Air Agency and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency have no record of coal dust complaints.**

## Rail Traffic

- At maximum capacity—**9 trains per day can be serviced at the terminal (18 roundtrip)**, half capacity will be 4-5 trains per day (trains arrive full and leave empty for the return trip).
- A study generated for the Port of Bellingham found that the typical delay for a mile-long train is around 4 minutes.<sup>8</sup> Even at maximum capacity, **this makes for a total wait time of just over an hour throughout an entire 24-hour period, in exchange for over 1,000 new jobs.**
- Any increased freight traffic will not come at the expense of existing passenger traffic. BNSF has a long, successful history of working with passenger rail authorities.

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## Gateway Pacific Terminal (continued)

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- Train horns are required by federal law to be blown at public crossings for the protection of motorists and pedestrians.
- Ports in British Columbia are investing millions of dollars in increasing coal export capacity over the next few years<sup>9</sup>, which means that **even if the Gateway terminal is not built, coal trains will increasingly continue to pass through Western Washington on their way to B.C. ports**, although our community won't reap the economic benefits.

### Marine Life

- Impacts on marine life at Cherry Point have been extensively studied and will be examined further during the EIS process over the next two years. The NEPA/SEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will thoroughly evaluate potential impacts on wildlife and wetlands, and mitigations will be established as part of the permitting process.
- The Pacific Herring population was studied by academics, the NOAA Fisheries Northwest Regional Office, and the WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, which conclude that factors other than industry are responsible for impacts on herring.<sup>12</sup>

### For more information

- If you have any questions or would like to receive email updates about the Gateway Pacific Terminal project, please email your request to: [info@gatewaypacificterminal.com](mailto:info@gatewaypacificterminal.com) or call (360) 738-7229
- Visit [www.gatewaypacificterminal.com](http://www.gatewaypacificterminal.com) and become a fan of the [Northwest Jobs Alliance Facebook Page](#)
- For questions regarding the railroad, contact BNSF at (817) 867-6275

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This is the second of two articles on the Proposed Gateway Pacific Terminal. The first one appeared in the July issue of the Chuckanut News and was written by Bob Ferris executive Director of RE Sources for Sustainable Communities.

## Neighborhood Pod Captains

**Pod Manager: Ken Kaliher – 734-2096**

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

<b>Volunteer Captain</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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		
Marsha Alan	1385 Chuckanut Drive	734-8538
Susan Gelhar	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177
Frank Schultz-self+all on Chuckanut Heights Rd.(9)	694 Chuckanut Drive	676-0115
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
--1275-1306 Chuckanut Drive (7; six odd)		
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049
--1325-1458 Chuckanut Drive (12: eight odd)		
B.K. Smith-- All on Chuckanut Crest Lane (5)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955
Diane Smith-- All on Brighton Crest Dr. & Lane (19)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955
Gale Gropp	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991
Richard Tucker	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815
Liz Wright --All on Chuckanut Point Road (25)	280 Chuckanut Point Road	671-5518
Ethelyn Payne	345 Cove Road	734-4972
-- 340-373 Cove Road, west of RR tracks (7)		
Emily Larson-Rutter--All on DolphinPl & E.Dolphin	502 E. Dolphin Place	647-1343
-- Plus 508,525 Chuckanut Drive (17)		
Susan Brown—123-185 Hiline Road (7)	185 Hiline Road	650-9511
Carletta Vanderbilt	915 Hiline Road	676-6044
Laura Leigh Brakke-- All on Pleasant Bay Rd. (11)	585 Pleasant Bay Road	734-3771
Julie Carpenter—All on Soundview Road (10)	101 Soundview Road	647-1215
Rolf Parks	107 Soundview Road	647-9632
--Backing up Julie Carpenter on Soundview Rd.		
Chris Donaldson -- All on Whitecap Road (22)	567 Whitecap Road	676-8955
Ralph & Joyce Gardner	524 Whitecap Road	738-4054
-- Backing up Chris Donaldson on Whitecap		

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

**CBCA**

<b>CBCA OFFICERS</b>	<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b>
<b>President</b> Michael Newlight 734-5890	<b>Membership</b> Gale Gropp 733-3991
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	<b>Historian</b> Lynette Berry 676-8131
<b>Fire Commissioner</b> Lynn Trzynka 715-8038	<b>Newsletter</b> Georgia Heald 733-9358
	<b>Adopt-a-Highway</b> Will Cady 756-0511
	<b>Memorial Garden</b> 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, Plant, Yard, and House Care**

Evan and Hadley Frazier, two responsible and hard-working Chuckanut residents, would like to help you this summer. They have five years' experience as animal and plant care-takers, and are available days and evenings to feed, walk, play, and give general care to your pets or tend indoor/outdoor plants. Evan, 16, is also available for general yard work, window washing and house painting. Please call 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](mailto:chuckanutnews@yahoo.com) with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.**

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## ***CBCA Important Dates:***

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- Wednesday, January 4: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Wednesday, February 1: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, March 7: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, March 14: Deadline for newsletter articles for the April issue

Please send all news, announcements, articles, photos, story ideas, artwork, or letters to:  
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