



General Meeting

7:30 at the Fire Hall

January 9, 2013

There will be a discussion of the organizations activities and
We will call for nominations for
Vice President

This is an opportunity for you to give input on what the CBCA is and should be doing for our community.

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President's Message

Our organization continues to redefine itself for the longer term, as the South Whatcom Fire Authority has completely taken over the operation of our Fire Department in a very professional manner. As stated in our bylaws, "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."

We continue to build our internet presence (www.chuckanutcommunity.org) as a key resource for community communication and connectivity. Currently, almost 100 community households are signed up with usernames and passwords. If you still haven't registered, email admin@chuckanutcommunity.org for your registration code.

Reviewing my files, I found a letter (several years old) from the Whatcom County Public Works department describing the process for creating a "Locomotive Whistle Quiet Zone" at Yacht Club Road. It is available on our website under the "documents" menu choice, which requires login with your username and password. If you are interested in pursuing this matter, the first step would be to gather a group of your neighbors who are willing to put time and money into the effort.

Our meeting on Wednesday, February 6th, will be a gathering of Pod Captains, to discuss their process and procedures. A suggestion has been made to rename them Neighborhood Liaison or Neighborhood Coordinators or some such, more descriptive term than the Pod Captain moniker.

The position of Vice-President is currently open. The primary duty of our VP is to arrange programs of general community interest for two or three general meetings during the year. I'd like to speak with anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Best wishes for the holiday season!
 J. Michael Newlight
 President

From Your Editor

You will find the Dues / Volunteer envelope in this issue. Please take a moment to look at the volunteer opportunities to help our community. I would love to have more contributions to the newsletter. Please check the box even for a one time article, old pictures or anything that might be of interest. Mail it along with your dues check or bring it to the General Meeting.

Happy New Year

Projected 2013 Budget

2013 PROJECTED INCOME	
Dues	\$3,000
Donations	1,000
Fund Raising	
Chuckanut Chronicles	50
Chuckanut Memories	50
Reflective Posts	100
L. Shafer Fund Interest	50
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,250

2013 EXPENSES	
GENERAL FUND	
Administration	\$465
Website	600
Newsletter	1,700
Hospitality	175
Grounds	200
Memorial Garden	100
CBCA Signs Maintenance Fund	200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,440

Stolen Mail Update by Randy Carroll

There have been a few residents in the Chuckanut Bay Community that have been victims of mail theft.

The perpetrator has been arrested, as has his wife. Unfortunately, the individual is out of jail awaiting sentencing. It is anticipated that he will be returned to prison to serve a two-year sentence on an unrelated parole violation. This return to prison and his length of stay is more incarceration than he would have received on any conviction for theft of mail.

We are not alone in this perpetrators victimization. He was/is a thief of opportunity and wanders Whatcom County taking mail from mailboxes when he is relatively certain no one is watching or, there is little to no activity in the neighborhood.

He steals mail looking for opportunities to convert the contents of mail to his gain. That is to say, if he finds a check in the stolen mail, he will 'wash'* the check and make it out to himself. He will look for mail with credit cards and use them and then sell them. When he can he will take the information he finds in the mail and steal identity.

His wife is his accomplice and she is currently in jail awaiting trial for possession of stolen property, aiding and abetting theft, and drug charges.

The issue of mail theft was addressed at a neighborhood meeting that was organized to discuss train noise in the neighborhood. This issue was something that came up as a side topic.

Many drug addicted/dependent individuals often steal mail. It is easy to do and usually goes undetected until the victim realizes that financial accounts have been accessed. That is, charges to a credit card that were not made by the account holder, or withdrawing of money from bank accounts not by the account holder, or in some cases new credit cards are ordered by the thief in the victims name and the victim is unaware until a collection agency calls for non payment. In extreme cases 'big ticket items' have been purchased, such as boats and cars, and in rare cases mortgages have been taken out, property purchased and sold in the victims name with assets being gained by the thief whom is thought to be the victim because the thief has assumed the identity of the victim. Gangs or a very organized group usually accomplishes these extreme cases.

What we have experienced is a thief looking to support a drug habit..... small time..... but still someone creating victims. Crime Prevention experts have advised people not to put outgoing mail in an outside mailbox, especially one that is roadside, and to never put mail in the box and then raise the red flag for pick up. This is an open invitation to a thief. Crime Prevention folks also recommend installing locking mailboxes if residents want to receive mail at or near their homes. The best option is a Post Office Box. Granted, it is an expense and sometimes not convenient but, it is a very secure way to receive mail.

The residents throughout the county whose mail was recovered in the perpetrators house have been contacted by Bellingham Police. BPD recovered the mail while investigating another crime at the perpetrators residence and seeing piles of mail that were not addressed to the arrestee. It was discovered that many residents in the city and county were victimized (around 200).

As stated earlier some residents of the neighborhood expressed concern over this situation and there was a commitment to follow up and obtain information. If there are further concerns this topic can be discussed at one of the Association meetings.

Please reconcile your bank statements, credit card statements and other financial accounts monthly. Additionally, everyone should run a credit history check on themselves through the three major credit bureaus to determine if there are accounts open in your name that you have no knowledge of. Your personal banker may assist you in doing this.

* Applying a chemical solution to the ink on the line 'Pay to the Order of', and removing the intended recipients name is 'Washing' a check. The thief then writes or types a different name on that line and cashes the check, or has someone cash it. (Easy to do when you have stolen many, many pieces of mail and have many pieces of identification not in your real name.)

Randy Carroll is a retired Bellingham Chief of Police. He is now president of PROPECTUS, LLC, Consulting Services.

Neighborhood Pod Captains

Pod Manager: Ken Kaliher – 734-2096

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		
Chris Thorndike-Kent	1338 Chuckanut Crest Drive	920-5210
Marsha Alan	1385 Chuckanut Crest Drive	734-8538
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
Martie Lopez—All on Kathryn Lane (3)	1595 Kathryn Lane	756-0706
Susan Gelhar	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177
Frank Schultz	694 Chuckanut Drive	676-0115
-- self, plus all on Chuckanut Heights Road (9)		
Al Race	892 Chuckanut Drive	734-4491
-- 754-924 Chuckanut Drive (9, even #s only)		
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)		
Liz Wright—All on Chuckanut Point Road (25)	280 Chuckanut Point Road	671-5518
Nancy Stumvoll (working with Liz Wright above)	266 Chuckanut Point Road	738-7928
Gale Gropp—All Chuckanut Shore Rd.& Chuckanut Lane	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991
Richard Tucker—Working with Gale Gropp,above	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815
Ethelyn Payne—340-373 Cove Road, west of RR tracks(7)	345 Cove Road	734-4972
Emily Larson-Rutter—All on Dolphin Place, E. Dolphin Pl.	502 E. Dolphin Place	647-1343
-- & 508,525 Chuckanut Dr. (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 Park -- Working with Julie Carpenter above	107 Soundview Road	647-9632
Chris Donaldson—All on Whitecap Road (22)	567 Whitecap Road	676-8955
Ralph & Joyce Gardner	524 Whitecap Road	738-4054
-- Working with Chris Donaldson on Whitecap		

Pod Captains candidates are still needed on Heron Point Lane and Chuckanut Drive south of the low 900s (odd-numbered addresses.)

CBCA

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Amy Van Pelt 220-1748
Vice President Open	Publication /Sales Pat & Mary Patterson 922-0049
Treasurer Karin Todd 676-5606	Pod Management Ken Kaliher 734-2096
Secretary Ann Jones Richardson 733-9140	Landscape / Grounds Frank & Carol Schultz 676-0115
Trustees Carlotta Vanderbilt 676-6044 Mary Anne Ruf 676-9249 Kathy Howell 738-0416	Hospitality Moiree Landgren 734-8084
	Newsletter Georgia Heald 733-9358
	Adopt-a-Highway Will Cady 756-0511
Fire Commissioner Lynn Trzynka 715-8038	Memorial Garden Susan Brown 650-9511 Frank Schultz 676-0115

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

Books

Chuckanut Chronicles
Chuckanut Memories
\$16.50 each
Historic Chuckanut Cook Book
\$3 each

Note Cards

Chuckanut Memories
Chuckanut Island
Six for \$1

Reflective ID Driveway Posts

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

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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.

Piano Lessons for Beginning Students

I am currently a student at Sehome High School and am starting to teach piano. I've played piano over the course of ten years. We can make arrangements for lessons at my house or yours and at a time that will work for both of us. Please call or email me if interested.

Coco Longwood, Cocolongwood@yahoo.com Home phone: 733-4693

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, babysitting, house sitting, lawn or yard care please provide the information to editor@chuckanutcommunity.org with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

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CBCA Important Dates:

- Wednesday, January 9: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Wednesday, February 6: Board Meeting and Pod Captains meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, April 3, 2013: General Meeting 7:30, Fire Hall
- Friday, March 15, Deadline for newsletter articles for the April issue

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