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

Don't Miss It
Washington State Parks:
The Past, Present and Future

Rangers Amber Forest and Paul McEvers will give a presentation discussing the colorful history of

Larrabee State Park

It was first state park in Washington. They will also discuss the current state of the park and the state park system in general. They will talk about their favorite hikes and places to explore in the area. They will be available to answer any questions.

Should be Fun and Informative!

President's Message

The recent manifestation of summer has robbed the mind of focus, and ambition has dissolved in the sunlight like some gothic creature of the night, to be replaced by torpidity, indolence and frivolity. Thus, I have little to report in the way of progress for your Association.

The annual picnic at Larrabee State Park was lightly attended, but those who did attend enjoyed the food, the weather, the camaraderie and the opportunity to share information regarding happenings in the neighborhood, of which the car prowling stories remain uppermost in my memory.

The recounting of recent and not-so-recent car break-ins and petty theft reawakened my interest in propelling our information network into the 21st century. We now have over two-thirds of community members receiving their newsletter in digital format by email. During the past year, your board created an Internet footprint for the CBCA (www.chuckanutcommunity.org) but this is merely the foreshadowing of what it could, and should, be.

I took the lead in creating the website, but quickly reached the limit of my technical know-how -- we need HELP to take the next step and provide the high level of security and password protection sufficient to permit:

- 1) An on-line version of our community directory
- 2) A blog for posting of security-related info and incidents (crime, fire, health issues)
- 3) Community maps relating specific households to pod boundaries and pod leaders
- 4) Interconnectivity among the pod captains themselves

You get the idea. So I ask, is there anyone out there with the skill set and willingness to step forward and assist us in realizing the full potential of a community web presence? Please contact me with your comments, opinions, advice and, hopefully, technical expertise.

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From Your Editor
 We are fortunate to have a full slate of officers, this year. We have members who have served and are willing to serve this organization for another year.

Hooray and thank you!

Let's support them by coming to the General Meeting and voting.
 Georgia Heald

Community

CBCA Election Notice

Nominees Are:

President	J. Michael Newlight
Vice President	Chris Donaldson
Secretary	Ann Jones Richardson
Treasurer	Karin Todd
Trustee	Carletta Vanderbilt

Voting will take place at the CBCA General Meeting Wednesday, October 5. Nominees from the floor will also be welcomed, as long as the nominee has agreed to serve if elected.

Obituaries

Don Haggren

I first met Don in 1964 when he was just beginning to get excited about the grocery business. I remember him telling me, at length, how important it was to get the canned goods and the cereals on the right shelves. I had rarely seen anyone so seriously interested in a rather obscure - to me - subject. I have never since been the least bit surprised at his great success with the Haggens Grocery Business.

When he and his wife Kathy moved to my street, and built their tasteful southwestern home, with its beautiful landscaping, I was delighted. Don and I talked often about our vegetable gardens. I was jealous that he began with the most perfect soil he could buy, but later he ruefully told me it all had to be taken out. It was so perfect it didn't have any nutrients.

I believe his joy in growing his own vegetables led him to work to make Haggens sell only the freshest and most delectable produce in town. I will miss him greatly.

Ann Jones, a neighbor and friend.

Ray Giesecke

A native of North Dakota, Ray was working with the Civilian Conservation Corps when World War II broke out. He joined the army and served for 23 years, working his way up to Lt. Col. He and his wife, Dorothy Jane, moved into their Chuckanut home in the early 1960s. He was working for Whatcom County Parks Department as Deputy Director and was instrumental in the development of the county parks residents enjoy today. He was widowed in 1969. When he remarried, he and Dorothy continued to enjoy living on Pleasant Bay Road, where they were friends and neighbors of my parents. Ray was part of the Chuckanut Volunteer Firefighters for many years. He served as treasurer, secretary and president. He died at the age of 93 on August 17, 2011. He was a long time active Chuckanut neighbor.

Georgia Heald

History by Lynnette Berry

The Interurban

The Stops

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| 1. South Bellingham | 6. Camp Perfection | 11. Bow |
| 2. North High Bridge | 7. Wildcat Cove | 12. East Edison |
| 3. South High Bridge | 8. Clayton Bay | 13. Allen |
| 4. Inspiration Point | 9. Rocky Point | 14. Burlington |
| 5. Grandview | 10. Blanchard | 15. Mt Vernon |

The Interurban trail is widely used by many in the community, but few of us can name and identify each station stop between Bellingham and Mt. Vernon. The freight and passenger service ran from 1912 through 1928 (freight service through 1931) and linked Whatcom and Skagit counties with an electric train line. There was an electric substation at Clayton Bay to provide power to the line operated by a maintenance worker who lived at the substation. Locals referred to the Interurban as "Auntie Urban" which served as the school bus of the early days. Many youngsters would run to their station stop along the route at the sound of its whistle in the morning. The all steel cars had hourly service, carried up to 75 passengers and reached speeds of up to 65 miles an hour! At each station stop was a building about 12 feet square where passengers could keep out of the rain and weather. These stations each had a name which was displayed by a sign mounted on the building.

Service discontinued in 1928, unable to compete with automobiles, buses and trucks, plus wrecks, maintenance problems and economics of the times. The tracks were torn up and the substation at Clayton Bay dismantled. By the 1970's the trail had become overgrown and muddy. Whatcom County Parks Department in cooperation with Puget Power, Bellingham City Parks and Larrabee State Park developed a plan for joint management and the county Commissioners declared it off limits to motor vehicles.

The original **Bellingham Station** was located in the Pike Building (long since torn down) on the corner of State and Holly. It later moved to a building across from the Copper Hog where an espresso stand now exists. The first stop on the line was **South Bellingham**-I am guessing near Fairhaven.

Next was **North High Bridge Station** on the north side of the high bridge which crossed over Old Samish Road and Chuckanut Creek. This station was for Happy Valley and Old Samish road residents. (You can still see the bridge pillars north and south of Old Samish Highway on the Trail.) The original high bridge was 700 feet long and 130 feet above the creek. The highest sea-level point on the route, the bridge was built with the labor of 150 men. This old timbered span was replaced in 1925 with steel.

After that came **South High Bridge** on the south end of the high bridge to serve the people living in Chuckanut Village and on Chuckanut Mountain. Hikers would get off here where the trail to the mountain top began right at the station stop.

History (continued)

Following that was **Inspiration Point** at the south city limits of Bellingham. This stop served the people working at the Coast Brick and Tile Company which was located next to the water at what is now known as Teddy Bear Beach.

The next stop was **Grandview** which was located above the Roth stone quarry and served the quarry and also the Astoria Puget Sound Salmon Cannery.

After that came **Camp Perfection** which served the campers at Camp Perfection and the residents of Finn Beach and was located about half way along the route between the two places. The trail from the highway to the station was just across the highway from the residence at 857 Chuckanut.

Followed by the stop at **Wildcat Cove**, right in front of 606 Chuckanut Dr. This stop was where the trail began which lead over to the Fairhaven Boy's Club cabin and camp area located on Governor's Point.

Larrabee Park was next and was just above the original park caretaker's residence. The old house, which was a log cabin, has since been torn down and all that remains is the stone fire place.

Clayton Bay came next at the Whatcom-Skagit County line where Puget Sound Power and Light Company maintained a power substation and where the two families who tended it, lived.

From there, the Interurban ran across a long trestle over Samish Bay to Blanchard. Along the trestle there was a stop at a place called **Seawood** about three quarters of a mile north of Oyster Creek. This was where the Hountoon Oyster Company was located and was also the summer home of the C.X. Larrabee family.

There was another stop along the trestle and that was at the **Rocky Point** Oyster Company about a half mile south of Oyster Creek and directly below the Oyster Bar.

The sawmill and logging town of **Blanchard** was the next stop, after it came **Bow**, **East Edison**, **Allen** and **Burlington** and the final stop and turn around was **Mt. Vernon**.

Source: Bob Thomas, Chuckanut News, March 1992



Steel High Bridge at
Old Samish Road

Photos Courtesy of the Whatcom Museum



Near Inspiration Point



Wooden Trestle at
Clayton Bay

Neighborhood Pod Captains

Pod Manager: Ken Kaliher – 734-2096

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		
Marsha Alan	1385 Chuckanut Drive	734-8538
Susan Gelhar	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177
Frank Schultz-self +all on Chuckanut HeightsRd (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 1275-1306 Chuckanut Dr. (7; six odd)	1317 Chuckanut Drive	592-0223
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson 1325-1458 Chuckanut Dr. (12; eight odd)	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049
B.K. Smith-- All on Chuckanut Crest Lane (5)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955
Diane Smith-- All on Brighton Crest Dr. & Lane (18)	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 Pt. 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 DolphinPI & E.Dol (13)	503 E. Dolphin Place	6471343
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, and along Chuckanut Drive south of the low 900s.

CBCA

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Gale Gropp 733-3991
Vice President Chris Donaldson 676-8955	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
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	Historian Lynette Berry 676-8131
Fire Commissioner Lynn Trzynka 715-8038	Newsletter Georgia Heald 733-9358
	Adopt-a-Highway Will Cady 756-0511
	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 \$1

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. 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 with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

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CBCA Important Dates:

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

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