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

Jack Louws Newly Elected Whatcom County Executive

Will speak about his vision for Whatcom County, and how he plans on improving the vitality of our community. His goal is to deliver an effective “Customer Service” oriented government. He will be sharing his ideas and answering questions. Jack was previously mayor of Lynden, chaired the Whatcom Council of Governments, Small Cities Caucus, and the Growth Management Advisory Board, as well as served on boards of Whatcom Transportation Authority, Economic Development Investment Board and Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. He is also CEO and owner of Louws Truss, in business since 1977.

So come on by! We highly encourage you to attend this informative presentation

President's Message

I'd like to invite you to experience the new CBCA website, created by WWU web developer Ryan Bahm and web designer Indra Pernel. Check it out at www.chuckanutcommunity.org. The public can access the home page and the newsletter, including an archive of past newsletters.

But once you have created your own username and password, you'll have access to the password-protected directory, bulletins posted by your Board (events and announcements), plus a separate user bulletin page, on which you can post your own bulletins regarding community matters – lost pets, neighborhood crime, etc.

In order to create your username and password, you'll need (one time only) a unique registration number, which you can request by emailing admin@chuckanutcommunity.org, and then enter by clicking on [register](#) in the upper-right corner of the Welcome page.

After creating your username and password, you will be able to edit your household information – update who lives there, phone numbers and email addresses (selecting which, if any, you want to appear in the directory), household resources (CPR? Chainsaw? Rescue boat? Medical skills?) and household special needs (anyone who might need special attention in an emergency, etc.) The depth of information you choose to share will be completely up to your discretion.

There are also pod functions, indicating your household pod and Pod Captain, allow the captains to communicate with neighborhood pod members, etc.

It's a good start, and your questions and comments are encouraged. Just email the Admin, as above.

FYI, there can be only one username and password per household, rather than per individual, so all the residents of your house will share a single username/password.

On another subject, I'd like to thank Vice-President Chris Donaldson for lining up newly-elected County Executive Jack Louws to speak at our April general meeting. Join us Wednesday, April 4th, 7:30 PM at the Chuckanut Fire Hall for a meet-and-greet, Q&A, and all that good stuff.

J. Michael Newlight
President

From Your Editor
The board has decided to return to mailing hard copies of the Newsletter to all residents. However, if you prefer to receive the E-Newsletter, please let us know. You can notify our new membership chairman, Amy Van Pelt, at the Newsletter email address: chuckanutnews@yahoo.com
Be sure to include your email address.
Happy Spring! Georgia Heald

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Community

Spring cleaning begins with Chuckanut Drive

It is time to ask for help from our community members. But first here is a little Chuckanut history, recent history. On September 20, 2008 the first group of frisky Chuckanuters from CCFA hit the road in search of discarded treasures. Here they are in the photo below. This was our first Washington State Adopt-a-Highway event. Since then, except for last fall, we have picked up trash twice a year.



Our crew then included the following clean-minded folks: Laura Leigh Brakke, Joanne Cady, Will Cady, Carin Gurliaccio, Sal Gurliaccio, Moiree Landgren, Julia Norlin, Carol Schultz, Frank Schultz, Alice Volwiler, Liz Wright, and Steve Wright. Thank you again for helping.

So we will meet this April to clean up Chuckanut Drive. There will be a little work, a little walking, and a lot of visiting with your neighbors. Normally, we finish in about 1 ½ to 2 hours. Hard hats (optional), safety vests and trash bags are provided.

On Saturday, April 21 we will meet at the Fire Hall at 9:00 am to review safety procedures before we hit the road. If you are interested in participating, please call Will Cady at 756-0511 or email at wac101@comcast.net.

CBCA Weed and Feed Saturday May 5, 2012

9:00 to Noon
Cookies, Coffee and Friendship at 11:00
More than chore to neaten the fire hall landscape, this is always a good time for catching up with neighbors new and old. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there! Please bring your kneeling pads, hand tools, and stories.

Contact:
Frank and Carol Schultz
360-676-0115



History by Brian Martin

A History of Service: The Chuckanut Fire Department



For residents of the Chuckanut area, fire protection presents special challenges. Homes may be isolated, many roads are steep and narrow, and water for firefighting can be hard to come by. In the mid-1950's, after several fires, residents petitioned the county to form Whatcom County Fire District 6. During its first year of existence, the new fire district raised \$600 in funds and contracted with the Bellingham Fire Department for firefighting services. However, the lack of fire hydrants in the Chuckanut area made it difficult for city engines to extinguish fires there, and in at least one case the firefighters resorted to using garden hoses.

The District 6 Board of Fire Commissioners considered other options for providing services, such as installing fire hydrants. However, at a cost of \$375 apiece the commissioners deemed this option too expensive. In the early 1960's, a fire extinguisher company was contacted about the possibility of providing chemical tank carts throughout the district. This also turned out to cost too much. In the end, fire extinguishers were provided to homeowners at a discounted price with the hope a small fire could be put out before the entire house was affected.

In 1966, the fire commissioners determined more funding was needed to augment the district's reserves of \$3,000. The commissioners decided to ask the voters to approve a \$16,000 bond, and agreed to disband the fire district if the funding was not secured. Fortunately, district voters overwhelmingly approved the bond measure.

Several months after the bond was passed, an elderly resident died in a house fire. Shortly thereafter, the fire commissioners approved \$1200 for the purchase of land to build a fire station. A concrete block structure was built to house the district's first fire engine: a 1956 American LaFrance pumper with a 500-gallon water tank, acquired from the city of Seaside, Oregon. During this same period, the Ladies' Fire Auxiliary was formed to provide extra funding for the district by organizing rummage sales and bake sales.

During the following years, the district obtained more used equipment, including a water tanker and support vehicles, and volunteers were trained in firefighting. In the early 1970's, the fire station was expanded to include a meeting room and kitchen. Also during this decade, the fire district volunteers were trained in basic first aid, and began responding to medical calls.

History (continued)

In 1988, the fire district purchased its first new vehicle, a Ford one-ton mini-pumper. In 1990, the original American LaFrance was replaced with a 1969 Crown Fire Coach, which was well suited to climbing the Chuckanut hills. The Chuckanut Firefighters and Community Association (CCFA) was formed, and volunteer firefighters were recruited from Fairhaven and Western Washington University. In 1994, a \$495,000 bond issue was passed by district residents. In 1996, the fire station was remodeled and expanded to its current size, and a 1996 Freightliner fire engine was purchased to take some of the firefighting load off the 1969 crown fire coach.

Although Fire District 6 continued to grow through the 1990's, it was becoming apparent that development in the Chuckanut area was making it difficult for the volunteer department to provide adequate levels of service to its residents. Fire District 6 had had a long relationship with the Lake Samish, Yew Street Road, and Geneva/Sudden Valley fire districts, and in 2009 the four districts came together to form the South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority. Training and emergency response is greatly enhanced in the Chuckanut region through this affiliation.

This article first appeared in the South Whatcom Dispatch-Fall 2011/Winter 2012



Free and low cost classes for South Whatcom Fire Authority Residents

CPR: Thursday, March 29th 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Geneva Fire Station, 4518 Cable St. This single class covers adult/child CPR, use of AED (automated external defibrillator), and foreign body airway obstruction (choking) relief. Cards are issued upon request.

General First Aid: Monday April 23rd, 6:30-9:30pm at the Geneva Fire Station, 4518 Cable St. This single class covers common medical emergencies. Cards are issued upon request.

CERT: Seven Wednesdays beginning April 11th, 6:00-9:00p at the Sudden Valley Fire Station. Community Emergence Response Team (CERT) This is a national curriculum and is offered by the Whatcom County Division of Emergency Management. Participants learn what to do, after a major disaster, to care for their families and community. Topics include disaster preparation, fire suppression, disaster first aid, search and rescue and disaster psychology. Cost is \$50.00 and includes personal protective equipment.

Please contact Erica Work at ework@whatcomes.org if you wish to sign up.

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	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991
Richard Tucker	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815
Ethelyn Payne—340-373 Cove Road	345 Cove Road	734-4972
Emily Larson-Rutter	502 E. Dolphin Place	647-1343
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 particularly needed on Heron Point Lane

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Amy Van Pelt 220-1748
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	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
\$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.

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

House Sitter

Mature women with experience, available for housesitting. Loves pets, walking dogs etc. Times flexible. I would love to help you while I visit my family in the area. References available. For more information call Joost or Gail Knops 738-6035.

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, babysitting, 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 April 4: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Saturday, April 21: Adopt-a-Highway, 9:00am, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, May 2: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Saturday, May 5: Weed and Feed, 9:00am Fire Hall
- Wednesday, June 6: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Friday June 15: Deadline for newsletter articles for the July issue

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