

CHUCKANUT NEWS

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Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 9, 2014 6:30-8:00 PM

Chuckanut Firehouse

Residents and their guests are invited. There's going to be free ice cream, tours of the fire trucks for kids, Bluegrass music provided by the Quickdraw String Band, and a chance to meet the Rangers from Larrabee State Park.

A good time for all!



The Quickdraw String Band



Hope to see you there!



President’s Message

In a recent incident on Chuckanut Shore Road, it appears that a neighbor who lives uphill (east) of the Burlington Northern railroad track engaged a tree-cutting crew to surreptitiously remove a rather large tree -- leaving the stump, which measures over two feet in diameter -- from the right-of-way on the opposite (west) side of the tracks. Although the individuals who initiated this action have not stepped forward to claim responsibility, there is a general understanding of whom it was. It is assumed that they desired to improve their view.

Let me explain why this might be an issue. The strip of land west of the railroad track, which lies between the track and Chuckanut Shore Road, is owned by Burlington Northern. It is about 35 feet wide. Historically, each resident on the other (west) side of the road has made use of, and maintained control over, the railroad property across the road from their own. Some have parking lots, fruit trees, garden plots, even greenhouses and garages. Although a few have actually leased the property from Burlington Northern, most just make use of the property, with the railroad's unspoken consent. And the tacit understanding among the neighbors has been to respect each others' use of the property.

In general, if you entered the property owned by another, without permission, and removed a tree, this would be a violation of law. However, since most Chuckanut Shore residents don't possess a legal ownership interest in the railroad property , the justification for violating their vision for its use and improvement is "well, you don't own the property, it belongs to the railroad."

So where does this take us? If there is a tree on the railroad property opposite my house, which I did not plant, is it your right to remove it? What if it is a tree I did plant? What about fruit trees? And garden plots -- if you find my garden plot unsightly, do you have the right to bring in a bulldozer and remove it? Or how about my greenhouse or garage – since I don't "own" the property, is a neighbor entitled to demolish it?

Beyond mutual respect and courtesy among neighbors, is there any basis in law for the rights of those who maintain a portion of the railroad right-of-way? Will there be legal repercussions in the case of this particular incident? All food for thought.

Want to comment? Send an email to admin@chuckanutcommunity.org, and/or post it as a User Bulletin on our website.

J. Michael Newlight
President, CBCA

From Your Editor

The **Chuckanut Community July Ice Cream Social** is a long standing tradition, which the residents have enjoyed for many years. This year’s looks to be quite lively with the Quickdraw String Band and all the usual activities.



Come join the fun!

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Community

Congratulations to our graduates!

David Abbott-Smith, son of Ingela Abbott, graduated from Sehome High. He will work for a year and maybe attend U of Oregon in the future.

Maya Abbott-Smith, daughter of Ingela Abbott, graduated from Sehome High, and will attend Elon University in North Carolina to study theater.

Quinn Donaldson, daughter of Chris and Lisa Donaldson, graduated from Sehome High where she lettered in Varsity Volleyball all four years, and developed a love of theater. She is working at Lee's Drive-In this summer, and will be attending Boise State University in the fall.

Xin Hu, step son of Richard Taylor, graduated from Sehome High. He was a Washington State Scholar with interests in Science and math. He is spending the summer in Chong Qing, south west China. In the fall he will enter University of Washington in an electrical engineering program.

William Hutchinson, son of David Hutchinson and Cynthia Sicilia, graduated from Sehome High and attended WCC as a Running Start student. He has been working at Joe's Garden since April. He enjoys rock climbing, skiing, mountain biking and running the Avon around Chuckanut Bay. His fall plans are not finalized but may include WCC or Capilano University in Squamish, BC.

Coco Longwood, daughter of Peter and Lois Longwood, graduated from Sehome High. She has been teaching beginning piano lessons for the last few years. She will be attending University of Washington in the fall.

Clea Taylor, daughter of Richard Taylor, received her degree in nursing from WCC. Also in the Taylor family, **Juanita Taylor**, now living at the Leopold Hotel, celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Updating the CBCA On-Line Directory

The CBCA is updating our on-line Directory, with an eye toward publishing a new hard copy Directory, and we hope to complete this update by July 9, the date of the annual Ice Cream Social.

Chuckanut community residents are strongly encouraged to register on the CBCA website (chuckanutcommunity.org). If you have not already done so, [update the information posted in the Directory for your household](#). Directions for registration are on the CBCA home page, and below. To add or remove a person, Please email director@cuckanutcommunity.org.

Neighborhood Coordinators are also collecting and updating data. If you know your Neighborhood Coordinator, please contact her or him to update your household's information (see listing on page 6).

Registering Your Household on the CBCA Website

(These directions are also on website's home page, at chuckanutcommunity.org.)

If you are a community resident and have not yet created your username (one per household) and password to access the CBCA website, you will need a one-time registration code to do so. Request your registration code from admin@chuckanutcommunity.org. You will receive instructions for completing your registration.

Once registered, you will be able to 1) access the on-line Directory; 2) edit your household's information in the Directory; 3) contact your Neighborhood Coordinator; 4) receive very infrequent CBCA e-mails on topics of particular importance; and 5) post notices of community interest on a user bulletin board.

Please register today!

Larrabee State Park by Amber Forest



Larrabee State Park will conclude our CAMP process (comprehensive management plan) by submitting a final document to the commission on their next meeting in Bellingham. We encourage all that are interested to attend. The details of the meeting are listed below. This is a public meeting and it is a chance to meet and talk to your commissioners that oversee Washington State Parks.

The next commission meeting will take place in July 24th, 2014 in Bellingham, Washington.

The meeting will be held at Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. The time of the meeting will be 9 am. You can also find out more information about the CAMP planning process and the commission meeting by going to this web page:

<http://www.parks.wa.gov>

Larrabee State Park is getting off to a fast start this spring. We are experiencing a busy season already. Maybe the warm May and June had something to do with it? Have you been out to the park lately and walked your favorite trail? Make time to do it this week! Enjoy all kinds of birds in the park this season. The Hummingbirds are dive bombing the honey suckle, the Great Blue Herons are stoically patiently waiting for their meals during dawn and dusk (check them out at the boat launch hint hint) and if you are lucky you will hear the squeaks and chirps of an Eagle flying high above the rocks looking for an easy perch and waiting for the perfect time to pounce on a fish or small rodent. It is a glorious time of year to enjoy the sounds, smells, and absolute beautiful sunrises and sunsets at the park. So, what are you waiting for? Come for a walk in the woods and let them mesmerize you. Larrabee starts the season with three returning seasonal park aides and four new employees. Please welcome new employees Andrew, Ellen, Jayna, and Ailsa to the community. Welcome returning employees seasonal ranger Josh Scholten, park aides Sue, Kelsie and Peter. These folks do so much to keep the park looking good. They scrub, clean, pick, paint, fix, mow, trim, check in campers, give information, and they do it all with a smile! Also, we want to thank the permanent employees Brian Martin, Paul McEvers and Amber Forest for keeping the park looking good as well.

The calendar of events are as follows:

1. Sat Jul. 5 - [Bug Program](#)
2. Sun Jul. 27- [Chuckaut Mountain Marathon](#)
3. Sat Aug. 2 - [1st Annual Bandit Fun Run/Walk](#)
4. Sat Aug. 2 - [Bug Program](#)
5. Mon Aug. 25 - [State Parks Free Day](#)
6. Fri Sep. 5 - [Bug Program](#)
7. Sat Sep. 27 - [State Parks Free Day](#)
8. Sun Nov. 9 - [Bellingham Trail Marathon](#)
9. Tue Nov. 11 - [State Parks Free Day](#)
10. You can find out more at this website: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/536/Larrabee>

Larrabee (contiued)

Camping basics:

When you take your families camping this summer what are a few things that you see others doing that might not be treading lightly on our public lands?

The list below is not complete by any means but will give you some ideas of what to do and what not to do during your summer camping events.

What to do and not do:

Leave a clean campsite. Pick up some litter and pick up all of your litter especially in your campsite. Keep your food safely stored when you are done eating. Check the bulletin boards for possible wild animal warnings.

Check the bulletin board for your parks rules and regulations. Some parks vary in what they allow and do not allow. This will get you on the right foot and start your vacation in the right way.

Be respectful of nature and wild animals. Please keep a safe distance to wild animals and DO NOT feed them. If you see a small baby wild animal that seems to be left alone by it's mother...leave it there. Do not try and remove it from where you found it. If you think that the animal is hurt or in danger then you will want to report the incident to a park ranger right away. It is likely that the mother is very close by. Wild animals need to stay wild☺

Be respectful of your neighbors. Quiet hours at Larrabee begin at 10pm and in all state parks. Please respect this rule. Your loudness may be someone's inability to sleep. Your radio and all sound emitting devices should be turned off at quiet hours. Even better leave your devices in the car or trailer and enjoy the night air, stars, campfire and friends.

Burn only properly cured fire wood. It is illegal to gather firewood in any state park. Some federal parks allow wood collection on the east side of the mountains. Check with the ranger, camp host, park assistant if you are in doubt. Burning other things besides wood such as treated lumber, pallets, trash, mail from home, plastics etc. gives off a bad odor, is illegal, and harmful to the environment. It also leaves garbage in the campfire pit.

Stay safe. Be prepared while on your hike, walk, bike ride, paddle etc. It is a great idea to leave a plan with someone by letting them know where you will be, for how long and who you are with and your expected time that you will return. If you are alone you are always welcome to leave a plan with your local ranger. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle while you are away. Bring your ten essentials with you while on a hike. Keep track of your own body, endurance and limits and wear the appropriate clothing and foot wear. I can't tell you how many times that we have rescued someone for a broken ankle or foot because they were wearing flip flops on a hike.

The park rules are a good, not a bad thing. They make for good campers, hikers and allow for the best possible experience for everyone. Respect the park rules. A common one broken is letting your dog run off leash. Please keep your animals leashed at all times and under physical control. Your dog might be the nice one and harmless but there are so many that are not. Additionally, some people do not like dogs and are afraid of them to the point that they will avoid a trail all together. Please respect everyone's desire to walk a trail without conflict.

Have fun! Check the park for local interests, interpretive programs, or things to do.

We hope to see you all this summer!

Amber Forest
Larrabee Staff

Neighborhood Coordinators

Manager: Ken Kaliher – 734-2096

Volunteer Captain	Address	Phone
Marsha Riek—All of Beacon Rd, Cove Rd E of RR Trk (13)	297 Beacon Road	733-8277
Chris Thorndike-Kent	1338 Chuckanut Crest Drive	920-5210
Marsha Alan-1341-1402 Chuckanut Crest Drive (13)	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- 630, 645-797 Chuckanut Dr. (odd #s, 12)	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177
Frank Schultz- 682-694 Chuckanut Dr. (even #s 10only)	694 Chuckanut Drive	676-0115
and all on Chuckanut Heights Road (9)		
Al Race- 754-924 Chuckanut Dr. (even #s only 10)	892 Chuckanut Drive	734-4491
Kathy Lorson Howell	1096 Chuckanut Drive	736-0416
-- 938-1096 Chuckanut Drive (14, even #s only)		
Will Cady- 933-1127 Chuckanut Dr. (18; odd #s only)	1105 Chuckanut Drive	756-0511
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
-- 1261-1323 Chuckanut Drive (9 odd)+ 1306,1314		
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049
-- 1325-1419 Ch'nut Drive (9 odd),1326-1368 (6 even)		
Liz Wright—All on Chuckanut Point Road (23)	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 (34)	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815
Ethelyn Payne—340-373 Cove Road, west of RR tracks(7)	345 Cove Road	734-4972
Michael Bowtin – Working with Ethelyn Payne, above	349 Cove Road	733-5353
Emily Larson-Rutter—All on Dolphin Place, E. Dolphin Pl.	502 E. Dolphin Place	647-1343
-- & 508,525 Chuckanut Dr. (15)		
Susan Brown—123-185 Hiline Road (7)	185 Hiline Road	650-9511
Carletta Vanderbilt—913-915 Hiline Road (2)	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
Dave Franklin—All on Whitecap Road (22)	546 Whitecap Road	671-2957
Larrabee State Park Ranger Amber Forest	249 Chuckanut Drive	676-2093

Please consider volunteering to be a Neighborhood Coordinator in one of the following address ranges:

- Heron Point Lane – all households (at least 5)
- Chuckanut Drive, up thru number 631 (at least 5 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, odd numbers from 809 to919 (at least 12 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, even numbers from 1220 to 1278 (at least 6 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, odd numbers and a few even from 1325 to 1419 (about 15 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, even numbers from 1372 to 1486 (at least 14 households)
- Chuckanut Crest Drive – additional help dividing up at least 25 households

Contact Ken Kaliher at kenkaliher@hotmail.com for details. Thank you!!!

CBCA Officers

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Amy Van Pelt 220-1748
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Treasurer Karin Todd 676-5606	Neighborhood Coordinators Ken Kaliher 734-2096
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	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.

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, House & Child Care

Hadley Frazier, a responsible and hard- working Chuckanut resident, would like to help you. Hadley has over five years experience as an animal, plant and home caretaker, and two years experience as a childcare provider. She is available many afternoons and most evenings to feed, walk, play with and give general care to your pets or tend indoor/outdoor plants and having fun with your children. 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, c.longwood.twix@gmail.com. Home phone: 733-4693

Private Tutoring

I am a K-8 certified teacher offering private tutoring in my home or yours. For K-5th grades, I will tutor all subjects. For 6-8th grades I will tutor Reading, Writing and Spelling. \$35 / hour. Call Emily Larson Rutter at 510-3275 or email: emilylr@nas.com

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 gbianchi@aol.com with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

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CBCA Important Dates:

- Wednesday, July 9: Ice Cream Social 6:30 -8:00pm Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Monday, September 15: Deadline for newsletter articles for the October 2014 issue

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