



# **CHUCKANUT NEWS**

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## **General Meeting**

**Wednesday April 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Emergencies the Chuckanut Community might realistically face will be presented and discussed by**

**Katrin Dearborn**

**From the Whatcom County Unified  
Emergency Management Center**

**Katrin Dearborn is a police officer with the City of Bellingham and a crime prevention professional in the newly created agency. She will speak to us about the measures we can and should take to be prepared to respond to major disasters, both as individuals and as a community.**

**Please Look for Your Dues Envelope inside this issue**

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## President's Message

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Headlining the January newsletter, then-President Dave Franklin put forward the question which had been framed by the Executive Board, "To be or not to be," regarding the future of the CCFA as an organization. In response, there was strong attendance at the January membership meeting and unanimous support for continuation of the Association. At that meeting, I agreed to take on the responsibilities of President, while Dave offered to step into the role of Vice-President.

So now that the question has been answered, "To be," the next question is, "To be what?"

The original purpose of the CCFA was, of course, creation and support of a local volunteer fire department. But when our own District #6 was dissolved last year and fire protection services were taken over by the South Whatcom Fire Authority, the CCFA was presented with its identity crisis. Were the remaining ancillary activities of the Association – newsletter, road clean-up, ice cream social, fire hall landscaping and so on – sufficient justification for existence?

Discussions with board members, Fire Chief Ralston and Sheriff Bill Elfo, as well as community input at the January membership meeting, led us to conclude that, while those ancillary activities are valuable and should continue, there are fundamental issues universal to all 300-plus resident Chuckanut households. And we distilled those issues to the three most basic and important to the greatest number of us: 1) fire protection (the original reason-for-being of the CCFA), 2) law enforcement and 3) emergency preparedness.

Think about it – our community has:

1. A single access road which is subject to random and unexpected blockages, some for long periods of time.
2. Trains carrying hazardous materials passing through several times per day.
3. The Chuckanut Crest area with a single access road, on a steep, heavily wooded hillside.
4. Terrain vulnerable to seismic activity.
5. Electrical power vulnerable to high wind and falling trees.
6. A marine environment presenting its own potential hazards.
7. Isolated homes that are, in many cases, potential targets for crime.

Yet we face a situation of shrinking public resources, in which law enforcement and fire protection personnel are charged with responsibility for wide geographic areas. As Sheriff Elfo wrote in his January 3<sup>rd</sup> Bellingham Herald Op-ed, "Next year... an overall reduction in the funds available to respond to major crimes, emergencies and other contingencies will affect our ability to protect each other and the community we serve."

Healthy liaison with our public agencies and strong advocacy – i.e. a single voice representing 300-plus households rather than a few individuals – will be instrumental in bringing more of those public resources to bear on the Chuckanut area.

## President's Message (continued)

So here is what has been accomplished thus far in the re-definition of our organization:

1. Revision of the by-laws is in process, to be put before the membership for a vote later in the year.
2. Proposed change of name to the Chuckanut Bay Community Association.
3. Initiation of a so-called "pod" neighborhood organization system, wherein each geographic unit will have a captain who interfaces with the larger Association and helps to coordinate neighborhood functions, such as communication, block watch, and so on. Currently, X individuals have stepped forward to act as captains and have begun defining their areas of coverage. (See following list).
4. Creation of a liaison position to interface with Chief Ralston and the fire authority on issues that effect the community. (This in addition to Lynn Tryzynka's Fire Commissioner role, which serves more of an audit & oversight function.)
5. Groundwork for official liaison with law enforcement and emergency preparedness authorities.
6. A move toward establishing web-based coordination of community information.
7. Near-completion of an updated roster of community residents.

With this newsletter is included a return envelope for remittance of annual dues. On behalf of the executive board, I ask for your support, not only in terms of the modest dues, but also feedback and, most importantly, participation. If your immediate neighborhood is not represented on the attached list of pod captains, please consider stepping forward to take on that role. I personally invite you to contact me for further information, and with any questions or suggestions you might have.

I appreciate the confidence the Association has placed in me, and look forward to a productive year.

J. Michael Newlight  
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VOLUNTEER POD CAPTAIN	NEIGHBORHOOD
Kathy Lorson Howell	Chuckanut Drive
Will Cady	Chuckanut Drive
Ken Kaliher	Chuckanut Drive
Susan Brown	Hiline Road
Liz Wright	Chuckanut Point Road
Carin Gurliaccio	Beacon Road
Ethelyn Payne	Cove Road
Ralph & Joyce Gardner	Whitecap Road
Chris Donaldson	Whitecap Road
Susan Gelhar	Chuckanut Drive
Gale Gropp	Chuckanut Shore Road
Carletta Vanderbilt	Hiline Road

# CCFA

## 2010 Projected Budget

### INCOME

Dues	3600
Donations	1200
Fund Raising	
Chuckanut	50
Chronicles	
Chuckanut Memories	50
Note Cards	10
Reflective Posts	135
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5045</b>

### EXPENSES

#### GENERAL

Administration	1045
Newsletter	1575
Hospitality	300
Grounds & Memorial Garden	500
Directory	1000
Reflective Signs	25
Community Signs	100
Maint Fund	
General Sub-total	4545
Annual Banquet	
Annual Banquet	500
Firefighters Sub-total	500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5045</b>

Thank You Treasurer,  
Karin Todd

#### From Your Editor

If you are reading this on your computer, you will receive a hard copy mailed to your address. In it will be your dues request envelope. Please respond and return it in the self addressed envelope.

On the reverse side are volunteer positions where you can help our reorganizing Association. We still need someone to organize our archives, which are at the Fire House. This would not require space in your home. We also need someone to sell our books, Chuckanut Chronicles and Chuckanut Memories, and the note cards. This would require very little time or space in your house. We need Neighborhood Pod Captains (see the President's Message on page 2-3) to help with emergency preparedness and response.

This is the time to help make this organization do the things you feel are important for the community. Hope to see you at the General Meeting on April 7.

Georgia Heald

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## History by Lynette Berry

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### Brickyard Beach

Before Teddy Bear Cove bore its current name, it was commonly referred to as Brickyard Beach, then later Old Brickyard Beach. If you have ever walked along the beach at Teddy Bear Cove and wondered about random bricks near the railroad tracks, this is the remains from the Coast Clay Company, founded in 1915 by a Mr. Blake. Originally it was a brick and tile manufacturing plant from 1915-1919. The plant closed in 1919 and became a guinea pig farm under the run of a Mr. Adkins, but didn't last long. The plant was reopened as a brick factory again in 1925 by two brothers, but lacking any brick making knowledge, closed down shortly after. The property reverted to its original owner and later was sold for salvage.

To view the site where the old Coast Clay Company used to exist, hike down the trail to Teddy Bear Cove. At the bottom of the hill, cross the railroads tracks and take a right. Follow the trail down to the beach, you will see bricks scattered along the shoreline. Enjoy the view, but please leave the bricks, they are now part of history.



Old Brickyard Beach



Old Bricks at Teddy Bear Cove

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# Community

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**SPRING CLEAN-UP & “COFFEE KLATSCH”  
Come and join us!**

**Date; Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**What: Spring gardening/clean up around the  
Fire Hall**

**Time: 9:00AM to 12:00PM (or whenever you can  
join us)  
...Break for cookies, coffee, and conversation  
at 11:00**

**Come when you can, and leave when you must.**

**Got a new neighbor? Bring ‘em along!**

**(Please bring your own hand tools.)**



**Adopt –A- Highway Pick Up**

**To Be Announced**

**Contact**

**Joanne & Will Cady**

**756-0511**



**CCFA**

**Board Members**

CCFA OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
<b>President</b> Michael Newlight	734-5890	<b>Membership</b> Gale Gropp	733-3991
<b>Vice President</b> Dave Franklin	671-2957	<b>Publication /Sales</b> OPEN	
<b>Firefighter Rep</b> To be appointed		<b>Landscape/Grounds</b> Dick McClure	733-9291
<b>Treasurer</b> Karin Todd	676-5606	<b>Archives</b> OPEN	
<b>Secretary</b> Ann Jones Richardson	733-9140	<b>Hospitality</b> Moiree Landgren	734-8084
<b>Trustees</b> Carlotta Vanderbilt	676-6044	<b>Fire Protection Liaison</b> Delight Green	734-5890
Mary Anne Ruf	676-9249	<b>Historian</b> Lynette Berry	676-8131
Kathy Howell	738-0416	<b>Newsletter</b> Georgia Heald	733-9358
<b>Fire Commissioner</b> Lynn Trzynka	715-8038	<b>Welcome Lady</b> Kathy Webber-Plank	220-4485
		<b>Memorial Garden</b> Susan Brown	650-9511
		Frank Schultz	676-0115

**On-Going Fund Raisers:**

**Books**

*Chuckanut Chronicles*  
*Chuckanut Memories*  
\$12 each

**Note Cards**

Chuckanut Memories  
Chuckanut Island  
six for \$5

**Reflective ID Driveway Posts**

Available at \$22 each. These will easily identify your house in an emergency.  
Call Dorothy Gonsalves  
734-4461

If your name on the mailing label is not correct, or if you have updated information for the new Directory, please contact our Membership Chair, Gale Gropp, at 733-3991 or send an email to [Chuckanutnews@yahoo.com](mailto:Chuckanutnews@yahoo.com).

**CCFA 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 Sitters Available**

Two responsible, animal-loving Chuckanut kids would like to help you and your pets. Evan and Hadley Frazier are experienced animal care-takers, and are available days and evenings to feed, walk, play, and give general care to your pets.

Adult-supervised. References available. Phone: 733-4470

**Baby Sitter/Mother's Helper**

Hadley Frazier has taken the baby sitter/first aid course and is available as a baby sitter/Mother's helper. Phone: 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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## ***CCFA Important Dates:***

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- **Wednesday April 7: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall**
- **Saturday, April 17: Spring Clean-Up, Fire Hall Grounds**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome**
- **Wednesday May 5: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall**
- **Wednesday June 2: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall**
- **Friday July 25: Deadline for newsletter articles for the July issue**

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