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Ice Cream Social July 18, 2009



The long days of summer are once again upon us in the Chuckanut neighborhood and what better way to enjoy a sunny Saturday afternoon than to meet your friends and neighbors at the annual ice cream social on *July 18th* from 3-6 pm at the Chuckanut Fire Hall to enjoy free ice cream and get caught up on all the latest neighborhood gossip. Mark your calendars now for this can't miss event.

This year's ice cream social will include activities sure to entertain even the smallest of neighborhood residents. Daisy Picklehoffer will wow and amaze Chuckanut kids from 4-6 pm with face painting, balloon tricks and a magic show. A fire engine will also be parked outside the Fire Hall for picture taking and gawking.

**Do not miss the Chuckanut
Event of the year!**



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President's Message

On Friday, June 5th the "Welcome to the Chuckanut Bay Community," signs were erected on Chuckanut Drive. The north end sign is placed on the east side of the road at the city limits and the south end sign is placed on the east side of the drive just north of White Cap Road. These signs are the product of months of effort spearheaded by the CCFA Transportation committee consisting of Will and Joanne Cady, Julia Norlin, Lynn Trzynka, and Liz Wright. Sign Plus of Bellingham and their leader Ron Pattern turned the concept into the end product and completed the installation for us. Considerable work was required to site the installation locations along the drive. We needed to insure that all safety and property rights considerations were understood and met. Necessary permissions were received before these installations could occur. Good neighbor and homeowner Heather Othmer allowed the north end sign to be placed upon her property and Puget Sound Energy permitted installation of the south end sign on their right of way. They even donated the normal fee that they would charge for utilization of a portion of their property.

The Washington Department of Transportation personnel were very helpful in explaining regulations regarding such sign placements and assisting in making it happen. None of this could have happened without the dues and contributions to the association that you contributed. Thank all of you dues paying members. I hope you feel that your funds were put to a good purpose. Some will question the placement of the south end sign. This location does not mark the southern extreme of residences in our community. The location was chosen as the best compromise due to difficulties in finding a location that met all of the setback requirements from the Department of Transportation to insure road safety and visibility issues.

A work party installed two hand crafted wooden signs in the Nancy Arnold Memorial Garden between the fire hall and the interurban trail on Saturday, June 6th. These signs were crafted by Frank Schultz, and installed by a small group including Frank and his wife Carol, Sue and Charlie Brown, Marilyn Rockey, Joan Rae and Sharon Franklin. This garden is a fitting memorial to Mrs. Arnold and all of her good neighbor efforts over the years and a pleasant peaceful shaded wayside along the Interurban for those who choose to sit there for a spell.

The board is also working on the development of a communications capability to be used in times of natural disaster or emergency. Gale Gropp and myself are going to school at Bellingham Tech for this knowledge base and the head of the Sudden Valley emergency response group will make a presentation of these systems at our October General Membership meeting.

If you have not paid your dues for 2009 please do so and lend your support to the community building effort. Thank you.

Dave Franklin

Community



From Your Editor

The signs are up and look great. Thanks to our Transportation Committee! Thanks also to those members who volunteered along with paying their dues! And to all those who did support CCFA by paying dues! Summer is at hand and it is time for our annual **Ice Cream Social**. See you there!

Adopt- A- Highway Pick Up

Saturday, May 16th saw eight hearty souls walking along Highway 11/Chuckanut Drive. In the early morning, David and Sharon Franklin, Frank and Carol Schultz, Will and Joanne Cady, Julia Norlin and Lynn Trzynka all donated a few hours of their morning walking along a two mile stretch of Chuckanut Drive, picking up trash and bagging it for later disposal by the DOT. Picking up litter is a fun and rewarding time all by itself but it's even better when there's treasure lurking midst the trash. We scored a sodden checkbook, a complete set of hubcaps, a new, unused parking ticket and (gasp) a *five-dollar bill*. The trash troops accumulated thirteen sacks of garbage no longer scattered along the sides and ditches of our beautiful Chuckanut Drive. Hurrah for us! Carol even provided warm chocolate chip cookies to revive our strength after picking up trash. Hurrah for Carol!

The Department of Transportation is trying to cut down on the surprising amount of litter that finds it's way onto our highways with a new program that is called "Litter and It will Hurt. " If you witness someone littering you can call in a violation to 866-Litter-1 (866-548-8371) or go to the Internet to report a violation at WWW.Litter.Wa.Gov. With such care and attention all of our highways will continue to be as scenic and beautiful as Chuckanut Drive certainly is. As a community we will participate in picking up our stretch of Chuckanut Drive between Signposts 14 and 16 twice a year. So if you have missed your opportunity to participate in the Spring pick-up we will look forward to your help in the Fall. Who knows what you will find...I'm still looking for that \$20 I *know* is out there. Enjoy the Drive.

Summer Grounds Clean Up and Coffee Klatch

Date: Saturday July 11th.

What: Help clean up around the Fire Hall before the Ice cream Social

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Break for coffee, cookies, and conversation at 11:00

Come join us. It's a great time to visit with your neighbors.

Come when you can, leave when you must. Please bring your own hand tools.

Dick McClure

Community

Chuckanut Bay Community Memorial Garden

Two beautiful cedar plank signs, designed, created and donated by Frank Schultz, now add distinction and definition to the Chuckanut Bay Community Memorial Garden. This lovely contemplative spot behind the Fire Hall was inspired to honor longtime Chuckanut community organizer Nancy Arnold who passed away in 2002, and other Chuckanut neighbors who are no longer with us. The first phase of the Memorial Garden was completed in 2005 with placement of large stones, naturalized plants, gravel and bark. Later, the Arnold family donated two marble benches. The new signs were installed on Saturday, June 6, by Frank & Carol Schultz, David and Sharon Franklin, Marilyn Rockey, Joan Rae, Bill Campbell, Charlie & Susan Brown. Marilyn Rockey and Joan Rae also invested hours of weeding and planting. A Memorial Garden re-dedication gathering is planned for late August with music and refreshments. If you would like to be notified of the details, or to arrange for a memorial marker for a former Chuckanut resident, please contact Susan Brown, 650-9511, or email ChuckanutNews@yahoo.com. And take a detour on your next trail walk to enjoy a peaceful break in this special spot.

Photo: The Memorial Garden sign installation crew included Susan Brown, Marilyn Rockey, Joan Rae, Frank Schultz, Carol Schultz and Sharon Franklin. Not pictured: Charlie Brown, David Franklin, Bill Campbell.



Chuckanut Footrace

One thousand athletes and wannabes will run and walk the Interurban Trail for the 42nd Chuckanut Foot Race on Saturday morning, July 11. If you live on the trail, cheer the runners as they pass by. If you'd like to participate without "going the distance," try helping out at the water station at Hilene Road. It's a good time and a good deed. Contact Susan Brown, 650-9511, for more information

Community

Rummage Sale

It was another good year for the annual CCFA Community Rummage Sale, which was held at the Fire Hall on Saturday, April 25. The sale was part of the county-wide Earth Day Garage Sale and attracted buyers from near and far who came to look over the variety of “unique” and sometimes valuable items on sale. Approximately \$850 was raised on Saturday, though the total proceeds are still to be determined because some of the more valuable unsold items are on consignment at present. Money earned from the sale will go toward the purchase and installation of the Welcome signs on Chuckanut Drive, as approved by the CCFA Board.

We appreciate the support of the many community members who donated goods and objets d’art for the sale, and extend special thanks to the corps of volunteers who participated. They include many dedicated neighbors who work the sale each year: Georgia Heald, Frank and Carol Schultz, Monty McIntyre and Laura Leigh Brakke, Julia Norlin, Lynn Tryznka, Ann Kaiser, Julia and Wayne Caplinger, Susan Gelhar, Joyce Gardner, Marilyn Rockey, Mary Anne Ruf, Ruby Butterworth, Will Cady, and Stephen Wright.



And we have to give a big “thank you” to Frank and Carol Schultz this year for taking some of the valuables “on the road” for appraisal. Finally, we are very grateful for support of the CCFA Board, helping us not only with donation of the proceeds, but also with all the behind-the-scenes work involved in making this sale a success.

Joanne Cady and Liz Wright, Rummage Sale
Co-chairs

Congratulations to our Graduates

Eric Dahlgren (son of Victoria Dahlgren and the late Ed Dahlgren; stepson of Jan Draut,) graduated May 2009 from Montana State University with degrees in Accounting and Finance. He is employed as an accountant by Snelson Companies, a full service utility and industrial contractor based in Skagit County. He's glad to be back in the Northwest!

Graduating from Sehome High School this spring were:

Cole McIlvaine, son of Phelps and Amy McIlvaine, who will be attending University of Puget Sound in the fall.

Mackenzie Lynch, daughter of Bill and Gina Lynch, who will be attending Western Washington University.

Dylan Furst, son of Howard Furst and Debbie Lucas, who will be attending Whatcom Community College.

Good Luck to all!

Friends of Chuckanut



Would like to pass on information about the countywide plans bringing Whatcom County into compliance with a Growth Management Hearings Board ruling. It is called, Rural Element Update. There are some meetings and a Public Hearing scheduled, people from the Chuckanut area are encouraged to participate.

- **Wednesday, July 1st - Rural Element public meeting, 9-11:30am (County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Ave) & 6-8:30 (Meridian HS, Bellingham)**
- **Thursday, July 9th -Rural Element Public Hearing**
Planning Commission Meeting 6:30-7:00PM (County Council Chambers)

At the meetings, County staff will present proposed changes to the comprehensive plan and zoning code, and will receive comments and answer questions.

The next Planning Commission public hearing on the topic is scheduled for July 9, 2009.

County staff will continue to post all written comments to the County Website at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/plan/long/projects/lamird/updateprocess.jsp>

Thank you for your continued interest in this issue. Please contact Gary Davis, AICP Senior Planner if you have comments or questions.

@ Whatcom County, Planning & Development Services
360-676-6707 ext. 50246

Governors Point update;

A Public Hearing held by the City Council to consider the Public Works Department's denial of Governors Point Development Company's request that the City enter into a water resale contract to provide City water to 141 new homes on Governors Point was on June 15th.

The people who attended listened to presentations by GPDC lawyers, engineer, and Chris Sahlin going back to 1933 and emphasizing a 1972 preliminary plat approval that was never acted upon.

Dean Brett presented testimony for Friends of Chuckanut in support of the City's long-standing position, that because Governors Point is outside the water service zone of the City and has been since 1979, the City cannot serve new development. Many Chuckanut residents know city water is no longer being extended outside the City limits.

The Council voted unanimously 7-0 to uphold the staff's recommendation to support the Public Works Department decision not to provide water outside the Urban Growth Area. Now that the public hearing has taken place, GPDC is initiating a lawsuit against the City arguing they have an implied contract to serve this development and suing the City for nearly \$3 million to pay for the estimated costs of building a desalination facility to support their planned development.

Friends of Chuckanut has become an intervener in this lawsuit to support the City in its defense. If you would like to be included on our email alert list please send your email address to; friendsofchuckanut@gmail.com.

Submitted by,

Laura Leigh Brakke, for Friends of Chuckanut

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Larrabee State Park



June 13, 2009

Spring has arrived and summer is soon to come. Spring has brought lots of sunshine, loads of school buses, migrating birds, opening of the reservation camping season , races and flourishing flowers.

The sewer construction in the campground is complete and is continuing at the Clayton Beach storage area. The park is getting a new membrane bioreactor at the old sewer ponds. The new system should put out a cleaner product and be better for the environment. The new office at Clayton Beach parking lot is still under construction and hopefully will be completed this summer pending incoming funding.

Campground reservations began May 15th and will go until September 15. You can make a reservation for any campsite 9 months in advance by calling 1-888-CAMPOUT OR go to www.parks.wa.gov. If you register on line the reservation fee is cheaper. Call the park at 360-676-2093 if you have any questions.

By the end of June the park will be fully staffed again with four returning seasonal park aides and one new one. The park aides are Becky, Kaylen, David, Vinnie, Tamoe and Kelsie. They do a great job keeping the park clean and maintained. Thanks for all of their hard work.

You may have heard that Larrabee was on a closure list earlier this year because of state wide budget cuts. Bill 2339 passed which adds 5 dollars on to your license tab fee. If you do not want to have that fee added on for State Parks you can opt out by checking a box when you renew your tabs. This will hopefully be a consistent funding source for Washington State Parks which will help bridge the gap between high and low budget years. Because this bill passed, Larrabee and many other state parks were taken off the closure list. About five state parks are still scheduled to be transferred to other owners such as Snohomish County in the case of Wenberg State Park.

Volunteers are always welcome to help out at the park. We have lots to do. Jobs include cutting back trail brush, litter pickup, beach litter pickup, and invasive plant removal.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to the park, please contact Park Ranger Amber Forest at 360-676-2093.

Shore Stewards

Explore your world this summer in Chuckanut Bay

This summer, ReSources Beach Naturalists, the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee, and WSU Beach Watchers are teaming up to offer Edgemoor, Chuckanut Bay, South Neighborhood residents and the broader community a chance to learn more about the Chuckanut Village Marsh and Mud Bay. The dates are not yet set but we anticipate that these events will take place on two Saturday mornings in August and/or September.

Beach Naturalists, the Marine Resources Committee, and Beach Watchers will offer explorations and information about:

- The intertidal inhabitants of Mud Bay including the clams and oysters
- The special qualities of the Chuckanut Village Marsh and the fish and wildlife who call it home
- The Marine Resource Committee's desire to help restore tidal flow to the marsh and potential benefits to fish and wildlife
- The current and historic water quality of Chuckanut Creek
- How residents can continue to be good stewards of the marsh and the bay
- And more!

To learn more about the summer programs contact:

Doug Stark - ReSources Beach Naturalists, dougs@re-sources.org or 733-8307,

Melissa Roberts, the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee, mroberts@co.whatcom.wa.us or 676-6876

Cheryl Lovato Niles - WSU Beach Watchers, clniles@wsu.edu or 676-6736.

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Beach Watchers

Shore Stewards

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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Openings for CCFA Committee Chairs:

Publications / Sales. This person keeps our publications, Chuckanut Chronicles and Chuckanut Memories, and the note cars to have them available for sale.

Archives. This person would go through our accumulated records and organize them. These records are stored in the Fire Hall and are easily accessible. They would not take up- space in your house.

CCFA

Board Members

CCFA OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
President Dave Franklin	671-2957	Membership Gale Gropp	733-3991
Vice President Mike Hogan	527-9605	Publication /Sales OPEN	
Firefighter Rep To be appointed		Landscape/Grounds Dick McClure	733-9291
Treasurer Karin Todd	676-5606	Archives OPEN	
Secretary Ann Jones Richardson	733-9140	Hospitality Moiree Landgren	734-8084
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Kathy Howell	738-0416	Newsletter Georgia Heald	733-9358
Fire Commissioner Lynn Trzynka	715-8038	Welcome Lady Kathy Webber-Plank	220-4485

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

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 with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

E-Newsletter

Starting with this July issue those that have requested E-Newsletters will not receive a mailed copy. If you would like to add your name to the list to receive the newsletter electronically in the future, please send your name and email address to chuckanutnews@yahoo.com with "E-Newsletter" in the subject box.

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CCFA Important Dates:

- **Saturday July 11: Grounds Clean Up, 9:00 to 12:00, Fire Hall**
- **Saturday July 18: Ice Cream Social, 3:00 to 6:00pm, Fire Hall**
- **Wednesday August 5: Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fire Hall**
- **Wednesday September 2: Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fire Hall**
- **2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome**
- **Friday September 18: Deadline for newsletter articles for the October issue**

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