

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

Picture: Dale Mosby

A Newsletter

May 2014

Welcome to Spring in Arch Cape

Happy Spring

Happy spring folks...seems that Summer came early? Full issue this month. But moving back from 5 issues per month to 4 (doing away with the July issue).

School news: The Cannon Beach Academy is conducting a "pledge drive". Our budget will allow us run our school in perpetuity once we are able to meet the start up costs. So far, so good...over 100 folks have pledged over \$280K. Well on our way to the goal of \$500K needed to open.

More information at :

www.cannonbeachacademy.com .

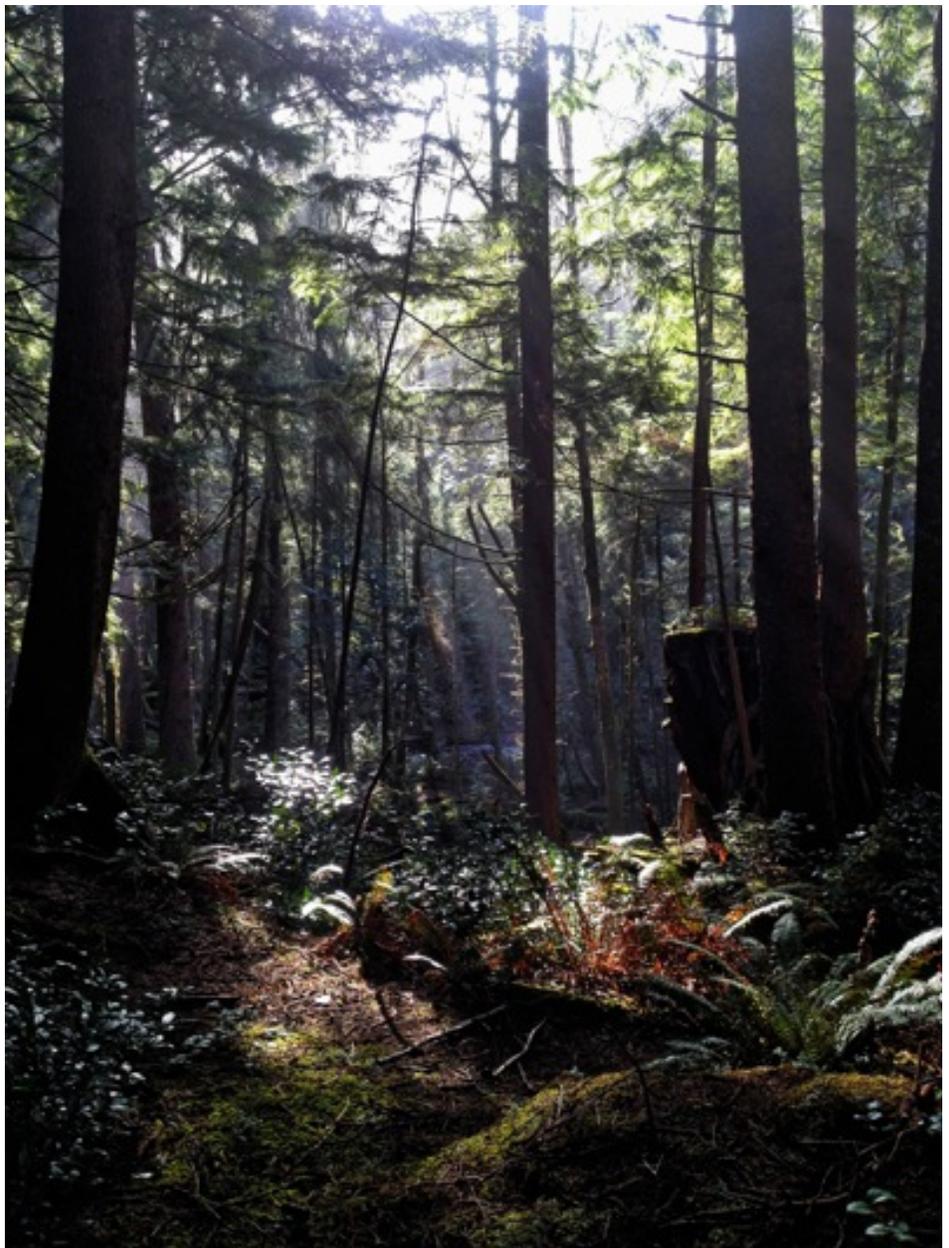
If you believe, as I do, that keeping an elementary school in our community is important, please consider a pledge towards our goal.

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From The Chiefs Desk

By: Mike Balzer, CBRFPD Chief



*Cannon Beach
Fire & Rescue*

Cannon Beach Oregon

To the citizens of Arch Cape and Falcon Cove/ Cove Beach.

Below are short explanations of four issues that the Fire District is working on, gone through or has coming up. I hope these will answer some of the questions you might have on these issues. If you require more information on any of these issues you can e-mail me at mikeb@cbfire.com and I will try an answer them the best I can.

1. The Container Project: The Conditional Use Permit was submitted to the county on February 13, 2014. It should take about 30 days for the county to process and rule on it. The county reviewed the permit on its submission and found no issues with it at that time. Once the permit has been approved the Fire District will get the container ready to receive your Drums, Barrels or Buckets. These can be purchased from The City of Cannon Beach. We plan on opening the container twice a year to allow people to check their barrels in or add new items to their existing barrels. We are planning to open the container for the first time on May 17th from 9 am to 3 pm and then again in October. The October date and time have not been set yet.

2. The Wildfires: I heard about some concerns on the 2 recent wildfires we had in the Arch Cape, Falcon Cove/Cove Beach areas. One was the lack of information made available to the citizens and the other was possible evacuations. Let's start with the information issue. These fires were

on private forest land outside of our fire district and under the control of the Oregon Department of State Forestry. Any information about the fires and when that information was to be made available to the public was also the responsibility of the Oregon Department of State Forestry. The Fire Departments that were involved in fighting these fires were there under our county wide mutual aid agreements. We were all just a little bit busy for the first 10 hours making sure we kept the fire from spreading down the hill into our fire district. Just when we thought we had everything under control and things were looking pretty good, we received the call on the second fire East of Falcon Cove. This stretched our resources even further and for the next 8 hours the crews working on the Falcon Fire did a tremendous job in keeping that fire from spreading to the West towards Hwy 101 and North over the ridge towards East Shingle Mill road. I know there was a lot of concern about the fires because we don't have them with the frequency they do on the East side of the mountains. If there was any critical information in that first eighteen hours that needed to be passed on to the public it would have been.

3. Evacuations: We had an evacuation plan in place if it was needed. We had law enforcement and extra fire

personnel standing by to go door to door. We also had Clatsop Alerts available if needed. For those of you not familiar with Clatsop Alerts, it's like a reverse 911 except you sign up for it. It was put together by Clatsop County Emergency Management. If you go to the county web site and click on Clatsop Alerts on the right side of the page, it will take you where you need to go to sign up for it.

4. Urban Renewal District: Although we sympathize with your frustration in getting the county to maintain your roads, there is no way the Fire District can absorb that kind of financial hit. We have looked at it and have determined that it would definitely affect our ability to maintain the quality of service we provide.

Chief Mike Balzer / CBRFPD

ARCH CAPE BLUE BARREL PROGRAM - OPENING MAY 17

By: Helen Chauncey

Arch Cape has a blue barrel program! **The first date for placing your blue barrels in the storage container is May 17.**

Blue barrels are just that: blue-colored plastic or metal tubs, packed with emergency supplies. They are being stored in containers above the tsunami inundation line. Our container is at the Arch Cape fire station.

Seaside and Cannon Beach – even Arcadia – have blue barrel programs. With thanks to Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, now Arch Cape does also.

If you live above 75 feet and are in no danger of an earthquake or falling trees damaging your home, for you a blue barrel is optional. For the rest of us, consider this essential. And remember that your blue barrel does not replace your go-kit. You want them both.

You can purchase your blue barrel at Cannon Beach City Hall (163 E. Gower Street). Phone before you go to confirm availability (503-436-1581). A 55 gallon blue barrel should hold sufficient emergency supplies to tide over two to three people for several weeks.

If your car isn't designed for blue barrel transport, let us know – those of us with trucks can help get the barrels to Arch Cape. I got two 55 gallon barrels in my Prius and am happy to assist. We can

also help you label your barrels, for that special personalized touch.



You have to pack your blue barrel. What should you put in it? Where do you get the gear? Below is a basic blue-barrel supply list, together with possible vendor options, in case you don't have the necessary stuff lying around the house. Don't forget to comparison shop online if you have the time.

Note that Cannon Beach has a comprehensive list of suggested supplies and packing advice on its website. (<http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/docs/PS/cachecontainerworksheet.pdf>) It helps you calculate how much you need and provides an actual list, in order of packing importance.

There are 47 suggested items on the Cannon Beach list. We are

focusing here only on the most basic. Don't be overwhelmed by the length of the list and don't unnecessarily purchase pricey items. With any luck, you are only going to use these supplies once in your life time.

WARNING: Do not put in the barrels personal information that could be misused by vandals. No one can guarantee against breaks prior to an event or theft of items during one. Keep personal information and cash in your go-kits.

Sleeping shelter Small tent or similar – keep it simple; a 2-3 person tent should be around \$30.00.

Tarps Garden department tarps may be the most cost effective.

Bed rolls/sleeping bags As with tents, a \$30 version will do. You don't need Arctic down. Add a thin sleeping pad. This is for insulation more than comfort.

5 gallon bucket, with lid Can be packed with perishables, such as batteries and protein bars.

Flashlights and batteries Store separately.

Basic tools Rope, hatchet, folding saw, duct tape, small or folding shovel, folding utility or pocket knife.

Rain gear Ponchos, rain jackets/pants.

First aid kit You can build your own or purchase one.

Clothes, shoes, socks, gloves

You should have a change of clothes in your go-kit. Put extra gloves and dry socks in your blue barrel – for each member of the family.

Water containers and purification equipment

You can use tablets, filter straws, ceramic filters – don't store bleach in your barrel, though. A kitchen sieve and coffee filters are useful to strain out heavy sediment before purification.

Sanitary supplies (general)

Pack toilet paper, any necessary ladies' sanitary supplies, hand-wipes, bar or liquid soap. And plastic bags of all sizes. Include toothbrush and paste, brush or comb, safety razors, sun screen, bug spray. Extra prescription glasses (put in an old pair). Your prescription meds should be in your go-kit.

Basic food supplies Protein bars are the easiest to store; put them in your 5 gallon bucket. MREs (meals-ready-to-eat) and "heater meals" are available at online and at sports stores. Dried camping food tastes better but will require a fuel source. Do not store liquid fuel in your barrels.

Light sources Candles, water-proof matches, lighters – do not store flammable fluids.

Cleaning supplies See sanitary supplies, above. Liquid soap takes more room in a barrel but is easier to use than bar soap when water supplies are limited.

Basic "kitchen" gear Plastic eating ware (plates, cutlery, cups),



a light-weight pot for boiling water, pot holder, a folding grill to set over a campfire, tongs, cooking spoons.

Paper, pens A small notebook, pens, waterproof markers. Towels. Light weight bath towels, dish towels, paper towels.

Creature comforts

Cutting board Small, plastic board.

Extra blankets Space blankets, fleece, light wool.

Pillow cases You can create pillows by stuffing these with clothes.

Food supplements Instant coffee, salt/pepper, well-sealed candy or similar source of sugar. Hiking safety set. (You should have one in your go-kit already.) Compass, mirror, whistle.

AM/FM radio If battery power, store the batteries separately. If crank or solar-powered, read the instructions first. Some models put their internal battery into

sleep mode when not in regular use and require line-power to wake the internal battery up. That won't do you any good. FRS and ham radio gear should be in your go-kits.

"Furniture" Kneeling pads, folding stools, or camp chairs. Shower set-up. You can purchase these; you can also rig one up with an tarp and rope. The idea is to create some privacy for personal washing.

Entertainment Cards, dominoes, toys, reading material.

For additional information on emergency preparation in our area, go to www.archcape.com. Click on Emergency Prep, which is in the blue column on the left of the home page.

Vendors: Big Five Outdoors Store, Fred Meyers, Costco, Home Depot, Manzanita Lumber Yard, pharmacies – throughout the area; REI; Harbor Freight, RedCross.org – click on "shop"; amazon.com

Falcon Cove House Lost in Fire

By: Nadia Gardner

A vacationing local couple came home to ashes at the end of March. A fire broke out the night of March 30 at their home at the south end of Falcon Cove. The two house sitters noticed smoke, grabbed the dogs and called 911 shortly after 9 p.m.

Cannon Beach Fire & Rescue responded to the call and fire crews from Seaside, Gearhart, Hamlet and Nehalem brought their trucks to the scene shortly thereafter.

The fire was not extinguished until about 1:15 a.m. "The house is a total loss. ... We didn't have much of a chance," Fire Chief Mike Balzer said. "The biggest problem



was the water supply because there are no fire hydrants down there."

The firefighters saved a detached garage about 25 yards away, as well as a neighboring house. They also kept the flames from reaching the nearby forest.

The couple has rented a house and plans to re-build in the near future.

Baked Goods Delivered!

By: Nadia Gardner

Arch Cape resident, Teresa Dufka is expanding her bakery business to include local deliveries of bread, bagels, cookies, pies, cakes, granola and even soup. Now we don't need to drive to Manzanita!



Price List

French Bread	\$3.50
Multigrain Bread	\$5
Bagels(6)	\$5
Pies	\$15
Mini Cheesecake (4")	\$5
Mini Gingerbread (4")	\$3.5
Birthday Cakes	\$15
Angora Peak Granola(lb)	\$6.50
Granola Bar	\$2
Shortbread Cookies (12)	\$10
Soup (quart)	\$10

Call her to put in your order at 503-436-0329.

Clatsop Visioning Plan Kicks Off in Arch Cape

By: Nadia Gardner

Clatsop Visioning Plan Kicks Off in Arch Cape
Next meeting Friday, May 6

What will Clatsop County look like in 2030? Will it continue to be the kind of place we know and love?

Clatsop County has launched a new initiative to look at our community’s long-term goals and aspirations. County consultants are talking with community members and groups across the county to develop new ideas and directions. They are calling this initiative Clatsop Vision – 2030 Together. It’s about planning for



	2013	2012	2011
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our county’s future – together. And they invite you to join the conversation.

On February 21, fifteen Arch Cape and Falcon Cove Beach gathered

with County consultants to provide initial information about the state of Clatsop County from our perspective. It will be used as a baseline for what we want to see in the next 20 years around the County.

The second Clatsop 2030 Vision Plan event will be Friday, May 6

from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the AC fire station. This meeting will focus on our vision for the WHOLE county on the topics of “Environment, Natural Resources & Recreation.” Join us!

More info:
<http://2030together.com/>

Ham Radio Project for new Arch Cape Fire Station

By: Charles Dice

Thanks to contributions from local community Members and from the Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club and from the Cannon Beach Amateur Radio Society (CBARS) as well as several local Hams (Charles Dice, Scott

Sperely, Hal Dennison) a Ham Radio and Antenna have been installed at the new Arch Cape Fire Station. This Ham Radio is intended for use by our local Hams in the event of a local Emergency that may well cripple our “normal” means of communications such as telephone, internet, and even police/fire radios (all of which were, in fact, “down” during the Great Gale of 2007).

The Ham Radio has a battery “back-up” means of operation and the Fire Station has a back-up Electric Generator so we will have power even if the local power company service goes down (as it did for about a week in some areas in 2007).

The May Meeting Roundup and Look Forward

By: John Platt

Is our community better off now than it was a year ago? May 17th marks the Community Club's final meeting for 2013-14 and provides an opportunity to review what's been accomplished during the past year. It also gives you a chance to discuss issues affecting our community and to provide input regarding what you'd like to see accomplished in the coming year. To get you thinking about important issues, Dale Barrett and Lianne Thompson, the candidates for County Commissioner

representing our area (District 5), will be kicking off our meeting.

They will share their views on the issues the county faces and how they hope to work to address them.

It's also time to elect board members for several board positions whose terms are ending. If you would like to serve on the board, please contact Nadia Gardner (436-1981) for more information. As usual, the potluck starts at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

The cache container at the Arch Cape Fire Station will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm May 17th for you to place your

emergency supply barrels and sealed 5-gal buckets. If you haven't purchased barrels or buckets, they are available from Cannon Beach City Hall at a reasonable cost (503-436-1581).

Just because your home is above the tsunami inundation zone doesn't mean that your home wouldn't be damaged by the preceding earthquake. You could also benefit from having emergency supplies outside your home in case of severe storm, landslide, fire, etc. Renting your home? Consider having go-bags available for your renters and/or emergency supplies in a barrel in the cache container at the fire station.

Health News

By: Diane Matson RN

With the weather getting warmer and dryer, it's time to get out and get moving. According to the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans you need to do two types of physical activity each week to improve your health - aerobic and muscle strengthening.

Adults need at least:

Two hours and 30 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity every week -

brisk walking, water aerobics, bike riding etc

AND

Two or more days each week that work all major muscle groups - strength training or lifting weights.

OR

One hour and 15 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity - jogging or swimming, every week.

AND

Two or more days a week that work all major muscle groups - strength training or lifting weights.

Ten minutes at a time is fine to start. You can break the time into smaller times. It's about what

works for you, as long as you're doing physical activity for at least ten minutes at a time. More time equals more health benefits. Get out there Arch Cape and Falcon Cove Beach!



Land Use

By: Dan Seifer

Land use and development in Arch Cape are regulated by the Clatsop County Southwest Coastal Community Plan, first adopted by the County in 1979. Pursuant to this Plan, the County Commissioners appoint members to the Southwest Coastal Design Review / Citizens Advisory Committee, currently chaired by Tod Lundy. Members are Virginia Birkby, Linda Lapp-Murray, Mike Manzulli, Linda Eyerman, Dan Seifer and Jim Sparks. The Committee is charged with design review recommendations of all proposed new or expanded structures and development in Arch Cape, and serves also to provide community land use input to the County.

The Committee did not meet in January or February because no Design Review applications were pending, but held a work session on March 19 to review and discuss County staff's draft ordinance to implement the Local Wetland Inventory previously adopted by the County. Members were disturbed that the draft omitted the existing 50' setback for development adjacent to wetlands. A

subcommittee was established to work with County staff to develop policies on setbacks and to revise the draft language accordingly.

The County Commissioners held a second work session on Arch Cape land use issues on April 9. Agenda items included funding for a potential park adjacent to



Asbury Creek, funding options for infrastructure improvements such as storm drainage and street repairs, the possibility of reviewing the Short Term Rental Ordinance, the necessity for a tree-cutting ordinance or revisions to the sign ordinance, Bylaws revisions for the Committee and the procedures for municipal incorporation of Arch Cape. The discussion essentially postponed any consideration of a park this year, ended the option of an Urban Renewal District, and directed staff and the Committee to submit a proposal to increase the Transient Room Tax from the present 7%, earmarking the additional proceeds for tourism

promotion to the extent required by state law and for infrastructure improvements. Staff and the Committee were also asked to consider whether any modifications should be made to the Short Term Rental Ordinance. No tree ordinance or sign ordinance revisions were felt necessary.

At its December meeting, the Committee had reviewed an application for wetlands setback variances for a new residence on East Beach (across from the old fire station) and unanimously recommended that they not be approved, finding that the proposal failed to present the "minimum adjustment necessary for the reasonable use of the land". The applicant appealed to the County Planning Commission which voted to allow the variances. On appeal, the County Commissioners supported the Planning Commission. The matter has now been appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals ("LUBA").

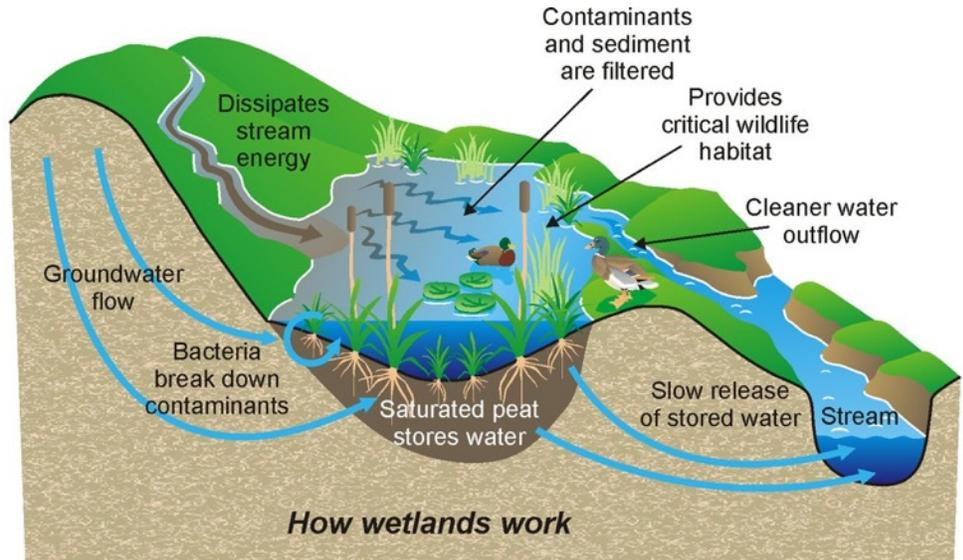
The Committee's next meeting is expected to be scheduled for May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the new Arch Cape fire station. The public is, as always, welcome and invited. Agenda items are likely to include possible revisions to the Short Term Rental Ordinance and a possible increase in the Transient Room Tax.

Our Local Wetlands are at RISK!!

By: Charles Dice

Hopefully, everyone already knows that there are a number of "wetlands" in Arch Cape and Falcon Cove Beach. These wetlands play a very important and essential part in the ecology and natural beauty of our community. Just Google "Wetlands" to find out about the number of very important roles that they play in flood prevention, preservation of native vegetation, habitat for both aquatic and non-aquatic creatures and the natural "predators" that depend on them (vegetation and critters) as a food source (Eagles, Hawks, Elk, Deer, and Bears – oh, my).

In recent years, as the "upland" (non-wetland) areas have been fully developed, people and developers who want to live here or build here have started to purchase the more "difficult" lots containing wetlands (which were often times sold at very low prices because of the proximity to wetlands). When it comes to managing this development that is encroaching on the wetland areas, our community is, unfortunately, at a disadvantage compared to other parts of Clatsop County. In these other parts of the County, particularly the northern part near Astoria, Gearhart, the Coastal Plain areas, the County long ago designated many such wetland areas as "Lake and Wetland" Zone – this defined Land Use Zone provides very specific rules on what can and can't be done in a Lake and Wetland Zone with the intent of preserving this natural resource. Here in the Southern part



of the County no such Zone was created for our wetlands. We must therefore rely on the existing Land Use Ordinances that we have for our Coastal Residential (CR) or Arch Cape Rural Community Residential (AC-RCR) Zones (these two zones cover essentially all of the platted lots in our Communities). The existing AC-RCR zone restricts building structures within 50 feet of wetlands – this provision is unique to the AC-RCR Zone and, as I understand it, was put into this ordinance when it was originally created for the Arch Cape Community some years ago by members of the SW County Advisory Board/Arch Cape Design Review Board specifically to help protect our natural and important stream and wetland areas.

Over the past 5 to 6 years, a number of concerned community members have worked with several local organizations to increase the visibility of and protection of our significant and valuable wetlands. This work culminated in the creation of a

Local Wetland Inventory Study performed by Pacific Habitat Services and subsequent adoption of this Local Wetland Inventory by the Oregon Department of State Lands and recognition by Clatsop County. In addition to many Community members, this work was supported by all of the local community groups including: The Arch Cape Design Review Board, Arch Cape Water and Sanitary Districts, Arch Cape-Falcon Cove Beach Community Club, the Falcon Cove Beach Water District, and the Ecola Creek Watershed Council.

Recently, a property owner who owns a lot that contains wetlands asked the County for a Variance to the 50 foot set-back rule. He wants a 42 foot variance so he can site his house 8 feet from the wetland (instead of the required 50-foot setback). This variance request came before our local Arch Cape Design Review Board and the Board voted to recommend that the Planning Commission deny this variance request.

The Variance Request was then presented to the Clatsop County Planning Commission in Astoria and the Planning Commission voted to approve the Request for a Variance. This decision was appealed to the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Commissioners affirmed the approval of the Planning Commission (with no public comment allowed). An appeal of the Board of Commissioner's decision has been made to LUBA

(Oregon Land Use Board Of Appeals) in Salem since a number of individuals in our local Community believe that the decision of our local Arch Cape Design Review Board was the correct decision (to deny the Variance request) and that this decision was wrongly overturned

If you share our concerns about waiving the existing Land Use Rules for building in or near our local wetlands, please contact

one of the Community Club Board members to find out what you can do to help protect the natural beauty and ecology of our environmentally critical local wetlands. You can also write a letter of concern to the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners at: Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 800 Exchange Street, Suite 410, Astoria, OR 97103 (email = commissioners@co.clatsop.or.us).



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Arch Cape - Falcon Cove Beach Community Club

The Community Club meets four times yearly on the third Saturday of May, September, November and February. Membership in the club is \$16 for a household and includes membership in the Club as well as a subscription to this newsletter.

Not a member? Please Join or renew today. You can mail to ACFCB Community Club, Attn: Treasurer 79729 Hwy 101, Arch Cape, OR 97102

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- John Piatt — Vice President**
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