

Tunnel Echoes

Arch Cape/Falcon Cove Beach Community

A Newsletter

September 2018

Welcome to Fall in Arch Cape

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Quarterly Clean - Up & Potluck

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Everyone is welcome!

10 a.m. Clean-Up: Meet at St Peter the Fisherman Church. Pick up supplies to walk Highway 101 and pick up litter. Come to the 6 p.m. Potluck: Meet at the Arch Cape Fire Hall. Come visit with neighbors, and have a fun and

upbeat time. Bring your favorite main dish or dessert along with your plates and silverware. **Elaine Murdy-Trucke**, Executive Director of the Cannon Beach History Center, will talk about the history of the Cannon Beach Cannon.



You will also have a chance to get into your blue barrels from 1-3 PM on that same day. We will have the container open for restocking. Hope to see you there.

Join us!



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In Memoriam of Jack Birkby

Jack Lester Birkby was born in Sidney, Iowa, May 20, 1925 and died May 6, 2018 in Arch Cape, OR at the age of 93.

Staff Sgt. Birkby, while stationed at Ft. Lewis, met and married Dorothy Yost, his wife of 61 years. Together they raised their three daughters in, first, Lakewood, Washington and later



Milwaukie, Oregon. Family adventures were highlighted by skiing Mt. Rainier and Mt. Hood and camping trips to national parks, Canada and the Olympic Peninsula and enjoying the waters of Puget Sound, but once they bought their cabin in Arch Cape, all transitioned into beachcombers.

Jack lived most of his adult life in the Pacific Northwest. He was a salesman by trade and by heart, working into his 90s. He began his career working for Pennzoil, owned a Chevron service station in Tacoma, formed J.B. Sales serving as a manufacturer's representative for Meguiar's polishes and various automotive product lines.

Upon retirement, Jack started Debra's Surplus True-Value Hardware in Seaside, Oregon with his son-in-law Paul Dochow. He and Dorothy RV'd around the country, basing out of Yuma, Arizona. Selling was all about talking with people, learning about them, and sharing stories and friendships. There was always a place for a stranger turned friend to join the family for a meal and rest their head for a night in his Arch Cape home.

Making friends with Jack, it didn't matter ones' educational background, social status, nationality or age. He was very trusting of strangers - a gracious, kind man setting an example to others as to how we should treat people. Jack was so accommodating for people coming to their home, welcoming them with open arms and offering them to come camp out on his lawn or offer them a bed. Living at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, he proudly shared photos of his "back yard".

Jack was laid to rest May 17, 2018 with his wife, Dorothy, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon with military honors.

Arch Cape will miss Jack Birkby. We all have stories of his generosity and willingness to help all he met. His memories will live forever in our hearts.



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Could You Be More Prepared in Just 1 Minute?

Submitted by Diane Matson



What Are You Doing To Get More Prepared?

We're all in this together. And we're all busy! With so many things to think about and do every day, we understand that getting prepared to survive and recover can seem overwhelming.

From now on, ShakeOut organizers will include an easy one-minute preparedness tip in email updates, designed to get you ready for earthquakes in a way that's fun, quick, and rewarding. And best of all, each tip will follow the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety.

This September, also take advantage of National Preparedness Month (NPM), a good time to start thinking about what you will do for International ShakeOut Day on October 18 too! What you choose to do in September can also count as your ShakeOut participation, but go ahead and try to do something different for both events!

Recent, significant earthquakes around the world have renewed interest in earthquakes, such as the sequence in Indonesia, the large Fiji earthquake, and the Venezuela earthquake. We aren't having more or less earthquakes overall, we just happen to be feeling and/or hearing about the ones that are happening more than usual due to the impacts they cause.

Here are a couple ways you can stay knowledgeable about the earthquakes and tsunamis in our past and future:

Earthquake Information

The U.S. Geological Surveys Earthquake Hazards website, earthquake.usgs.gov, is the best resource for information for recent and archived earthquake information (and its mobile-friendly). Bookmark it now: <https://earthquake.usgs.gov>

You can also sign up for the U.S. Geological Surveys Earthquake Notification Service to get notified of earthquakes in areas you care about too, using your email and/or phone number.

Tsunami Information

The tsunami.gov website is the best resource for information on recent and archived tsunami information. Make sure to bookmark this now to receive text alerts from the nation's tsunami warning centers:

<https://www.tsunami.gov>

You can also sign up to [receive text alerts](#) on your phone from the tsunami warning centers too. Get prepared to survive and recover from tsunamis by visiting

TsunamiZone.org!

Got a question? Need help?

We encourage you to visit ShakeOut.org/resources first!



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Arch Cape/Falcon Cove CERT Team**

Paula Vetter (503.706.4123 or pvtaps@gmail.com).

Arcadia Beach RV Park Plans Scrapped

Submitted by Tara Erben

According to the Daily Astorian http://www.dailyastorian.com/Local_News/20180801/rv-park-project-scrapped-at-arcadia-beach (8/1/18), development of 17.6 acres of land along HWY 101 directly across from Arcadia Beach and owned by James Smejkal has been scrapped due to logistical problems.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department originally owned the land and traded it to Smejkal in 2002 in exchange for land he owned in Columbia County. Clatsop County Planning Commission denied Smejkal's request to develop the property as housing in 2009. Parts of Smejkal's land are zoned for recreation management and one parcel is zoned for agriculture forestry.

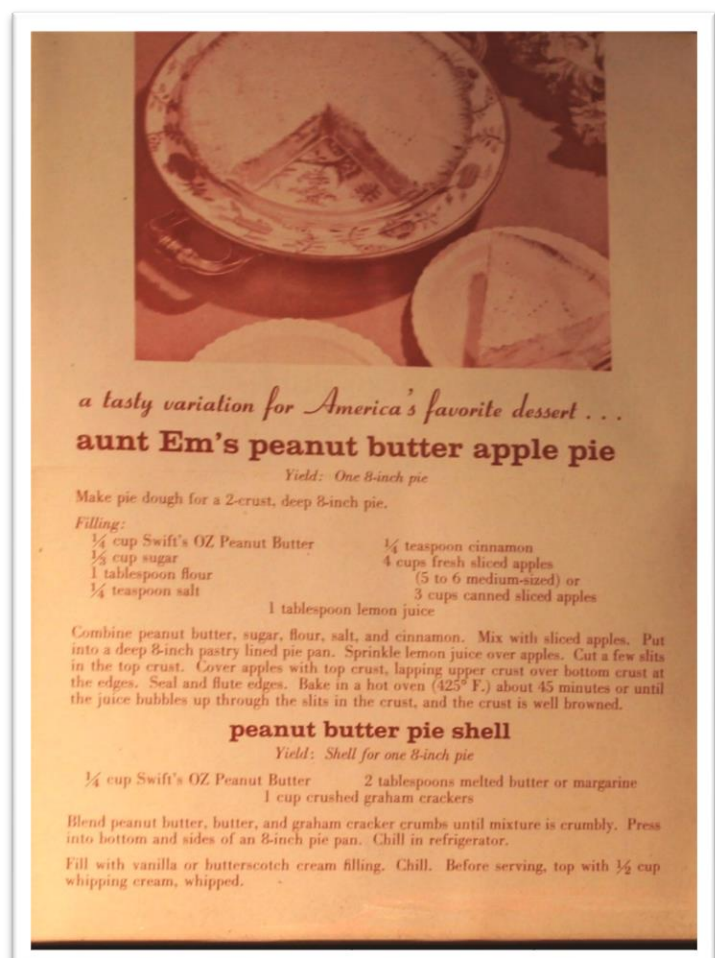
Leonard Waggoner, the owner's development consultant, indicated that because of logistical problems, the value of the land will be determined by an Oregon Department of Transportation forester who will survey the land for timber value. Currently, if a buyer of the property can't be found, Smejkal will start process to rezone the property to allow timber harvesting.

Katie Voelke, North Coast Land Conservancy executive director, indicated in the article that the property has conservation value, because of its forest with legacy spruce and cedar that provides nesting habitat for the marbled murrelet. As yet, no survey has been completed showing the property as home to these birds, however, the Department of Forestry identified the property as immediately adjacent to a marbled murrelet management area in 2009.

Recipe

Submitted by Diane Matson

This recipe is from when we visited the wizard of oz museum in Wamego, Kansas in 2012



Clatsop County Commissioner - District 5 - Lianne Thompson



Living in Paradise, Oregon-style

The seasons are changing; Autumn is in the air with nipper mornings and more precipitation. It's time for the cycle to be turning. Even in Paradise, changes are inevitable and welcome.

One of the changes is a new local face on the Clatsop County Planning Commission. Thanking Tom Merrill for his years of service, welcome and congratulations to Nadia Gardner as she joins the other planning commissioners in Astoria, applying her best efforts to observe the law without fear or favor as it relates to land-use issues in Clatsop County.

One of the joys of being your elected representative is that I am invited to speak in various venues on matters of public policy. One of those venues is the Coastal Caucus, convened by Senator Roblan and hosted by the various tribal nations within his Senate District to the South of us.

This year the Coastal Caucus was held at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, owned and operated by the Confederated tribes of the Siletz Nation. Thanks for their gracious hospitality as County Commissioners, State Representatives and Senators, appointed officials, and other stakeholders met to consider the two focal points for the next Legislative Session that begins in January 2019. Those two focal points: cap and trade (or cap and invest) and education. These are heavy lifts, in terms of their complexity and profound influence on our collective future and the quality of life in Oregon.

Here on the Coast and all over Oregon and the nation, these and other serious issues remain: affordable and available housing, global climate change, the income gap between rich and poor, and species extinction. Wrapping our hearts and minds around these issues and still continuing everyday life daunts us. There's more than enough for everyone to do, and more than enough for everyone to consider.

Here's how I introduced the panel on cap and invest during the Coastal Caucus. "Long ago and far away, I had a bowl made by Patty the Potter, from Highland Park, Michigan. On the bottom of the bowl were four words: 'We are one body.' We are one body in complex, adaptive, and interactive systems. The question is, 'Can we live in a world that is ecologically sustainable, spiritually satisfying, and socially just, including diversity, equity, and inclusion?' Because that's what it will take to live together and avoid extinction.

As we consider our policies and actions, let us look clearly at whose cost, whose benefit, and when. Because, if I have adequate and stable income, I have the privilege of enough time, enough money, and enough support to get what I need for me, my family, and my community. Others of us do not have that privilege, and those of us with stable and adequate income must consider them, or we all fail.

I operate in the political realm, which sometimes feels like blood sport, so I also ask if we are waging war on each other or waging peace **with** each other. Because we are one body, in complex, adaptive, and interactive systems."

NEW SHORT-TERM RENTAL RULES FOR CLATSOP COUNTY by Linda Eyerman

A new countywide short-term rental ordinance, Ordinance 18-01, went into effect on July 1, 2018. It applies to all private homes within unincorporated Clatsop County which are used as vacation rentals, including owner-occupied homes which have a guesthouse or rooms that are rented out short-term. It does not apply to hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfast facilities which have their own regulations.

Before Ordinance 18-01 was adopted, the only vacation rentals which were regulated in Clatsop County were those in Arch Cape. In 2004 the Arch Cape community, in order to “enhance livability and safety in the Arch Cape residential neighborhoods,” developed short-term rental rules which then were adopted by the Board of Commissioners and added to the Arch Cape local zoning ordinances. Most of these local zoning ordinances were repealed by the Board of Commissioners in 2017 but the Arch Cape Short Term (Vacation) Rentals ordinance was not repealed and continues to govern rentals in Arch Cape.

There is some irony in the fact that, when the County in 2018 decided it needed to regulate vacation rentals countywide, it turned to the local Arch Cape ordinance as the model it wanted to follow. There are many similarities between new Ordinance 18-01 and the local Arch Cape Short Term (Vacation) Rentals ordinance, especially in the procedural area, plus there are new provisions not covered by the local ordinance. But it is important to remember, since the local ordinance still governs Arch Cape, where there is a difference, the local takes precedence over the countywide.

The most significant difference between the rules for Arch Cape rentals and those in other areas of the County is the length of the rental. In Arch Cape it remains the rule that rentals are “limited to either a minimum of seven nights or, if fewer than seven nights, to no more than one rental within a seven-night period.” By contrast, the new rule adopted for the rest of the County contains no such limitation; it simply says rentals are “not to exceed 30 consecutive nights.” So outside of Arch Cape, it is possible for owners to rent their home to different people every single night.

Another significant difference is maximum occupancy. In Arch Cape, the rule is two persons per legal sleeping room, plus an additional four people, up to a maximum of 14. Outside of Arch Cape, it’s three people per sleeping room, plus an additional two people, with no maximum. For a four-bedroom home, that’s a 12 renter maximum in Arch Cape and 14 maximum in the rest of the County. With six bedrooms, it would be 14 in Arch Cape and as many as 20 elsewhere.

Parking is probably the issue that most concerns neighbors. The Arch Cape ordinance was never specific on this point, leaving this for County to determine, but the local ordinance does state that “on-street parking may be used only if off-street parking is not available and renter must use parking along frontage of the rental unit.” New Ordinance 18-01 includes a requirement that there be “one off-street parking space for each approved sleeping area, plus one additional parking space.” In other words, no on-street parking. County appears to be applying the new rule in Arch Cape, which has to be seen as a positive.

Another new positive is a requirement that there be “quiet time” between 10 pm and 7 am. This is countywide. Both ordinances put the burden on the property owner to notify renters of the applicable limitations and rules for the rental term, and to post these on the property. It also is possible to call County Licensing and get information from the permit file. In the event of violations, there is a Complaint Process, but it requires as a first step that notice of any violation be given to the person designated on the permit, along with a desired remedy. Since most objections to short-term rentals involve failure to comply with the rules, it makes sense to require that owners be informed of what’s going on so they can try to solve the problem. But if the response is not satisfactory, there is a Complaint form which can be submitted to County for processing.

All that being said, keep in mind that Clatsop County has for years been moving toward standardization of ordinances countywide, and it’s questionable how long it will allow Arch Cape to operate under their own ordinance. There is a work session scheduled by the Board of Commissioners to address this issue on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 5:30 pm, at the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria. It would be most helpful to have a strong showing from Arch Cape. After all, Arch Cape has many years of experience with vacation rental regulation which the rest of Clatsop County doesn’t have, so if there are to be more changes, why not do it the proven way?

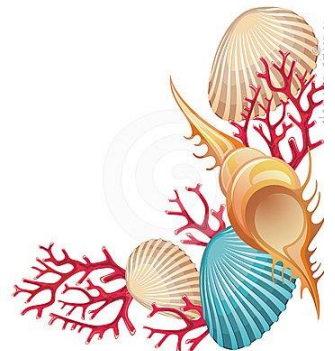


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**ARCH CAPE
FALCON COVE BEACH
COMMUNITY CLUB**

79729 Highway 101, Arch Cape, OR 97102



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 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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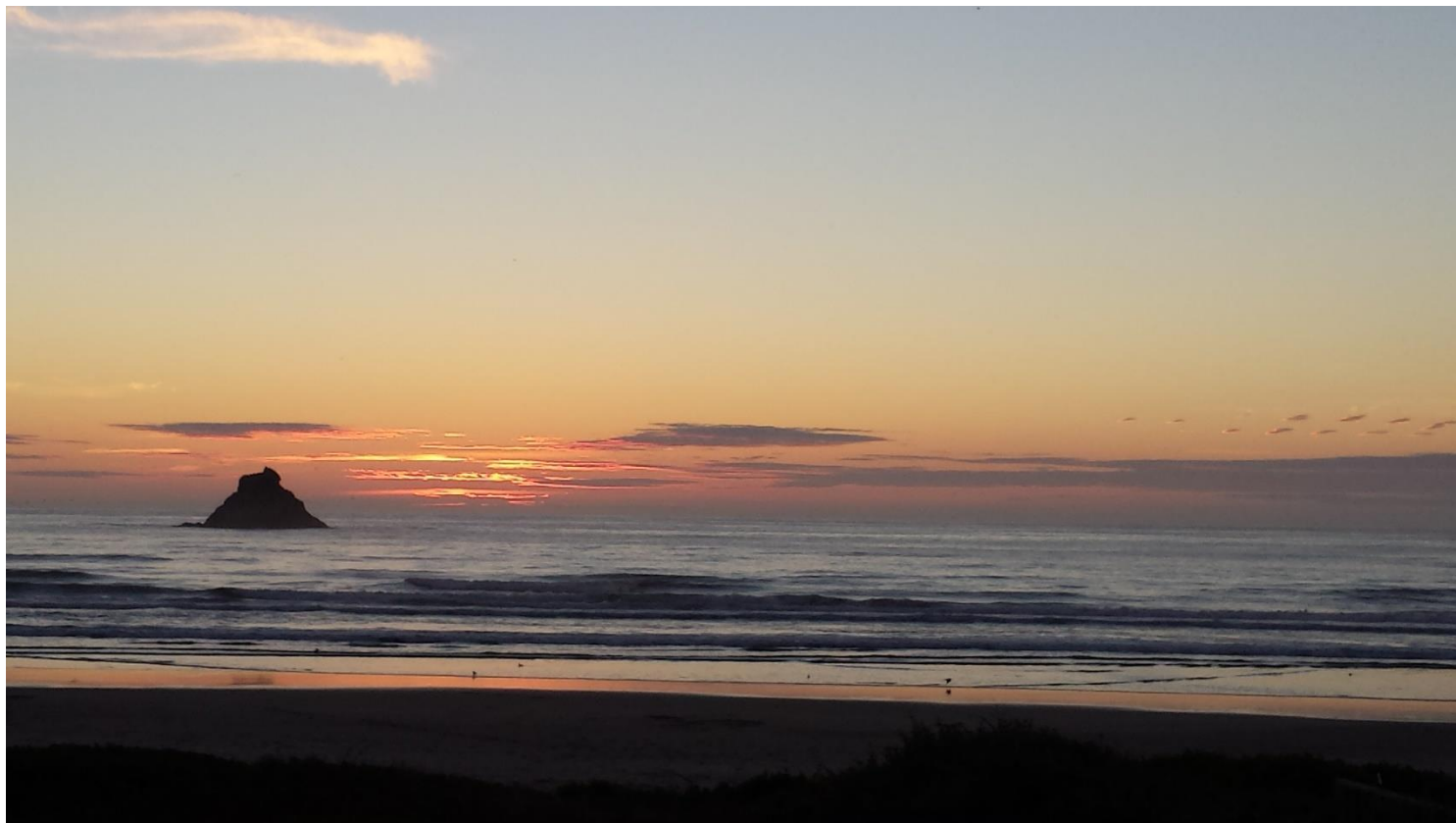


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