



CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

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T-Shirts available at the office
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Officers & Directors

- Deborah Baker** ('13).....President
Portfolios: Emergency Services, Pool, Violations
- Dave Johnson** ('11)....Vice President
Portfolio: ACC, Patrol
- Dayrl Harrington** ('12).....Treasurer
Portfolio: Finance
- Patty Kiehne** ('13).....Secretary
Portfolios: Community Property, Lakes
- John Moore** ('13).....Director
Portfolios: Roads
- Arlene Shaffer** ('11).....Director
Portfolio: Member Relations
- Marvin Shoe** ('12).....Director
Portfolios: Forestry, Violations, Water

Others

- Doug Lee**.....Board Advisor
- Herb Schaff** ('11).....Ex-Officio
- Terry Jonason** ('11).....Ex-Officio
- Richard Hintze**....Asst. to the Secretary

Office Hours

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am - 11:30 am
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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Kathie Wood.....Staff
Albert Darrow....Maintenance Mgr
Julie Baumann.....Water Mgr

Clearwood Emergencies Call 894-6044

This number is monitored after
hours by Emergency Services
volunteers.

Monthly Meeting Schedules

Committee	Date	Time
Board	3rd Sat	9:00 AM
Arch Control (ACC)	1st Thur	7:00 PM
Community Property and Lakes	2nd Sat	9:30 AM
Elections	As Needed	
Emergency Services	As Needed	
Finance	4th Wed	9:00 AM
Member Relations	2nd Wed	6:30 PM
Patrol	1st & 3rd Wed	7:00 PM
Pool	2nd Mon	
Roads	As Needed	
Forestry	Call 894-6535	
Water	2nd Mon	1:00 PM
Violations	2nd & 4th Thur	10:00 AM

Committees need and welcome
volunteers. To sign-up for any
committee, please come to the office
or email: cwpres1@yahoo.com

Wow, you've got to check out our improved official Clearwood web site at www.clearwood-yelm.com !!



The Pres Says...

The improvements have made our web site an awesome tool in so many ways; print permit request, user friendly amenities program, view governing documents, view the latest newsletter, approved Board meeting minutes and a lot more. You can even link to USPS to put a vacation stop on your mail. We all owe a huge thank you to Ben Budde for his many hours of volunteer work to make this happen for our community.

Our August Annual Meeting begins the new Clearwood year. Welcome two new Board Directors, John Moore and Patty Kiehne. Thank you for re-electing me for another three year term. The officers on the Board are; President-Deborah Baker, Vice President- Dave Johnson, Secretary-Patty Kiehne and Treasurer-Dayrl Harrington. In addition, I have appointed both of the out going Board Directors, Terry Jonason and Herb Schaff to serve as ex-officios

for one year. This will provide very important continuity of experience and knowledge on the projects they were working on. Terry's continued advice regarding our roads and related water system projects will greatly benefit the Board. Likewise,

Herb is our "Lakes Guru" due to his noxious weed training and other related experience. Many thanks to both of them for accepting their appointments. Our lakes and our roads will benefit from them.

Thank you for approving our much needed Operations and Water Usage rate increases. Five dollars of the Operations increase will allow us to utilize a Sheriff Deputy more in 2011. We hope this helps to deter some of our speeding and vandalism issues in 2011.

There are a lot of fun things happening this fall and winter in Clearwood. Be sure to check them out on page 10 of this newsletter.

Please feel free to e-mail me your comments, concerns or just questions at: cwpres1@yahoo.com

Deborah Baker, President



We held our first Town Hall Meeting with the Board on Sept 24th, 2010 at Reichel Beach. We had chocolate cake, coffee and an open forum conversation with the Board on a beautiful Friday night, under a harvest moon by the beach. As residents of Clearwood, we all share the common bond of our community. Thus, in essence, we are all Clearwood Family. The goal for the meeting was to simply have open dialog together. To share both concerns and visions for our community. Approximately 50 people attended and overall it was a very

positive experience. To continue with the theme; I would love to hear from you. Please send me your concerns and/or visions for Clearwood. You can do so by e-mail or simply just drop it off at the office, "attention Deborah". Also, we hope to conduct more Town Hall Meetings. So watch for notice of them and plan to attend.

Please feel free to e-mail me your comments, concerns or just questions at: cwpres1@yahoo.com

Deborah Baker, President

Water System News

Fall is here. Time to start getting things ready for the winter freeze.

- Disconnect your hoses from the hose bibs, drain the hoses, put away all but one and make sure to always have the hose drained of water so that when you need to use it, it won't be frozen. This also prevents the hose from splitting due to freezing.
- Put the faucet covers on all of your hose bibs.
- Always turn your main water valve and electric breaker for the hot water tank off when you are gone for more than a few days. Leave the kitchen faucet open a little so that if the pipes in the house freeze, the ice has a place to expand.
- If you own a summer home, please do the above and blow the water out of your lines.
- Whenever you are gone for more than a few days, it is a good idea to flush the water lines in your house for a few minutes before drinking. Water sitting in the lines does become stagnant. Remember, when the power is out you still have water, but your septic tank can not pump. Do dishes and take your bath using buckets, then throw the water out on the lawn. Flush the toilet sparingly.

Fix those Leaks

- A leaking flapper/ running toilets are the # 1 cause of high water bills. A running toilet can double even triple your water bill. This can also cause problems with your septic tank.
- We read the meters every 3 months. If the meter is spinning and the bill is high, we post a courtesy notice on your door, but we can't always tell from outside your house what is causing the

leak inside your house. You have to be the one to find the leak in your house.

Water Cross Connection Surveys

- **Vacuum breakers.** Every hose bib in Clearwood needs to have an anti-siphon vacuum breaker on them. This protects you from possible back siphonage during low pressure. Example, you have your hose in the swimming pool filling it, we are down the road opening a hydrant (low pressure), this could cause your hose to pull the water from the pool into your house. Vacuum breakers are available at the Clearwood Office for \$5.00 each. Please stop by and pick up as many as your house needs. The amount will be charged to your water bill, and you will receive a receipt.
- There will be one more chance to fill out your water survey.
- **Warning letters** will be sent to those of you that did not fill out your water survey. Included with this warning letter, you will find a survey to fill out and return to the office within 30 days of your notice. If you choose not to comply, your water will be turned off until the water department is satisfied that your property is not a risk to the public water system.

So please comply. We don't want to shut anyone's water off.

For Questions or concerns call 360-894-4187 or email: clearwoodwater@yahoo.com

Didyaknow... you can also pick up a Cross Connection Survey form at the Clearwood Office or on line at: www.clearwood-yelm.com

Julie Baumann, Water Manager

From the Business Office . . .

We changed the way our billing in January looked this past year. The Water bill now incorporates the water system dues which is \$185.00. An invoice will be included showing actual water usage. We will continue this look in our billing in January of 2011.

Thank you to everyone for getting their dues paid on time. Wanted to let you know that we have a monthly payment plan as well as a bank

ACH plan that can be used to pay your dues for those who are gone a lot of the time such as military personnel. Our credit card machine has been working great for all concerned. It has made it much easier.

We have a camera in the office for those committees that are in need of using it. Please come in the office and sign it out.

Connie Sheehan, Office Manager

2010 ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

RESOLUTIONS

A Board resolution regarding Qualifications for Board Members
 • Passed •

A Board resolution Increasing the Operations Budget Assessment
 • Passed •

A Board resolution to Increase Water Rates
 • Passed •

A Board resolution to Increase the maximum height of picket fences
 • Passed •

A Board resolution to Clarify the number of Board Members on the Architectural Control Committee
 – Failed –

A Board resolution on the Removal of Member Modifications and Structures on Community Property
 • Passed •

A Board resolution Defining the Participation of Renters and Non-Member Occupants on Committees
 • Passed •

A Board resolution on Not Waiving the 2010 Annual Audit
 • Passed •

A Member resolution to Provide a Member/Tenant Option to Receive Electronic Communication
 • Passed •

New Board Members

Deborah Baker
 Patti Kiehne
 John Moore

Refer to the Annual Meeting Minutes on page 7 for voting tallies.

Post Office Reminders

Due to the coming holiday season and increasing mail theft, the Postmaster wants to remind us to:

- Submit a **Rural Customer Delivery Instructions** (Form 4232) for the Postman to know what to do with packages when you are not home. The form is also available at the Clearwood Office.
- Submit an Authorization to Hold Mail (Form 8076) to hold mail delivery if you want the Post Office to hold your mail between 3 to 30 days.
- Pick up your mail regularly.

Clearwood's First Annual Car Show



August 21st was a memorable event here in Clearwood. The date was not only Clearwood's Annual Membership Meeting day for 2010, it was the first ever Annual Car and Vehicle Show. Vic Espinosa sparked the idea. Deborah Baker and Dave Johnson took the ball and ran with two weeks remaining before the Annual Meeting.

Entrants started registering almost immediately. Cars, fire trucks, motorcycles and even a fully restored 1945 John Deere tractor owned by Ray Selzler joined the pack.

The day kicked off with some stunning sounds coming from some street rods associated with the Prairie Street Rod Association. The only way to start a car show is to have cars rumbling down the path at Riechel Beach with rear tires almost the size of Volkswagens slowly snaking their way around the playground area on their way to find their favorite spot in the field. A few hefty revs from the monstrous engines created a good atmosphere for the event.

A free hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs and pancakes were next on the agenda, served up by our very own Member Relations Committee.

The day proceeded into the Annual Meeting and members browsing the field at Riechel Beach to admire the vehicles on display.

A spectacular four piece band called the "Clearwood Critters" supplied some real down home, foot stomping music for the members and car show participants to enjoy. These fine musicians who make up "Clearwood Critters" are residents of the community.

The car show concluded with "pool dogs" offered by the employees of the pool for a donation and some "Clearwood Rocks" t-shirts were available for a donation by the Community Property Committee.

Hot rods, tractors and motorcycles all rumbled out of Riechel Beach around mid-afternoon to sounds of good cheer and smiling faces. The next Annual Car and Vehicle Show should prove to be bigger and better with more participants and more time to plan accordingly. Hope to see you all there next year!

Herb Schaff

2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 9:30 a.m. by President Deborah Baker.

Note: All motions show initials of director presenting the motion, followed by initials of member seconding the motion. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Board of Directors Introduced: Deborah Baker, Pres.; Dave Johnson, Vice Pres.; Dayrl Harrington, Treas.; Herb Schaff, Dir.; Arlene Shaffer, Dir.; Marvin Shoe, Dir.

Director Excused: Terry Jonason, Sec.

Advisory Board: Doug Lee

Assistant to Secretary: Richard Hintze

The Board President introduced:

- Connie Sheehan, Office Mgr.; Albert Darrow, Maint. Mgr.; Julie Baumann, Water Mgr.
- The Maintenance crew; Matt Whitten, Stu Linde. Thanked them for all the work they have done in Clearwood.
- Guests: Brian Copley of ADT (American District Telegraph), Fire Chief, District 17, Steve Slater.
- Thanked the Member Relations Committee for the pancake breakfast held before the meeting led by Carol Anderson and Linda Doucette.
- Thanked all the spouses of Directors for all the work they do for Clearwood.
- Special Recognition to Jim McCune for all his help in regards to the speeding problems in Clearwood. Deborah thanked him for his boots on the ground support, and even going out on a limb in regards to his efforts for a bill that would have helped Clearwood with its speeding problem.
- Thanked all those who participated in Clearwood's First Car Show, and hoped this will be an annual event.
- Thanked all Clearwood volunteers, and stated that volunteers are the "heart beat" of our community. It takes all of us to get the job done.

Motion made and approved to accept the Agenda (DB/DJ).

Minutes of August 15, 2009 Annual Meeting: **Motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading, and approve minutes (RH/HS).**

Guests:

Brian Copley from ADT handed out brochures giving tips on keeping our home safe. He also said a \$200 discount will be given for any new systems. Also for every new system Clearwood will receive a check for \$125.00.

Fire Chief Steve Slater of District 17 described the training a fire member undertook. There are a number of members from Clearwood attached to the local Fire District, and they would like to recruit 60 new people to augment the people they already have.

Reports:

Staff:

Office Manager – Connie Sheehan:

- Changed the look of our billing in January. The water bill now incorporates the water system dues which is \$185.00. An invoice will be included showing actual water usage. This new look will continue in our billing in January 2011.
- We have a monthly payment plan as well as a bank ACH plan that can be used to pay your dues, especially useful for those in the military who are gone so much. Our credit card machine has been working great for all concerned.
- There is a camera in the office for those committees that are in need of using it. Please come to the office and sign it out.
- We will be sending letters out again this year to have people account for all their gate cards. It is very important that lost cards are deleted.
- The website is being updated, and there will be new features coming soon. Ben and Marilyn Budde should have it up and running the latter part of September. The quarterly newsletter will be available online in color. Maintenance, water and the office will post periodic notes.
- Thank you to all who paid their dues for the year, or are paying them monthly. Due to the economic situation, I know it was a tough year for all.

Maintenance Manager – Albert Darrow:

The maintenance crew consists of Matt, Stu, myself and our part-timer Bill. We take care of the 6 beaches, 14 restrooms and most of the common areas in Clearwood along with assisting the Water Department. During the summer months

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are duties are mowing the parks and fields weekly, weed-eating the trails when possible, and trimming the road sides, and assisting the pool with maintenance issues. During the wetter, colder months the weather usually dictates what our work is. We have to clear the roads of trees and limbs from wind storms, and during snow and ice we will be plowing and sanding the roads. Almost year round, we are repairing vandalized property. The more time and money we spend fixing what is vandalized the less time and money we have to spend maintaining, or improving Clearwood. Special projects accomplished this year are landscaping in and around the front office, the Pitch and Putt demolition has been completed, installed a basketball hoop at the Rampart Tennis Court, road striping, and Hi-Lo Park has been completed. I encourage you to go take a look at the Community Project Board to see some of the projects that have been done in the last few years.

Water Manager – Julie Baumann:

Water usage for the month of August as of the 20th is 4,517,465 gallons. This is an example of how water usage doubles during hot weekends. Some examples of conservation are:

- Water lawns and plants every three days.
- Fix leaky toilets; a leaky toilet can double, even triple your water bill.
- Only run dishwashers with full loads.
- The damage caused by a broken water pipe during winter freezing can be very expensive.
- Always turn the main water valve, and breaker to water heater off when gone for more than a few days.

To date, we have only received 750 water surveys. These surveys let us know of potential health hazards to the water system from irrigation, hot tubs, and pools. It is a state regulation that all irrigation systems have double-check valves, and vacuum breakers on them.

Pool – Connie Dotson, Ashlie Crouch and Chenoa Nichol:

Highlights at the pool this year were:

- Families loved the new hours for weekends and holidays.
- The two night swims were a success and well attended on July 10th and August 14th.
- Swim lessons were conducted for 36 people, and was a huge success.
- Encouraged everyone to purchase pool dogs today in order for the Pool Olympics to be a success.

Committees:

Community Property – Ben Budde:

This past spring Community Property and the Lakes Committee combined. We were having trouble getting enough volunteers to sustain the committees. The committee is charged with keeping an eye on all of the community property and lakes, and making sure they remain in good condition.

On the Community Property side, the basketball hoop was installed at the Rampart Tennis Court, we painted the Reichel Beach restrooms, tables, benches and trash cans, and weeded throughout the community.

On the Lakes side, the committee stocked Horseshoe, and cleaned up before the Fishing Derby, as well as hosting the Derby. This year the lakes were sprayed to control weeds.

Patrol – Herb Schaff:

The Clearwood Patrol is a group of property owners who volunteer their time to become the Eyes and Ears for law enforcement. Because of the growth of Clearwood, the patrol is involved with speed enforcement, which is controlled in part with the use of radar, and fines for violators. Patrol also focuses half their time curbing vandalism. During the summer months vandalism increases; the committee has had to close the beach bathrooms every night. Also with the help of law enforcement patrolling Clearwood at nights, this has helped curb vandalism. The Patrol is always looking for new volunteers and encourages you to sign up.

ACC – Dayrl Harrington:

The committee began in 1984. Dayrl explained the duties of the ACC member. All members must get permits from the ACC before building a home, erecting a fence around their property, or reroofing their home. It is a committee that plays a very important part in Clearwood, and always welcomes any new volunteers.

Member Relations – Carol Anderson and Linda Doucette:

This committee plans, promotes, cleans up all social activities in Clearwood throughout the year. Some of our events are the Polar Bear Swim, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, and the Christmas lighting contest and Santa Run. We always welcome new members. If you prefer to help with a particular activity or event we can always use extra help.

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Violations – Linda Doucette:

The committee is comprised of 3 or more members, appointed by the Board of Directors to provide continuity in the processing and enforcing of our Covenants, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. Linda described the path a violation takes from the writing up, hearing and/or fine, and the recourse a member can take if they feel it was written in error. The committee also asks for volunteers to serve on the Review Panel, at which members can present their cases for a review and decision.

Water – Doug Lee:

Clearwood has the 7th largest water system in Thurston County. Their job is to keep up with all the rules and requirements the government of Washington expects us to comply with in maintaining our system. The committee always welcomes new members.

Finance – Vic Espinosa:

The committee assists the Board in putting together the annual budget. Their duties include:

- Update the 5-year-plan of projects and amenities.
- Job of promoting ways of repairing an Infrastructure that is already old, with not enough money in reserves for updating roads, the water system, floating bridges over the meadow and old water pipes under our road.

Ballot Results – Election Committee, Vic Espinosa:

Vic thanked Virginia Brooks, Vilma Hintze, Debbie Bies, Brian Cawley and Patty Frost for their help on the committee. There were a total of 328 eligible votes cast this year.

Board Resolution 2010-03-02; To Amend Bylaws Section 5, Paragraph 2 Regarding Qualifications for Board Directors.

301 FOR, 16 AGAINST, Ballot passed.

Board Resolution 2010-03-03; Requesting Approval to Increase the Operations Budget Assessment.

217 FOR, 99 AGAINST, Ballot passed.

Board Resolution 2010-03-04; Resolution for an Increase to the Water Usage Rates to be Effective with the First Billing Period of 2011. **207 FOR, 108 AGAINST, Ballot passed.**

Board Resolution 2010-03-05; To Amend Rules & Regulations Section H Fences, Paragraph 4(d), in Regard to Maximum Height of Picket Fences. **287 FOR, 26 AGAINST, Ballot passed.**

Board Resolution 2010-03-08; Resolution to Clarify the Number of Board Members in the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). **93 FOR, 222 AGAINST, Ballot failed.**

Board Resolution 2010-03-09; Resolution to Amend the Rules & Regulations by Removal of Member Modifications and Structures on Community Property. **251 FOR, 58 AGAINST, Ballot passed.**

Board Resolution 2010-03-10; Resolution to Amend the Bylaws Defining the Participation of Renters and Non-Member Occupants on Clearwood Committees. **284 FOR, 28 AGAINST, Ballot passed.**

Board Resolution 2010-03-11; Resolution to Comply with RCW64.38.45 Regarding the Annual Audit.

272 FOR, 42 AGAINST, Ballot passed.

Board Resolution 2010-03-12; Resolution to Provide a Member/Tenant Option to Receive Electronic Communication. **272 FOR, 38 AGAINST, Ballot passed.**

ELECTION OF THREE DIRECTORS FOR THREE-YEAR TERM:

John Moore, 185 votes

Patti Kiehne, 167 votes

Deborah Baker, 165 votes

Herb Schaff, 138 votes

Terry Jonason, 125 votes

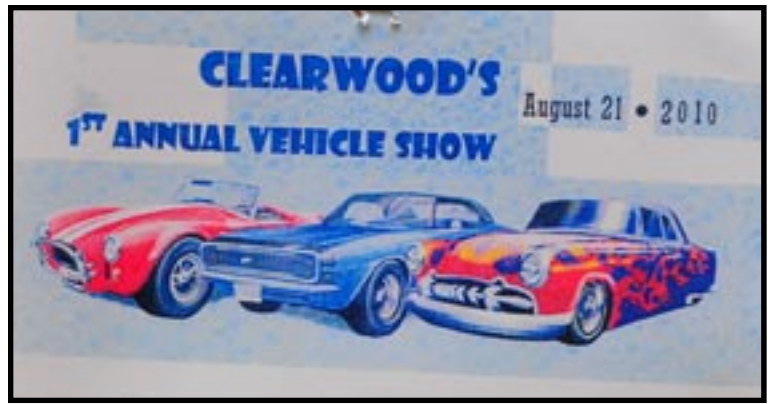
Kerry Sotelo, 52 votes

Kienne Moore, 2 votes

Brian Cawley, Kim Dawson, Rod McCaellan, Bob Owen, Bill Payne and Ron Smith 1 vote each

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:40 A.M. (DB/DJ).

Respectfully submitted
(subject to approval by the Membership at their August 2011 Annual Meeting)
Richard Hintze, Assistant Secretary



An eclectic mixture of vehicles to suit a variety of tastes.



Maintenance shows off their "boats for the claiming."



The Prez Speaks



2010-11 Board (left to right): Dayrl Harrington, Treasurer, Arlene Schafer; Deborah Baker, President; Patty Kiehne, Secretary; Marvin Shoe, Dave Johnson, Vice President; and John Moore.



The Clearwood Critters



Pool Dogs



Clearwood
Rocks T-Shirts



Stow that Stuff



Summer is over.

- Remove your boats from the lakes
- Remove or shield your motorhome or trailer
- Store your canopy or tent

For details, check your Redbook



Hooray!!!



Garbage Cans Again

Trash cans are yucky.
Please put them away ASAP.

It's a Hazard!

Move basketball hoops away from street.



Clearwood's Annual Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
At the Longmire Tennis Courts

- ◆ Dress Up - Decorate your table/chair (If you want)
- ◆ Hand out candy in a safe location for kids to Trick or Treat.

Fun-Food and Games for All

"Clearwood Rocks" T-shirts available for a donation



Bring the family

BE THERE!

Christmas Lighting and Decoration Contest

December 10
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- Turn **ON** your lights
- Show **OFF** your decorating style
- Winners will be announced and posted at the Santa Run
- Keep your address visible



Annual Santa Run Santa Arrives Via Fire Engine

December 11
5:30 p.m.



Free pictures with Santa at the Clearwood Market about 6:00p.m.



POLAR BEAR SWIM Saturday, January 1 Noon



Longmire Beach - Open to All

- Join us and watch the brave souls take the jump.
- Refreshments, firepit, and good cheer.

Member Relations

A Horror in Clearhaven

Ma told me not to live in a dead zone yet here I was driving home on a dark road and it was really starting to get hard to see.

Jennifer left with Kirk even though I brought her to the Halloween party. I couldn't even get to first base with her. I had spent all afternoon waxing my Trans Am just for her. I spent three weekends getting the car in shape. I bought it on Craigslist and the guy said it was in great shape for the miles it had.

Sure, I could have bought a car with less miles on it but it would not look hot. Not to Jennifer. It needed some work but I am a car guy. I can fix anything. The party was coming up and the car had to look good inside and out. Fixing stuff under the hood could come later. Jennifer won't look in there anyway. First base comes first.

The night started with great possibilities even though I could hardly leave her driveway. The car had a hard time starting. Looked like Jennifer was having fun at the party so, around midnight, I left the bench, so to speak, to start running the bases, so to speak. I was just getting started when she decided to leave the playing field, so to speak.

The evening now became a series of one disaster after another. All the money and weekends I pumped into the car were wasted. It started raining. Fog was setting in. It was becoming a bad novel with that dark and stormy night crap. Yeah, I do read books, you betcha!

It got worse. As I was driving through Helm which was the nearest town, the charging light lit up on the dashboard. I still had ten miles to go. Helm was dark. It was a Sunday night. All businesses closed hours ago. Couldn't call the cops. I had a drink or two or three. Couldn't leave my car on the side of the road. And I didn't want to walk home in that weather. I was wearing my Goth drags and no one would have given me a ride anyway.

So I drove on. Headlights on high beam. Wipers wiping hard. Tires squishing water. My wax job was ruined.

Halfway home on Greenhills Road, the lights started to dim. The wipers seemed to be slowing down. It was getting hard to see. There are no lights along this country road. Clearhaven is a back country community. I was in trouble. But I drove on.

I don't look at the rear view mirror when I drive alone down Greenhills Road in the dark. I do not want to see what might be sitting behind me. Don't ask why. That's another story.

I finally reached the entrance of our gated community. Car is struggling in its death throes as I stopped at the gate. I drove as close as I can to the gate card reader. The concrete pad the reader sits on is hell on my chromed alloy wheels. A front wheel

got scratched one day when I was in a hurry to get in. I could just cry. Those new wheels cost more than car.

I let my window halfway down so the rain wouldn't come in and ruin the new carpet. Jennifer did not even notice them. She is so out of my iPhone.

I held the card between my index finger and middle finger so I could reach the card slot on the reader. The rain started soaking the sleeve of my nice Goth jacket as I extended my arm. The jacket didn't come cheap either. The card slot was hard to see. I kept pushing the card hoping to find the slot. It caught the raised edge of slot, twisted out of my fingers, and fell.

Drats! That's not really what I said but it will do. Now the card was in between my Trans Am and the concrete pad. The concrete pad is high enough to only allow my door to open a crack. Also, opening the door would only turn on my inside lights further exacerbating the struggles of my dying car. Yeah, I know big words too, so there. If I could have just gone through gate, I could have made it home.

But what to do. I needed the card to get in. I couldn't open my door. Even if I go out the other side of the car, the space between the concrete pad and the car was not wide enough for me to look for the card. The card might have even slipped under the car after it fell. I could put the car in reverse and back out but the car had stopped struggling and was now dead still. No lights. No wipers. It sure got very dark.

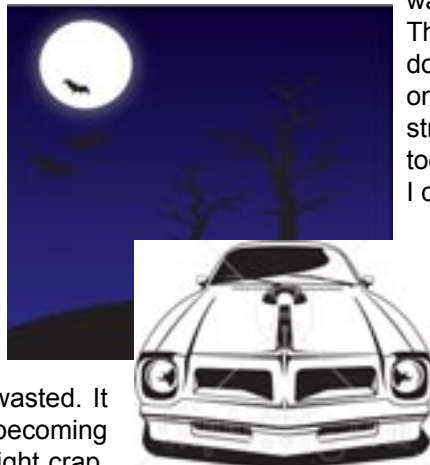
I whipped out my cel phone but the call wouldn't go through. I live in a dead zone, remember. No cel service within miles. I threw the cel phone in frustration.

I could have waited for someone returning home. Fat chance on a midnight Sunday. It could have even been one of those who complains about my late night parties. Or worse, one of my neighbors who kept glaring at me. Must be all those parts strewn around the driveway and yard as I was fixing the car. I didn't care. I was focused on first base. Forget her! I now say.

I glanced at the rear view mirror to see if a car was coming. A faint glow from the rear seat caught my eye. But the car battery was dead. What duh?

For weeks afterwards, people in the community spoke in hushed voices about the high pitched scream in the middle of the night seemingly coming from the dark woods that border our community. Some say it sounded more like the shriek of a banshee than the howl of a wolf. It was none of those. It was just me crying in frustration.

Oh. About the glow from the back seat, you may ask. Well, it came from my cel phone that flipped open when I threw it.



Longmire Tennis Courts ReSurfaced

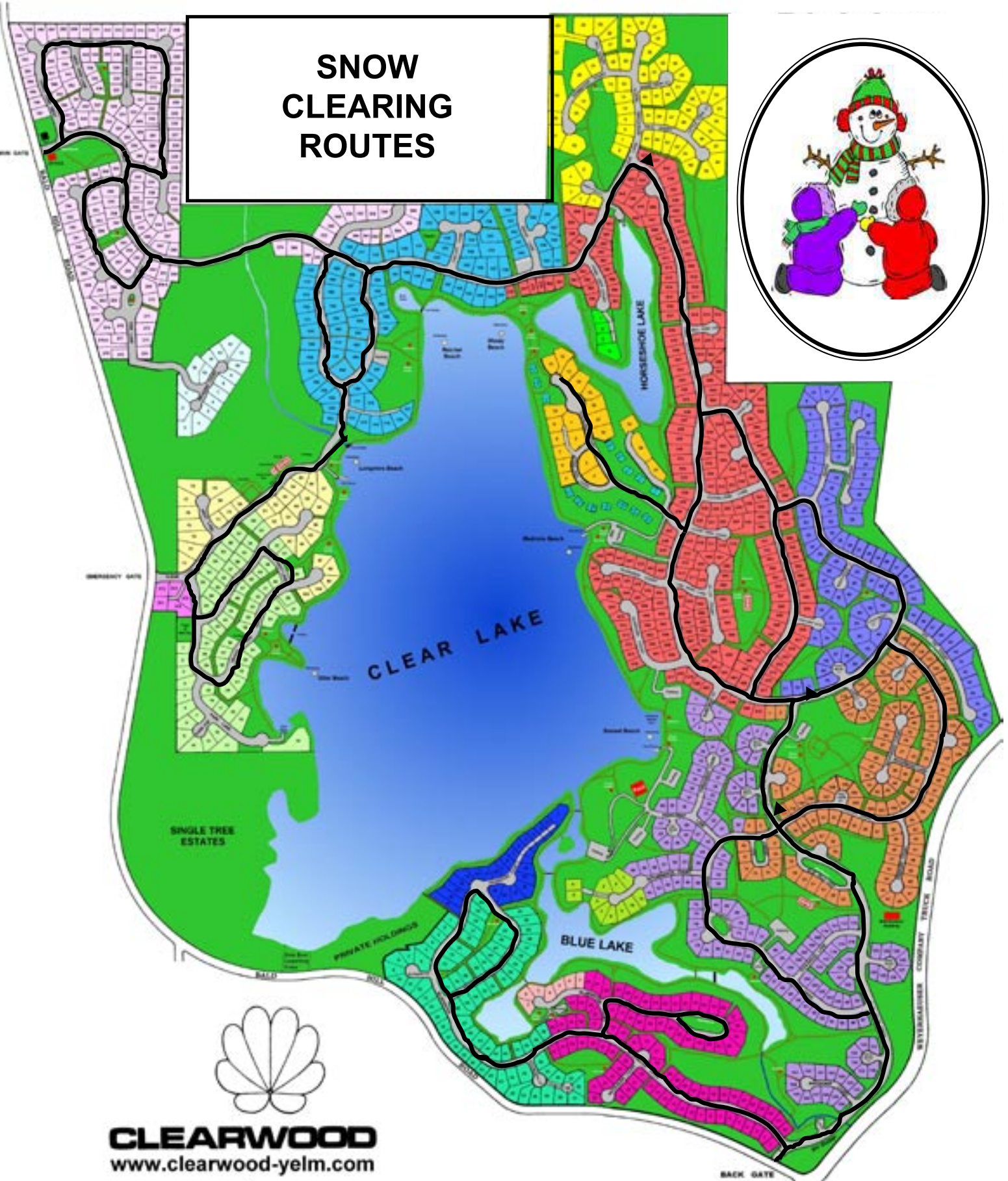


WINTER TIPS

- Plowing and sanding within Clearwood is done from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.
- Please check out the map for plowing and sanding routes. Please plan ahead for bad weather.
- If your house is unoccupied, **TURN OFF YOUR WATER** to avoid costly flooding in your home during a freeze. This is your responsibility!!!
- Be sure to protect your hose bibs or other exposed water lines.
- For power outages call PSE at 1-888-225-5773. Even if your neighbors have already called PSE, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you call and report your home as well.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning during power outages **DO NOT** run a generator inside your home or in your garage.
- For fallen trees along or over our roads, call the Clearwood Emergency line at 894-6044.
- Remember that occasionally there is flooding over Bald Hill Road. Alternate routes are not always open. Typically the flooding subsides in 12-24 hours.
- Remember that your boat must be out of the tie-up areas by November 1st or it will be impounded.
- It is again time to treat your roof for moss.

Albert Darrow, Maintenance Manager

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Pool News



What a wonderful season we had at the Clearwood Community Pool!!

The Pool Olympics was so much fun for all the children, and even though it was chilly, the ice cream social was a hit!

As usual, the night swims were popular and well attended!

We did something new this past year called the "duck drill". A red duck was secretly put into the pool. The red duck represented a victim in the water. When one/both lifeguards saw the duck, they had to rescue it. Upon reaching the duck, they then were given the scenario that they had to act upon. This drill kept the lifeguards on their toes. We will continue these drills next year. Please remember that when the whistle is blown and the word drill is yelled, you must exit the pool, wader, and spa. In the event of a real emergency you will be asked to leave the building. Your safety is our number one priority

Next year, we will have a suggestion box at the pool. We would love to hear your ideas/suggestions concerning your community pool. Please keep in mind that most things have to be cleared through the board or in some cases, Thurston County Health Department. The supervisors will do their best to have your voices heard.

On a sad note, we will be saying goodbye to Samantha Cook. Samantha had been a lifeguard with the community pool since 2006. Thank you Samantha for all your years of hard work and EMT knowledge.

We are accepting applications for **Certified Lifeguards** for next year. Not certified and want to be? Call or Google the Red Cross for certification courses. Don't wait too long. They usually don't hold classes in the summer.

Next year, a protective covering (plastic pants) over swim diapers will be **mandatory**! We had too many closures concerning feces and vomit, and it had to happen on the hottest days of the year. Please check the swim diapers often and do not bring your

sick child to the pool. Thank you!

This is not one of the greatest topics to discuss BUT I want to clarify the procedure for pool closures for feces/vomit:

- If the feces/vomit is intact and the patron who is responsible is identified and reports no illness, then the pool will be spot treated and reopened 30 minutes **after** cleaning measures have been taken.
- If the feces/vomit is not intact (runny, smeared, etc.) we must close for 25.5 hours **after** raising the chlorine to 10 ppm.
- If the responsible patron is not identified to insure there is no illness, we must close for 25.5 hours **after** raising the chlorine to 10 ppm.

These mandatory procedures are required by Thurston County Health Department and must be followed.

As most of you already know, the deck that we had done last year did not turn out the way we wanted. We are in the process of handling this issue at NO additional cost to the members.

Thank you

Connie Dotson & Ashlie Crouch
CPO's/Supervisors

Swim Lessons



Our first summer of swim lessons was a great success. Four of the pool staff: Samantha Cook, Chenoa Nichol, Anna Parkes and Mitchell Smith, completed the Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course and together taught 14 classes. There were 36 people enrolled in the July session and 43 for August. Participants ranged from three years old to adult. We plan on offering lessons again next summer and would love to include a parent-tot class for six month - three year olds. The cost is \$50 for eight 30 minute lessons for all group classes. Our goal is to help Clearwood residents and guests of all ages to be safe and comfortable in and around the water. Keep an eye out next summer for sign-up information or e-mail: chenoarice@yahoo.com...and thanks for everyone's interest and support!!

Chenoa Nichols
Swim Instructor/Supervisor

LAKES NEWS



The summer of 2010 was an exceptional year. Clear Lake was the recipient of 10,000 or better catchable trout sponsored by the Washington Game and Fish. The Tacoma News Tribune quoted our very own Clear Lake the best spot to fish in Thurston County on numerous occasions.

It has been evident many dads, mothers, sons, daughters, and associated family members were successful in their fishing endeavors by the sizable catch stringers hanging alongside the boats and docks. Horseshoe Lake even had the "lunker" caught this year during the Fishing Derby, for the very first time in several years.

The swim areas at the local beaches have been chemically treated in the early spring to keep most of the aquatic vegetation from becoming a yucky feeling underfoot to our beach goers.

Blue Lake has had a small transformation unbeknownst to most casual onlookers. Blue Lake has had a bad infestation of variable milfoil which became an eradication project for the Department of Ecology, commonly referred to as simply the DOE.

I could go into the details of why the DOE picked Blue Lake for this project versus another lake but that would lead into some very boring reading. We are happy the DOE is doing this project in Blue Lake as it consists of aquatic vegetation lake treatment entirely funded by the DOE.

Clearwood also does its own lake treatment for nuisance weeds (mostly invasive stuff that grows next to the shoreline). Have you ever walked the trail around Blue Lake and noticed a screen-like structure by one of the spillways and wondered what or why that thing is in there?

Several years ago, the Lakes Committee decided to find a way, biologically, to remove some of the heavy vegetation engulfing Blue Lake. A type of fish was introduced into Blue Lake which primarily ate vegetation for its supply of food. These fish had to be corralled into Blue Lake alone as the DOE didn't want any of these fish wiggling their way down one or two of the spillways and possibly gobbling up all the vegetation in Clear Lake.

All one dozen of them! Needless to say the fish ate and ate, got fatter and older and now are living out their autumn years with happy faces as there is still plenty of vegetation to feast on in Blue Lake hence the barricade/ screen apparatus in the spillway between Blue Lake and Blue Lake Pond.

Now before you grab your fishing rod and run down to try to hook one of these lunkers, remember these guys are vegetarians and unless you can find a way to thread some

pondweed or milfoil onto a hook that looks like a natural plant for these guys to bite on, I think you might just be going home with a fish story minus some fish.

The fish screen at the Blue Lake Spillway has had a double effect since its inception. The Lakes Committee has religiously been cleaning the debris off of the screen since it has been installed to decrease the resistance of water flow out of Blue Lake and into Clear Lake.

What the volunteers that clean the screen have done accidentally and intentionally is capture milfoil fragments (and other stuff) from exiting Blue Lake and entering Clear Lake through the spillways.

The DOE picked up on this and now are funding another fish screen to be placed in the other spillway just before entering Clear Lake. This screen's primary purpose is to trap remaining plant fragments that slip through the first screen while the cleaning crew removes the debris. Look for that screen to be in place around the end of September 2010.

Clearwood also plants Blue Lake with some very nice catchable trout every year for our members to test their trout fishing skills. A fishing license is required! Hark you say! Why? That is the most asked one-phrased question. Larry Phillips of Game and Fish explains it to me this way. A long time ago in a time era known as "bc"(before Clearwood), the DOE planted Clear Lake with trout.

Blue Lake was a tributary to Clear Lake with no restrictions such as the spillways we now have. Therefore, fish could have migrated into Blue Lake spawned and thus become ancestors and descendants of some of the fish now swimming in Blue Lake. Therefore, a state sponsored water at one time establishes a fishing license requirement for Blue Lake. I don't make them. I just write about them!

Horseshoe Lake is a lake that has its own little world. The hydraulics (water movement) of Horseshoe is not seen from walking the trails. The lake has no visible inlet or outlet. The lake is fed from an unknown source with speculation as to having some connection to Clear Lake. I don't think we have fish with mole capabilities or we might have a fishing license requirement there as well. Due to Horseshoe's shallow waters the plant life in this lake is rather robust. I do believe the warmer water and the shallowness makes an excellent growing bed for aquatic vegetation.

Clearwood has been monitoring this problem and continues to address it every year. Fortunately Mother Nature has cooperated and kept most of the problematic weeds at bay so to speak. Horseshoe is the prime spot for the Fishing Derby held each spring which usually coincides with the opening day of trout season in Clear Lake.

There are other projects that are in the planning stages concerning the lakes and their management. We hope to keep getting better and more knowledgeable as time permits. Remember as in any area which has water bodies that can be contaminated: If you pack it in, pack it out! See ya next time..

Herb Schaff, Lakes and Community Property



Boy, this summer was a disappointment weather wise. I can't believe we are already starting into fall. On the bright side, we didn't have any serious wild fires. But each year that goes by dead limbs, brush and other fuels accumulate. For those

of us who like to see things burn this means that when the burn ban comes off October 15th, we can enjoy some nice fires and dispose of the debris that is a hazard when the woods are dry. Burn permits are available at the fire station. And remember that Clearwood's burning rules are more restrictive (3'x4'x3' max size). Happy burning.

The brush/rescue fire trucks you see parked around Clearwood are working well for us. Our average response time is still running about 8 minutes from the time you call for help until a qualified volunteer responder arrives at your house. This is one of the fastest averages in the County, outside the cities. And because we don't have the payroll costs of career departments we aren't facing the budget shortfall that is plaguing most other departments.

We have about 40 volunteers. Many live in Clearwood. One of the longest serving members is Stu Linde. Stu joined the department in 1995, while he was still working as a fire fighter at McChord Air Base. He has a long list of qualifications, and fire fighting experiences. Over the years he has given many hours teaching new members firemanship. This community is certainly lucky to have Stu volunteering.

This year the "Santa Run" will be the evening of Saturday Dec. 11 outside the Clearwood Store. We'll post signs with the time. Kids and grownup kids can get their picture with Santa. You can pick up your pictures at the store the following week. There will also be snacks, drinks, caroling, and a good chance to say hi to your neighbors that you haven't seen since the weather turned. Paul, Jonathan, and Myung Cho, owners of the Clearwood Store, will be covering most of the cost. If you don't have kids and can't borrow any then come anyway. This is a fun event.

This is your fire department. I can't emphasize this enough. There is a place for almost anyone, and we'll be as good as the community supports. If you don't have the interest or time we still very much want to hear your ideas and suggestions. We serve dinner the first Tuesday of the month at about 6:30.

We invite everyone to come.

There is church service in the station Sundays at 10:00. Pastors, John and Sylvia Peterson alternate giving the sermon. You can read a message by Sylvia each week in the Nisqually Valley News to get an idea of the flavor of the sermons she gives. It is non-denominational, but old Methodist hymns are popular. Roger McMaster leads the singing well enough to drown out "bull frogs" like me.

Bill Owen, Commissioner

Clearwood Website Updated



Checkout the New Look!

A new version of the Clearwood Website is up and running.

The new site has pages for Amenities, Communications Center, Community Events and Governance.

- The Amenities page has information on all of the Amenities in Clearwood.
- There are maps showing the location and pictures and information on each Amenity.
- The Communications center has links for information about Clearwood including Contact Numbers, Newsletters, Clearwood forms, Governance documents, Board Minutes, and various bulletins.
- The Community Events page has information about the various events held throughout the year in Clearwood including pictures of past events.
- The Governance page has information on the Board of Directors and the Clearwood Committees and Clearwood Office, Maintenance and Water.

If you have a computer, take a look at www.clearwood-yelm.com.

Ben Budde

Clearwood Community Newsletter Newsletter Purpose and Mission Statement

The CCA Newsletter's purpose is to inform the membership about upcoming CCA sponsored events, meetings, elections, and other business, health or safety information that may impact the residents; to provide CCA project, financial, and operational updates; to promote committee volunteer opportunities and acknowledge their contributions.

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