

# The Newsletter in Color Edition

## CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010


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Clearwood Summer.*



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**Officers & Directors**

**Deborah Baker** ('10).....President  
*Portfolios: ACC, Emergency Services, Member Relations*

**Dave Johnson** ('11)....Vice President  
*Portfolio: Patrol*

**Dayl Harrington** ('12).....Treasurer  
*Portfolio: Finance*

**Terry Jonason** ('10).....Secretary  
*Portfolios: Roads, Pool*

**Herb Schaff** ('10).....Director  
*Portfolios: Community Property, Lakes*

**Arlene Shaffer** ('11).....Director  
*Portfolio: Violations*

**Marvin Shoe** ('12).....Director  
*Portfolios: Water Committee, Forestry*

**Others**

**Doug Lee**.....Board Advisor

**Richard Hintze**....Asst. to the Secretary

**Clearwood Emergencies**  
Call 894-6044

This number is monitored after hours by Emergency Services volunteers.

**Office Hours**

Office Hours - Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 am - 11:30 am  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
(Closed 11:30 am - 12:00 pm)

**Telephone**.....360 894-2941  
(You can dial from Tacoma toll free ...don't use the "1" prefix)  
After hours, please leave a message.

**Fax**.....360 894-2497  
(You can dial from Tacoma toll free ...don't use the "1" prefix)

**Contacts**

Connie Sheehan.....Office Manager  
Kathie Wood.....Staff

**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
Emergency Services	As Needed	
Finance	4th Wed	9:00 AM
Member Relations	1st Mon	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	9:30 AM

We are gearing up for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 21st, 2010. I have invited State Representative Jim McCune to come so that we can publicly thank him for all of his hard work on legislation that would have helped Clearwood reduce the speeding in our community.

Speaking of speeding, our part time hired Deputy is going smoothly thus far and slowing folks down. Along with speed control we will have the deputy focus on beach patrols this summer.

As you've heard me say many times, our governing documents are in great need of updating. The goal being that the final product is done in such a way that it clearly defines and communicates the governance of our community and helps protect us, as best it can, from potentially expensive litigation. We all have a vested interest in our community to protect it and Our governing documents serve as a shield to help do just that. So legally sound governing documents are beneficial for us individually and the community as a whole.

We will not be updating our Covenants because the Covenant amendment did not pass at the Special Election on June 26th, 2010. The Board did its best and gave it all we had to get the amendment passed. Although we are disappointed, it is what it is and we continue to move forward accordingly. On behalf of the Board, I especially want to thank all of you

## The Pres Says...

who voted in what was probably the most important election for the next twenty years. The next task at hand is to update our Bylaws and then our Rules & Regulations. No doubt working with our 20 year old Covenants will make this task more challenging. However, we must hammer away at it. The Board will be working closely with our HOA attorney to begin that process. The goal being that the final product is done in such a way that it clearly defines and communicates the governance of our community and helps protect us, as best it can, from potentially expensive litigation.

September brings the beginning of the new Clearwood year for volunteers each year. It is an exciting, fun time to get involved. I encourage everyone to stop by the Volunteer Sign-Up Table at our Annual Meeting or stop by the office ANYTIME and see how you can get involved. Clearwood belongs to all of us and it takes all of us to make Clearwood the best that it can be."

Feel Free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns at; [cwpres1@yahoo.com](mailto:cwpres1@yahoo.com)

Deborah Baker, President



## The Treasurer Reports . . .

2010 operational expense at end of May is over budget by \$3,000.

Hopefully, we can recover before the end of 2010. As I have mentioned before, we are operating on a budget completed in 2004. Finance Committee and Board support the requested increase.

Finance Committee will start an in-house reserve study. Possibly, next newsletter will have results.

On Clearlake Blvd North road, PSE Construction Project 2010 will start construction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of



July. This will be similar to CLB-E 2009 project except no water lines will be replaced. Raceway and conductor for 15kv primary voltage will be installed from the Front gate to Vail Court.

This would have been a time to save money in a joint project as I mentioned in my article in the Spring 2010 Newsletter. The Board decided not to participate in a joint project due to lack of resources. Keep in mind that the Water Department borrowed money for the project and we still need to pay it back. Finance Committee and Board support the water usage rate requested increase.

Dayrl Harrington, Treasurer

# Water System News

## Water Survey

Thank you, to all of you that turned your water surveys in. It is very much appreciated.

This survey is a mandatory tool which screens for potential cross contamination that could threaten our water system.

Coliforms in our water can be a health risk and can come from under ground irrigation, hot tubs, swimming pools, etc, that lack backflow prevention.

There are still 800 surveys that haven't been turned in yet. Our water system is **mandated** to consider these connections to be a risk and **to shut off the connection**.

Please help us, by turning in your survey, talking to your neighbors remind them to fill out their survey. Stop by the office to fill out your water survey.

The Water department doesn't want to shut off water to any lot or residence.

Please comply with the water survey. It is simple, easy and accessible.

## Double Check Valves

Back flow prevention assemblies are required by DOH (Department of Health) and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) on all underground irrigation systems. These assemblies are required to be tested annually by a Certified Back Flow Assembly Tester (BAT). You and the water department are required to keep a copy of their report. If your back flow assembly fails to pass a test, you are required to purchase a new replacement assembly. It must be installed and tested before you can use your irrigation system. However, have the BAT clean your old assembly first before buying a replacement.

## Vacuum Breakers

Hot tubs, pools, or anything that you run through your hose into and fill, can potentially contaminate your house, as well as the entire community water system.

The Department of Labor and Industries posted a law that mandates all new construction to have vacuum breakers on outside faucets.

Vacuum breakers are required by Clearwood on all your outside faucets, whether you have a new home, recreational lot, or an older home.

These vacuum breakers protect your house from back-siphonage which could result in a health risk to

your family.

Vacuum breakers are inexpensive and easy to install. You can pick them up at the Clearwood Office for \$5.00 each.

## Sanitary Survey of Clearwood Water System:

Every 5 years DOH comes out to review our records, and inspect our water system, looking at all wellheads, injection sites and tanks to make sure we are doing all we can to deliver safe, reliable drinking water to the community.

DOH inspected our water system last month while we were experiencing a Coliform problem. The State provided their support as we worked to find the source of the problem and resolve it.

The Coliform was again traced to well no. 4 just like what happened last November.

DOH appeared satisfied with our accomplishment in tracking the problem. Their written report is still forthcoming.

## Consumer Confidence Reports

A Consumer Confidence Report is a review of what kind of water tests our water system was tested for during the previous year, and other information concerning our water system. A copy of the report has been mailed to all lot owners. Please take the time to read them.

The Department of Health has a website ([www.doh.wa.gov/eph/dw](http://www.doh.wa.gov/eph/dw)) which you can go to and learn about safe drinking water. This is your best resource for accurate information. It has lots of good stuff.

## Water News On the Web:

Clearwood Water News On The Web will be coming soon on the official Clearwood web site: [www.clearwood-yelm.com](http://www.clearwood-yelm.com)

We are very excited with this new communication medium. We'll let you know by posting Blue Water Signs at the gates when it is up and running.

For Questions or concern feel free to contact me at 360-894-4187 (shop) or by email at [clearwoodwater@yahoo.com](mailto:clearwoodwater@yahoo.com)



Thank you for your support

Julie Baumann,  
Clearwood Water System Manager/  
CCCS

# VOTE THE 2010 ANNUAL ELECTION

Mail Your Ballot By August 16

## RESOLUTIONS ON THE BALLOT

A Board resolution regarding qualifications for Board Members

A Board resolution increasing the Operations Budget Assessment

A Board resolution to increase water rates

A Board resolution to increase the maximum height of picket fences

A Board resolution to clarify the number of Board Members on the Architectural Control Committee

A Board resolution on the removal of member modifications and structures on community Property

A Board resolution defining the participation of renters and non-member occupants on committees

A Board resolution on not waiving the 2010 annual audit

A Member resolution to provide a member/tenant option to receive electronic communication



## Candidates for Board Positions on the Ballot

- Deborah Baker
- Terry Jonason

- Patti Kiehne
- John Moore

- Herb Schaff

Voting Pamphlets, with the Ballot and Return Envelope, have been mailed. Contact the office if you have not received your packet.

## Tallying The Ballot

The ballot is a Scantron sheet similar to the ballot used last year.

Completed ballots are tallied by feeding them into an electronic scanning machine.

The scanner detects pencil markings on the ballot and counts them. The total for each of the numbered items are reported on a tally sheet.

The scanner will only detect lead pencil markings. It will not detect ink from pens and markers,

Feeding the same batch of ballots in the machine in any order will still result in the same totals on a tally sheet. The tally results are, therefore, repeatable regardless of how many times the scanner tallies them.

The ballot envelopes are mailed to a firm hired by Clearwood to tally the ballots and report the tally results. They will keep all ballots and envelopes for one year. The return envelope must only contain your ballot.

**DO NOT INCLUDE PAYMENTS WITH YOUR BALLOT**

Vic Espinosa, Chair, Elections Committee

## From The Business Office

I just want to remind everyone that the Annual Election in August is coming up and you must be in good standing in order to vote.

According to the By-Laws, page 1, Paragraph 5, "**Members in good standing** means assessments, special assessments and all fines caused by violations are paid in full prior to registration at a meeting or election, and payments are current on a promissory note, submitted at least 30 days prior to a meeting or election, which pays off all assessments by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the meeting or election. "

This year those payments must be in the office by **July 31**.

Connie Sheehan, Office Manager

# 2010 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

August 21 • 9:30am • Reichel Beach

**FREE Pancake Breakfast**.....8:00 -9:30 A.M.  
**Called to Order** .....9:00 A.M.  
**Set Agenda** .....9:00 A.M.  
**Introduction** of Board of Directors, Advisory Board,  
Staff, and Committee Chairs.....9:05 A.M.  
**Minutes** of August 2009 Meeting.....9:10 A.M.

**Guest:** State Representative, Jim McCune.....9:30 A.M.  
**Reports:** Staff & Committees and more.....10:00 A.M.  
**Election Results**.....11:00 A.M.  
**Election of Incoming Board Members**.....11:30 A.M.  
**Adjourn**

**Vehicle Meet and Live Music by the "Clearwood Critters" 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM**

*Don't forget to Bring a chair*



Come for a  
delicious **FREE**  
**Pancake Breakfast.**

**GREAT EATS!**

**Pool Dogs** served  
starting at **11:00am**  
(Donations help fund  
**Pool Olympics**).



- ◆ Get important updates about what is happening in **YOUR** community
- ◆ Check out the **Volunteer Table** and sign-up for what interests you in getting involved in your community
- ◆ Stop by the **Information Table** and pick up helpful information from Animal Control, Thurston County Emergency Management, and Puget Sound Energy

**LIVE MUSIC**



by the "Clearwood Critters"  
12:00 Noon 1:00 PM

## FIRST ANNUAL VEHICLE MEET

9:30am - 1:00PM

**Share your pride and joy. Show off the chrome and the wax job.**



**Bring the car, truck, motorcycle, tractor or whatever vehicle you love to Reichel Beach and share your passion.**

Vehicles must be parked by 9:00am before the Annual Meeting starts.

Contact Deborah Baker at [cwpres1@yahoo.com](mailto:cwpres1@yahoo.com) for more information and to reserve your spot. If interest exceeds available space, spaces will be assigned in the order they are received until all are filled.



Cool Vehicles!!!.... Live Music!!!.... Pool Dogs!!!.... Beautiful Reichel Beach on a summer afternoon....  
It doesn't get better than this!

# Photos from the Covenant Amendment Election

The Vice President presides...

... as members watched.



Some spoke.



Others ate.



And a few tallied the votes.

*"Although we are disappointed,  
it is what it is and we continue  
to move forward accordingly."  
(Deborah Baker)*



Photos by Vic Espinosa

# Covenant Amendment Election

MEETING MINUTES • JUNE 26, 2010

(Draft. Prepared by Richard Hintze, Assistant Secretary. Subject to Board Approval on August 7, 2010.)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-President Dave Johnson

**Directors Present:** Dave Johnson, Vice-Pres.; Dayrl Harrington, Treas.; Terry Jonason, Sec.; Arlene Shaffer, Dir., Herb Schaff, Dir.

**Director Excused:** Deborah Baker, President; Marvin Shoe, Director

**Assistant to Secretary:** Richard Hintze

**Members Present:** Brian & Valerie Cawley (1-23/24), Bob & Penny Owen (19-10), Jay & Nikki Forde (3-131), Arlo & Amber Wenter (7-128), Bill & Nancy Payne (8-62/63), Tom & Debbie Bies (2-70), Ruth Bray (12-5), Vic Espinosa (9-29), Judy Kugel (13-41), Bob Coffey (2-98). John Moore & Linda Azzarella (19-11), Patty Kiehne (15-20), Dennis & Carol Anderson (17-33), Dennis Divizio (6-537), Elvin & Kathy Ericson 7-38, 7-82), Keith Helm (9-88), Sue Crichton (4-354), LaDonna Hockaday (4-326), Gary & Ann Ficca (6-473), Nancy Evans (1-66), Ron Smith (14-2/3), Michael Slack (19-18), Tamara Fulwyler (1-36), Stephen Tonelli (7-78), John & Mary Quarles (6-624), Nancy Johnson (15-14), Chris Picanco

**Note:** All motions show initials of director presenting the motion, followed by initials of director seconding motion. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted. President only votes when there is a tie.

**AGENDA:** Motion to accept agenda as amended (HS/TJ):

## Volunteers to Count Ballots:

Dave requested volunteers to count ballots submitted at meeting, and those which the lawyers collected. There were three volunteers to count the ballots: Patti Frost, Bob Coffey, and Penny Owen. Debby Bies and Vic Espinosa of the Election Committee to oversee. Vic Espinosa explained about the tallying of the ballots, and Valerie Cawley explained about the signing of the ballots.

## Open Microphone:

While the ballots were being tallied the microphone was open to any member wishing to speak about any topic they were concerned about. The speakers talked for a full hour. Some of those speaking were 1-23/24, 19-10, 15-14, 7-88/89, 13-32, 19-11, 15-20, 3-131, 15-5, 9-29, 2-98.

## Ballot Results:

Beach Count: Yes 9; No 16

Mailed Count: Yes 360; No 121

Preliminary Count: Yes 369, No 137 for a total of 506 submitted votes

Dave Johnson imparted that Leahy.ps will recount all the submitted votes to reconfirm the total vote. He also thanked the Elections Committee, and volunteers for their commitment to a very well run election, and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:10 p.m. (HS/TJ).**

**Final Results  
From Leahy ps**

**Approve: 364 Disapprove: 136 Total Votes: 510**

## Women and their “Honey-Do” Lists

by Valerie Cawley

We list “Honey Dos” and after-school chores on refrigerator doors, for husbands and children, but rarely keep Lists of our own Must Dos. Is it easier to delegate than define our own chores?

When friends complain, “I’m overwhelmed” or “There is so much to do I don’t know where to start!” we say “Try making a LIST!” but who needs a solution when a good gripe will suffice?

I used to be a list-maker before I retired, that is when I was paid for what I do, but now it feels too much like work! But consider if you will, I still have chores and volunteer hours. I still pay bills, wash clothes, cook meals and do grocery shopping not to mention making phone calls to insurance companies, dentists, and health care providers ... yet sometimes I feel I am failing! My tasks undone stand in line like persistent puppies begging to be fed.

It is the smaller tasks that slip through the cracks of neglect, but they are as important as the large ones so why don’t I just do them? How long would it take to bring in the patio umbrellas, prune the roses before winter and to mail in rebates, sort old photographs or make that phone call ... you know what I am talking about.

A little voice in my head whispers “Make a LIST” and for once I push aside the other whining inner voice urging me to forget about it, and I reach for a note-pad and print List of things to do.

I scribble the first dozen chores that pop into my head, adding one or two already completed ... yes of course they count, and just drawing a line through them gives me a sense of accomplishment! I feel motivated.

The small chores are easy and I cross them off my List with relish, energizing my resolve. As the list gets shorter and the cross-offs increase I feel empowered! It is magical!

I don’t need to keep lists in my head, or feel depressed about chores I forget, I trust the List to remember them for me.

The list is my friend. It is here to help me! It is not a begrudging drudging reminder of duties demanding my attention! It is empowering!

Soon the List of accomplishments outweighs the List of Must Dos, and I have conquered my propensity to procrastinate. At this rate I won’t need a List at all, but I do have a chore or two to delegate to my Honey!

*Pieces As space allows, literary contributions, including humorous anecdotes, wise sayings, and great jokes, may find their way into these pages.*

## No Nursing Home for Me

We were on a cruise through the western Mediterranean aboard a Princess liner. At dinner we noticed an elderly lady sitting alone along the rail of the grand stairway in the main dining room. I asked our waiter who the lady was. He said he only knew that she had been on board for the last four cruises, back to back.

As we left the dining room one evening I caught her eye and stopped to say hello. We chatted and I said, “I understand you’ve been on this ship for the last four cruises”. She replied, “Yes, that’s true.” I stated, “I don’t understand” and she replied, without a pause, “It’s cheaper than a nursing home”.

So, there will be no nursing home in my future. When I get old and feeble, I am going to get on a Princess Cruise Ship. The average cost for a nursing home is \$200 per day. I have checked on reservations at Princess and I can get a long term discount and senior discount price of \$135 per day. That leaves \$65 a day for:

1. Gratuities which will only be \$10 per day.
2. I will have as many as 10 meals a day if I can waddle to the restaurant, or I can have room service (which means I can have breakfast in bed every day of the week).

3. Princess has as many as three swimming pools, a workout room, free washers and dryers, and shows every night.

4. They have free toothpaste and razors, and free soap and shampoo.

5 They will even treat you like a customer, not a patient. An extra \$5 worth of tips will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.

6. I will get to meet new people every 7 or 14 days.

7. T.V. broken? Light bulb need changing? Need to have the mattress replaced? No Problem! They will fix everything and apologize for your inconvenience.

8. Clean sheets and towels every day, and you don’t even have to ask for them.

9. If you fall in the nursing home and break a hip you are on Medicare; if you fall and break a hip on the Princess ship they will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

Now hold on for the best! Do you want to see South America, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or name where you want to go? Princess will have a ship ready to go.

(From the Internet.)

## Scouting Opportunity for Clearwood Boys

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 603 are looking for boys in 1st Grade and older to join the Boy Scouts of America. This local Pack and Troop meet regularly and want to increase their membership. The Troop and Pack is also in need of adult leadership.

Scouting is a wonderful and fulfilling experience for boys and their families.

If interested, please contact Jerry Bickett at 360-894-3043.

Jerry Bickett, Cub Master, Pack 603



## Soccer No "Go"al

Pelé, Hamm, and Beckham wannabes among the youth of Clearwood will have to wait another year before they can display their ball handling prowess on local soccer fields.

After sending out flyers to Lackamas School and opening up summer registration online, only 12 children registered to play in the Lackamas/Clearwood summer league.

This was not enough to make the league go forward. Instead, all 12 children were placed on a summer team in the regular Yelm, Lacey, Tumwater, Olympia League for them to play.

Debi Matthews, TCYSA manager, will try forming a league again next year, but will start to recruit earlier with more advertising. She hopes that more people will have more time to consider soccer a summer activity option for their children.

Vic Espinosa, Editor



## Water Reserves Need Funding

We, the Clearwood Community, have a well-maintained water system. We have excellent people hired to insure its compliance with all regulatory requirements. Our rates are among the lowest in the State for water systems of similar size. The State requires all water systems to establish a firm basis to encourage water conservation.

Clearwood's Water Reserve fund is "underfunded": In order to maintain this excellent system, we seek an increase for the following reasons:

1. Increased Administrative cost: Employee benefit cost, Employee cost, Medical and State benefit account costs have increased.
2. Raw materials, energy and maintenance costs have increased.
3. Continued education of our employees: We must keep up to date on new regulations and State reporting requirements.
4. Additional contributions to our Water Reserve fund. (The Reserve Fund is monies set aside for future replacement for infrastructure improvements, pumps, storage tanks, underground water lines and water meters)
5. Continue the replacement of our aging water meters: 102 meters replaced since January 2009

Clearwood owns its own water system. We havewonderful, inexpensive water. Help us to keep it that way. Vote **YES**.

Terry Jonason, Board Member

# Pool News



## Pool Capacity

Clearwood pool max capacity is 117 people in the building according to Thurston County fire code. Occasionally, we reach max capacity, and we have to clear the pool area halfway through a swim session. The people waiting outside the pool area will be the first to re-enter the pool after the building is cleared out. This is the fairest way of handling this situation. We thank you for your patience.

## Swim Lessons

We have started our first session of swim lessons. We will be offering another session in August. Swim lesson sign-up sheets are at the pool. For questions concerning swim lessons, e-mail [chenoarice@yahoo.com](mailto:chenoarice@yahoo.com)

## Safety drills

Because we care about your safety, our lifeguards will be performing random safety drills. Your quick response of clearing the pool, wader, and spa in these drills is greatly appreciated. In the event of an actual emergency, you will be asked to leave the building.

## New feces-vomit response guidelines revised by Washington State Department of Health:

In the event of vomit or feces in the water, the chlorine must be brought up to 10 ppm and maintained for 25.5 hours.

Please check swim diapers often. Swim diapers should have a protective covering to prevent contamination.

## Pool dogs

Hot dog, soda, and chips are available for a donation on the following dates: (proceeds go towards Night Swim and Pool Olympics)

July 24th and 25th at 21542 West Terra Lane SE during the Clearwood Yard Sale

Saturday, August 14th 1pm-4pm at pool area

Saturday, August 21st 11am-3pm at Reichel beach

## Pool Olympics

September 5th at noon. Fun events for children at the pool. Ice cream social to follow at Sunset Beach cabana



## Pool Hours

### Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (closed on Tuesdays)

12:00-2:00 open swim

2:00-2:30 maintenance

2:30-4:00 lap and exercise

4:00-6:00 open swim

6:00-6:30 swim lessons

6:30-7:00 lap and exercise swim/swim lessons

7:00-7:45 open swim (last swim of the evening)

### Weekends and Holidays

12:00-3:00 open swim

3:00-3:30 maintenance

3:30-5:00 lap and exercise

5:00-7:45 open swim (last swim of the evening)

Washington state regulation states that children 13 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 yrs. or older.

## Reminder:

Lifeguards are not babysitters. Please watch your children at the pool.

Connie Dotson



## Member Relations Reports



Your Member Relations Committee is a group of Clearwood residents, both men and women, who have eagerly joined together in order to provide varied social events for all age groups in our community.

Following are some comments made by committee members on their reasons for participating in this cohesive group of fun loving Clearwood residents:

- It's fun to plan an event and see the results and response so quickly
- I enjoy helping to make activities available to our Clearwood residents
- It's rewarding to see parents and children having so much fun together
- We are a positive influence in our community
- Member Relations is an upbeat group of fun loving people who plan events enjoyed by all Clearwood families
- It's a great committee to meet new people and build new friendships
- I'm always interested in seeking and assisting in new and innovative ways to bring the community together
- These people are always willing to lend a hand to others
- I believe that the community that plays together works well together

We always welcome new members at our meetings on the first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the office. If you would like to participate in a particular activity or event, we can always use extra helpers or for a one-time-only basis if that's your preference. Contact Carol Anderson or Linda Doucette for additional information on anything related to the Member Relations Committee.

NEW MEMBERS BRING NEW IDEAS

Penny Owen, Secretary



## Community Property Reports

Last summer, Clearwood passed a resolution to add a basketball hoop at the Rampart Drive tennis court. Maintenance completed the installation of the basketball hoop in early June. All budding hoopsters are encouraged to try it out. Since it is not possible to use the basketball court and the tennis court at the same time, these are available on a first come first use basis. If someone is waiting to use the court, remember to relinquish the court at the top of the hour.

Community Property Committee will occasionally host a painting work party. Anyone who has been wondering how they could lend a hand keeping Clearwood beautiful is welcome to come and help out. We will have painting supplies available. If anyone has questions, they can contact Ben Budde at 894-0705.

Ben Budde



*Satisfy Your Secret Craving...*

## It is Never Too Late to Volunteer

*Didyknow....* Members can sign up to volunteer on committees all year long. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet at the office.

Also, new **Volunteer Work Party** signs are up at the gates. So, if you just want to help out once in awhile, watch the gates for notices of work parties.

## Clearwood Patrol Corner



### New Sheriff in Town

On the November elections for Thurston County, there will be two candidate's names on the ballot for Sheriff. Whoever wins the election will take over from retiring Sheriff Kimball who has served Thurston County Sheriffs Department since 2007.

Some members of Clearwood Community had the opportunity to meet the two candidates when they came to visit at the Clearwood May 22<sup>nd</sup> Informational Meeting. Deputy Sheriff John Snaza and Deputy Sheriff Debbie Mealy each gave a speech on what they will bring to the issues and problems of law enforcement to Clearwood in particular.

One of Clearwood's concerns is that of law officer response times. Because of cutbacks in Thurston County tax receipts, the Sheriff's Department has had to cut back on officers. Deputy head-count has been reduced and as a result, response times are increased. Another concern is that of vehicle speeding in our community.

So, if you have knowledge of or suspect some unlawful activity going on, drug dealing, under-age drinking, etc. be aware that calling in a report may not bring an immediate response. Do not let that impact your willingness to file a complaint – these are documented and used for planning and provide a paper trail should the complaint be repeated. You can call in the complaint or file it on the Thurston County Sheriff's website. (<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/sheriff/>)

Also, as a voter, you can help select the best candidate to run our Sheriff's Department. Call the candidates (their information is published at the end of this commentary) write to them on email, check their websites, etc. Don't hesitate to contact them, whoever gets elected will be using Thurston County taxpayer's money to administer Thurston law enforcement and jail system.

Look up:

**Debbie Mealy:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Debbie-Mealy-for-Thurston-County-Sheriff/103064316397362>

**John Snaza:** <http://www.snazaforsheriff.com/>

Brian Cawley, Secretary, Clearwood Patrol

## Burn Ban!!!

Thurston County Burn  
Ban starts **July 15**  
and ends on **October 15**



## Safe Walking

For safety's sake, let's walk on the left side of the road facing oncoming traffic. It makes you more visible to motorists. (Ref: RCW 46.61.250)

I went around a blind curve on Blue Hills Drive and came up behind a woman pushing a stroller and had to swerve into the oncoming lane to avoid an accident.

Marvin Shoe, Board Member

## Clearwood Emergency Contact

For after hours

**call 894-6044**

and leave a message.

**This number is monitored after hours by  
Emergency Service volunteers.**

### What is a Clearwood Emergency?

- Gate problems
- Trees across the roadway, etc.
- Clearwood water leaks

**For All Other Emergencies Call 911**

## 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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