

CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER Spring 2011

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Deborah Baker ('13).....President
Portfolios: Emergency Services, Pool, Violations

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

Dayl 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....Assistant Secretary

Office Hours

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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	As Needed	
Roads	2nd Tues	9:30 AM
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

No decision has been made regarding the approach to our **Governing Documents** (ByLaws, Rules & Regulations) update yet. The Board is still in a quandary regarding updating our Bylaws (Yellow Book) and Rules and Regulations (Red



Book) based on 1990 Covenants which do not address the current needs our community and which lack legal protections in some ways. The Covenants is our primary and prevailing document. Changes to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations must conform to these now outdated Covenants. Thus, we will be asking you to approve a resolution to modify the mandatory revision date at our Annual Election this year. It is important to understand that the primary goal of governing documents for an HOA community is to help folks live in harmony within the standards that folks have chosen to live by. These standards are spelled out in their governing documents. We need the time to do it right!!!

The Board has been very busy this spring working along side our Water Manager, Julie Baumann and our water engineers at Skillings Connolly to complete our **2011 Water System Plan**. This must be submitted to the Department Of Health ASAP. It was actually due on March 31st, 2011 but we have asked the Department Of Health for a 60 days extension. This plan is mandated by the Department Of Health every 6 years. It contains the history of the system, it's current status in light of regulations and future planning for the system. The goal of the plan is to serve as a tool to help us continue to supply safe drinking water to our community. We (all members) own our water system. It is our MOST VITAL amenity, top priority. So it is imperative that we take care of our investment. We'll be discussing this at future meetings

Our office staff has consisted of two employees for over 20 year. In that time Clearwood has grown from what was primarily a camping community to what is now primarily full time residents. Additionally, due to the economic times we live in, many more members are now paying their assessments on a monthly basis

The Pres Says...

and we now have more rentals. All of this has greatly impacted the workload in the office to the point that the Board has decided it is necessary to add a **part time office assistant** position. As many of you will recall in 2007 we made some cut backs which included closing the office on

Fridays. This new position will not allow us to open on Fridays but we will be able to keep the office open during lunch time Monday through Thursdays and open the office for four hours on Saturdays. We hope that the Saturday hours will better accommodate both campers and those who cannot meet the office hours on weekdays. It was literally like, "squeezing blood out of a turnip" to find the funds in our Operations budget to support this position. It will be very tight, but we believe it will work.

The Member Resolution converting a portion of the field near Well No.4 to a **dog park** was withdrawn by petitioner Patti Frost after concerns were expressed on the proximity of fecal matter above the water well. Well No. 4 supplies drinking water to Clearwood.

The Board will have Community Property Committee recommend a more suitable location for the dog park. If a suitable location is found, creating the dog park will be subject to membership approval at the 2012 Annual Election.

The Board recently asked me to convey our thanks to all of you for approving the \$5.00 assessment increase last August so that we could hire a **part time deputy**. Thus far, these law enforcement dollars are helping us address vandalism and safety concerns.

I am hosting **Town Hall meetings** this spring. The first one was last May 3. The next one will be on Friday May 20, 2011 6 PM at Reichel Beach. Town Hall meetings have no agenda. It is just an informal Q&A discussion. So please join us!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at cwpres1@yahoo.com

Deborah Baker, President

Come to the Town Hall Meeting • May 20

More Presidential Tid-Bits

E-Mail Notification Option

Hey, our e-mail notification system is up and running all it needs now is YOU! You can subscribe to receive notifications on Clearwood's only official web site at www.clearwood-yelm.com. You'll receive notifications about special meetings, events and more. Thus far only 90 folks have subscribed. So let's grow that number and sign up today!!

Clearwood's Only Web Site

Our only official Clearwood-Yelm Web Site is getting bigger and better all the time. Take the time to check it out at www.clearwood-yelm.com. It is an excellent source of information to keep up with what's happening in Clearwood. You can, check out all of our amenities and events. Also, governing documents and minutes of Board and committee meetings are posted. Best of all you can check out an expanded version of our quarterly newsletter in color. ACC and Violations forms are available. There are lots of links to pertinent government entities and so much more.

"CLEARWOOD ROCKS" T-SHIRTS

Get Yours Today!!

Stop by the office and donate \$10 to our, "Parks and Play Grounds" fund and get your "Clearwood Rocks" T-Shirt. This is a great fun way to show support for your community!!!

A Garbage Can Reminder

"All trash, garbage, ashes and other refuse shall be kept in containers which shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and shall be kept hidden from street view. Rules & Regulations "(2007 Red Book) page 20 G(4).

Loose Dogs

Thurston County Ordinance, Chapter 9.10 section 9.10 710 prohibits loose animals in Clearwood see Red Book page 19 #2 "Animal Control". There are associated fines. In addition, there have been reports of joggers being chased and small pets being mauled by groups of loose dogs. Our pets can be such a wonderful part of our families. Lets all be responsible with our pets and not allow them to roam free outside of our own lots.

Lock Boxes

Planning to sell your home?

Access into Clearwood for potential buyers can be a problem. Ask your Realtor to install a lock box outside either the front or back gate. Contact Deborah Baker at the office for more details.

The Clearwood Bill

"Seeking Help with our Speeding Problem"

Clearwood is a great place to live and our community has grown so much, in many ways we are like a small city with some of the same problems as a small city. Many of you are aware of the growing problems with speeding.

The dynamics in our community are such that speeding in Clearwood is much like speeding in a school zone; pedestrians of all ages, no side walks and many forested blind curves along our two lane road ways. This is a serious safety concern for our community.

So in 2008 I started working on a bill for Legislature proposing a change to the RCWs (Washington State Law) that would help us with our speeding problem. Our Representative, Jim McCune primed sponsored our bill for the past two years. In fact he has really been, " our boots on the ground" at the capital. He has supported our bill to his own political peril at times. Our new Representative, JT Wilcox also supported our bill. This year it was passed by the State House Of Representatives with the help of House Transportation Committee Chair, Representative Judy Clibborn, Representative Fred Finn and Representative Dan Kristensen.

In the Senate, Senator Dan Swecker primed sponsored our bill this year and it was also supported by Senator Delvin. However, our bill was blocked by Senator Haugen, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee from Camino Island, due to opposition by law enforcement. This was on the heels of the recent change in administration in Thurston County. Senator Haugen would not allow our bill to have a hearing with the Transportation Committee in the Senate. Without that hearing our bill is dead.

I want to thank so many of you who signed petitions, made phone calls and attended hearings for our bill. I also want to especially thank our District 17 Fire Commissioner and Clearwood resident, Bill Owen for writing a well stated letter in support of our bill.

Speeding is still a serious and potentially deadly problem for our community. I will continue to seek methods to help us with this problem. In the meantime, I encourage residents to report speeding problems on line to the Thurston County Sheriff, "suspicious Activities" at www.co.thurston.wa.us, go to "File a Police Report on line", and go to "Suspicious Activities". Try to include the license number of the vehicle if you can.

Finally, e-mail or call Representative McCune and thank him for his true, "boots on the ground" support for Clearwood at (360)786-7824 or jim.mccune@leg.wa.gov.



Water System News

Conservation requires that Clearwood test all water meters for accuracy, then either rebuild them or replace with new meters.

After comparing the amount of time and money needed to rebuild, it was decided to replace our aged meters.

Clearwood has scheduled residential **water meter replacement** starting this year. Along with the new meters there will be a dual check valve installed.

Replacement will be done in phases, several meters every year starting with the oldest divisions first.

The **seismic retrofit** to Tank #1 is completed. Stabilizing bolts were welded to the side of the tank. The bolts run 3 feet down into the concrete ring under the rim of the tank.

To work on the seismic retrofit it was necessary to drain the tank. When the tank was drained, the interior was found to be in bad shape.

Resurfacing of the interior was a must. This entailed sandblasting off the old coating to 'roughen up' the surface for the primer to adhere to the metal.

Next step was striping the weld joints, bolts, and any pits that could be a potential spot for leakage with a thick epoxy material.

After tests on the primer coat for thickness, and to make sure all metal was covered, the finish coat was applied.

Exterior painting of both tanks is complete. The outside of both tanks have been pressure washed and prime coated, with the finish coat being a medium gray.

The final test for the outside of the tanks was done on 4-28-11 along with disinfection of Tank #1 inside. Tank #1 should be back on line by May 9th.

This essential work has prolonged the life of the tank along with keeping a safe and healthy water system.

If your house does not have **vacuum breakers** you can pick them up at the office for \$5.00 ea. You can also visit the Water Booth at our May 21st, 2011 Informational Meeting at Reichel Beach starting at 10:30am.

To learn more about your part in conservation and protecting the water system visit Clearwood's website at www.clearwood-yelm.com and go to Water.

Julie Baumann, Water Manager
360-894-4187
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The Treasurer Reports . . .

As of this writing we do not have March financials, however February 2011 financials look good operating under budget. With the exception of accounts receivables.

Possible future joint water mains/roads replacement funding projects, for special membership meeting in September. To be discussed at May informational meeting May 21st. Informed members present March 19th meeting at Lackamas school. The goal being to do a project every three years for 20 years. Each project is projected to cost approximately \$650,000 plus administrative cost, which would entail a cost of about \$15/month per lot. Start collecting funding in yr 2012 beginning construction in yr 2015 possibly starting with Clearlake Blvd North.

Recently read information out of a Water Trade magazine stating that water systems nationwide earned a D minus rating. Each year as much as 10 billion gallons of sewage flows through America's water taps, more than 19 million people are sickened.

Everyday thousands of miles of old pipes leak more than people drink.

A large Homeowners Association in Washington State in the late 90's had an E-Coli hit (feces). To my knowledge Clearwood never had an E-Coli hit. Anyway, in this other HOA, the water tank roof rusted through and contaminated the water system (bird droppings). Washington State DOH Stated, "you comply with the required repairs or we will". This HOA took a loan for \$2.2 million for 20 years, 10 years still remain on the loan. Recently this same HOA is now in the process of an additional loan of \$3.3 million for 40 years. Both of these loans will be a special assessment to each lot owner.

Clearwood presently is running a 10% loss (unaccounted) water leakage, this other HOA's water loss is over 30%. Washington State requires a plan with action when water loss exceeds 10%. Several weeks ago the city of Seattle had a broken asbestos/concrete water main, same size and age as Clearwood's asbestos/concrete lines.

Dayrl Harrington, Treasurer



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT RIECHEL BEACH

May 21, 2011 at 10 AM

Why An Informational Meeting

The Informational Meeting provides members a final opportunity to comment on ballot issues. It also provides resolution sponsors a final chance to amend or withdraw their resolutions prior to final submittal.

In the interest of time, the comment period to hear all comments for each resolution is limited to five minutes. Board candidates will each have five minutes to speak.

An **Open Mic** period will be provided afterwards for any member to address the Board, ballot issue sponsors, and Board candidates. Comments during this period will be limited to three minutes each. The Open Mic period will continue as long as there are members who want to speak and an audience who wants to listen.

Stuff to do and info you need to know

- * Water Plan Update
 - Learn why your checkbook should be ready for a potential Special Water/Roads Assessment
- Pool Season Update
 - Sign up for swimming lessons.
 - Pick up your Pool Bracelets or replace your lost bracelet for \$2.00
 - "Pool Dogs" will be available for a donation.
- Volunteer sign-ups sheets for committees.
- Free refreshments by Members Relations.

Get Involved. Sign up sheets for groups to prepare statements for the **pros** and **cons** of each ballot issue will be available.

BRING A LAWN CHAIR

Please stop by the office soon and pick up an information packet which contains all ballot issues in their entirety with the names of the members who sponsored the Member Resolutions to be voted upon at our 2011 Annual Election.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

A Board resolution amending the Bylaws to include a Water Cross Connection Survey

A Board resolution on not waiving the 2011 annual audit

A Board resolution to increase the Rental Fee

A Board resolution to appoint an Elections Committee and Certify Elections Results

A Board resolution to allow Plumbed Accessory Utility Structures

A Board resolution to remove the "in good standing" requirement relevant to elections

A Board resolution to amend the rules regarding Non-Permitted Structures

A Board resolution to appoint Water and Roads Committees

A Board resolution modifying the Mandatory Revision Interval of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

A Member resolution on the maintenance of vacant Bank Owned Properties

A Member resolution defining the number of ACC members on the Board

A Member resolution defining the number of Board members on the Violations Committee

Meet the Candidates for Board Positions

- Debbie Bies
- Terry Jonason
- Brian Gerrish
- Bob Owen

Correction/Clarification

"The Treasurers Reports"-Winter 2010-2011 Issue;

End of third paragraph stated, "We were notified to take corrective action on this above ground tank and respond. We have to comply with DOH requirements."

Correction: The seismic retrofit of tank #1 was just a strong recommendation from the DOH.



8th Annual Clearwood Community Garage Sale

July 23-24

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Start your spring cleaning today. We all have "stuff" that we don't need or want. Clean out your closets and garages and recycle the "stuff" to someone else.

CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Income and Expenses
12-31-2010

	Actual 2008	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Proposed 2011	Proposed 2012
OPERATIONS INCOME TOTAL	452194	468504	447422	467123	469650
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	166137	172076	192328	188110	160050
TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	130932	117667	132270	132700	168800
TOTAL SECURITY EXPENSES	10415	9776	10426	20375	19200
TOTAL POOL EXPENSES	86806	82771	89225	97800	95000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	23374	27543	24236	28138	26600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	417664	409833	448484	467123	469650
TOTAL NET PROFIT OPERATIONS	34532	58671	-1063	0	0
WATER SYSTEM INCOME TOTAL	300786	337167	335242	334675	336375
TOTAL WATER EXPENSES	158227	181061	180816	252200	232800
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM TO RESERVES	142559	156106	154426	82475	103575
Special projects from System	-36459	-241883	-39190	-275000	-78000
Net income from previous years	99638	250573	214529	214458	251933
From Operations to Reserves	44835	49733	39119	0	0
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM INCOME	250573	214529	214458	21933	277508
GENERAL RESERVE INCOME TOTAL	204260	219039	196475	196475	196475
General Profit from prior years	695532	864515	603434	1022004	1082849
Additional Income (interest, loan paid back etc)	66311	0	271578	0	
General Reserve Projects	-101345	-480120	-56149	-135630	-68500
Insurance Claims	-243	0	-3334	0	0
Gen Res Income minus expenses	864515	603434	1022004	1082849	1210824
FUTURE RESERVE INCOME TOTAL	25787	21825	23879	22325	20325
Future Reserve Profit from prior years	111173	117217	119584	131249	151874
Future Reserve Projects	-19743	-19458	-12214	-1700	0
Future Res Income minus expenses	117217	119584	131249	151874	172199
IMPACT FEE INCOME TOTAL					
Roads Beginning Balance	298352	325007	312286	136147	109427
Income	26655	45951	290	8280	0
Roads Projects	0	-58672	-202538	-35000	-35000
Roads Income-Expenses	325007	312286	136147	109427	74427
Fire Protection Beginning Balance	79622	84999	147231	178205	175445
Income	9596	62232	31547	3240	0
Fire Protection Projects	-4219	0	-573	-6000	-6000
Fire Protection Income minus expenses	84999	147231	178205	175445	169445
Parks Beginning Balance	4252	260	480	0	480
Income	1422	1228	896	480	0
Parks Projects	-5414	-1008	-1376	0	0
Parks Income minus expenses	260	480	0	480	480
PER LOT - ASSESSMENTS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Operations	285	285	285	300	300
General Reserves	125	145	145	145	145
Future Reserves	15	15	15	15	15
Water Base Rate	160	185	185	185	185
Total	585	630	630	645	645

These are Pre-Audit Figures. More detailed copies are available at the office.

Prepared by Connie Sheehan

**CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PROJECTS
12-31-2010**

Actual for 2010

Spending plan for 2011

Water Projects

Loan	34,601
Sanitary Surveys	<u>4,589</u>
	39,190

6 year water plan	45,000
Misc	5,000
Seismic retro	130,000
Interior recoat of tank 1	70,000
Source meters	12,000
Water Meter Setters	<u>13,000</u>
	275,000

General Reserve

Swim Float & Dock-Windy	31,458
Virginia Graehme Act	1,952
Office Yard	4,152
Basketball Court/Rampart	1,595
Painting of Reichel Cabana	945
Demolition of Pitch & Putt	675
Maint Shed Repair	4,695
Longmire Tennis Court	2,135
Camera for Violations	459
Maint Fence	1,743
Truck Bed Replacement	2,340
Demo of Blue Lake Cabana	<u>666</u>
	52,815
Carpet Ruined Insurance	<u>3,334</u>
	56,149

Fast Trac Mower	3,000
Mower for Kabota	2,000
Replace F-350	36,630
Communication Radios	10,000
Computers, printers	2,000
Finish Blue Water Demo	5,000
Madrona Cabana	10,000
Office Fencing	10,000
Otter Trail	5,000
Maint Paint of Shop	10,000
Overhead Bay Doors	6,000
Spikes for gates	10,000
Pool bldg exterior	6,000
Pool Fencing	<u>20,000</u>
	135,630

Future Reserve

Spreader	6,603
Snow Plow	<u>5,611</u>
	12,214

Office Desk/Computer	<u>1,700</u>
	1,700

Impact Fees

Roads	
2009 Project	135,970
Final 2009	<u>66,568</u>
	202,538
Fire	
Storcs	573
Parks	
Basketball hoop	1,376
	<u>204,487</u>

Patching	35,000
Hydrants	6,000
	<u>42,700</u>

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Prepared by Connie Sheehan.

Celebrate Our Graduates

Submit the names of your graduates for inclusion in the "Proud of our Graduates" article in the Summer newsletter.

Include the parent's names, school attended and the course or degree completed. Mention honors received. Must have earned their certificate, diploma or degree in 2011.

Submission deadline is June 1 to
cwpres1@yahoo.com.

Looking for . . .



A Good Halloween Story

*Pick up your quill. Put on your thinking cap.
Fire up those creative juices.*

*The best Halloween story submitted will be published in
the Fall newsletter well before All Hollows Eve.*

*Submission deadline is September 1 to
cwpres1@yahoo.com.*

Clearwood Pool Schedule and Rules

Pool opens Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29, 30th.

Weekends only until June 22nd, then open 6 days a week.

Closed Tuesday.

Weekday hours (Mon. Wed. Thurs. and Fri.) (closed Tuesdays)

12:00-2:00 open swim

2:00-2:30 maintenance

2:30-4:00 lap and exercise swim

4:00-6:00 open swim

6:00-6:30 maintenance

6:30-7:00 lap and exercise swim

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

Weekend and holiday hours (Sat., Sun., holiday i.e. Memorial Day)

12:00-3:00- open swim

3:00-3:30- maintenance

3:30-5:00-lap and exercise swim

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

- Diapers/swim diapers must be changed at designated diaper change area – must have a protective covering to prevent contamination
- Anyone with seizure, heart, or circulatory problems should swim with a buddy
- Life jackets must fit properly
- Maximum swim pool capacity – 117

Jacuzzi Rules

- Maximum capacity – 12
- Limit stay in jacuzzi to 15 minutes
- No standing, sitting or jumping from jacuzzi ledges
- Persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure or women who are pregnant should consult a physician prior to use
- Children 13 years of age or younger cannot use the jacuzzi
- Damages by members or guests are the responsibility of the member
- Emergency telephone is located at pool-side near the Jacuzzi - dial 911
- These items are governed by the state regulations

This 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 voice heard.

Clearwood pool maximum 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.

We care about your safety, therefore, our lifeguards will be performing random safety drills called the "duck drill". A red duck is secretly put into the pool. The red duck represents a victim in the water. When one/both lifeguards see the duck, they have to rescue it. Upon reaching the duck, they are given a scenario that they have to act upon. This drill will keep the lifeguards on their toes. 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.

Your quick response during these drills is greatly appreciated.

A protective covering (plastic pants) over SWIM diapers will be mandatory! There were too many closures due to feces and vomit, and they happened 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

Please read over the Clearwood pool and jacuzzi rules. —

**Pool Rules - use at your own risk-
LIFEGUARD IS IN CHARGE AT ALL TIMES**

(with full authority to remove persons who refuse to obey the rules)

- Pool is limited to members & guest only
- Cleansing shower before entering pool or jacuzzi
- Wear proper swim wear – no tee shirts, tank tops or street clothes – no jean shorts (infants and children also)
- Do not leave valuables in dressing room
- Children younger than 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older
- No running or horseplay
- No use by persons with communicable diseases or anyone who has been ill with vomiting or diarrhea within the last two weeks
- No use by persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- No back dives or flips – no spinning or twisting – forward entry only
- No drink, food or gum in the facility
- Only plastic goggles or masks are allowed in swim pool
- Floats and toys allowed in wading pool only

Life Jackets

Life Jackets MUST fit properly. There's no doubt that life jackets save lives. An average of nine people a day die in the United States as a result of drowning-deaths that could have been prevented. But a life jacket that does not fit properly can put a person at risk of drowning. Proper fit is imperative for safety in the water. Here are some tips for proper fitting.

Check the label for your size or weight. The manufacturer's label will show whether it is an adult or child life jacket (an adult life jacket will not work for a child). Be sure to choose a lifejacket that reflects your size and weight. Use the touchdown test to see if your life jacket fits properly. Lift your arms above your head as if calling a touchdown. The chest portion of the jacket should not touch your chin when you look left, right or over your shoulder. If the jacket passes this test, it most likely fits.

Check for proper fit of a life jacket on a child. Wearing the jacket, the child should stand normally with arms at his sides. Grab the jacket at the shoulders and firmly lift up. The jacket does not fit if it moves more than three inches up and down the child's body during the test. Next, try sitting down with the life jacket on. Again, if it rides up, it is too large. This is particularly important to note when choosing a child's life jacket. If it is too large, the child could completely slip out of the life jacket. The bottom line is the life jacket should be the right size for your weight and fit snugly but not too tight. Ensure a life jacket for an infant or child has a crotch strap to help keep the life jacket on. All straps should be intact and fastened at all times.

Pool News:

We are accepting applications for Certified Lifeguards. Apply at the Clearwood office.

If you are new to Clearwood or have lost, damaged, or need to exchange a pool usage bracelet, they will be available at the May informational meeting on May 21st at Reichel Beach from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. New issue, damaged, or exchanged are free. Lost bracelets- \$2.00 replacement fee

Pool hot dogs will be sold at the May 21st informational meeting (Reichel Beach), and the August 20th annual meeting at Reichel beach.

- Hot dog, soda, and chips \$2.00 donation
- Polish dog, soda, chips \$3.00 donation

Proceeds go towards September 4th pool fun day for kids which includes games, money dive, and free ice cream.

Please remember: Members not in good standing with dues will not be allowed to use the pool.

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

Connie Dotson

New Picnic Shelters Replaces Cabañas

The cabanas located at the Ball Field, off Blue Hills Drive, and Madrona Beach have deteriorated beyond repair and will be demolished.

New picnic shelters, 20' x 32', will be built using a more effective design. Our permit applications for these locations have been turned in to the county and we expect to receive approval soon.

We believe we will be able to begin construction in early to mid-May, at whichever location is approved first, and would appreciate any volunteers that want to help.

No experience is necessary; a 25' tape measure and a hammer would be helpful but not required. Anyone that is interested can contact the Clearwood office or Marvin Shoe at 360-894-6717.

Marvin Shoe, Board Member

Fishing Derby

The Fishing Derby was once again a rousing success! There were 122 anglers vying for the prizes, pitting themselves against the wily fish. Based on the fish caught, it looks like the fishermen won. The 1st place for largest fish, 18" long, was caught by Rich Glover. There was a tie for 2nd place, 16" long, caught by Donald Childress and Jeremiah Vasquez. The 1st place prize for most caught went to Don Owen with 29, 2nd place to Jordan Surett with 18.

There are so many people to thank for all the time and effort they provided to make this event such a success. Many of them were up before the dawn, making sure there was hot chocolate and coffee to warm the insides and a fire to warm the outsides of the intrepid fishermen. Wade & Stephanie Sampson once again allowed us to tap into their electricity so the coffee and hot chocolate would be hot! These volunteers were on-sight to help throughout the day: Sam Baker, Richard Hintze, Linda Doucette, Mark Shelley, Marilyn and Ben Budde, Debbie Backhaus, Carolyn Giannini, Sue Chrichton, Terry Jonason, Keith Helms, Tom Bies.

Baked goodies were donated by: Janna Fowler, Cathie Alonzo, Marilyn Budde, Elaine Schaff, Carol Selzler, Carol Anderson, Debbie Backhaus, Penny Owen, Virginia Brooks and Toni Lehman.

Linda Doucette

Swim Lessons

We are excited to be offering swim lessons again this summer. Anyone age 6 months to adult is welcome to participate.

There will be a four week session in July and another in August with 30 minute classes twice a week for a total of eight lessons at a cost of \$50.

Sign-ups and more information will be available at the pool or you can e-mail Chenoa Nichol at chenoarice@yahoo.com with any questions.

Connie Dotson

Easter Egg Hunt

The 2011 Easter celebration was a great success. The weather was perfect and we had a great turnout. 3,000 Easter eggs filled with jelly beans and M & M's were located along with 20 golden eggs. The children who located the golden eggs received a \$5.00 Gift Certificate to either Dairy Queen or McDonalds.

We had two special guests; Clifford the Big Red Dog and the Easter Bunny. Both provided children with either a Easter necklace or Beanie Bunny.

The Egg Toss was very entertaining as usual. We had approximately 30 teams. A new rule was implemented; if your egg dropped but did not break you could remain in the game. This new rule saved many participants over and over, especially the second place winners. Prizes for the Egg Toss were as follows:

1st Place: Gift Certificate for \$30.00 to LaGitana Pizza.

2nd Place: Gift Certificate for \$30.00 to Yelm Cinemas

3rd Place: Gift Certificate for \$20.00 to Mariachi Alegre.

The Gift Certificates from LaGitana and Mariachi Alegre were donated to us for the Easter celebration. On behalf of the Member Relations Committee we would like to extend a special thank you to those two businesses who donated the gift certificates.

In addition to the Egg Toss and Easter egg hunt, a drawing was held for a Flower ensemble purchased at Gordon's. Furthermore, the Fire Department was on hand to assist people with learning CPR in two minutes.

A special thank you for the Easter Celebration goes out to the Member Relations Committee, our Emcee Roger McMaster, and Terry Jonason for taking pictures.

If you have any questions about the Easter Celebration or would like to provide suggestions for next year's celebration please contact Toni Lehman at 541-974-8808 or tonisloan@yahoo.com.

Toni Lehman

Scoop the Poop - Don't Let your Pooch Pollute

In an effort to address one of the leading causes of pollution of lakes and streams in the area, Thurston County Water Resources has made Pet Waste Stations available to communities near lakes and streams where people often walk their dogs.

Clearwood has received four of these stations free of charge; each station has a sign, bag dispenser and a supply of biodegradable bags for easy and convenient cleanup. According to Thurston County Water Resources, all dog poop, big and small, is really raw sewage loaded with parasites, viruses and bacteria that can contaminate our lakes and make people sick, especially children.

Clearwood agreed to install the Pet Waste Stations and keep them stocked with bags. At present, there is a station located near the cabana at Windy Beach, one on Blue Lake and two more to be installed soon, one at Reichel Beach and one at the soccer field near Division 17.

Please utilize these stations when you walk your dog and "scoop the poop!"

Cathie Alonzo



Calling All Fishermen

Larry Phillips from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife visited Clearwood Riechel Beach on Tuesday April 12th at 7:00 PM in the evening. 30 plus Clearwood members showed up to ask questions and get feedback from the F&W representative of the State of Washington.

Mr. Phillips reflected most of his presentation to our very own Clear Lake. Larry is the "main man" when it comes to the numbers of fish and size of fish stocked in Clear Lake every year.

The records presented in his power point presentation illustrated some very interesting facts. It appears that Clear Lake has had some poor fishing reports prior to 2010. Last year the creel report per angler (what you and I caught on opening day) was 5 fish per angler.

The daily bag limit per angler on Clear Lake, on any given day is 5 fish. That being said it appears everyone checked opening day last year caught their limits or didn't tell the whole truth and we all know that never happens when it comes to fishing!

Larry also presented some other very interesting statistics concerning expenses related to fishing. The Fish and Wildlife program for this state is operating in the black and is doing everything in its power to remain that way.

The average number of times a person with a fishing license went fishing in a year was 13.5 days at average cost of just over \$37 per trip which included items such as bait, food, gas, tackle etc. We can all assume these statistics didn't include the cost of the boat!

Several significant others of avid fisherman in attendance appeared to disagree with the \$37 figure by the hand gestures and facial reactions. This figure should be higher according to them. I have to admit, as a fisherman myself, who is counting?

Mr. Phillips concluded his presentation with a question and answer period which provided some valuable input to his department on making decisions in our area based on community input. He also stated if there were additional requests the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife website has links where he can be reached.

Herb Schaff, Lakes Committee

A Fond Farewell

With this issue of the Clearwood Newsletter, we bid adieu to Richard and Vilma Hintze. They will be leaving our (almost) always rainy Western Washington for (almost) always sunny Southern California.

From 2005 to 2010, Richard served Clearwood as Board Secretary and Vilma prepared the newsletter. They lent their hands on various committees.

They served with excellence. Clearwood is a better place because of them. They will be missed.

The Editorial Board

Fire Department News



Our fire department has signed a purchase agreement to buy a new 3000 gal. Foust Brothers water tender. It will replace one of our two very old tenders that are currently in service. This should address our water supply needs for the next two decades. The \$230,000 cost will be paid with money saved in the last 3 years. It won't make your taxes any higher. It takes about 5 months to build a tender once the contract is signed, so look for this new vehicle sometime next fall.

The department has lost some of its most active members. Volunteers from Clearwood who have left the department include Tom and Debbie Bies. The contribution they made, while the department was finding it's bearings after severing our affiliation with Southeast Thurston FD, was enormous. Patrick Malone, one of our best EMTs (Emergency Medical Technician), is on orders for a tour in Iraq (again). These members and others lost will be sorely missed, but there are new applicants coming every week.

Our membership is approaching 50, which is the most we have ever had. We have several new members going through EMT training, others are taking our in station Fire Fighter One class. We will be giving a two weekend Wildland Fire class next month and we are hoping for strong community turnout for this class.

The key to a successful response to an emergency is a fast, muscular response. While we have a mutual aid agreement with the other County fire districts, our in district response are all community volunteers. We are only as good as our community provides. We have opportunities for almost everyone. Our training and response requirements are demanding. We serve dinner the first Tuesday of the month, and drill every Tuesday. I invite you to drop by and see if you would like to play a part.

Bill Owen, Commissioner

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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