

Cove Community Newsletter



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CONTRIBUTIONS?

Feeling creative?

Have something to say?

Want to help?

Please send us your contribution or volunteer to help put together our next newsletter. The more help we have, the more often we can publish the newsletter. This is our attempt to fulfill priority number 6, to bring our community together to communicate our needs and wishes.

We also welcome inserts or articles from other community organizations.

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What's Next?

The Cove Community Association (CCA) was formed in 1998 to help implement 33 potential projects as identified in our initial Strategic Plan of 1997. In these last 11 years, many of these priorities have been accomplished through the support and involvement of the CCA. The annual Cherry Fair and Festival, Cove Clean-up Day and Garage Sale, Music Over the Valley, the Education Foundation, the Pre-School, the Oregon Symphony/schools collaboration, natural gas lines, new well and water tank, and the Cove website are examples of what has been accomplished. The CCA also supports other groups through the use of our 501c3 and mailing permit as well as being a conduit for grant applications.

This last year we canvassed the community and its organizations with a new priorities questionnaire. Following are the results in order of importance to the community:

1. A local farmers market or food co-op
2. Parks, playfields and walking and riding paths
3. Healthy streams, air quality and wildlife habitats
4. Out of school programs for children and youth
5. Improved appearance of the Cove community
6. A newsletter or reader board for providing community information
7. Housing facilities and services for Cove senior citizens
8. Increased maintenance and improvement of Cove area roads
9. Community based art and performance activities
10. Transportation opportunities including a park and ride program between Cove and other communities
11. A Cove community center for meetings, social and recreational activities
12. Enhanced Cove library services
13. Information about locally enhanced value of agriculture and forest products
14. A program to welcome families new to the Cove community
15. Assistance with home weatherization and improvement
16. A listing of home based businesses in the Cove area
17. An adult education program and/or speakers bureau
18. Increased tourism, businesses and destination lodging
19. Information on establishing home-based businesses
20. Information and support for first time homeowners.

Community Forum

This is an open forum for all your questions, concerns, comments, and answers. Please email your contributions to Palmer Dobbs at: sustainablebuilder@eoni.com or mail to PO Box 31, Cove, OR 97824

Christmas Bazaar

In the past our community has sponsored both the Christmas Bazaar and Quilt Show in our high school gym. This year we had neither. This is a real loss to Cove. Why didn't we have them here in 2009?

Response from Jeff Clark, Cove School Superintendent:

"The school terminated the Quilt Show relationship because of the timing of it (we just had the floor refinished for the upcoming school year) coupled with the damage done by that much traffic, booths, carts, etc. The school facilities are first and foremost for the students and with volleyball getting started in August then followed by basketball, we want the floor to be in as good of condition as possible. We do not even allow students on it during those seasons without

using indoor-only shoes or no shoes at all. The amount of wear and tear from the quilt show was more than the floor receives in months of school use.

The Bazaar chose to leave after the district passed a policy instituting fees for use of rooms by for-profit entities."

Weed Control in Creeks

We need to control Japanese knotweed which quickly takes over creeks and wetlands in our area. It sends seeds and plant sections downstream and pollutes the water. It needs to be killed and removed properly. This would be a good project for FFA or a senior project.

Burning Barrels

We will improve air quality and our health if we only burn approved items (per Oregon DEQ's fact sheet)

in burn barrels. All other materials can be recycled or put in your garbage can. The State of Oregon prohibits open burning of any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors including: asbestos, tires, food waste, insulated wiring, waste oil, auto parts, or dead animals. Toxins, dioxin and heavy metals can be released in burning these materials. Pollutants stay at ground level. Call 800-452-4011, www.deg.state.or.us

Community Center

Is there an available space out there to be used as a community center? Space in our schools? An old building that could be remodeled? Or a community effort to construct a new building using donated materials, labor and funds as well as grants?

Cove Natural Food Co-op

Do you have an interest in buying natural and organic food and other grocery items? Would you like to be able have these items delivered here in Cove for your convenience to pick up? Thanks to Yvonne DaTorre spearheading an effort to create the Cove Natural Food Co-op this is becoming a reality and you can easily become involved.

Co-op members will place orders with Azure Standard by the first of

each month (earlier is helpful). As a group, we need to purchase at least \$550 in orders. Each individual needs to purchase at least \$50 worth of product. Co-op members orders arrive in individual boxes on the 3rd of the month. There will be a \$5 additional charge per order for delivery from La Grande to Cove. Orders will be delivered to Founder's Hall at the Ascension School. Go to the kitchen, south end of the building and your order should be

there by 1:00 or 2:00 pm. There will be a need for volunteers to be at the school to distribute the orders.

Call Azure for a free catalogue at 541-467-2230 or go to their website www.azurestandard.com

Contact Yvonne DaTorre at 541-568-4623 if interested in joining the Cove Natural Food Co-op.

Seniors Programs

Seniors in Cove have formed their own 501c3 non-profit organization to help provide activities for the community. Twice a month at noon there are senior meals for \$5 per person. The first Friday of the month the meals are held at the

Baptist Church and the third Friday of the month they are held at Kimsey Commons. All are welcome!

The "Strong Seniors" exercise program taught by Megan Shirley takes place at 9:15 AM and 10:15

AM Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a charge and funds go toward supporting Senior meals.

Coming in April there will be the CHIPS (Cardio Health Improvement Program) exercise program and dinner.

Mayor's Corner James Lundy - Mayor, City of Cove

The City of Cove is working on a much needed upgrade to our Wastewater System. We have lacked adequate storage for a number of years. The project has progressed this year to a point where the engineering is done and we hope to go out to bid soon. The project will add a wetland to give us more storage.

Contract negotiations for the sale of power produced by the Hydro Plant on Mill Creek are continuing. We are trying to get a green power classification, which will make the power more desirable. We have applied for a grant from the Department of Energy for a needed upgrade to the Hydro pipeline.

Work will start this summer on a repair and chip seal of French/Hill/Second Street. The City received a \$25,000 grant from Oregon Department of Transportation to help with this project.

The City has requested a street light to be installed on the Corner of Hwy 237 and Antles.

The Cove Community Association

The Cove Community Association (CCA) is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the greater Cove area. Founded in 1998, the CCA supports activities and projects to build a more cohesive and enriched community. The CCA is governed by an elected board of directors. It meets at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month at Kimsey Commons at

the Ascension School.

The CCA started our main community draw, the Cherry Fair and Festival 10 years ago. At the end of the day during the Cherry Fair and Festival, there is also a Cherry BBQ dinner cooked by CCA members and other volunteers.

Additionally, the annual Cove Clean-up day and sale continue to

be a major draw in beautification of our community.

Check out our
website at
www.coveoregon.org

Cherry Almond Tea Cakes - makes 30 cakes

winner of 'other' category, 2007 Cherry Fair. By Shelly Shrago

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease small muffin tins. (Shelly used a lovely, flower form muffin tin.). Melt 1 ¼ sticks butter in medium skillet over medium high flame. Brown butter lightly, skim foam from top and discard.

Mix together:

1 cup flour

1 ¼ cup finely ground almonds

1 cup sugar

1 tsp salt

Add: 5 large egg whites and whisk until smooth.

Stir in: 4 tsp. cherry brandy and melted butter.

Let stand for 20 minutes.

Spoon 1 T. into tin filling about halfway. Push cherry with stem sticking out top into each and smooth batter over cherries.

Bake until toothpick comes out clean, about 12-15 minutes.

Cool and dust with powdered sugar.

Weatherization & Saving Money on Heating Bills

Heating season in NE Oregon can get expensive for some residents, especially those who heat with Propane & Electricity. Did you know that you can save 10% - 40% on your heating bill by taking time to understand and address some relatively common problems? Air leaks, insufficient insulation and single pane windows are the main culprits in heat and energy loss.

Simple measures such as caulking around windows, weather stripping around exterior doors, and applying spray foam around plumbing and electrical penetrations are great steps to take to reduce air leaks in your home. Additional measures include replacing older, single-pane windows and adding insulation to your floors, walls and attic spaces. These measures usually require a

licensed contractor to perform the installation.

For a thorough investigation of where and how you can save, request a Home Energy Audit from either your utility company or a licensed contractor.

For more information, contact Palmer Dobbs. Call 541-568-4762 or email sustainablebuilder@eoni.com

Local Cove Businesses & Classified

Cove Community Featured Businesses - Each issue will have randomly selected businesses from the Cove website. For more businesses, local information and much more please visit www.coveoregon.org!

- Cove Drive-In 702 Main St. 541-568-4764 Great eats!
- The Art of Katherine Treffinger 541-568-4580 Professional Artist.
- Gilstrap Brothers Winery 69789 Antles Ln. 541-568-4646 Vineyard and Winery. Great local wines. www.gilstrapbrothers.com
- Forest Cove Pool 907 Water St. 541-568-4890 Naturally heated swimming pool. www.covepool.com
- Wright Electric 541-568-4464 Electrical Contractor.
- Swiss Silhouette Kennels 669077 Chadwick Ln. 541-568-4699 Bernese Mountain Dogs. www.swissilhouettekennels.com
- E & K Excavating 541-568-4613 Excavation and Grading, Septic Tanks and related services.

COVE PRESCHOOL, a private, non-profit preschool, is seeking a part-time teacher. Send letter of interest, resume, and references to: P.O. Box 74, Cove, OR. 97824. Closes April 7th.

COVE SCHOOL is searching for volunteers to assist with the Walking School Bus program that will begin on April 22nd. For more information please visit www.cove.k12.or.us or call 541-568-4424.

Want to list your

Business, sale items, work?

**Contact Marlis at 568-4274 or
Palmer at 568-4762**

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We're on the web!

www.coveoregon.org

Non-Profit

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Permit #11

2010 Cove Community Calendar

- 2nd Thursday of each month 7pm Kimsey Commons - Cove Community Association.
- 1st Tuesdays 7pm City Hall - Cove City Council.
- 2nd Mondays 1:30 pm Library - Cove Improvement Club.
- 2nd Tuesdays 7pm Cove High School math room - Cove School Board.
- Cove History 1:30 pm Feb. 14 & March 14 at Kimsey Commons.
- Cove Education Foundation.
- Cove Senior Meals are alternate Fridays at noon at the Baptist Church and Kimsey Commons. Call for info - 568-4623
- Cove Clean-up Day - April 23.
- Cherry Fair - August 14.
- Summer Farmers Market on Thursdays at Cove Pool.

**Postal Patron
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