

The 19th annual meeting of the Orchard Beach Community Group was held on Saturday, July 21, 1990, at the Fire Station House # 2, on Orchard Beach Drive. Present were the following; Arnold Bekken (Pres.); Oral Thompson (vice-Pres); Myrtabelle Andrus (Trustee); Miriam Breidenstein (Sec); Chief Mike, and Elaine Uglow, of Fire District # 3; Pat Porter, Mardelle Brown, Al Zittleman, Robert Thomas, Phyllis Richardson, Mary A. Brown, Lyle Hasbrook, Glen Emory, Floyd and Esther Roll, and Richard and Leslie Simpson.

The minutes were read and approved as read. The Treasurers report was read, explained, and approved as read. Balances are:

Checking, \$1135.77 Savings, \$1140.95 Petty Cash, \$13.22  
(Copies of the financial report available upon request)

Fire Chief Mike Uglow of District # 3 and his wife Firefighter Elaine Uglow were introduced. They are attending community group meetings such as ours to introduce themselves; and outline the plans, concerns, and needs of these rural and semi-isolated vacation areas. He presented some interesting facts about Fire and Emergency protection in our area..... The majority of calls to the EMERGENCY -911 System are medical emergencies. Fire District # 3 has excellent EMT coverage and response time. There will soon be a new Fire and Ambulance Station constructed just north of Krabbenhof Road, on St. Hiway 3. This will cut response time from 18/20 min. to 10/12 min. or less. There is a \$250.00 charge for Medic calls, which is somewhat covered by Medicare- Insurance, with adjustments for those in financial need. There will be, at some near future date, a house-to-house survey of the District; identifying houses with small children, aged or infirm residents; offering fire-safety observations and information. This will help to improve the service. A plat-map and address list of Orchard Beach Lot owners was given to Mr. Uglow. The advisability of having a auxillary water storage system was discussed. There is a storage tank underground at this Fire Station, but an above-ground storage tank also would improve the supply to the fire truck. NOTE: To have a fire hydrant connected to our water system would necessitate installing 8" water mains, instead of the present 4" lines- costing around \$10,000.00. Our finances cannot cover this cost. There will be more discussion about this matter. Voter registration is also available at the Grapeview Fire Station, and residents were urged to register and support efforts to improve Fire protection in this area.

Chief Uglow's comments were well received by the Group, and he and Mrs. Uglow were thanked for their attendance and interest.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Rights Information - to protect the source of our well water. Three of the 4 property owners whose lots adjoin the well property have responded to request for Water Rights Permit. Ms J. Williams will be again contacted for her signature. It does take from 6 months to 2 years to procure Water Rights Protection for a Well source.

2. Dangerous Dog and Abandoned Vehicle Complaints. These are continuing problems. Letters and petitions have been sent to the Commissioners regarding them. There are Ordinances against such problems, but insufficient personnel to control or enforce the Ordinances. Again, a letter will be written to the Commissioners

but WRITTEN COMPLAINTS FROM THE OFFENDED INDIVIDUALS, stating time, place, incident, are far more effective. Send these to the Mason County Humane Society at Shelton, and/or the Attorney General at Olympia, Washington.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers for the 1990-1992 term was held.  
Pres. Richard Simpson, E 181 Orchard Beach Drive  
V-Pres. Leslie Simpson, same address (Mrs. Richard Simpson)  
Sec-Treas. Miriam Breidenstein, Seattle, Wash.  
Trustee Mardelle Brown, E 230 Orchard Beach Drive  
The 1988-1990 officers were thanked for their work, which included the upgrading of the water system and the new well.

2. The Water System  
The shut-off valves to the individual lots are beginning to show the need for attention. Property owners should be aware of this and check the valves to their lots. Turn off the water supply when not in residence.

There is now one mainline shut-off valve on the line, near the south end of Orchard Beach Drive, this in addition to the main shut-off at the Pump. It is advised that at least one more, possibly two more shut-off valves should be installed. This would make it easier to detect leaks without shutting off the whole system. Also, the two ends of the water line on Orchard Beach Road should be joined, making a circular system, a more efficient one. This will be taken under consideration, and a decision made. Costs for such improvements would be \$300-\$500 per valve.

Orchard Beach now has a Class 4 water system. When there are more than 5 permanent resident-customers on a Community Water System, it must be up-graded to a Class 1 System, with more stringent Rules and Regulations. Of the 11 permanent residents on Orchard Beach, 7 have private wells. Of the neighboring well systems in the area, faced with increasing populations, Russelwood has turned their system over to the County.

3. Health and Safety Hazards  
The property at 241 Orchard Beach Drive, formerly rented, and now up for sale, has again an overflowing septic system - with raw sewage flowing into the creek and lagoon, and contaminating and polluting the area. A letter will be written to the owner, and before any sale proceeds; if not corrected, the Health Department notified.

Drivers, usually non residents or weekenders, are speeding on Orchard Beach Drive, endangering life and limb. A letter will be written to the authorities, requesting a "SLOW DOWN" sign, with children and/or walker logo. Maybe this will do the job.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Coffee, lemonade and cookies were served.

Respectfully submitted;

*Miriam E Breidenstein*

Miriam Breidenstein, Sec.-Treas.

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Orchard Beach Fire Station

Agenda;

Call to order, Arnold Bekken, President

Introduction, members, friends, visitors

Minutes and financial report, Miriam Breidenstein, Sec.-Treas.

Comments, corrections, additions etc.

Old Business, response to correspondence etc.

New Business

Mike Uglow, Fire Chief, Dist # 3

Anything else?????

Coffe and cookies, Thank you for coming, come again

Arnold Bekken - Pres.

Miriam Breidenstein  
Sec.

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Sec.-Treasurer, Orchard Beach