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A newsletter for the STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA Scenic Byway

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Winter Newsletter for the SR 112 Community

Welcome New *Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association* Members! ...

Associate Membership ... new member, Mike Doherty and upgrades from community members to associate members, Straitside Resort and Makah Nation.

On the Strait and Narrow ...

Construction and road repairs ... from the Hood Canal Bridge to the break in Highway 112 at milepost 37 ... make travel challenging and confusing at times for all of us, even more so for our visitors. Be patient with and helpful to fellow travelers.

Thank you to road, utilities, and emergency crews who have had a busy and sometimes dangerous job to maintain services and keep roads open during the recent winter weather. Remember to slow down in work zones for everyone's safety.

And support local businesses, especially those isolated by road damage or by the many construction projects

Get ready: Hood Canal Bridge closes May 1 for six weeks

From Joe Irwin, WSDOT Communications, Hood Canal Bridge Project

The Hood Canal Bridge will close to traffic for six weeks starting May 1 so the Washington State Department of Transportation can replace the entire east half along with the east and west trusses. The Olympic Peninsula will still be open for business. WSDOT encourages people to get ready now by reviewing their transportation options to determine the best route. "Get around" options include:

- A fare-free passenger-only water shuttle between Jefferson and Kitsap counties
- A Sunday through Thursday reservation-based car ferry between Port Townsend and Edmonds
- A free, reservation-based medical bus service
- Driving around on US 101 and SR 3
- Ridesharing

For more information, visit www.HoodCanalBridge.com.

Washington State Department of Transportation:

From Bill Riley, WSDOT Maintenance Superintendent at Port Angeles

A one-lane dirt/gravel road will be constructed in the next month or so at milepost 37 to once again establish through traffic on Highway 112. The amount of time to complete the project will be dependent on cooperative weather for road work, assuming that no further damage takes place. A more permanent uphill bypass route is being considered for this section of road if and when funding approval and property use/purchase fall into place.

Check www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic for weather, road conditions and projects on state highways and contacts for project comments or concerns.



What's Happening? Duck Derby April/May ... support the Olympic Medical Foundation and your Highway 112 scenic byway ... **BUY DUCKS!** from a board member.

Welcome to the Highway ...

Pixel Perfect opened this month in Joyce. Owner Jeanne Pumphrey, formerly at Camera Corner, provides services for photo restoration, poster prints, slides to CD/DVD and prints of any size from negatives/slides/photos. Pixel Perfect is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11a.m to 5:30p.m. Call 360.928.9620 or email Jeanne at pixelperfect1@gmail.com.

The “Association” ... News from the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Assoc.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 23 in Joyce ... April 27 at Pysht Tree Farm ... May 18 in Neah Bay ... June 22 in Joyce ... (no meetings July or August) ... September 28 at Pysht Tree Farm.

Membership Renewals/Business Directory: Thank you to those who have renewed their memberships. If you have not yet done so, this is a reminder that only active memberships will be included in the 2009 business directory to be published early in May. Renew your membership today to be included in the directory that is used to inform neighboring communities and travelers of the many business/service opportunities the scenic byway community offers. Contact: Bill Drath at drathwa@aol.com or Sande Balch at sandrabalch@olypen.com.

Second Annual Great Strait Sale: Planning begins this month for the next Great Strait Sale and a date for the event will be announced soon. Do you have items to sell? Do you have a group or organization that would like to hold a fundraising event? Do you just like to shop for ‘treasures’? Do you enjoy participating in community events? The Great Strait Sale can offer something for everyone. If you have comments to add to the mix for 2009 planning or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Sande Balch at sandrabalch@olypen.com.



~~~ Hwy 112 Scenic Byway PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN ... ENTER NOW!

The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association is sponsoring a photo contest to involve the community in building a photo library depicting all aspects of activities and recreation, natural beauty and wildlife, and the people and lifestyle of the Highway 112 community for use in promotion of the Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway. The deadline for entry of photos is August 31, 2009. Photos can also be submitted for promotional use without entering the contest. For contest entry forms or photo submission forms, email Sande Balch at sandrabalch@olypen.com or contact the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association by mail at P.O. Box 188, Joyce WA 98343.

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Spring Newsletter for the SR 112 Community

Welcome New *Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association* Members! ...

Associate Memberships ... new member, Pixel Perfect Imaging and upgrades from community members to associate members, Carol Schultz, Realtor; Bay Motel; Patti's Property Management and Services.

Community Memberships ... new members, Blackberry Café, E&J Services Dumptucking.

On the Strait and Narrow ...

Summer is approaching and that means more travelers on the road ... we hope. It also is the time when highway construction is in progress to repair winter damage to and normal wear and tear on the roads. Slow down in work zones for everyone's safety.

The Eighth Street bridges are once again open to traffic in Port Angeles.

The Hood Canal Bridge is closed until mid-June to replace the entire east-half of the bridge and the east and west trusses. For information, visit www.HoodCanalBridge.com.

The work to replace the old single-lane Elwha Bridge with a new two-lane bridge with a lower level pedestrian/bike section is progressing and should be complete by fall.

A one-lane dirt/gravel road has been constructed at milepost 37 on Highway 112 to establish through traffic until a more permanent solution to the road damage can be worked. Check www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic for weather, road conditions and projects on state highways and contacts for project comments or concerns.

What's Happening?

Great Strait Sale ... September 12th is the date set for the Second Annual Great Strait Sale. Make it even better than the first event ... more involvement in the planning; more sales participants at the community sites; more events and fundraisers; more private sales; and lots of fun high-quality items for sale.

Do you have items to sell? Do you have a group or organization that would like to hold a fundraising event? Do you just like to shop for 'treasures'? Do you enjoy participating in community events? The Great Strait Sale can offer something for everyone. If you have comments to add to the mix for 2009 planning or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Sande Balch sandrabalch@olypen.com.

Festivals and Fairs ... It's shop-happy, family-fun, food-filled fairs-and-festivals time.

Clallam Bay-Sekiu Fun Days July 10-12

Joyce Blackberry Daze August 1

Clallam County Fair August 20-23

Makah Days August 28-30

Joyce Community Photo ... A photo of the Joyce Community will be taken on Friday, May 29th at 8:00 p.m. on the Crescent School football field following the Joyce General baseball game (at 5:30 p.m.) and the team fundraiser bbq. Be sure to show up and have your family recorded in history as part of the Joyce community.



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Do you have photos of elk, whales, eagles, summer activities?**

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Welcome to the Highway ...

The Blackberry Café recently opened in Joyce under the management of Roxanne Olsen, a three-time Joyce Daze blackberry pie contest winner. The café will be open 7am to 3pm for breakfast and lunch daily. Ask about the fresh blackberry food item available while you are ordering. Call 360.928.0141. The café is located at 50530 Highway 112 West, Joyce.

Highway 112 is featured in *Northwest Travel* magazine ...

The April edition of *Northwest Travel* magazine included an article, entitled "Route to the Edge of the Earth," about Washington's Highway 112, a National Scenic Byway ... that's us, folks! The article was written by Mike Dawson and had beautiful photographs of area beaches and wildlife. It gave a good narrative of how to get around, what to see and do, from east to west, along the entire length of the scenic byway.

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Milepost Business Directory:

The new Milepost Business Directory is currently being published and will be circulated soon. It is a membership listing of businesses in the highway 112 community. The directory is used to inform neighboring communities and travelers of the many business/service opportunities the scenic byway community offers. If your business is not listed, talk to a board member or contact Sande Balch about how you can join the byway team and be included in the next directory.

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Fall Newsletter for the SR 112 Community

On the Strait and Narrow ...

According to Don Heikkila, new Area 3 Maintenance Superintendent, the SR112 Safety Improvement Project is close to completion. "Part of the project is the installation of the HARS (Highway Advisory Radio System) and RWIS (Road Weather Information System) at the Burnt Mountain junction which will be completed later this fall. The HARS is capable of providing a radio message for emergency closures and highway conditions when activated by our TMC (Traffic Management Center). The RWIS with it's sensors will provide information on road and weather conditions to support our winter operations."

The other ongoing project has been the realignment above the slide area at mp 37 which is now paved and ready for two-way traffic once again.

Don cautions drivers to be aware of the road hazards caused by seasonal weather. "Fall is here and weather conditions are changing. WSDOT is ready for wind, flooding and snow/ice events as we enter the storm season. During the winter months, WSDOT crews will be using salt and anti-icing products. No one can guarantee ice and snow-free roadways, so motorists must always be cautious when driving in the wet and cold weather. If you find yourself behind a snowplow truck, allow some distance, use caution when passing. The road behind the snowplow will be safer to drive on. Drive safely."

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~~~~ Hwy 112 Scenic Byway PHOTO CONTEST ... and the winners are ...

Thank you to all the participants in the contest. Your photos, along with those taken by professional photographers, will be used for a hwy 112 brochure and web site.

Photos may still be submitted/donated for use in promotion of our scenic byway community.

"Drive It. Experience It." 1st Place Martha Ellul, 2nd Cindy Arsaga, 3rd Paul Blake, 4th Paul Blake

"Byway Mileposts." 1st Place James Wengler, 2nd Paul Blake, 3rd Shayne Vinagre, 4th Paul Blake

"112 Reasons. All 4 Seasons." 1st Martha Ellul, 2nd Donna Alumbaugh, 3rd Jane Hielman, 4th Paul Blake. Go to www.olympicpeninsula.org and click on the listing in 'Recent Posts' for thumbnail photos.

What's Happening? ... 2nd Annual Great Strait Sale is a Great Success

Congratulations on good selling and good buying at the September 12th event. Kudos to the over 25 vendors and sales in the Joyce community and to the Clallam Bay Class of 2010 for their extraordinary efforts to host a fundraiser for their class. Special thanks to the community site supervisors ... Bill Drath, Vicky Druge, Margaret Owens ... and to the landowners who allowed use of the Clallam Bay Bus Barn, Neah Bay Village Market and Joyce Depot Museum. Look for the 3rd Annual next year. Sande Balch, event leader

What's Happening? ... Community Assistance

Joyce Bible Church ... Clothing Bank ... open Wed 1-4pm/Thurs 3-5pm /Sat 10-2pm
Clallam Bay Sekiu ... New Hope Food Bank ... next to Assembly of God

Open second and fourth Wednesday each month from 1-3 p.m.

Makah Tribal Center/USDA Bldg ... Food Bank ... open Mon thru' Fri 8 am - 5 pm

Makah Tribal Center/Bldg 111 ... Clothing Bank ... open Mon thru' Fri 8 am - 5 pm

What's Happening? ... Elwha River Bridge dedication

"On September 25th, 2009, over 200 people attended the Grand Opening of the new Elwha River Bridge. The ceremony took place on the pedestrian bridge approach which is suspended under the vehicle bridge and will eventually become a link to the Olympic Discovery Trail coming west from Port Angeles. County Commissioners Mike Doherty, Steve Tharinger and Mike Chapman attended the ceremony and cut the ribbon with State Representative Lynn Kessler and other event attendees. It was a beautiful, sunny day and, in addition to listening to a number of guest speakers, those who attended were treated to a vehicle parade consisting of older restored log trucks, military vehicles and cars crossing in one direction and other modern vehicles coming the other way including a Crescent School bus loaded with cheerleaders. John Singhose, long-time resident who lives along Highway 112, organized the parade. Besides the great views from the vehicle bridge, the pedestrian bridge provides views of the salmon swimming upstream to spawn. This bridge will become a great side tour opportunity for those who come to the area to visit the Strait of Juan de Fuca Hwy 112 National Scenic Byway. Once the trail portions are completed to the new bridge from Port Angeles, it will be a recreational trail destination as well."

Craig Jacobs, CPRP, Clallam County Public Works Director

Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway ... 'West at its best' in *Sunset*

The September edition of *Sunset Living in the West* magazine featured a section on "The Secret Coast". Neah Bay's Cape Flattery Tribal Scenic Byway was listed in "the West at its best" under the category of "FRESH AIR". The listing included a beautiful color photo of the beach and a marker on the west coast map.

The "Association" ... News from the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Assoc. Memberships Due ... Board of Directors Nominations ... Annual Meeting ...

Membership renewals will be due by January 1st as well as nominations/volunteers for positions on the board of directors. The annual meeting for elections will be held in January or February (dependent on weather). Notices will be sent to all members with information on the annual meeting and membership renewals.

Grant Project Progress ... The current grant will be completed this month including building a photo library, web site planning, and cooperative print projects for the Whale Trail.org brochure, Clallam County Adventure Route trail segment, and the Elwha Bridge dedication historical booklet. A new grant will begin in January to redesign the scenic byway brochure, build and implement a scenic byway web site, and design and install interpretive kiosks at the Clallam Bay, Pillar Point, and Freshwater Bay county parks.

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