

# Ryderwood History Project, Inc.

Summer 2019 Newsletter

## YOU'RE INVITED



**Ryderwood  
Community  
Church**

## Long Bell

### Old-Timers Reunion Sunday August 25, 2019

**Morning: Gather at Park Pavilion**

**11 a.m. Church Services**

**12 p.m. BYO lunch @ Church Annex**  
(Hayride and golf cart transportation provided)

- Special presentation on church architect
- RHP Annual Meeting

**1:30 p.m. Town Tour narrated by Bill Greear**  
(Hayride and golf cart transportation provided)

*This year's Reunion will showcase the **Ryderwood Community Church**. The grandson of its architect, E. N. (Everett Nicholas) Larry, plans to attend and provide a **lunchtime program at the Church**.*

## Congratulations!

Thanks to the combined efforts of the History Project (RHP) and the Town (RISA), Community Hall and the original Café (now Library) have been placed on the Cowlitz Co. Register of Historic Places. They join the Infirmary (now Pioneer Hall) on the Register.

**Attention Amazon shoppers!**  
**Sign up for Amazon.Smile and...**

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You shop. Amazon gives.

**...select Ryderwood History Project  
as your charity of choice.**

## HALC Visits Ryderwood!



The Heritage Association of the Lower Columbia (HALC), held its May meeting in Ryderwood. Following the meeting in Community Hall, Old-Timer and Retiree Bill Greear narrated a town tour "hayride" – with folding chairs instead of hay bales. Retiree volunteers served a delicious lunch at the Café.





Thanks to the efforts of neighbor Paul Hayes (think Burma-Shave signs along SR 506), RHP now has a solid connection with the Kansas City, MO Museum.

Kansas City, MO was the home of the Long-Bell Lumber Co. R. A. Long's Corinthian Hall mansion is the Museum's home. It is currently under extensive renovation.

Prior to this outreach, they had known little about Ryderwood. We will continue to work with them to expand our mutual knowledge base.



**"You Know You're From  
Ryderwood, WA if You  
Remember..."**

**One more way to share Ryderwood Stories!**

*(This is a Closed Group that requires invitation and authorization for membership.)*

*Not a Facebook user? Have the kids or grandkids share old Ryderwood photos, artifacts and stories!*



**Little Falls Cemetery  
Call for Obituaries**

Darlene Williams, secretary of the Little Falls Cemetery District, maintains records of Ryderwood residents buried there. Additions to her collection are requested and welcome!

**Contact Darlene at 360-295-3951**

**BRIDGE  
CLOSED**

**Lacamas Bridge Closed!**

If approaching Ryderwood from the south, considering taking **Westside Highway** at Castle Rock to avoid the detour to Exit 63.

## ***President's Message:***

The History Project (RHP) hopes that as many of you as possible can attend the **Long-Bell Reunion on Sunday August 25, 2019**. It is our sincere hope that you will participate in the activities planned to showcase Ryderwood's Community Church. Special guest, Don Larry, is coming a long way to share his grandfather's history with us. The church was the last building E. N. Larry designed – it was dedicated two months after his death at the age of 35.

RHP continues to work closely with the Town (RISA) to preserve and promote Ryderwood's histories. RISA provides "Cotton" Satcher's Barber Shop space and Internet for a reasonable fee as we explore options for a physical Museum. In return, RHP shares the costs to maintain the [ryderwood.org](http://ryderwood.org) website and other joint ventures.

Meanwhile, our digital collection continues to grow. One goal is to collect and scan Ryderwood High School yearbooks. If you have any in your possession (or other memorabilia), please bring to the Reunion and we will see that they are returned to you.

***Sincerely, June Strovass***

