

Neskowin Community Association

# Neskowin Village Voice



September 2022

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

by Robin Crowell, NCA Board President

Hello to all our community members. We hope you are having a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe late August is upon us. What fun we've had in Neskowin this year. The weather has been great and we've enjoyed the comradary and all the fun activities around the community.

We hope you had fun participating in Neskowin University events, golfing, shopping and eating and enjoying the music at the farmer's market, playing bingo and picking blackberries. Our Labor Day meeting is September 4 at 4:00 pm at the fire station. We hope to see you there. Enjoy the beach, we are so glad you are here!

--Robin Crowell, NCA President

#### Thanks To Lyle Rowland

Once again, the community thanks Lyle for his diligence in placing the orange lifesaving rings on the beach as he has many years !

> We appreciate Lyle's valuable contribution to our safety and welfare.



# Neskowin Beach Golf Course

NBGC is in full swing, and we couldn't be more excited to see our members and guests. We appreciate everyone's patience and support while we waited for the golf course to open. The golf course looks great, and the greens are playing well.

NBGC's summer has been busy with events and activities. We have been thrilled to host a few private events including a lastminute save-the-wedding rehearsal dinner and reception. If you would like to plan an event at the golf course, please contact us.

Here is the most exciting news: NBGC is planning a RETIRE THE DEBT party on Sunday, September 4 at 5:30 pm. Thanks to generous community support, NBGC has paid off the debt to the former owner two years early! Come to the clubhouse and celebrate with us after the NCA meeting at 4:00 pm at the fire station. Join us for a champagne celebration and snacks. Together we will BURN THE NOTE!

Our annual member Horserace is scheduled for Saturday, September 24. Start time TBD. To sign up, contact Missy at <u>missy.nbgc@gmail.com</u>. Come and play golf and help us wrap up a great season.

Finally, we hope you have received our email sent on August 5, subject "NBGS's FUTURE—THE ROAD AHEAD." We must find ways to address the effects of water inundation and subsidence on the course. This will require planning, permitting, and funds. If you haven't received our email, please contact Missy Moss at <u>missy.nbgc@gmail.com</u>

We continue to look forward to seeing you until the end of the season. We hope everyone remains safe and healthy during the offseason!

Missy Moss, Clubhouse Manager

Sean Tonner, Course Superintendent

-The NCA Board

# Greetings From The Neskowin, Nestucca, Sand Lake Watersheds Council

Hi Neskowin Neighbors,

I'm the new Executive Director of the Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council, having joined the Council in November 2021. I've met a few of you since then and look forward to meeting many more in the coming months and years! Check out the Council's website at <u>https://nestuccawaters.org/</u> and "Our Staff" bio information.

We are happy to welcome Sarah Norrbom, our new Monitoring and Outreach Coordinator! Sarah will get our Expanded Water Quality Monitoring program started after delays presented by the pandemic and personnel changes at the Council. We're seeking to recruit volunteers in the Neskowin area to help with biweekly collection of water samples at a dozen sites on Butte, Hawk, and Neskowin Creeks in and around the village – if you have an interest in assisting us in this effort, please contact us at <u>nnwc@nestuccawaters.org</u> or by phone at (503) 965-2200!

You may know that the Council is coordinating two projects on Sutton Creek. The first is to replace two undersized culverts on South Beach Road with bridges that will enhance passage for coho and other aquatic species, pass high flows more efficiently, and allow for improved ecological function. This project also has experienced delays resulting from personnel changes at the Council and with our engineering consultant. We're back on track and expect construction during next summer's in-water work period (July 1 - September 15). The other project is focused on developing engineering designs for structures to replace the two culverts on Proposal Rock Loop; the bottom one failed during the November 2021 flood that also impacted nearly two dozen homes in that neighborhood and the Neskowin Creek RV Resort. We acquired a grant to support the design work and have been pursuing infrastructure-related grant opportunities to fund construction.

We've also been working with some of you and other partners including ODFW, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US Forest Service, and The Beaver Coalition on a Neskowin Beaver Plan to help guide management actions in and around Kiwanda, Butte, and Hawk Creeks. This plan will guide us in coexisting more peacefully with these furry friends who are our state animal (and mascot of that large university in Corvallis, my graduate programs alma mater!). Beavers create important rearing habitat for juvenile salmon, steelhead and trout, and they enrich waterways and wetlands ecologically in places where they have an historical presence. Our plan will guide us in monitoring beaver activity, managing active beaver dams, and seeking to create upstream habitats where beavers can live with fewer direct conflicts with humans and our properties.

We hope you've had plenty of opportunity to walk and birdwatch on the new Neskowin Emergency Egress Route! The Council, especially our former President Guy Sievert, who is still your Neskowin neighbor, and our former Coordinator Garshaw Amidi-Abraham, have been deeply involved in this project from inception to completion. We are pleased with the improvements enhancing public safety and fish passage. We hope you are too!

Thanks for supporting the Council and please consider helping us with our water quality

monitoring program!

Dave Shively, Executive Director, Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council

# NESKOWIN S SPAN

# Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Update

by Ran Koch

The NCAC's current two main foci are the Community Plan Survey which is nearing completion and the Subcommittee exploring Short Term Rentals (STR's), their affect on our community and options to further manage them in our community. The Community Plan Survey will be distributed this fall via email to more than 700 people who responded to an initial inquiry three years ago. Anyone residing in, owning property or a business in Neskowin is welcome to participate. The STR Subcommittee continues to hold public meetings through September to gather community feedback on many STR-related topics such as limits, enforcement, scale and impacts on livability.

#### NCA Tournament Weekend 2022

We ended July with an open golf course and a successful NCA Tournament Weekend. Our FUNdraising goals for this event remain the same each year: Create fun events for participation by everyone, and raise money to fund NCA's grants program.

This year we exceeded the results from recent years. Our revenue was 25% higher than last year. This makes it possible to fulfill grant requests from programs and organizations that need our support.

Thanks to all who participated and enjoyed the various activities during the weekend. Some event highlights from the weekend include:

- Scramble teams were divided into 4 divisions (Men's, Women's, Mixed, Seniors). The competition was fierce with winners in each division.
- Saturday afternoon events were very popular this year, including the golf skills contest, bocce and corn-hole tournaments.
- Raffle ticket sales were at an all-time high.
- Silent and oral auctions generated more bids. The oral auction was exceptional with art pieces and other treasures created by our talented friends and neighbors.
- A great time was had by all throughout the weekend!



The overall lowest gross score team: the Pin Sharks; from L to R: Luke Lauber, Michael Weaver, Johnny Boston, Jack Eichler.

We were able to achieve these goals with the support of our friends, family and neighbors who played in the Golf Scramble, participated in our other events, donated wine and auction items, purchased raffle tickets, and bid generously on the fabulous items.

The Tournament Weekend dream team worked year round to plan and manage all of the weekend events. Many thanks to Robin Crowell, Kacey Joyce, Susan Amort, Lisa Miller, Jack Eichler, Gail and Tim Pickett, Missy Moss, Kelli Leisure, Jeff Linman and Cathleen Callahan. Throughout the tournament week and weekend, we received great help from Lauri Braich, Connie Leben, Christi Clark, Don Graber, Sean Toner, John Epp, Gary McClain, Shelley Stoll, Jim Affolter, Karl Barnes,



Alex Sifford and the entire Clubhouse team.

If you would like to join NCA's Tournament Weekend Planning Team for the 2023 FUNdraiser, please let us know. The same people have worked tirelessly on this event year after year. (Frankly, we are a little tired.) We could use more help for next year!

Susan Linman, Chair 2022 NCA Tournament Weekend Committee NCA Treasurer

Susan Linman Leading the Way

## Dogs on the Beach

Our beaches are Oregon State Parks. Dogs on the beach must be accompanied by and in the control of a human carrying a six-foot leash. It is illegal for dogs to chase or flush any and all birds, particularly shorebirds, most of which are under federal protection. Enforcement is focused on migratory gulls and shorebirds.

Disturbing wildlife by dogs and other domestic animals is a Class A Misdemeanor with a base fine of \$435. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service takes the lead on enforcement.

The Oregon Administrative Rule for the beach is 736-021-0090, to protect wildlife from harassment. It prohibits flushing any and all birds, but we have very limited traction with courts whom do not understand wildlife impacts, so my enforcement contacts tend to lean towards migratory gulls and shorebirds.

Ryan Parker Central Coast Beach Ranger World Ocean Council Ocean Shore Permit Specialist OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT





A lily from a Neskowin garden

## Neskowin University Wrap Up

By Lisa Miller

Neskowin University held many fun and informative classes this summer!

Many thanks to our instructors: Connie Leben, Marge Jozsa and Dan Jozsa, Michael Weaver and Jill Spangler. Our first event was a Container Plant class led by Connie. She taught everyone how to plan, plant and care for container gardens. I don't have a green thumb, and I'm excited to report that our containers are alive and thriving even after the trip home to Southern California! Our second event was a very informative Tsunami Safety Class, with over 40 participants. Marge and Dan shared their vast knowledge. Since this valuable class, we've practiced going from our place to a high location on one of the tsunami trails. Have you? During the Junior Golf Camp, our very own Michael (Retired Coast Guard) held a Beach Safety class for the kids. They were riveted by his enthusiasm for water safety. Our last class was a Pilates Class. Jill was kind enough to come over from Portland to lead the class. We learned how important it is to keep our bodies limber by stretching. I try to do some of the exercises she taught us every day.

Once again, thank you to our amazing instructors and to those of you who participated.

We are planning the 2023 Neskowin U series. If you would like to lead a class during the summer of 2023, or if you have an idea for a class and you know a good leader willing to participate in our program, please let me know via email. Lisa Miller. <u>Imiller1912@gmail.com</u>. Please put Neskowin U in the subject heading.

Have a great year everyone!



Participants in the Neskowin University 's Container Planting workshop

# South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC)

By Marge Jozsa, President, Board of Directors www.southtillamookcountyevc.org

The STCEVC urges community members to become trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. This free training teaches the skills you need to survive a disaster. By becoming a trained volunteer, you become an invaluable resource for your family, your neighborhood and your community. Please join us!

Tuesdays, September 27 – November 5, 2022 Online (10 hrs.); Zoom Meetings (4 hrs.); In-Person Skills Sessions (4 hrs.); Disaster Drill (4 hrs.)

Attendees are expected to complete the weekly online unit on their own BEFORE each Zoom or In-Person meeting. The Zoom meeting will include discussions on the content of each unit as well as examples.

All individuals must be fully COVID-vaccinated (including boosters) to participate in this training.

Unit I – Introductions, Overview and Disaster Preparedness September 27, 2022 – Zoom 5-6:30 pm

Unit 2 – CERT Organization October 4, 2022 – Zoom 5-6 pm

Unit 5 and 8 – Disaster Psychology and Terrorism October 11, 2022 – Zoom 5-6 pm

Unit 3 and 4 – Disaster Medical Operations October 18, 2022 – In-Person 5-7 pm, Neskowin Fire Station 84. Please bring your vaccine card with you.

Unit 6 – Fire Safety and Utility Control October 25, 2022 – Zoom 5-6 pm

Unit 7 – Light Search & Rescue and Fire Extinguisher Practice November 1, 2022 – In-Person 5-7 pm, Neskowin Fire Station 84

Drill – In-Person: Inside Search & Rescue with a medical response Saturday, November 5, 2022 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Neskowin Fire Station 84. At the end of drill, participants will receive a CERT bag with supplies.

To register:

- I. Go to the University of Utah site: https://cert.hazready.com/CourseCatalog?friendlyld=DP000047
- 2. Click the red **Register** icon in the upper right corner.
- 3. Complete New User Registration. Be sure to list the organization as STCEVC.
- 4. Once registered, please email: <u>margejozsa@gmail.com</u> so she can arrange for you to receive a hard copy of the training manual. You can also download an electronic copy from University of Utah Course Catalog Site.

After the training is completed, an individual who wants to be an "Active CERT" may submit an application to the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District, complete the required FEMA online courses, and attend monthly CERT meetings and skill sessions.

#### Dumpsters, Garbage and more

The NCA partnered with Tillamook County to provide the portable toilets and dumpsters located on Carlton and Mt. Angel. These receptacles are for day trippers, beachgoers, and dog owners for the proper disposal of beach trash and pet waste.

Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service has reported abuse of these dumpsters. It is a theft of services when community members use the dumpsters to dispose of home waste. Community members have dumped old humidifiers, yard debris, large cardboard boxes, packing material, foam mattresses, numerous plastic plant containers, garbage bags full of regular household trash, and numerous other household waste items.

Please stop disposing of your household waste in these dumpsters. They were not provided to replace regular trash service at your home. If abuse of these dumpsters continues, NCA will have no choice but to discontinue them, and discontinue the portable toilets. If that's the case, the community will suffer because of the abuse by a few. **Please stop dumping household trash in the dumpsters!** 

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#### Pre-Kindergarten Returns to the Coast!

Honoring decades of tradition and in response to a severe need in the community, Neskowin Valley School is pleased to announce the reopening of full day PreKindergarten on September 6! A play based, child centered program with small class sizes emphasizing outdoor experiences and inquiry based learning on our five-acre campus surrounded by forest, creeks and meadows. Sign up soon to join our close, caring community.

Call 503-392-3124 to schedule a tour. PreK Hours: 9am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday Students must be four years old before September 1, 2022 www.neskowinvalleyschool.com to apply to day visit! Carpool support is available upon request Give your child a hands-on and joyful introduction to school! Registration is limited,



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