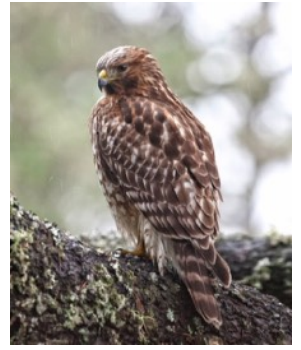




Neskowin Community Association

Neskowin Village Voice



May 2023

President's Message

Hello Neskowin Community members. Welcome to Spring/Summer 2023.

We hope you have had a good winter and are ready to participate in all things Neskowin.

Our season starts with the Memorial Weekend activities including our annual Trash to Treasure event, yard debris clean up, and our Annual Meeting.

We are preparing for a wonderful summer. Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday May 28 at 4:00 pm at the fire hall. There will be updates on upcoming NCA events, golf course events, presentation and approval of revised bylaws, and exciting plans for the Neskowin Valley School.

Please join us Memorial Weekend. Please renew your membership in the NCA! It is important, and fun, to participate. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

- Robin Crowell, NCA President



Neskowin Beach Golf Course

By Missy Moss

Happy Spring to our Neskowin Community!

NBGC is preparing the golf course and clubhouse for opening and we are excited to see all our friends. The golf course does not have an opening date yet. Our hope is for a significant number of sunny days to dry out the course. The Clubhouse will open on Friday, May 19-21 for the weekend. Come in to see your friends, shop for new items and have a beverage. We've installed new flooring in the Clubhouse and it looks sharp.

NBGC has planned many fun events and activities for you throughout the season, beginning with Memorial Day weekend. Here is our list of events on Saturday, May 27.

- 2-4 pm Sign Painting
- 4-6 pm Face Painting & Petting Zoo
- 5-7 pm Music by a band duo
- Food option: TBD

SAVE THE DATE & REGISTER for our 3rd annual Junior Golf Camp July 14-16. Contact Missy at missy.nbgc@gmail.com or 503-819-5043 for more information.

More announcements about summer events are coming. Check our website regularly.

Missy and Sean both have hired new team members and returning staff along with our team of seasoned volunteers. THANK YOU to all our volunteers!!

NBGC's Annual Meeting is Saturday, May 28 at the Clubhouse patio. This meeting will start right after the NCA Annual Meeting(5:30pm). We hope you can join us – we have important updates to share with you.

If you have questions about membership, annual dues, season passes, or any other inquiries, please contact Missy, Clubhouse Manager at missy.nbgc@gmail.com or 503-819-5043.

See you soon! We can hardly wait!!

South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps

By Gary Billingsley

The South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC) is a key source of information and training on emergency preparedness.

As some readers may be aware, long-time STCEVC members and Neskowin residents Marge Jozsa and Dan Sheridan moved out of the area. Marge and Dan were a driving force in the development and success of the organization, and the community owes them much gratitude for their contributions. New STCEVC President Dave Sears and Vice-President Katrina Hull are committed to continuing the work of their predecessors by educating and supporting community-based emergency preparedness efforts and preparing our south county communities for any disaster.

This past winter's heavy snowfall left many in south county without power and, just as critically, without cell phone service. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers with GMRS and amateur radios ensured their local neighborhoods could contact emergency services if that need had arisen. Being prepared for communications disruptions is important. STCEVC provides information, training, and even GMRS radio giveaways at select events. Visit our website where you can find training material and download our emergency communications brochure.

One of our volunteers recently noticed missing tsunami signage in the village. It is unfortunate that some people have decided to "appropriate" these signs as souvenirs. We are working to replace the missing signs and harden all remaining signage with tamper-resistant fasteners.

STCEVC is in the process of updating its website, www.southtillamookcountyevc.org

Please bear with us while this effort is underway. If you have questions about the organization, any upcoming events we'll be attending, or how to become a member, use the Contact Us link on our website.

Our CERT meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, 5:00PM – 6:30PM, at the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District Station 87, 30710 U.S. Hwy 101 S, Hebo, OR. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Be sure to visit the STCEVC table this summer at the following local events and get all the information you need to be prepared and resilient.

Dory Days July 14 - 16

Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Dr, Pacific City, OR 97135

Clover's Day July date TBD

Cloverdale, OR

Emergency Preparedness Fair September date TBD

Nestucca Valley K-8 School, 36925 U.S. Hwy 101 S, Cloverdale, OR 97112

Please volunteer and do your part to keep our Neskowin community safe and prepared. Emergency preparedness is a cornerstone of resiliency!

Neskowin Valley School Grateful for Support from the Neskowin Community Association

By Emily Bailey

As Neskowin Valley School celebrates its 50th anniversary, the leadership at NVS is looking ahead to secure the next fifty years of joyful learning. To best serve its students, families, and community, Neskowin Valley School has designed the *When Children Thrive* capital campaign. The vision of the campaign is to continue to deliver a strong PreK program to the community, expand the capacity of students it can support, and to create a multipurpose space for the arts and gatherings.

In honor of both the Neskowin Community Association and Neskowin Valley School's commitment to the Oregon Coast community, the NCA recently pledged to support the *When Children Thrive* capital campaign. The NCA's commitment to the campaign will support community spaces such as a multipurpose space for the arts and gatherings as well as renovations to the outdoor playground. All funds raised will help launch NVS into the next 50 years with renewed strength, continued innovation, and the capacity to respond to each student's curiosity to learn. Neskowin Valley School is grateful for the support from the Neskowin Community Association and looks forward to developing a long-lasting partnership.

Please stay connected on exciting new developments as the *Where Children Thrive* capital campaign progresses or would like to be involved, please contact Sari Tullis, Head of School at sari@neskowinvalleyschool.com or 503-392-3124.

Yard Debris Burn Pile Memorial Weekend

By Frank Schmidt, NCA Board Member

This year, NCA again will have a burn pile south of the village. Drop-off times will be between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm, on Saturday, May 27. We will have volunteers in trucks driving around the village picking up yard debris and collecting donations to the NCA.

The burn pile event is one of our major fundraising opportunities as we kick off our summer season. It's a great way to spruce up your cottage and dispose of your yard debris and make a donation that will be used to benefit the community and local charitable organizations.

We accept yard debris that will burn. Anything not burnable or with more sand than burnable material will be left behind or turned away. If you have Scotch Broom plants on your property, we encourage you to cut those plants to ground level and bring the cuttings to the burn pile or call for pickup. For pickup, contact Frank at 503-704-5800. If no answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

This event requires monumental effort by many volunteers who plan on working through all weather conditions. Last year's volunteers spent the day in the rain and knee-deep mud. Thank you in advance to all the volunteers who will make this event a success.

Trash to Treasure 2023

By Lauri Braich

YOUR TRASH....MY TREASURE! It's time to clean out your cabin, house, garage, attic, shed or storage unit! The annual Neskowin Community Association Trash to Treasure community sale event will be held in the parking lot east of the Wayside on Saturday May 27 from 9 am to 1 pm.

NCA volunteers are eager to accept items for our annual yard sale. Donations will assure we have many treasures available for purchase. Pick ups are available for those who are unable to bring an item to the Trash to Treasure site. For Pick ups or questions contact : Lauri Braich 541-390-2701.

This event is a Neskowin Community Association fundraiser.....your NCA. It's great fun dumping and shopping. Please drop off your unwanted items, make a donation, and shop. You may find a treasure.

Cash donations are strongly encouraged at the time of pick up, drop off and after shopping.

NCA will have a dumpster* available at the site for unusable items. We especially thank our Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service and David McCall Tillamook Solid Waste Manager for sponsoring the cost of the dumpster. The entire Neskowin community greatly appreciates this!

(* Mattresses, sofas and tires cannot be placed in the dumpster. Oil and gas must be drained from lawnmowers and tools.)

Thank you to all the great volunteers who help with this event every year and for your support of Trash to Treasure.

It's gonna be fun!



NCA Tournament Weekend July 28-30

By Susan Linman

Golfers or not – Mark your calendars! The Neskowin Community Association will host its 2023 Tournament Weekend the last weekend in July.

This fun weekend is NCA's primary fundraising event. From these funds, NCA awards grants to important organizations and initiatives in our area. Last year, NCA grants supported these groups:

Education: Neskowin Valley School

Emergency Preparedness: South Tillamook Emergency Volunteer Corps

Food Insecurity: Nestucca Valley Backpack program

Literacy: South County Library Association

Community Organization Support: Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee

We have a terrific team and we're well underway with planning and preparation for our 2023 Tournament Weekend. Several managers are sharing responsibilities for this year's events:

Robin Crowell: Food and Beverage

Kelli Leisure: Raffle and Auction

Raffle Manager - Kacey Joyce

Silent Auction Managers – Gail Swanson and Kathleen Brown

Oral Auction Manager – Mary Anne Earls

Lisa Miller: Golf Scramble, Golf Skills Contest, Bocce, Corn Hole, Awards

Susan Linman: Communication, Marketing, Finance, Setup/Teardown

This event requires a lot of work. Volunteers are welcome!

If you want to help, please contact Susan Linman (susanlinman@gmail.com).

Weekend Overview

Thursday: Silent Auction set up and ready for viewing.

Friday: Potluck dinner – Raffle – Wall of Wine – Bocce Tournament

Saturday: Golf Scramble – Golf Skills Contest – Corn Hole Tournament

Sunday: Golf Scramble – Catered Lunch – Awards – Silent Auction Closes – Oral Auction

Wondering how to register your team for the golf scramble? You can register any of the following ways:

- At the NBGC Clubhouse
- Online at the NCA website
- By mail to PO Box 820, Neskowin, OR 97149
- At the Annual Community Meeting on Sunday 5/28

The success of this event depends on donations to the Wall of Wine, Raffle, Silent Auction and Oral Auction. We thank everyone for your generosity. For the wall of wine, raffle and silent auction, we are in need of bottles of wine, unique items and themed baskets. For the oral auction, we will appreciate donations of art pieces and other treasures created by our Neskowin friends.

With your help, we hope to present an exciting and successful weekend. If you have donations- wine, cash, raffle and auction items, please contact Kelli Leisure (dkleisure@yahoo.com) or Gail Swanson (gail.c.swanson@gmail.com).

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at our Tournament Weekend.

NVS Summer Day Camp Keeps Kids Moving, Learning, and Exploring This Summer!

Neskowin Valley School is offering Summer Day Camp (SDC) to all kids for an adventurous, imaginative, and educational summer! Neskowin Valley School SDC offers unique experiences to explore NVS's five-acre campus, meet new friends, and create memories to last a lifetime. Through six themed weeks, campers will enjoy STEM challenges, imaginative play, reading, hands-on gardening experiences, and field trips! Sign up today to join our close, caring community. Space is limited, visit www.neskowinvalleyschool.com to register today!

Dates & Rates

June 26-29:	Week 1:	Animal Planet
July 3-6:	Week 2:	Garden Camp
July 10-13:	Week 3:	Imagination Station
July 17-20:	Week 4:	Under The Sea
July 24-27:	Week 5:	Garden Camp
July 31-Aug. 3:	Week 6:	Around The World
August 3:	Community Celebration Open to the Public	

Pick and choose your own weeks! \$375 per week
Discounts for NVS students & financial aid available
info@neskowinvalleyschool.com
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Fireworks return to Neskowin!

By Lucas Parelius

Date: Saturday July 1, 2023

Time: 10:00 pm

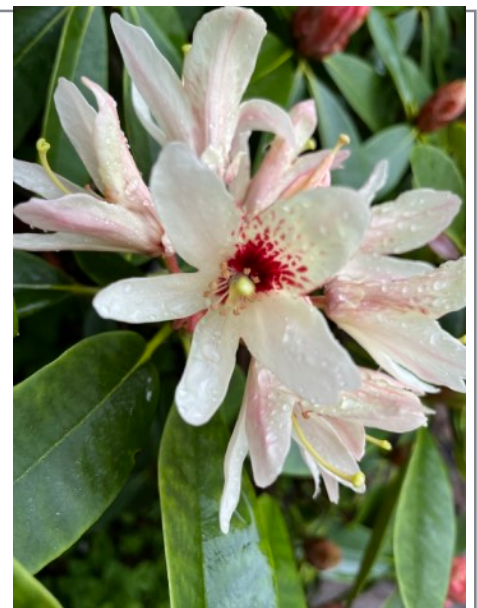
Location: In front of Proposal Rock

2023 Fundraising Update

We have \$8,000 more to raise. If you enjoyed last year's show, please contribute. We'd love your support to ensure the fireworks are here to stay! Thank you to all who have donated already!

Donation options

- Venmo - @neskowin-fireworks
- Credit card - text Lucas (408) 786-7467 for a secure link to pay via Square
- Check - payable to "Neskowin Fireworks LLC" and mailed to:
Lucas Parelius
3316 NW 104th Circle
Vancouver, WA 98685
- Cash - donation jars will be at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course and the Hawk Creek Cafe beginning June 26.



Editor's Note: This is not an NCA-sponsored event. NCA has no affiliation with Neskowin Fireworks LLC. The above information has not been verified by NCA.

Neskowin Is For the Birds!

By Matt Gill and Marilyn Affolter

All Bird Photos courtesy of Marilyn Affolter

In the birdwatching world, Neskowin is considered to be one of the hotspots along the Oregon Coast. More than 200 species of birds make Neskowin their seasonal home along the Pacific Flyway, a major migration route stretching from the Arctic to South America. Every year hundreds of “birders” come to walk our roads and get a sighting.

Numerous birds come to Neskowin to breed and raise their young. During early spring the songs of the Red-winged Blackbird are a sure sign that warmer days are coming. A variety of Warblers, Finches, Swallows, Wrens, and Bluebirds thrive in the Neskowin habitat. Among the Sparrows feeding on the ground are the White-Crowned Sparrows, considered vulnerable due to loss of habitat elsewhere. The small Rufous Hummingbird darts around the foliage. Quick little ball-shaped Bushtits frequent our area and also are vulnerable due to habitat changes elsewhere, which makes it vital to preserve our bird habitat. Every now and then a “rare bird alert” goes out. For example, the infrequent Palm Warbler usually resides on the east coast and was seen last summer on the golf course.



In the winter as the golf course floods, Neskowin becomes a natural refuge for a wide variety of water fowl. Hundreds of ducks and geese find a home on this open wetland, including mallards, teals, widgeons, buffleheads, pintails, shovelers and a wide variety of geese. The familiar Greater Canadian Goose is just one of several species that love “Lake Neskowin”. Not as familiar is the Aleutian Goose of the Semidi Island of Alaska. These rare geese, with an entire population of 140 known birds, make a 1400-mile journey each fall to a nearby field on the Oregon Coast. They have been spotted on the golf course along with Cackling and Dusky Geese.

In an effort to support our bird populations, the Neskowin Beach Golf Course has co-sponsored a *World Migratory Bird Day in the Americas* event with the US Fish & Wildlife Service twice in the pre-pandemic past. NBGC also builds ten bluebird houses each year.

Matt Gill, long time Neskowin community member, golfer and birder describes it this way: “Neskowin is truly a haven for all, and a wonderful wildlife resource. As an avid birder, it is one of my favorite areas along the coast and I regularly count more birds here than most other places where I go birding. As one can see, the golf course is not just for golf but is one of the Oregon Coast’s best birding spots. Where else can you see hundreds of birds without ever leaving the road?”



Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) Update

By Randall Koch, Chair NCAC

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) met in February and April with attendance of 114 and 30 respectively. Business on the February agenda focused first on the Short Term Rental Sub committee of the NCAC and their report and in April the emphasis was on voting in a Nominations Committee for the June officer elections and updating and finalizing bylaw changes from the last four years. A Special Meeting planned for May 13 will seek to approve a Community Plan Survey Review Committee and will include another bylaw iteration regarding the Communications Coordinator, an appointed administrative position, and how it works relative to the Secretary's functions.

The Neskowin Community Plan also has been gaining momentum lately as, after two years of Informational Town Halls to help the community better understand the Land Use Goals that drive Land Use decisions, we are reviewing a baseline survey which will help assess how the community responds to the Land Use Goals of the State in regard to Neskowin. When the Community Plan Survey is responded to by the majority of Neskowin residents, property owners and business owners, the next phase of community involvement will involve public meetings on each goal/topic.

The officers of the NCAC have organized proceedings to date and created the baseline for a survey, but based on input at the April meeting, a new committee will be developed to review and fine tune the survey prior to being made available to the community. The Chair asked the community over three years ago for volunteers to assist in organizing the Community Plan and only one other person stepped up, fellow officer and NCAC Treasurer, Chris Silkowski. The NCAC Chair, along with Chris, and assistance from Brenda Freshman (Survey Consultant) volunteered their time to help organize the Community Plan and we have prepared the work to date (e.g., Informational Town Halls and the Survey).

In June, the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be voted on. The Nominations Committee is asking interested individuals to provide a statement of qualifications for serving as an officer of the NCAC, including an explanation of the individual's connection with the community and vision of the future of our community and the NCAC. The specifics of submitting materials can be found at the NCAC website: neskowincac.org.

A notice of the May 13 Special Meeting will be emailed to the NCAC mailing list of over 700 Neskowin residents who signed up for notices over the last three years. Please plan to join us on Zoom!

Neskowin Farmers Market 2023

By Rachel Pettit and Jake Simondet, Market Managers

The 13th season of the Neskowin Farmers Market will begin on Saturday, May 20th at our idyllic, pastoral site in the Hawk Creek Valley on the east side Hwy 101 (Thank you, Alexis and Chris Tate and Proposals!) The Market will continue to offer a wide variety of locally grown and sourced products including fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, pastured meats, dory caught fish, jams and flowers. Herbal and body care products lovingly made with ingredients grown and foraged in our coastal environs will be available each week.

Beverages include wine and spirits, grown and aged in Oregon and coffee roasted on the coast. A rotating schedule of talented, local artisans will offer ceramics, hand woven rugs, crocheted dolls, animals and baskets, jewelry and leather goods, among other works of art. Hot and cold prepared foods will be there to purchase for your picnic lunch on the beach or at the market while you enjoy the live music performed by talented musicians. The rotating Community Booth will provide information about the work, events and outreach of organizations in our neighborhood. Please visit our website, neskowinfarmersmarket.com for a complete list of our vendors and schedule. Are you interested in volunteering at the market? Email Rachel and Jake at neskowinfarmersmarket@gmail.com. See you at the market on Saturdays between 9am and 1pm!



Corvus Landing Market Crew 2022

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Memorial Day Weekend Activities

5/27	Trash 2 Treasures	9am-1 pm wayside (see page 3)
5/27	Yard debris burn	8am-12pm (see page 3)
5/27	Kids activities	2pm-6pm golf course
5/27	Music	5pm-7pm at golf course
5/28	Community meeting	4pm fire station
5/28	NBGC update meeting	5:30 after community meeting at golf course



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