



Neskowin Community Association

Neskowin Village Voice



August 2023

President's Message



Photo: Cameron Nagel

Happy summer to the NCA community. What can we say but WOW WHAT A GREAT SUMMER!

The weather has been beyond spectacular. Whether you are playing golf, visiting the farmers market or practicing yoga on the beach it has been beautiful!

We kicked off summer with our Memorial Day weekend events including the Burn Pile and debris pick-up, and our fun Trash-to-Treasures community yard sale. We thank Lauri and Frank and all the volunteers who made these events a success.

Thank you to the Walton family for organizing the fourth of July walk about. The weather was perfect for a fantastic display of enthusiastic walkers and fun floats! Many thanks to the Myers family for organizing and managing the castles and kites event. There were 27 creative sand sculptures and three beautiful kites.

The last weekend of July, our community and family and friends came together for NCA's biggest fundraising event. The NCA Board is excited to tell you this was the most successful fundraiser ever. In case you are not familiar with this three-day "FUNdraiser",

here are the details. Set up was managed by Gail and Tim and a team of hard-working volunteers. Thanks to all the heavy lifters Jeff, Tracey, Frank, Tina, and Ran. Tablecloths were provided by Susan A and kept clean by Lauri and Meri. Thank you, Christi, for all those beautiful flowers.

Our Tournament Weekend began on Friday with a picnic and raffle drawings. Thank you to Kacey and her team for setting up and managing the raffle of over fifty items. Gail and Kathleen worked diligently setting up the silent and live auction items. Thanks to Mimi and Kristen for their help. Kelli managed our wall-of-wine, a quick sell-out on Friday evening. It takes participation from the entire community to pull this event off. The NCA provided beverages and we thank Colleen and Russ for many deliveries of ice.

Professional servers Gail and Kathleen kept the beverages flowing. Thank you to all the donors who brought items for the raffle. Thanks to John and Mimi for donating the mystery bottle wine prize. Our bocce/petanque tournament was hosted and managed by Jack and Lisa and their games committee with special guidance from Alex.

The golf tournament began Saturday morning. This year we had a record 30 teams. There were men's, women's, mixed and senior teams. There was a continental breakfast and plenty of coffee. Thank you, Shelley and Jody. The scramble team outfits were amazing. Next year's event might include a competition for best dressed team. A new challenge to the scramble was the tee busters strategy. Jack and Lisa did an amazing job running the golf tournament. Thanks also to Gary and John our starters who kept everyone moving.



Photo: Patti Ihnat

President's Message Continued on page 2

President's Message Continued from page 1

Saturday afternoon was the golf skills challenge and cornhole tournament. Thank you again, Jack and Lisa and your games team! Fun times and the participants and audience loved these events.

Sunday continued the golf scramble. Following the finish, a Hawaiian buffet was available. The food, provided by Frank from Oceans Apart, was outstanding. (We've already booked them for next year's event.)

Our auction committees acquired and prepared amazing items for the silent and live auctions. Thank you to Gail, Kathleen, Susan and Lisa! Our professional auctioneer Cory did a great job and we had a fun time bidding against each other to raise as much money as we could. There are so many people and businesses to thank for your generous donations of items for the silent and live auction. THANK YOU! There were trips, experiences, art, bar essentials and gardening baskets. Too many things to list. We have truly talented and passionate community members who graciously and generously support this event year after year.

The NCA also thanks the Neskowin Beach Golf Course, Missy and the team for their continued support of this important community event. Thank you Sean, Johnny, Mike, Curt, Brandon and Patrick.

Special thank you to Susan Linman for all the accounting and auction listings management- what a big job! and thanks to Mary Anne for preparing the live auction item description cards. The NCA Board cannot thank the community enough. We hope we have not missed anyone. We appreciate everyone and everything that helped us achieve our greatest fundraising weekend yet.

Remember to put next year's Tournament Weekend on your calendar! 2024 Tournament Weekend July 26-28

These NCA fundraising events support our community in many ways. The money we raise together has been reinvested in the community by funding local charities and nonprofit organizations and improvements benefitting the community. The NCA has provided grants to the schools, literacy program, backpack program, arts, and the emergency volunteer corps. We have contributed funds for the emergency egress road, tsunami trail bridge reconstruction, beach access improvements and more. We work with the County to provide garbage containers and porta potties during the summer months. These are YOUR contributions at work and we thank you for your continuing support.

We hope to see everyone at the Labor Day weekend community meeting on Sunday, September 3 at 4 pm at the fire station.

-Robin Crowell, NCA Board President



Don Graber and his very own tractor bobblehead! Many thanks to Don for years of work at the NBGC

Photo: Patti Ihnat



Thanks to Jim and Marilyn Affolter for cleaning up the beach near Proposal Rock after the illegal fireworks on July 4th!!

Photos: Marilyn Affolter



The beach was very busy July 4th with the Sandcastle Competition and Kite Flying. Photo: Lisa Miller

Neskowin Farmers' Market

By Rachel Pettit, Market Manager

It's been another great season for the Neskowin Farmers Market! Hundreds of shoppers every week continue to support local farms, food producers, artisans, artists, musicians and community organizations. A successful farmers market may seem like just a marketplace for simple purchases - a few groceries for tonight's dinner, a snack before heading on to the next stop, a gift for a friend - but the benefits ripple throughout a small community like ours in intangible ways as well: relationships built over months and years of small interactions, a place to feel welcome and included, lifelong memories of a trip to the coast.

When we come together on a Saturday

morning to support the folks who grow and prepare good food, when we come together to support the folks who create art and music, that's the magic of a farmers market.

But a market doesn't "just happen"! Market managers Jake and Rachel thank the Neskowin Farmers Market Board for their expertise and guidance, Proposals for All for hosting us in such a beautiful outdoor setting, all the vendors, community organizations and musicians without whom the market cannot exist, and the dedicated volunteers who help keep us all safe in the parking lot and well caffeinated! We deeply appreciate our neighbors and the NCA for supporting the market throughout the years. Whether you're in it for the veggies, the stone fruit, the pickles or the fish, we'll keep seeing you until our 2023 season closes on September 30. Be well and thank you for your support!



Neskowin Farmers Market is located east of Hwy 101 each Saturday from 9-1.

Photo: Rachel Pettit



Photo: Rachel Pettit

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) is an organization dedicated to promoting communications between citizens in the Neskowin area and governmental bodies on land use, safety and other relevant community issues. The officers and subcommittee members are volunteers who are responsible for listening to the input and feedback of residents, businesses and property owners then reporting that to the community. When the full NCAC, through public meetings, makes a decision, then the NCAC advocates for those decisions to County, State or Federal agencies.

Activities undertaken and issues considered by the NCAC in the last few months have included the following:

- Created a Community Plan Survey Review Committee to review the "draft" of the Community Plan Survey.
- Conducted a review of the "draft" Community Plan Survey.
- Compiled, reviewed and reported on County land use actions in the area.

Membership is open to all legal residents of the United States who are at least 18 years old and who reside in, own property in, or are a business owner or operator within the area of responsibility which includes Cannery Hill to the north and Slab Creek Road to the south. The NCAC meets at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of every other month. The next regular meeting is Saturday, October 14, 2023. Meetings are held via Zoom. To attend and participate in the meetings on Zoom, register in advance on the NCAC website at: [https:// www.neskowincac.org](https://www.neskowincac.org). We hope you'll join us!

-Mark Everett Chair, Alex Clark Vice-Chair, Jeff Weitzel Secretary, Chris Silkowski Treasurer

Seeking Volunteers to Collect Water Samples

By Sarah J. Norrbom

The Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council (NNSLWC) is seeking volunteers to collect water samples in Sand Lake, and in the tributaries of the Little Nestucca and Big Nestucca Rivers.



The water samples are used to monitor E. coli levels. E. coli monitoring is important because it is a way to indicate possible wastewater and other pollutant sources which could harm the health of the public and the environment. Our monitoring program allows us to advise the public of contamination, helping to reduce exposure and understand the long-term trends of E. coli in our waterways. NNSLWC is currently monitoring 21 creeks in the Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake areas. This is a continuous monitoring project with samples being collected every other week on Wednesday mornings.

Through the dedicated work of volunteers, we can improve the environmental health of our watersheds to benefit those who live and work within their boundaries and the fish and wildlife that depend on them. We hope you will consider volunteering with NNSLWC to be a vital part of protecting water quality.

If you are interested in being part of the water quality monitoring program or would like to be on our emailing list to be informed of volunteer opportunities, news, and events hosted by NNSLWC, please contact us at nnwc2@nestuccawaters.org or at nnsllwc@gmail.com. You can also reach us by phone at (503) 965-2200.

- Sarah J. Norrbom, Monitoring and Outreach Coordinator for Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council

Neskowin Valley School

By Sari Tullis, Head of School

On August 5, Neskowin Valley School hosted our Neskowin Farm and Feast Food and Wine Festival fundraising event at our beautiful campus. More than 45 local vendors including farms, restaurants,



Photo: Jennifer Marshall

wineries, breweries, and other beverage businesses shared their products and expertise with over 150 members of the Neskowin community. Guests spent the afternoon tasting, sipping, and savoring. NVS is grateful for all the vendors, volunteers, and guests who helped make Neskowin Farm and Feast a huge success. The festival raised over \$5,000 to support a one of a kind education for students on the Oregon Coast!



Photo: Jennifer Marshall

Don't miss out next summer! Mark your calendar for August 3, 2024, and join us next year for our third annual Neskowin Farm and Feast!

More info about Neskowin Valley School available at neskowinvalleyschool.com

South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps

The past year has seen several changes affecting the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC). There are new members in the leadership of the STCEVC. The current Board of Directors is listed below:

David Sears	President
Katrina Hull	Vice President
Stephanie Starostka Welch	Secretary
Katrina Hull	Treasurer, Interim
Shane Stuart	Director, Cloverdale (Primary Contact)
Michael Boyle	Director, Neskowin
Gary Billingsley	Director, Neskowin (Primary Contact)
Seth Belsey	Director, Pacific City (Primary Contact)
Gail Saxton	Director, Tierra del Mar (Primary Contact)
David Yamamoto	Director
Sarah Absher	Advisory Member
NRFPD Chief Jim Oeder	Advisory Member
Misty Wharton	Advisory Member

The primary contacts for each community have been noted above. These board members can take your ideas or concerns about emergency preparedness to the board for consideration. They're also available to help answer any questions about STCEVC activities within the communities.

The STCEVC leadership transition has been more time-consuming and challenging than anyone had imagined. For that reason, we're unable to hold Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training this year. However, our CERT meetings are now open to anyone. You don't have to be an active CERT member to attend. 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.

A recent opportunity to obtain emergency supplies from the ODHS Office of Resilience and Emergency Management for the Hillcrest emergency supply shed unfortunately met a stumbling block when the primary OREM contact left the agency. However, STCEVC has not given up the pursuit of obtaining State and County funding for our shed program. In the meantime, several Hillcrest neighbors have generously donated supplies. Special thanks go to Gary Dunn and Penny Storrey for their donations.

A location has been found for an emergency supply shed for the South Beach neighborhood. We hope to begin building soon – more details to follow. We're also looking for a location in Hawk Creek Hills. If you have a small corner of property and you're willing to host a shed, please contact me.

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

Neskowin Fireworks Show 2023

By Lucas Parelius and Mark Parelius

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the 2023 fireworks show possible! If you weren't able to join us for the show on Saturday July 1, we made a highlight video for all to enjoy. Search "2023 Neskowin Firework Show Highlights" on YouTube to view the show's highlights.

We are always looking for volunteers. Putting on this show is quite a production, and it's a fun and unique experience! If you'd like to assist with the 2024 show, please reach contact Lucas Parelius by phone 4087867467 or email lparelius93@gmail.com.

The 2024 show will be on July 4, 2024, at 10 pm. See you next year!

NESKOWIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PO Box 820 NESKOWIN, OR 97149

Web: www.neskowincommunity.org

Password: fish

Annual Membership Dues \$40 May to May

NCA BOARD OFFICERS & MEMBERS

Robin Crowell, President

Patti Ihnat Vice President

Kacey Joyce, Secretary

Susan Linman, Treasurer

Tracey Hauth

Randall Koch

Kelli Leisure

Lisa Miller

Missy Moss

Frank Schmidt

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Patti Ihnat, Voice Editor

Ran Koch, Voice Publisher

Jeff Linman, Webmaster

contact us: ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org



Photo: Patti Ihnat

Dangerous actions, intentional or not, put the community at risk.

This fire was ignited around midnight on Saturday, August 5, in the dumpster at the Mt. Angel beach access. Dangerous, thoughtless actions resulted in a fire that put members of our community at risk. Please remind your friends, family, renters, and visitors about the proper use of our summer dumpsters and the dangers of fires near beach grass. These dumpsters are provided for beachgoer trash, not household trash, not fireworks, and not hot coals or other burning debris.

-NCA Board



Neskowin Community Association

PO Box 820 Neskowin, OR
97149