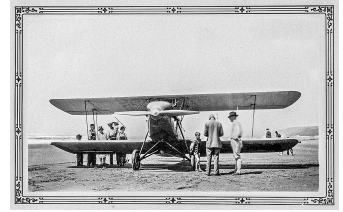




Neskowin Village Voice

Neskowin Community Association



May 2024

President's Message

Robin Crowell, NCA Board President

Hello Neskowin Community and welcome to spring and summer 2024! We are excited to begin another season with all of our neighbors.

In this first NCA newsletter of the year, you will find articles about upcoming events and other informative information. The organizers of this year's NCA events invite you to participate and volunteer! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing everyone around the village.

Have a fantastic time this summer!



By Jody Stager and Kristen Shelley

The NCA Cottage Walk is BACK! After a 6 year hiatus, the much-loved Neskowin Village Cottage Walk has returned. On Saturday, July 20, 2024 our friends and neighbors have graciously volunteered opening their wonderful homes to benefit the NCA.

11:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday, July 20, 2024
Ticket Cost: \$30.00

Buy your ticket at these Locations: Trash to Treasure Event , Neskowin Farmers Market, Hawk Creek Art Gallery.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact:
ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org

Trash to Treasure

Laurie Braich, Trash to Treasure Event Chair

YOUR TRASH.....MY TREASURE! It's time to clean out your cabin, house, garage, attic, shed or storage unit. Whatever it is, **WE WANT IT!!!!** The annual Neskowin Community Association Trash to Treasure will be held in the parking lot east of the wayside on Saturday May 25 from 9 am to 1 pm. NCA will have a dumpster available for items with no resale value (no mattresses, remove all oil and gas from lawnmowers, and no tires). Couches can be sold but are not allowed in the dumpster. NCA volunteers are eager to accept items for our yard sale. Donations will assure lots of treasures available to be purchased at this year's sale!

Pick ups are available if unable to bring items to the site. For pick ups contact: Lauri Braich 541-390-2701.

This is a Neskowin Community Association Fundraiser. Cash donations are encouraged at the time of pick up and drop off, and after shopping.

Thank you for supporting Trash to Treasure! A Special Thank You to Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service for sponsoring the cost of the dumpster. The entire Neskowin community greatly appreciates this! And, it's great fun dumping and shopping!

Photo above: Was this pilot lost, or did he run out of gas? His biplane drew lots of attention when it landed on Neskowin's beach. Date unknown. (Hepburn Family)

Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee Update

By Mark Everett, NCAC Chair

The Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee has been very engaged in efforts to grow as an organization while at the same time meeting one of its biggest charges, revising the community plan. The realization that the overwhelming majority of NCAC meetings must be conducted in accordance with Oregon Public Meeting Law has brought about significant changes for the NCAC. Meetings are noticed on the NCAC website two weeks in advance, are recorded, allow for public comment and anyone can attend via zoom. We have seen an increase in participation at the general meetings and at the three ongoing committee meetings which are the Bylaws Committee, the Community Plan Steering Committee and the Executive Committee.

Briefly, the Bylaws Committee is undertaking a complete revision of the current NCAC Bylaws. There has been a keen interest in this across the community with considerable feedback and input from members over the course of many meetings. The document is nearing completion and will be voted on at the NCAC meeting on May 11. The Community Plan Steering Committee is revising the current community plan, last completed in 1999-2001. This plan is a roadmap for the community that documents the wishes and intent of its citizens regarding land use issues. Some of the areas covered in the plan include livability, residential and business growth, and attention to environmental issues.

The NCAC Executive Committee meets monthly to coordinate the actions for holding membership and committee meetings and to ensure all are working in the best interests of both the membership and the community.

Membership is free and 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 NCAC's area of responsibility. We invite and encourage all who are interested to access the NCAC website at neskowincac.org. There you will find information about the NCAC including all upcoming meeting dates and times.

We hope to see you soon!

Emergency Supply Sheds

By Gary Billingsley, Board Member, South Tillamook Emergency Volunteer Corps

When individuals and families arrive at tsunami evacuation assembly areas they will need food, water and medical supplies. To meet these needs the South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC) has undertaken a project to build emergency supply sheds at all the coastal assembly areas. Residents near the sheds will be asked to provide input about the proposed sheds including color and location. Everyone is encouraged to participate in construction.

The content of the sheds will be available to those who arrive at the tsunami evacuation assembly areas. Our goal is to supply these sheds with food, water, medical supplies, emergency communication equipment and sanitary/hygiene supplies to support 50 people for three weeks.

To date STCEVC has completed four emergency supply sheds, two in Neskowin and two in Tierra del Mar. The Neskowin sheds are located at the Hill Crest Dr and South Beach Rd tsunami evacuation assembly areas. Two more sheds are planned for Neskowin, in Hawk Creek Hills and Sahali South.

Supplies for the completed sheds are currently being ordered, with the first deliveries expected before the end of April. The initial focus of procurement is on items needed to sustain evacuees for the first 24 hours. As more funds become available to STCEVC the supply cache will grow over the next few months to our stated goal.

Having a supply shed near you does not mitigate the need to bring your Go Bag with you in an emergency. Individual preparedness begins with a Go Bag that should contain items to sustain one person for 72-hours of survival.

To learn about the recommended items for your Go Bag, see the STCEVC website at <https://southillamookcountyevc.org/go-bags/>

Neskowin Beach Golf Course Update

By Missy Moss, Neskowin Beach Golf Course Clubhouse Manager

Neskowin Beach Golf Course is ready to swing into the season. We will kick things off with the annual Memorial Day sign painting event on Saturday, May 25 from 1-3:30 pm. Start your creative juices and please come to continue our Neskowin community tradition. Local artists will be around to help. Cost is \$20 per sign with all supplies included.

Next we will swing into the season with music on the patio Saturday, May 25 from 5-7 pm with a DJ playing music and getting us dancing the evening away.

All other events and activities for the season will be posted on social media, signs around the village and emails to our members and guests.

NBGC's annual ASK campaign and updated membership and season pass dues will be mailed out in early May. If you have not received your packet in the mail, please contact Missy at missy.nbgc@gmail.com.

Currently, we do not have a golf course opening date. Hoping for a nice dry Spring.

NBGC looks forward to seeing you all this season.



Dairy cows grazed between Highway 101 and the 8th fairway of Neskowin Beach Golf Course in 1957. (Howatt Family photo.)

Historic Photos of Neskowin Book Project

By Cameron Nagel

You've probably seen historic photos of Neskowin displayed on the walls of friends' homes and cottages. Realizing additional images must still exist in family photo albums, a small group of Neskowin residents* gathered to discuss the idea of publishing a photographic history of Neskowin from the 1880s through the 1960s. We decided a pictorial book format could offer a visual evolution of Neskowin, and thereby illustrate the decades of past events and memories as captured by the cameras of our friends and neighbors.

In hopes of unearthing long-forgotten images, we contacted fellow residents ... and the response has been phenomenal. Thrilled friends and families near and far have enthusiastically submitted over 500 images to our book committee for consideration. Thank you for your willingness to share your cherished photographs!

The book will include images of homesteaders, the Neskowin Inn and campground, store and gas station, golf course, horse stables, and of course historic cottages and beach scenes. Each picture in the book will be captioned with a detailed description including the year photographed, and a photo credit.

If you have photographs, post cards, or ephemera you'd like us to consider, please contact Jim Affolter, Michael Schlicting, Cathy Benneth, or Cameron Nagel.

Please join us on Friday, June 21 from 4-5pm at Michael Schlicting's Hawk Creek Gallery for a presentation of the project, including a preview of images you've probably never seen before!

*Book committee members: Jim Affolter, Michael Schlicting, Cathy Carver Benneth, Jody Stager, Cameron Nagel, Stephen Beckham.



From the 1930s through the 1940s Neskowin had its own gas station across the highway from the store. (Kanoff Family photo.)

Watershed Council Update

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

Happy Spring Neskowin Neighbors! Natalie Nites joined the Nestucca, Neskowin, and Sand Lake Watersheds Council in February as our new Monitoring and Outreach Coordinator. See her Bio on our website (<https://nestuccawaters.org/>). Natalie is coordinating our Expanded Water Quality Monitoring program that relies on volunteers in the Neskowin and other watersheds to collect biweekly water samples for bacteria (E. coli) at sites that include Butte, Hawk, and Neskowin Creeks in and around the village. We currently have a host of great volunteers but would like to add some substitutes to our ranks to help cover vacations, travel, and other needs – if you have interest in assisting with this please contact Natalie at nnwc2@nestuccawaters.org or by phone at (503) 965-2200!



Here's an update on the two projects at Sutton Creek. The first will replace two undersized culverts on South Beach Road with bridges to enhance passage for coho and other aquatic species, pass high flows better, and allow for improved ecological function. We have engineering plans and designs nearly completed and recently closed the funding gap with a forthcoming Private Forest Accord Grant so that we can implement the project during this summer's in-water work period (July 1 - September 15). The other project is focused on Proposal Rock Loop and plans and designs for the replacement of two culverts (the bottom one was breached in 2021 after floodwaters caused damage to numerous homes) were completed by Stillwater Sciences last June. We've applied for 10 separate grants to fund construction for one or both culverts, have been awarded one grant, decisions are pending for six, and have one upcoming pre-application in the works. It's an important project and we will keep working to close the funding gap!

We can also report that the Neskowin beaver plan work we did with some of you and other partners including ODFW, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, and The Beaver Coalition (now Project Beaver) to help guide beaver management actions in and around Kiwanda, Butte, and Hawk Creeks finally resulted in the completed plan: Beavers in Neskowin A Collaborative Beaver Plan for Hawk Creek (it does address the other creeks too). The plan can guide us in monitoring beaver activity, managing active beaver dams, and in seeking to create upstream habitats where they can live with fewer direct conflicts with humans and our human properties. As I noted in a previous update, "beaver create important rearing habitat for juvenile salmon, steelhead and trout, and they enrich waterways and wetlands ecologically, at least, where they have a historical presence as opposed to being newly introduced (such as in Patagonia)."

You must have noticed all the surveying attention to the Highway 101 crossing of Butte Creek. ODOT is developing plans and designs for bridge to replace the 110-foot-long culvert with a bridge, with construction estimated to occur in 2026. See the project site at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22419>. NNSLWC completed 60+percent designs (not construction ready) for replacement of the culvert under Sunbow Drive just upstream from the ODOT crossing last May and it is working to develop a funding plan that will allow us to press ahead with their completion and develop a war chest (\$) to fund construction at some point in the next several years. Since we replaced the old wooden bridge upstream of the North Coast Land Conservancy property in 2022, completion of the Highway 101 and Sunbow Drive culverts will complete fish passage on Butte Creek!

Summer Day Camp at Neskowin Valley School

By the NVS Board

Neskowin Valley School is offering Summer Day Camp to all kids entering Pre-kindergarten through 8th Grade who are looking for an adventurous imaginative, and educational summer experience. With six themed weeks to choose from, campers will experience a variety of activities on the 5-acre NVS campus as well as a field trip each week. For more information, visit the NVS website or contact Kirsten at 503-392-3124.

Neskowin Community Plan Values Meetings coming in May —Let’s talk!

By Randall Koch, Chair, Neskowin CPSC

The unincorporated village of Neskowin is required by Tillamook County to develop and periodically review our community plan that reflects its values and recommendations for land use and how other government agencies impact our community. In addition, the plan reflects any changes in our community that should be recorded for guidance on future decisions that may impact all of Neskowin.

The Neskowin Community Plan Steering Committee has begun the public portion of this review process by holding meetings in a hybrid format (live and on Zoom) at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course (NBGC) Club House to review and edit the existing Community Plan Values. These Values and the Vision of the community they portray will help determine revisions needed to the current plan.

Meetings April 17, 20 have gathered responses to the Value Statements and additional meetings May 2, 4, 16, 18 will lead to a sharing of edits to date and a poll at the General Meeting of the NCA on Sunday May 26. The Neskowin Community Association meeting will be held at 4 pm at the Neskowin Fire Hall.

The Community Plan Steering Committee encourages you to participate live or on zoom to have a say in the establishing a plan reflecting Neskowin’s values and recommendations for land use and how other government agencies impact our community. To date, we are averaging more than 20 people for each event. More are welcome!!

Details and meeting recordings are available on the neskowincac.org website.

Meeting Schedule:

Thursday May 2	7 - 8:30 pm	NBGC Club House and on Zoom
Saturday May 4	10 am	NBGC Club House and on Zoom
Thursday May 16	7 - 8:30 pm	NBGC Club House and on Zoom
Saturday May 18	10 am	NBGC Club House and on Zoom
Sunday May 26	4 pm	Neskowin Fire Hall (as part of the NCA general community meeting)

Water District News

By Alex Sifford

The Neskowin Regional Water District has completed the first phase of its long-term vision of acquiring part of the Hawk Creek Watershed surrounding the community’s drinking water source. In early November 2023, the District, with support from North Coast Land Conservancy, purchased approximately 80 acres of forested property from Mike and Lana Kowalski, private landowners. The land sits at the confluence of Hawk Creek and an unnamed tributary above the District’s water treatment plant intake. Because of its location, “it’s arguably the most important piece,” says General Manager of the District Troy Trute. The District has been investigating the advantages of owning and controlling the Source Water Area for over 15 years, an interest that has gained momentum in the past five years.

The District is discussing purchasing properties from other landowners within Neskowin’s watershed. We have several options for buying properties and are seeking funding to do so. Thanks to the generosity of the Neskowin community, the District is attempting to fund these purchases through grants and donations. If you would like to donate to protecting Neskowin’s extremely valuable source water, please visit the North Coast Land Conservancy’s website at <https://nclctrust.org/> and donate specifically to the Neskowin Watershed Project. Every dollar donated will go directly toward acquiring property within the watershed.

For information about the project, visit the Neskowin Regional Water District website: <https://Neskowinwater.com/>

Community Burn Pile May 25th

Frank Schmidt, Board Member and Burn Pile Event Chair

Once again NCA will have a Community Burn Pile. Our success depends on volunteers. If you have volunteered in the past or if you've never volunteered, please consider participating in this worthwhile event. This is another great opportunity to help the community raise money for the programs we support.

We plan to open the gate at 8:00 am and accept the last load between 12:00 and 12:30 pm. The burn pile is intended for yard debris. Dirt and sand will be rejected and must be separated. Considering the devastating wildfires we have seen in prior years, please help reduce our risk by cleaning out the Scotch Broom and other overgrown plants or trees from the Village and surrounding areas. Please bring your donations (cash or check payable to NCA) to the burn pile crew when you drop off your load.

As in past years, we plan to provide pick-up service for those who need assistance. Call for debris pickup early at 503-704-5800. Please give your donations to the driver at the time of pick up.

Thank you in advance for helping out again this year! Please donate what you can.

2024 Neskowin Fireworks

Exciting updates: We applied for and received non-profit status from the IRS. Donations are tax deductible. We have a website. Check us out at neskowinfireworks.com.

2024 Fundraising: We are actively fundraising to cover the cost of the 2024 show and future shows. Donation methods can be found on our website. Your tax deductible donations allow us to continue coming back with a show each year. We appreciate your support!

Show details: This year's show will start at 10:00 pm on July 4 in front of Proposal Rock.

Contact us: If you have questions or if you want to get involved, please text or call Lucas Parelius at 408-786-7467.

[Editor's Note: This is not a NCA-sponsored event.](#)

Summer Fire Safety

Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District reminds area residents and visitors to use good safety practices when enjoying outdoor fires this summer.

With nicer summer weather we're spending more time outside. Everyone loves to gather around a fire, enjoying the flickering flames- and maybe a s'more or two. Following a few basic rules helps keep our friends, family, and community safe. We expect another risky fire season this summer. Fires can grow and spread quickly; prevention is key!

When you plan to enjoy an outdoor fire follow these 5 simple guidelines, whether you're in your back yard or out camping:

1. Keep your fire CLEAR of anything flammable. Locate it a safe distance from buildings, trees, and fences, away from beach grass or debris.
2. Keep the fire CONTAINED in a fire pit, rock ring or portable outdoor fireplace.
3. Keep fires SMALL- 3x3 feet or less. Only burn seasoned wood, preferably sourced nearby. Never burn driftwood, trash, or construction debris in a fire ring.
4. Fires must be ATTENDED at all times, with a fire extinguisher, garden hose, dirt or sand nearby and ready to use. Extinguish any sparks immediately.
5. Put your fire OUT with water. Pour water around the base of the fire, not directly on top of hot coals. Stir the ashes and make sure they are cool to the touch before you leave it.

Beach fires are governed by Oregon State Parks, as are campground fires. Check the website of the park you are visiting to make sure fires are currently allowed. Beach fires must be in open sand 50 feet from grass or driftwood. Always put your fire out with water, don't ever bury your fire! A buried fire can smolder for days and possibly spread underground. Plus, it's a safety hazard underfoot for pets and people.

Have fun and be safe this summer!

More information on when and where fires are allowed is available from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Parks, and the Office of the Oregon State Fire Marshall. Check the 2022 Oregon Fire Code for specific regulations that apply to recreational fires in Chapter 307, particularly sections 304.1 through 307.5.

James Oeder, Fire Chief, Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District 503.392.3313 joeder@nrfd.com

NCA Tournament Weekend July 26-28

Friends, Family and Neighbors - The Neskowin Community Association will host its 2024 Tournament Weekend July 26-28. Please plan on joining us for the NCA's largest fundraising event of the year. From these funds, NCA awards grants to important organizations and initiatives in our area. Last year, NCA supported:

- Nestucca Valley Backpack Program
- Nestucca Valley Christmas Baskets
- Neskowin Chamber Music
- Neskowin Valley School
- South County Literacy
- Food Roots

It's going to be a fun weekend for everyone. Here's a preview of the activities we will be offering:

Thursday, July 25: The Silent Auction will be on display and ready for viewing.

Friday, July 26: Everyone is welcome to attend this afternoon and evening of fun. The Bocce Tournament will be held at 3:30. Bring your own picnic dinner and win great items with our raffle and wall of wine.

Saturday, July 27: The Golf Scramble will take place during the morning. This year we are adding a putting contest to be held before you tee off! Saturday only! Prizes to be announced.

Sunday, July 28: Final morning of the golf scramble followed by a catered lunch (by Oceans Apart), announcement of contest prizes and our grand finale- the live auction.

We hope everyone will participate in the various weekend activities. Please note that we also need more help with this big event. Here's how you can support this important fundraising initiative:

Volunteer - We have many tasks both large and small that need extra hands.

Donate - The success of this event depends on donations. 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're seeking donations of art pieces and other treasures created by Neskowin friends.

This fun event will be managed by a great team of event managers.

Golf Scramble, Bocce and Prizes: Lisa Miller and Jack Eichler, neskowinlisa@gmail.com

Food and Beverage: Robin Crowell

Friday night events, including the raffle: Kacey Joyce

Silent Auction: Gail Swanson and Kathleen Brown

Oral Auction: Kristen Shelley

Setup: Tim and Gail Pickett

Finance, Marketing and Documentation: Susan Linman

Registration forms for our Tournament Weekend can be found on the NCA website:

www.neskowincommunity.org

To volunteer or donate, please contact one of the event managers or send an email

ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org

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

Neskowin Farmers Market 2024

By Lainie Koch

The Neskowin Farmers Market will open its 14th season on Saturday, May 18th at 9am! The Neskowin Farmers Market, located on the east side of Hwy 101 and Summit Dr, goes every Saturday, from 9am-1pm, through September. It is THE PLACE for local fresh vegetables, berries and fruit, cheese, coffee, pastured meats, flowers, herbs, wine, herbal and skin care products, prepared foods, selected crafts and live music!

The Neskowin Farmers Market is the agora for our community. It is the place to check in with old friends and neighbors and meet newcomers to the area.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Market this season? Email us at neskowinfarmersmarket@gmail.com
We have a variety of opportunities and would love your help!

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Neskowin Valley School

By the NVS Board

Neskowin Valley School has provided unique, excellent educational opportunities for students on the Oregon Coast for over 50 years. It is the goal of everyone affiliated with NVS to continue to provide these educational opportunities for another 50 years. However, since the closure of NVS during the 20-21 school year due to Covid, the enrollment has not rebounded to previous levels and it has become apparent that we need to evaluate our approach to operating the school.

During this coming school year, NVS will offer a down-sized, multi-aged educational experience for families who choose to participate. At the same time, the school community will be exploring various business and educational models which can propel NVS into the future.

Your continued support is vital for the future of NVS. Whether you have attended fund-raising events in the past or provided monetary gifts, thank you!



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