



Neskowin Village Voice

Neskowin Community Association



May 2025

President's message

By Robin Crowell,
NCA Board President

Happy Spring, neighbors!!
Spring fills the community with hope for a great season.
We are grateful to be a part of this fantastic community.
Neskowin is a safe place to live, play and relax.

The NCA sends you our best wishes for a wonderful
time this spring and summer.

We are working to reach the entire community. Please
help us add your neighbors who may not know about
our community association. Thank you for your help in
spreading the word.

NESKO WOMEN'S CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

By Karen Petersen



The Nesko Women's Club is celebrating its 100th year
of fellowship and service to our community. All the
funds we raise benefit South Tillamook County
residents, including local food banks, students and
scholarships. Nesko Women's annual fundraising
event will be held the morning of July 4th on the lawn
at Neskowin Provisions from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.
Please join us at our sale of books, home baked goods,
gently used jewelry, plants and more.

We have a special item this year, a commemorative
cookbook full of recipes from past and present club
members and beautiful vintage photographs of
members and events. Our cookbook will be available
for purchase on July 4 or by contacting Karen Petersen
at 503.801.4427 or fritzmax7@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday & Sunday May 24-25

- Saturday Burn Pile 9am-1pm
- Saturday Trash 2 Treasures 9am-1pm
- Saturday Sign Painting 2pm-4pm at golf course
- Sunday Community meeting 4-5 at fire station

Independence Day Friday July 4

- Nesko Women's Book and Bake Sale 8am-12pm on the lawn at the store
- Walk-About 10am (line up by Neskowin Resort around 9:30)
- Patriotic singalong, immediately following walk-about
- Kites and Castles 2-4pm at McMinnville beach access
- Fireworks 10pm in front of Proposal Rock

Tournament Weekend FUNdraiser

Friday-Sunday July 25-27

Friday

- Silent Auction opens
- Bocce Tournament 4 pm at the golf course
- Bring Your Own Picnic 5pm at the golf course. Wine, beer and soft drinks provided by your NCA. Raffle prizes.

Saturday

- Golf scramble 7am
- Putting contest 7:30am -noon
- Bingo 4 pm at the golf course

Sunday

- Golf scramble 7am
- Catered lunch 1:30pm. Wine, beer and soft drinks provided by your NCA.
- Oral auction and silent auction.

Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee Update

By Mark Everett

The Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee (NCAC) is dedicated to promoting communications between citizens in the Neskowin area and governmental agencies on land use, safety and other related issues.

NCAC officers and subcommittee members are volunteers. When the NCAC membership, through open public meetings, make a decision, then the NCAC advocates that decision to governmental agencies.

The past year has been a very busy time for the NCAC. Activities undertaken and issues considered include:

- Work by the Community Plan Steering Subcommittee, revising and updating the Community Plan for submission to the County in 2025
- Formation of an Outreach Task Force
- Communications Task Force staffing additions
- Publication of County land use actions on the website / meetings
- Revision, review and adoption of revised NCAC Bylaws
- Draft Policies and Procedures to guide the NCAC's actions on certain issues
- Provide a community-supported position statement to the County regarding the FEMA BiOp decision
- Annual elections held in April, with new officers assuming their roles in July 2025
- Informational forum held about County Ballot Measure 29-183 (Transient lodging tax increase from 10%-14%).

As we move into the 2025-2026 year, we recognize the following changes in the organization. Gary Billingsley is leaving as secretary and we are actively looking for his replacement, Thank you, Gary! Mark Everett will continue as NCAC Chair for another term. We welcome Carole Hoke and Kim Noreen to the Outreach Task Force.

NCAC thanks those who were directly involved with our organization over the past year. We applaud your commitment and dedication to the organization and the community. And thanks to the many community members who attended and participated in more than sixty meetings this past year. Your comments and feedback ensure that the actions of the NCAC reflect the wishes of the community.

Membership in the NCAC is open to all property owners, business owners and residents of Neskowin. Records of past meetings can be found on the NCAC website at "Reference/FAQ". There you will find agendas, minutes, videos and chats for each meeting. The NCAC meets on the second Saturday of every other month, with our next meeting schedule on June 14, 2025. Meetings are held via Zoom and when possible in hybrid format (both Zoom and in person). To participate in the meetings on Zoom, register in advance on the NCAC website at: <https://www.neskowincac.org>.

We hope you will join us! Mark Everett, Chair Alex Clark, Vice-Chair
Chris Silkowski, Treasurer Gary Billingsley, Secretary

Emergency Beach Access Repairs Grant

By Randall Koch

The NCA was recently awarded a \$75,000 grant to make repairs and improvements on four beach access points used by emergency vehicles and personnel for rescue operations. The Transit Lodging Tax (TLT) from Tillamook Coast Visitors Association is the grantor of the funds for local tourism facilities repairs and improvements.

With railing repairs due in mid-May for the Carlton Ave. stone stairs, damage from winter storms has already been repaired at McMinnville, Mt. Angel, and Carlton East access ramps by Justin Haft Excavating. New signs to keep vehicles off the beach and from parking on the ramps are also in place.

The three-year grant was written by grant managers Cameron Nagel for the NCA. Randall is also the fiscal agent for the grant as a representative of the Neskowin Community Association.

Trash to Treasure Memorial Day Weekend

By Lauri Braich

YOUR TRASH ... MY TREASURE! It's time to clean out your cabin, house, garage, attic, shed or storage unit and bring your treasures to us!

The annual NCA Trash to Treasure event will be held in the parking lot east of the wayside on Saturday May 26th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have a dumpster available for items with no resale value. We will not accept mattresses or tires. Lawnmowers and gas-powered tools may be accepted if you have removed all oil and gas. Sofas may be sold but they are not allowed in the dumpster. If your sofa does not sell, we will expect you to retrieve it at the end of the event.

NCA volunteers are eager to accept items for this event. Pick ups are available if you are unable to bring items to the T2T site. For pick up contact: Lauri Braich 541-390-2701.

It's great fun dumping and shopping! This is a fundraising event for your NCA! Cash donations are encouraged at the time of pick up, 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 support!

Volunteers abound in Neskowin including the *Trash to Treasure* Experts on Memorial Day Weekend.

You can join in and help as well ! It's FUN!



South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp (STCEVC) - Latest News

Gary Billingsley

Board Member, South Tillamook County
Emergency Volunteer Corp

Emergency Supply Sheds

Existing emergency supply sheds are fully stocked with items on our 24-hour basic needs list. These include MRE's, warming items, water storage, lighting, and first aid. STCEVC is working on our final phase of procurement to stock these sheds with 96-hour sustainability materials such as bulk food stuffs, cooking supplies, and water purification supplies. Our emergency supply sheds currently are located on Hillcrest Drive and South Beach Road; a temporary storage area is located in Sahali South.

STCEVC is seeking to establish an emergency supply shed in Hawk Creek Hills to serve that Evacuation Assembly Area. Our efforts to find a location in Hawk Creek Hills have been stymied by the lack of suitable public or utility land. If any resident or property owner in Hawk Creek Hills is willing to accommodate an 8' X 12' shed, please contact STCEVC President Dave Sears, David.Sears@stcevc.org.

Be 2 Weeks Ready (B2WR)

This is a new free program launched by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. The program consists of eight training sessions designed to prepare Oregonians for potential emergencies such as windstorms, power and phone outages, floods, health-related emergencies, wildfires, and yes, the Big One, a catastrophic subduction zone earthquake and resulting tsunami.

Colleen Williams (The Crest/Pacific Sand Heights) and Barbara Triplett (South Beach) recently trained to serve as B2WR program coordinators. The program's success relies on additional volunteers in Neskowin and surrounding communities who can share the program's message with 10-15 of their neighbors. Please join our efforts to ensure that the community is prepared for emergencies. Contact Colleen at colleenwill45@gmail.com or Barbara at barbtriplett@gmail.com for additional information.

Neskowin Chamber Music to Kick-off 30th Anniversary Season with Free Concert

By Lainie Koch

Neskowin Chamber Music is thrilled to announce our 30th Anniversary Season! NCM, established in 1994, has brought world class musicians to our north coast community, "...lifting spirits and nurturing souls."

There are concerts where audience members tear up in response to the passion and beauty of the music and the delivery by these amazing musicians, all in the setting of the humble chapel at Camp Winema.

The 2025-2026 season begins on October 5th with The Florestan Trio performing a free community concert at the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

The series continues at Camp Winema Chapel on October 26th with Jessica Tong, Violin and Michael Sheppard, Piano, and November 16th with Thunder Egg Consort who will also play a free, family concert the day before. The season picks up again on February 15th with the Tesla Quartet, March 22nd with Frisson Trio D'Anches, April 12th with Joel Fan, Piano and May 10th with Windsync Quartet.

NCM is grateful to the Neskowin Community Association and our patrons who make this extraordinary gift of music possible.

Please visit neskowinchambermusic.com to for more information.

Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council Update

By Natalie Nites

The Watersheds Council focuses on monitoring, restoring, and enhancing aquatic and riparian areas in south Tillamook County. In Neskowin, the Watershed Council is working on four culvert replacement projects for Sutton Creek in South Beach. These culverts are a priority for the Watershed Council. They are barriers to fish passage and cause flooding. The Council is actively working to fill a funding gap for these projects, which require funding and expertise from many partner agencies including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, Hebo Stewardship Group-Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

Next spring, ODOT will start construction of a bridge over Butte Creek, US 101, located just north of the fire hall. This project will include removal and replacement of a failing undersized culvert under the highway. Once construction is completed, there will be one remaining failing culvert that to be replaced on Butte Creek, opening up 2.66 miles of migratory fish habitat. The Council hopes to remove this last barrier to fish passage in the upcoming years. See ODOT's Butte Creek project page at <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22419>

The Watershed Council is in its third year of our volunteer-led water quality monitoring program. This multi-year project collects data on e.coli levels in creeks throughout south Tillamook County, including four creeks in Neskowin. The Watershed Council modeled its water quality monitoring program after Tillamook Estuaries Partnership's (TEP) program, which has been running for two decades. While e.coli naturally occurs in all waterways, it can become an issue when it exceeds the State Standards. TEP and the Watershed Council upload the results of this monitoring program to TEP's Water Quality Map each week. You can check out these results at <https://www.tbnep.org/maps/> Collecting data over multiple years builds a robust dataset of trends and levels of e.coli related to seasonal patterns naturally occurring in our waterways. This data can be used to focus future restoration work. In addition, TEP is using the data to identify areas where septic tanks may be leaching into waterways and are in need of repair.

The Watershed Council received a grant two years ago to develop a beaver management plan for the Neskowin area. We have yet to find funds to implement the plan.

If you want to learn more about the Watershed Council, visit <https://nestuccawaters.org> or use the social media handle @nestuccawaters. If you'd like to donate to the Watershed Council, checks can be made payable to the Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watershed Council and mailed to PO Box 86, Pacific City, Oregon 97135.

Secure Funding for Road Improvements in June

By Randall Koch

The road improvement collaboration organized by the Midnight Pavers and given an incentive by the Neskowin Community Association to raise \$25,000 from the community outdid itself and met the \$25,000 match, then surpassed it by raising over \$41,000.

Work on five key areas of chronic potholes will begin in June in collaboration with volunteers -still room for some younger volunteers- with more than \$50,000 in asphalt provided by Tillamook County Public Works, a paving contractor and Neskowin Water District, who will elevate manhole covers and utility boxes to road level.

Two layers of asphalt will allow for leveling of specific sites and then a crowned paving to facilitate draining of water. Gravel shoulders will help preserve the edges.

The increase in donations will help the projects reach some other neighborhoods with volunteers from the Beach Crest and Hawk Creek Hills neighborhoods stepping up to fix potholes in their neighborhoods. Target date for the work is June 9-10.

Neskowin road work volunteers will prepare roads for the paving and dress the shoulders with gravel. If interested please contact Ken King at ken.peggy@hotmail.com. If you would like to help with Traffic Control, please contact Lauri Braich at lkbrajic@gmail.com.

Many thanks to the contributors who helped accomplish this community collaboration for greater safety.



Neskowin Farmers Market

By Daveigh Stubbs

Opening day is right around the corner! Our first market of the year will be from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Markets will be held every Saturday thereafter through September.

Come and enjoy a plethora of fresh farm goods, prepared foods, arts and crafts, live music and more! The Market will feature many of the vendors you've come to know and love, along with some new additions. This year's market will offer a great opportunity to connect with producers, artists, musicians, and fellow community members.

Vendors aren't our only new additions. Our new market manager, Daveigh Stubbs is excited to get to know the community. She brings a deep commitment to local food systems to the Market. Formerly with Food Roots, Daveigh and her family are recent transplants to Neskowin after spending the past several years in North County and Tillamook. When she's not running the Market, wrangling her 1 year old or wrist deep in the dirt of her garden, Daveigh is fishing, foraging or getting lost in the woods.

If you're interested in getting involved with this year's Market, please contact us at neskowinfarmersmarket@gmail.com. We have many volunteer opportunities and potential opportunities for more musicians and fill-in vendors!



The Midnight Pavers improve the corner at Breakers and McMinnville Ave.

Neskowin Valley School Launches New Wild Coast Camp

A new adventure is launching on the Oregon Coast this summer with the debut of Wild Coast Camp, a nature-based day camp designed to immerse children in the coastal landscape through hands-on wilderness and bushcraft skills, forest adventures, and beach exploration. Wild Coast Camp is an extension of the school's mission to nurture curiosity, resilience, and a connection to the natural world.

Developed by the team at Neskowin Valley School, Wild Coast Camp offers a unique, experience-rich alternative to traditional summer camps. Wild Coast Camp is open to children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Each week-long session will focus on outdoor skills such as shelter-building, wildlife tracking, navigation, and ecosystem exploration in our forests, rivers, and shorelines. Activities are age-appropriate and guided by experienced outdoor educators.

This summer also marks the launch of special 3 and 4-year-old camp weeks. This younger camp group will be led by the school's new preschool-K teacher, with its own playful and developmentally appropriate curriculum offering little explorers a gentle introduction to outdoor learning.

Four Junior Counselor positions are available for rising 8th graders or 14-year-olds interested in developing their own leadership and mentoring skills in an outdoor setting.

Neskowin Valley School is open for enrollment for the 2025–2026 school year, welcoming families who value child-led, place-based education rooted in the unique environment of the Oregon Coast.

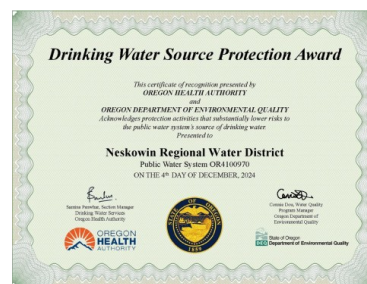
To learn more about our school, register for camp, or inquire about junior counselor positions, visit us at www.neskowinvalleyschool.com/nvs-wild-coast-camp

Or, contact Kelsey Leatherman and Claire MacDonald
Email: wildcoast@neskowinvalleyschool.com
Phone: 503.392.3124

Neskowin Regional Water District Updates

Troy Trute, General Manager,
Neskowin Regional
Water District

The Neskowin Regional Water District received the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Source Protection Award. This Award recognizes the District's work in reducing risks to its drinking water source and protecting our source water area.



The District continues to protect the Hawk Creek Watershed. In early 2025, the District successfully applied for grant funds to purchase additional lands in the watershed. The District continues to seek grant funds and donations from the community to support its efforts to secure and preserve safe drinking water for the future. To learn more and support these efforts, go to our website neskowinwater.com

Neskowin Fireworks 2025

By Lucas Parelius

The annual Neskowin Fireworks Show will start at 10:00 pm on July 4th in front of Proposal Rock. This show is 100% paid for by the community and all donations are tax deductible; we are a registered non-profit.

To make a donation, visit our website neskowinfireworks.com or use the QR code below.

Every year we aim to improve our show. This year is no different. We have a fun show coming your way!

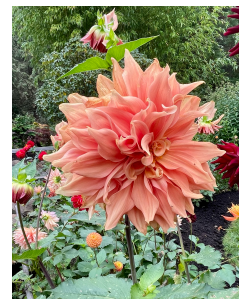
If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Lucas Parelius at 408-786-7467 or by email at LPARELIUS93@GMAIL.COM

Editor's Note: The fireworks show is not an NCA sponsored event.

NCA Tournament Weekend! – July 25-27

By Susan Linman, NCA Board Treasurer

Mark your calendars and make a plan to join the fun during our Tournament Weekend. This annual event is the NCA's largest fundraising activity of the year. It's also a great time for friends, family and neighbors to come together and enjoy good food and beverages, fun competitions, laughs, art and auction treasures, and to have fun!



Funds generated by this event make it possible for the NCA to award grants to organizations serving the greater community. Over the past four years, our community has provided support to groups working on important issues involving food insecurity, emergency and safety, literacy, cultural activities, education, and communication. These include:

- Nestucca Literacy Program
- Nestucca Valley Christmas Baskets
- Nestucca Valley Schools Backpack Program
- South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps
- Tillamook County Food Roots
- Neskowin Chamber Music Assoc.
- Neskowin Valley School
- Neskowin Farmers Market
- Neskowin Beach Golf Course
- Neskowin Safety:
 - Sanitation (Porta Potties and dumpsters)
 - Lighting at Neskowin entrance
 - Beach access maintenance
 - Road repair (with a \$25,000 dollar match for the 2025 project)

Goals for our tournament weekend are twofold and simple- Having fun and fundraising. This is a great weekend for everyone, golfer or not. Here's a preview of our schedule:

Friday, July 25

- Silent auction opens
- Bocce Tournament
- Bring your own Picnic (wine, beer, soda and water provided by the NCA)
- Raffle
- Wall of Wine

Saturday, July 26

- Silent Auction open all day
- Golf Scramble
- Putting Contest
- Bingo

Sunday, July 27

- Golf Scramble
- Silent Auction Closes
- Lunch catered by Oceans Apart
- Announcements and Prizes for Winning Teams
- Live Auction

We need volunteers! Many tasks, large and small, need extra hands.

Donate! We need items for the raffle, silent auction and live auction, and bottles of wine for our Wall of Wine. The live auction will feature artistic creations by our talented friends and neighbors and amazing adventures and outings. If you'd like to volunteer or donate, please contact us by email at ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org or by telephone at 503.703.5330.

To register for our Tournament Weekend events, go to the NCA website where our registration form can be found. www.neskowincommunity.org We look forward to seeing you at our Tournament Weekend!



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Neskowin Historical Photo Book Coming Soon

By Cameron Nagel

Did you know that a cranberry bog project was attempted in the Neskowin marshland in 1909? During that same period, Neskowin had a store and post office located where the Farmers Market is today. And, there was a gas station in Neskowin from the early 1900s and into the 1960s!

To learn more about Neskowin's history, check out our pictorial book that will be released later this year! The Neskowin Historical Foundation is putting the final touches on the book's design and layout, and we know everyone is eager to purchase a copy.

For more information, please visit our website at neskowinhistoricalfoundation.org

