



Neskowin Village Voice



President's message

Happy Fall Neskowin Community!

This summer was a wonderful time in our community and at the beach.

Many fantastic community members spent hours volunteering, golfing, playing bingo, painting, reading, walking, repainting the Neskowin Fish (thank you Sandy Green), setting the life rings up and taking them down (thank you Mark Maleta), painting "SLOW" and "CHILDREN AT PLAY" reminders on our streets (thank you Wiitala family), working on our road repair (thank you to all), moving forward with our application for tax-exempt status (thank you Gary McInain and Dave Benneth), and raising money for the many nonprofit organizations in our community. Thanks to everyone!

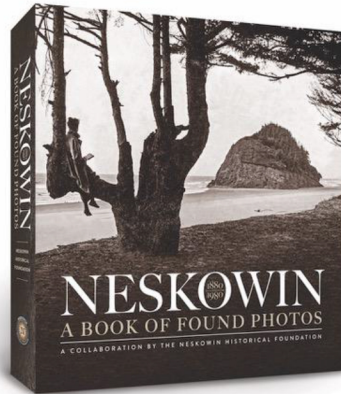
We're grateful to the County for the new crosswalk striping and signs to keep everyone safe as they walk to and from the wayside.

Thank you all for volunteering, participating, donating, and caring for our community.

As we move toward the fall and winter seasons, our Board will continue to keep you updated with community news via email and postings.

Do you want to see this Newsletter online? Just go to our website for this and previous newsletters:
neskowincommunity.org

-Robin Crowell, NCA Board President



Neskowin Historical Foundation - The Book Has Launched!

By Cameron Nagel,
Neskowin Historical Foundation

On October 11, the Neskowin Historical Foundation hosted an open-house book launch at Michael Schlicting's Hawk Creek Gallery. Thanks to those of you who dropped by the Gallery to purchase your copy of *Neskowin: A Book of Found Photos*.

At 312 pages, this beautiful book features images of Neskowin's history from 1880 to 1980, organized by decade, along with photo captions and timelines highlighting significant historical events. The retail price is \$100 per copy for this elegantly bound hardcover book and protective slipcase.

If you weren't able to join us for the launch, you can order the book at our website NeskowinHistoricalFoundation.org, where you will also find tote bags, matted prints, and notecards available for purchase.

And for those of you needing to pick up any pre-paid copies, send an email to: info@neskowinhistoricalfoundation.org and we will make arrangements!

Tournament Weekend Was A Great Success

This year's Tournament Weekend was the NCA's largest fundraiser to date. With your help, we raised more than \$32,000 to support county-wide charities and community projects. We congratulate and thank everyone who participated by volunteering, donating, and participating in our annual FUNdraising weekend.

This annual event requires many hours of planning. We hope you will join our team of dedicated volunteers as we begin to organize next year's Tournament Weekend.

SAVE THE DATE! Next year's event is scheduled for July 24-26, 2026.

Thank you all again!

-NCA Board



Gary McClain, Loren Krebs, Pam Rowland, Lyle Rowland, Alena Labhart



Leslie Moss, PJ Moss, Bruce Highfill, Rochelle Highfill



Mimi Wiitala, Mark Galati, Emily-Rose Galati, John Wiitala, Elliot Wiitala, Sydnee Wiitala, (the babies) Leo Galati, Harper Wiitala



Pétanque: -Back Row from Left: Alex Sifford, Bryn Crowell -Front Row from Left: Jaci Ljungquist, John Hansen, Vince Moore, Willis Carmen, Carol Hovie, Charlie Merrill, Diane Hames, Carol Hoke



Bingo at the NBGC Clubhouse

Photos by Dave Thomas

Fireworks In Neskowin – State of Oregon Contact

Several NCA members have contacted the NCA Board to express concerns regarding fireworks on the beach during the Fourth of July holiday. Community concerns involve both the State Parks-permitted fireworks show, and the unpermitted illegal fireworks.

Members have expressed concerns about noise, health and safety hazards, environmental impacts, and effects on wildlife including nesting bald eagles on Proposal Rock, as well as mounds of leftover trash and debris littering the beaches and washing out with the tides.

NCA members have requested that the NCA Board publish contact information for the Oregon State Parks Department. For anyone who wishes to share their opinions about fireworks in Neskowin with the Oregon State Parks Department please contact Scott Duncan, Park Manager at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department by email to scott.duncan@opr.d.oregon.gov

-NCA Board

Neskowin Community Plan Wants Your Input

By Lynne Saxton

Hello, Neskowin Property Owner or Resident!

We need your help. For the past 5 years, a group of dedicated citizen volunteers have been crafting an updated community plan for submittal to Tillamook County. This is a planning opportunity for unincorporated areas like Neskowin under Oregon's land use laws.

We would like YOU to review the plan and provide comments if you so choose. The easiest way for you to participate and review the plan is to access the document on the Neskowin Citizens' Advisory Committee website in November. To access the plan, please go to the NCAC website (neskowincac.org) and REGISTER. That's it. You will then receive NCAC updates.

Please note. Your registration for the community plan does not require you to enroll in any organization or pay dues. The email list is not shared with anyone.

We hope to complete the Draft in the next week or two and with your participation we are confident it will reflect the values of our community.

Thank you!

Neskowin Community Plan Steering Subcommittee
Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

Addressing Our Neighbors' Food Insecurity Through the Backpack Program

By Connie Leben, NCA Member and
Backpack Program Volunteer

The Nestucca Valley Backpack Program thanks the Neskowin Community Association for NCA's ongoing financial support as we work to provide supplemental nutrition to children who attend the Nestucca Valley School District.

For the last 17 years, the Backpack Program has been providing bags of food to children experiencing food insecurity as they leave school for the weekend.

Last year the NCA increased its support of our efforts. Those additional dollars became very important as the number of children served by our program increased to 121 children per week, and as food costs continued to rise.

We delivered more than 4000 bags of food during the last school year. Our expenses for food items totaled \$47,000. The Backpack Program must purchase all the food items we provide to children experiencing food insecurity. Backpack programs do not qualify for assistance from the Food Bank or any other State or Federal program.

The Nestucca Valley Backpack Program is an all-volunteer organization. We have no overhead or administrative expenses. All contributions to the Backpack Program are used to purchase the food items that are included in each child's bag.

We are very grateful for everyone's past support. There is an ever-growing need for donations and additional volunteers. Volunteering can be as easy as spending a couple of hours each month filling food bags or driving to Tillamook to pick up food items at one of our suppliers.

To learn more about the Backpack Program, or to donate or volunteer, please visit our website: [https:// www.nvbackpackprogram.org](https://www.nvbackpackprogram.org)

A Good Start to the School Year

By Kelsey Leatherman, Board Chair & Development Director, Neskowin Valley School



It's been a vibrant and inspiring start to the school year at Neskowin Valley School! Our classrooms are buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and connection as students settle into the rhythms of learning together in our multi-age environment. With new staff joining our dedicated teaching team, fresh classroom projects, and renewed energy across the campus, there's a wonderful sense of momentum this fall.

We're delighted to share that our 42nd Annual Harvest Festival was a great success! It was such a joy to welcome the community to campus and celebrate the season together. The event also marked the launch of our Fall Giving Campaign: *Seeds Today -Roots Tomorrow -Growth for Generations*

This campaign reflects our commitment to nurturing deep roots for the future of NVS, symbolized through a tree and pollinator garden planting ceremony. This living space will grow alongside our students, representing the lasting impact of community support and environmental stewardship.

Our expanded Friday Enrichment Program is also off to a wonderful start and is now open to both NVS students and children from the wider community. Each Friday offers hands-on, experiential classes that extend beyond the traditional curriculum—inviting students to explore science, art, outdoor education, and cultural studies. These sessions are designed to nurture curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning while making the most of our beautiful coastal setting.

In addition, our Seasonal Camps continue to offer engaging, nature-based learning experiences during school breaks. These camps encourage creativity and exploration through outdoor adventures, crafts, and collaborative projects, giving students a chance to connect with the natural world and one another in meaningful ways.

Neskowin Valley School continues to grow as a community that values curiosity, compassion, and experiential learning. We're grateful for the ongoing support of families and neighbors who help make our mission possible—and we look forward to all that this season of growth will bring!

For more information, visit www.neskowinvalleyschool.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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Greetings from your Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority Board

Neskowin's Regional Sanitary Authority Board Members include incumbents Jim Affolter and Dave Benneth, and newly-elected members Christi Clark, Pam Rowland and Alex Sifford.

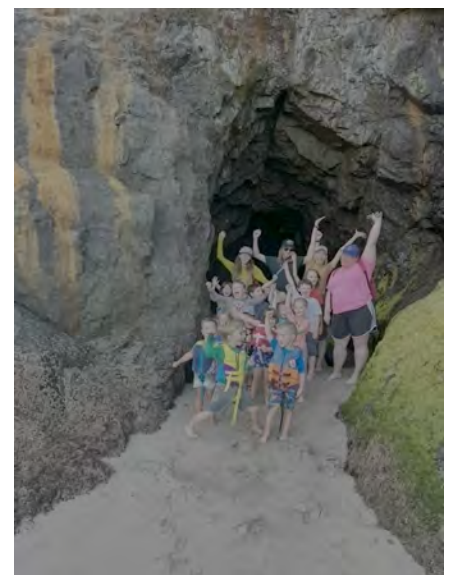
Staff members include Derrick Shippee- Operations Manager, Annis Leslie- Office/Accounting Manager and Casey Bones- Operator 1.

Our meetings are held on Thursdays near the end of each month at 9:00 am at our District Office. The Office is located at 34460 Hwy 101 South Cloverdale, OR 97112.

Meetings are open to the public and can be attended remotely on MS Teams. Meeting dates and agendas, and virtual meeting links are posted at our website www.neskowinsanitary.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

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NVS students have the beach as an experiential classroom.

Latest News From South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps

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

New Board Members

The South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC) has an all-volunteer board. This year, we added two new board members. Amanda Graves replaced Seth Belsey as a Pacific City representative, and Ross Wilson was added as an additional Neskowin representative. Ross also serves as our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinator.

Our sincere thanks to these new members and all the active board members who work to maintain and improve emergency preparedness for south Tillamook County.

Emergency Supply Sheds

We now have six emergency supply sheds in place and stocked in south Tillamook County: two in Tierra del Mar, one in Pacific City (Pine Ave), and three in Neskowin (Hill Crest Dr, South Beach Rd, Neskowin Valley School). We also have small supply caches in waterproof containers in Tierra del Mar (north) and Pacific City (Seawatch).

We have plans for two more sheds, one in Pacific City and one in Neskowin. For the Neskowin location, STCEVC seeks to establish an emergency supply shed in Hawk Creek Hills to serve that neighborhood's Evacuation Assembly Area. However, lack of a suitable public or utility site has stymied our efforts. 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 by email at David.Sears@stcevc.org.

SPIRE Grant – New Equipment

Last month STCEVC took delivery of back-up power equipment provided by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) awarded as part of a State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant that we applied for in 2022. The equipment consists of two identical sets of a portable Honda gasoline-powered generator, an EcoFlow Delta Pro Ultra Inverter and three batteries (6144Wh capacity), and an EcoFlow 110W portable solar panel.

STCEVC is currently deliberating the most appropriate locations for this equipment, which represents a significant investment in the resiliency of our south county communities.

We are grateful for the efforts of Marge Jozsa, former STCEVC President, who submitted the grant proposal in 2022, and David Sears, current STCEVC President who worked with OEM to ensure delivery.

Be 2 Weeks Ready – New OEM Program

Be 2 Weeks Ready (B2WR) is a new program launched by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to replace the Know Your Neighborhood (KYN) program. The B2WR 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) have completed the training and stand ready to serve as B2WR program coordinators. The success of this program depends on additional volunteers in Neskowin and surrounding communities who are willing to share the program's message with 10-15 of their neighbors.

Please consider joining our efforts to ensure that our community is prepared for all types of emergencies. Contact Colleen at colleenwill45@gmail.com or Barbara at barbtriplett@gmail.com for additional information.

Watersheds Council Update

By Natalie Nites, Executive Director,
Nestucca, Neskowin and Sand Lake Watersheds Council

It was a busy summer for the Nestucca, Neskowin & Sand Lake Watersheds Council (NNSLWC). We implemented two separate projects in the Nestucca River Watershed, including one project in Neskowin, to improve our ecosystems for both residents and aquatic organisms.

The Upper Sutton Creek Culvert Replacement project is wrapping up on South Beach Road in Neskowin. Two failing culverts have been replaced with bridges that allow for natural aquatic organism passage, improving habitat and infrastructure. Project partners include members of the Salmon SuperHwy team, including Trout Unlimited, the US Forest Service, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as NOAA and the South Beach Road Association.

The Watersheds Council is part of the Salmon SuperHwy team, whose goal is to remove and replace more than 90 barriers to fish passage throughout Tillamook County. The Upper Sutton Creek project started with a fish salvage, where fish were captured and released downstream of the project, allowing safe removal of the culvert without impact on the flow of the stream. During the fish salvage, the team caught and released 49 juvenile Coho, 56 cutthroat trout, 71 lamprey, 15 giant pacific salamanders, 96 crayfish and 120 sculpins. Staton Forestry is now working on completing the bridges which will allow for better fish passage and remove the risk of flooding onto the roadways in the Neskowin South Beach community.

If you'd like more information and updates about any of our projects, please check out the Watershed Council's website nestuccawaters.org, and our Facebook page (Nestucca, Neskowin and Sand Lake Watersheds Council), and Instagram [@nestuccawaters!](https://www.instagram.com/nestuccawaters/)



New bridge on Sutton Creek



Cutthroat trout from fish salvage



Upper Culvert removed



Horserace Winners

From Left: Jerry Griffith, Debbie Gerrish, Ted Braich, Kacey Joyce, Tracey Hauth, Kirk Myers

Photo: Diane Hames

The Neskowin Beach Golf Course Horserace

Every fall NBGC offers its Horserace tournament for NBGC members and season pass holders. This is a unique and fun event. There were 28 players in teams of two playing 7 holes on a cool and dry day. All players teed off on the first hole. Imagine 28 players walking down the 1st fairway to 28 golf balls, all at the same time. It's quite a sight. Teammates played every other ball. After the first two holes, three teams were eliminated. Following each of the subsequent holes, two more teams were eliminated until there were three teams remaining to play the ninth hole.

Winners this year were:

1st place – Kirk Myers and Tracey Hauth

2nd place – Jerry Griffith and Debbie Garrish

3rd place – Ted Braich and Kacey Joyce

The day concluded at the clubhouse with hamburgers, hot dogs and adult beverages. Fun was had by all who played in the tournament and the many family and friends who came to cheer them on and watch the play.

Neskowin Chamber Music 30th Anniversary 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."

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. Mark your calendar!

NCM is grateful to the Neskowin Community Association and our patrons who make this extraordinary gift of music possible. Both season tickets and individual concert tickets are available. Please visit neskowinchambermusic.com to for more information.



Fresh Fish

The Neskowin Community thanks Sandy Green who refreshed the Neskowin Fish this summer! Lookin' good, big fish!

Photo: Diane Hames



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