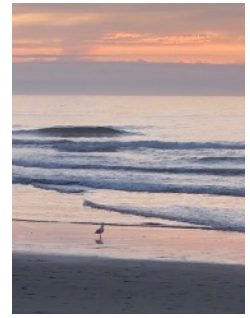




Neskowin Community Association

# Neskowin Village Voice



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## President's Message

Greetings to all our Members!

We look forward to seeing you this spring and summer. Check out the calendar of NCA events and the articles in this issue for information about what's happening in our community.

We hope you are enjoying our new Beach Buzz emails. Board member Alena Labhart is spearheading this new member benefit to send you timely news and important information.

Off we go!

Robin Crowell, NCA Board President

## 2026 Community Events Schedule

**May 23** 8:00am-12:00pm,  
NCA No-burn yard debris drop off, Golf Course

**May 23** 9:00am-1:00pm  
NCA Trash 2 Treasures, Wayside

**May 24** 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Community Meeting, Fire Station

**July 4** 9:30am  
Line up for Walk About, Parking area near motels  
2:00-4:00pm,  
Sandcastles and Kites, McMinnville beach access  
10pm  
Permitted Fireworks, Beach at Proposal Rock

**July 11** 11:00am-4:00pm, Cottage Walk, Village

**July 24-26** Neskowin Days Tournament Weekend.  
See article for details on page 7

## Now in Your Inbox: Beach Buzz – Member's Edition

By Alena Labhart, NCA Board Member

If you're a current Neskowin Community Association member, you should now be receiving Beach Buzz: Member's Edition—our new monthly email designed to keep neighbors connected in a simple, timely, and more personal way.

Beach Buzz is a quick, easy read that brings you closer to what's happening around our little community. Inside, you'll find updates, early announcements about upcoming events, opportunities to get involved, and a few of our favorite features like Meet Your Neighbor, where we highlight the people and stories that make Neskowin so special. We'll also share photos from around the community, seasonal notes, and the kinds of "you heard it here first" updates that don't always make it into print.

If you haven't seen Beach Buzz in your inbox yet, take a quick peek at your spam, junk, or promotions folder—sometimes it lands there the first time around. If you still can't find it, we're happy to help make sure you're on the list. Just send an email to [ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org](mailto:ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org)

Not a member yet? This is just one of the many benefits of supporting and joining the Neskowin Community Association. Membership helps fund local initiatives, supports community events, and keeps efforts moving forward to care for and improve the place we all love and our surrounding community. And now, membership ensures you stay connected month-to-month through Beach Buzz.

If you've been thinking about joining, we'd love to have you. It's a simple way to stay informed, get involved, and be part of what keeps Neskowin thriving.

Small town, big heart—this is how we stay connected.

# Neskowin Community Association Inc is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!!

By Susan Linman, NCA Treasurer and Board Member

In January, we received confirmation from the US Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, that the Neskowin Community Association Inc was approved as a tax-exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).

This means:

- NCA can receive tax-deductible gifts and contributions in support of our efforts to benefit the community.
- Your Donations to the NCA are tax deductible.

Our largest fundraising event of the summer will take place July 24-26. It's Neskowin Days and Tournament Weekend offering a golf scramble and other fun activities to raise funds to achieve our goals. Your donations of artwork for the live auction, items and baskets for the silent auction and raffle, golf registration fee, wine for the Wall of Wine, and cash contributions are tax deductible.

NCA has made significant contributions to these nonprofit and other organizations in our area that work to address issues arising from food insecurity, emergency and safety concerns, literacy and reading, cultural, education, and communication initiatives during the past five years:

Beach Access Maintenance/Porta Potties and Dumpsters
Hebo Food Pantry
Landscaping for Neskowin Community Entrance
Neskowin (Midnight Pavers) Road Repair Project
Neskowin Chamber Music
Neskowin Citizens Advisory Committee
Neskowin Farmers Market
Light at the Neskowin Entrance
Neskowin Valley School, Inc.
Nestucca Valley Christmas Baskets
Nestucca Valley Food Bank
Nestucca Valley Schools Backpack Program
South County Emergency Volunteers
South County Food Pantry
South County Literacy Program
Tillamook County Food Roots

## Neskowin Farmer's Market News

By Daveigh Stubbs, Market Manager

Spring is in full swing and that means opening day for the Neskowin Farmers Market is just around the corner! We are located at the Proposals for All property (HUGE thanks to Alexis and Chris Tate!) on the east side of 101, across from the wayside.

The NFM runs every Saturday from May 16 through September 26, from 9am to 1pm. Most of your favorite vendors will be returning, and there will be a few new faces as well, so make sure you welcome Wright Tide Seafood, Rambling Roots Farm and Bee Fresh Farm to the market when you come. Both farms call Neskowin home!

We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to get involved and help out with market setup and/or breakdown and staffing our booth during the market. Contact our market manager, Daveigh, at [neskowinfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:neskowinfarmersmarket@gmail.com) if you're interested in being part of an amazing community of farmers, food vendors, artisans, musicians and more!



## Cottage Walk - Mark Your Calendars!

By Diane Hames, NCA Board Member

One of Neskowin's most cherished traditions is back this summer. The 2026 Neskowin Cottage Walk will take place on Saturday, July 11, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, as we invite residents and visitors alike to explore the history, architecture, and quiet charm of our coastal village.

The Cottage Walk opens doors to a curated selection of historic homes—some more than a century old—offering a rare glimpse into the stories and craftsmanship that shaped early Neskowin. Participants can enjoy a self-guided stroll through leafy lanes, learn about the families who built and cared for these cottages, and experience the unique character that continues to define our community.

Ticket sales will begin on Memorial Day weekend when you will be able to purchase tickets in person at the Neskowin Farmer's Market, or online. Be sure to join our Facebook Event Page on "Neskowin and Friends" to keep up with the latest information about this year's Cottage Walk!

### Why the Cottage Walk Matters

The event is more than a tour; it's a celebration of our local history and a fundraiser that supports community projects through the Neskowin Community Association. It's also a chance for neighbors to connect, share stories, and welcome newcomers into the spirit of the village.

### Volunteers Needed

As always, the Cottage Walk depends on the generosity and enthusiasm of local volunteers. There are several ways to help:

Cottage Hosts — Greet visitors at one of the featured homes and share provided historical notes.

Check-In & Ticket Table — Assist with welcoming guests, distributing maps, and answering questions.

Route Guides — Help direct foot traffic and ensure visitors stay on the designated paths.

Set-Up & Wrap-Up Crew — Lend a hand with signage, tables, and event materials before and after the event.

Whether you can give an hour or an afternoon, your participation makes a meaningful difference.

### How to Get Involved

Residents interested in volunteering can contact Kristen Shelley at [kristen.laber@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.laber@gmail.com) or Diane Hames at [diane.c.hames@gmail.com](mailto:diane.c.hames@gmail.com) to learn more. Training and materials will be provided for all roles.

Let's come together once again to celebrate the history, beauty, and neighborly spirit that make Neskowin such a special place to call home.





## Fireworks

By the NCA Board

What kinds of fireworks can be used legally in Oregon?

Legal fireworks do not lift off the ground, float, or explode. Legal fireworks include sparklers, cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels.

Is everything else illegal?

Fireworks that explode, fly, float, launch or lift off the ground cannot be ignited without a professional permit. Oregon law specifically prohibits fireworks that explode, travel more than 6 feet along the ground or more than 12 inches in the air. Illegal fireworks include firecrackers, chasers, aerial spinners, missile-type rockets, roman candles, mortars, skyrockets, and floating lanterns.

Laws governing fireworks may vary from state to state. Fireworks purchased elsewhere may not be legal in Oregon. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's website includes a list of legal and illegal fireworks.

Anyone who wishes to express an opinion about fireworks in Neskowin may do so by contacting Scott Duncan, Park Manager at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, by email to [scott.duncan@opr.d.oregon.gov](mailto:scott.duncan@opr.d.oregon.gov)

## Your Trash ... My Treasure!

By Lauri Braich, T2T Volunteer Manager

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 (T2T) event will be held in the parking lot east of the wayside on Saturday May 23 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 at T2T 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.

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. It's great fun dumping and shopping!

A Special Thank You to Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service for sponsoring the cost of the dumpster. The entire Neskowin community greatly appreciates this support!

### Neskowin Yard Debris – A New No-Burn Approach


By Frank Schmidt and Alena Labhart

Got yard debris piling up? We're trying something new this year—and we think you're going to like it.

In place of the traditional burn pile south of the village, we're introducing the Neskowin Yard Debris Drop. Thanks to the generosity of Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service, two large dumpsters will be available for community **organic yard debris** disposal, making it easier (and a bit cleaner) to take care of spring yard work.

**Saturday, May 23**

 Neskowin Beach Golf Course (gravel parking area)

 Drop-off: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

This new location is designed to be more convenient and accessible for everyone. You'll see signs posted around the village to help direct traffic, so just follow along and we'll get you where you need to go. If you need assistance with pickup, pile up your yard debris and give us a call: Call Kathy - 541-942-3294 or Frank at 503-704-5800.

**Suggested donation: \$20 per load or pickup**

If you arrive with a trailer—or a larger clean-up project—we'll gladly accept your extra generous donation. Remember, your donations support the work we're able to do as a community. This event is for yard debris only, meaning organic matter such as grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush, weeds, and tree prunings.

## NCAC Invites You...

By Nancy Vandell, Chair Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee

Lots of activities are happening in the Neskowin Citizen Advisory Committee, otherwise known as the NCAC. How are we different from the NCA? Both organizations serve the Neskowin community in great ways, but our missions are different. The NCAC is an official advisory body to Tillamook County, and serves to provide community input to the County, State and Federal agencies as well as to keep our members informed with information from the County and other government agencies. You qualify as a member if you are a resident, a property owner, or a business owner, within the NCAC area. Membership is free. You may register for our meetings, review associated documents and attend through our WEBSITE. <https://www.neskowincac.org>

All of our meetings are held either via Zoom or hybrid (Zoom and in person), and all meetings are open to members. Regular Membership meetings are held the second Saturday of August, October, December, February, April and June. Sign up for our Email list [HERE](https://www.neskowincac.org/join). <https://www.neskowincac.org/join>

Officers were elected at the April 11 Membership meeting, and we now have a full all-volunteer Executive Board:

Chairperson: Nancy Vandell

Vice-Chairperson & Monitoring Task Force Chairperson: Alex Clark

Secretary & Communications Task Force Chairperson: Candice Miller

Treasurer: Chris Silkowski

Parliamentarian: Michael Beachley

Community Plan Steering Subcommittee Chairperson: Randall Koch

Bylaws Subcommittee Chairperson: Wyatt Angelo

Outreach Task Force Chairperson: Susan Schomburg

Programs: Alex Clark just completed a triple role of Acting Chairperson while also performing his two existing jobs, and we thank him for his additional service. Alex has been arranging for interesting speakers for our Membership meetings. Programs on Emergency Preparedness; the Tillamook County Road Department's operations and development of a 20-year transportation system plan; and The Neskowin Regional Water District (NRWD) plans have been presented recently. Sarah Absher, Tillamook County Director of Community Development, will be discussing important new developments and projects affecting all of us at our June 13 Membership meeting.

The Community Plan Steering Subcommittee has been hard at work on the update of the Community Plan. This important document will be a tool to achieve the vision and goals of the Neskowin community, provide recommendations for amendments to the Tillamook County Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance, and serve as a guide to respond to issues related to growth, land use, and development. Feedback sessions will be offered in the coming months to present the drafts and obtain feedback from Members. Randall Koch (Chairperson), Laurie Kovack, Lynne Saxton, Tom Siep (Editor), and Guy Sievert comprise the Subcommittee, with County advisor Sarah Absher.

Amendments to the NCAC bylaws and the Policies, Procedures and References (PP&R) were approved unanimously at a Special Membership meeting on March 21. The Bylaws Subcommittee, composed of Wyatt Angelo (newly-elected subcommittee Chairperson), Michael Beachley, Susan Schomburg, Tom Siep (Editor), and Nancy Vandell (outgoing subcommittee Chairperson), has worked transparently with active Member involvement over the past three years to rewrite the Bylaws, write the PP&R from scratch, and, this year, reorganize and expand the PP&R. Bylaws Subcommittee elections will be held in June, and applications are welcome.

Tillamook County Roads Advisory Committee: The NCAC recently appointed Jeff Walton to represent Neskowin on the Committee, which will set priorities for County Roads projects. Jeff will provide regular updates, welcomes input.

Outreach Task Force: Susan Schomburg chairs this group, which is charged with increasing NCAC membership and awareness of our activities. She is seeking representatives from each of the Neskowin neighborhoods to provide information of interest to those areas, and post information in a variety of meeting locations.

Communications Task Force: Candice Miller has worked nearly two years updating the NCAC website, managing our archives, and sending out email blasts full of information. We are grateful that she agreed to take on the added responsibility of Executive Board Secretary. -If you are interested in getting involved or have questions or comments, please EMAIL us at [info@neskowincac.org](mailto:info@neskowincac.org)

# South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corp News

By Gary Billingsley and Amanda Graves, STCEVC Board Directors

The South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps (STCEVC) is a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to preparing South Tillamook County communities for natural disasters and emergencies.

STCEVC is proud to report significant progress in building emergency preparedness infrastructure and fostering community resilience in our region.



## Emergency Supply Sheds

STCEVC has completed emergency supply sheds in six locations in Neskowin, Pacific City, and Tierra Del Mar. Each shed is stocked with comprehensive 24-hour and 96-hour emergency supply kits, ensuring these communities have immediate access to critical resources during emergencies, natural disasters.

## CERT Program

STCEVC's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has had a very productive year. CERT is a volunteer organization that operates under the authority of the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District (NRFPD). CERT volunteers are trained in disaster preparedness to support NRFPD operations during emergencies and natural disasters. Currently, there are twenty active individual CERT members in South Tillamook County. Over the past year, STCEVC has conducted two CERT Academies for volunteers who learned emergency and disaster preparedness with instruction provided by the NRFPD. Academy sessions covered disaster preparedness, fire safety, CPR and First Aid, traffic and crowd control, and Search and Rescue drills.

Recently, the NRFPD activated CERT to assist and support the Fire District's efforts during a storm with potential flooding emergency conditions.

In addition, CERT volunteers also provided traffic control during Dory Days and Clover's Day parades. Volunteers also attended several community events and shared emergency planning information.

STCEVC continues to advance our volunteers' First Aid and Search and Rescue skills. Volunteers will participate in several upcoming NRFPD drills including Fire Fighter Rehab, rope rescue training and drone training. We meet for training and drills with the NRFPD on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Hebo Fire Station. All are welcome. For additional information you can contact CERT at [rlw2310@gmail.com](mailto:rlw2310@gmail.com).

## Emergency Communications

A robust emergency communications system has been established, with volunteers from Neskowin, Pacific City, and Tierra Del Mar participating in monthly radio tests. This network ensures reliable communication channels remain operational even when conventional systems fail during emergencies.

We are a small nonprofit board constantly looking for public outreach opportunities. If your neighborhood would like a presentation, please contact us at [David.Sears@stcevc.org](mailto:David.Sears@stcevc.org) so we can work together to all be adequately prepared.



# Neskowin Days Tournament Weekend

By Susan Linman

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this year's Neskowin Days Tournament Weekend July 24-26. Get ready for three days of fun activities!

This weekend is NCA's largest fundraising activity each year. It's also a time for all our friends, family and neighbors to come together for fun and community at our annual golf scramble, putting contest, bocce competition, bingo game, and of course our raffle, wall of wine, silent auction, and live auction.

Funds generated during this weekend make it possible for NCA to award grants to organizations that serve greater south Tillamook County, and to fund initiatives that serve the Neskowin community. Grant awards during the last five years have provided resources to organizations involved with food insecurity, emergency preparedness and safety, reading and literacy, cultural, education and communication needs.

Goals for this weekend are twofold: raising funds and having fun! This is a fun weekend for everyone, whether you're a golfer or not. Here's a preview of our schedule:

## Thursday, July 23

Meet Live Auction Artists at the Gallery

## Friday, July 24

Silent Auction opens

Bocce Tournament

Bring your own Picnic (NCA will provide complementary beverages)

Raffle

Wall of Wine

## Saturday, July 25

Golf Scramble

Silent Auction all day

Putting Contest

Bingo

## Sunday, July 26

Golf Scramble

Silent Auction closes

Lunch (Catered by Pat E Macs, fabulous Newport barbecue restaurant)

Announcements and Prizes

Live Auction (Fabulous items from our talented neighbors and friends)



We hope everyone will join in the fun. Please note that we also need your help for this big event. Here's how you can support this fundraising initiative:

- **Donate!**

Your donations to NCA are tax deductible now that the IRS has approved our application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Donate cash, wine for the Wall of Wine, and items for the Raffle and Silent Auction.

- **Volunteer!**

We have many tasks, large and small, that require extra hands.

If you'd like to donate cash, wine for the wall of wine, or items for the raffle and silent auction, please contact the event team by sending an email to [ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org](mailto:ncainfo@neskowincommunity.org) or by calling 503.703.5330.

To sign up for Tournament Weekend events this year, you can find a registration form on the NCA website: [www.neskowincommunity.org](http://www.neskowincommunity.org)

We look forward to seeing you at our 2026 Neskowin Days Tournament Weekend!



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## Neskowin Fireworks Show

By: Lucas Parelius



The annual Neskowin Fireworks Show will be on the 4th of July at 10pm in front of Proposal Rock.

The show is 100% paid for by the community and all donations are tax deductible (we are a registered non-profit!). To donate, visit our website or donation page:

- [neskowinfireworks.com](http://neskowinfireworks.com)
- <https://givebutter.com/1NRR47>

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