



# Newsletter

MAY 2009

## President's Message

Dear Friends & Neighbors,  
Yes, "The Season" is here!! As you read through this issue of the newsletter you will want to mark your calendar so that you can participate in all of our traditional events. Thank you to the many NCA members who volunteer their time and skills, ensuring these annual events go off without a hitch. If you have not volunteered, please do! You will find the benefits plentiful, including new friendships and lots of fun.

The current economic hard times might have you fretting and contemplating not spending on a good time in Neskowin, but consider new research from the American Psychological Association: People who spend money on experiences are happier than those who pony up for material goods (hint, hint—contribute to NCA for the fireworks). Doing something is more satisfying than simply accumulating more stuff (hint, hint—volunteer for an NCA activity). Surely your time spent in Neskowin this summer will boost your happiness quotient.

I look forward to seeing you around The Village.

Best regards,  
Christi Clark, NCA President

## Memorial Day Weekend Activities

Saturday, May 23

### Annual Sign Painting

12 noon to 2PM: at the **Firehall on Hwy 101**  
A limited number of new signs will be available, so **BRING YOUR OLD SIGNS** to repaint.  
All work must be cleaned up by 2PM.  
Bring the family!

### Burn Pile

The Burn Pile is open to NCA members. No treated wood or commercial trucks will be accepted. The burn

site is near the sewer lagoon: head south on Hwy 101 and follow the directional signs. Monetary donations will be gladly accepted!

### NCA Membership Sign Up & Fireworks Donation Opportunity, 9AM – 3PM.

An NCA information table will be located adjacent to the Dumpster and Bake Sale; take this opportunity to pay your 2009 dues in person. We would also appreciate a donation of \$50 per family for this year's fireworks display. Look forward to seeing YOU!!

(See related articles on Bake Sale, Food Bank Donations, and Swap Meet/Dumpster in this newsletter.)

Sunday, May 24

### 4pm: NCA Community Meeting

We have a packed agenda as usual and will aim to keep the meeting to a one-hour time frame. Before the meeting you can pay your 2009 dues and donate to the fireworks fund. After the meeting we have a special treat as Joe Noegel & Sally Rissel's book **Nestucca River Country** will be previewed and offered for sale.

## Book & Bake Sale

By Evie Harris

The Nesko Ladies will be holding their annual Book and Bake Sale again on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, on the lawn of the Neskowin Marketplace from 8AM to 1PM. The proceeds will go to assist less fortunate residents of South Tillamook County, especially through the "Good Neighbor Program".

There is much need out there this year, and your contributions are very much appreciated! Many thanks to all who have so generously supported this project for the past 20 years!

If you have books that you would like to donate, please call Evie Harris at 503-392-3061 (47653 Hawk Street). Evie will be collecting them until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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Weekend  
Activities*  
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## In Memory

Fred Buck passed away in January after a long illness. Fred had been a long time summer resident of Neskowin and had owned a condominium at Proposal Rock Inn. He was an avid golfer and loved fishing and crabbing. He will be missed.

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*Neskowin Valley  
School Update*

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## Neskowin Valley School Activities

By Ran Koch

Neskowin Valley School continues to offer Friday Community School (FCS), a program that opens our school to children from the surrounding community. When the local school district recently cut back to a four-day week, NVS staff elected to design a program that would not only enrich our own students but accommodate others as well. NVS can serve up to five FCS students in each of three classrooms, grades 1 through 8.

This special program features a variety of electives and art classes for each group. Guest teachers augment the NVS staff for studies in science, writing, mathematics, and history. All activities align with current NVS curriculum, thereby adding value to the established NVS program. The three, five-week sessions will take children to the end of the school year.

It has been an exciting time for all involved, and the second session is nearly full with both home-school and Nestucca Valley School District students enrolled. The third session begins the first week in May. Please call the school for what will be offered in the last session.

## Year-Round Garden

The garden cycle at NVS is evident not only on the campus grounds, but also inside the school building. Students gather at tables to sort the seeds they've collected, noting their various textures, purposes, and the ways to preserve them for future plantings. A miniature herb garden grows in the Center, and at each lunch and snack time students and teachers must decide which pail gets their food scraps: Is it for the worms or the chickens?

Outside, the composting worms get their pail delivered by the students, and then the red wigglers go to work transforming the food scraps into rich humus. Later the resulting worm tea and compost, together with gathered leaves, will provide dressing to the garden beds for spring planting. Students have also planted red clover cover crops in the garden beds to help build soil nutrients. Each class sowed its own small bed of garlic, with the rest of the garden planted in a variety of herbs.

The plan was developed by students and teachers for a garden that fits our school year, so only veggies that can be harvested during school months and which take minimal care during the summer were included. A long bed of fall-bearing raspberries will offer sweet treats next fall.

On the next rainy day, students will design nameplates to help garden visitors identify the herbs and native plants. By late spring, students will begin harvesting plants for their cooking, drying, and crafts. The children have also been working on berms to slow down erosion around the garden, planting cover crops and perennials on top of the berms for beautification. “We’re always having the children look at the many variables affecting the garden cycle and ways to enhance soil-building,” says Cheryl Krueger, who along with her husband Rob teaches the Garden and Grounds class at NVS.

Cheryl and Rob use the principles of permaculture to demonstrate how agricultural ecosystems can be sustainable and self-sufficient. All participants are developing a deeper understanding of the cyclical process of soil building, planting, harvesting, and rebuilding. The care of our garden physically demonstrates the principles that apply to how we care for our planet.

Last summer a grant from SOLV provided the funds to purchase herb starts from Don’s Waterfall Farm, a Tillamook County nursery. This spring the Neskowin/Nestucca Watershed Councils will again send their horticulturist to us, to teach students about native plant growth and how to take cuttings.

The garden cycle is highly valued at NVS because it is both a means to demonstrate nature’s principles in action and a way to work together to create community.

**Nestucca River Country** is finally written, edited, printed, published and now available for sale! The 208-page book (with 40 pages on Neskowin) features 250 pictures covering Cloverdale to Neskowin. It was a collaboration between author/researcher Sally Rissel and editor/graphics expert Joe Noegel. The book is for sale at the Village Merchants in Pacific City, the Tillamook Pioneer Museum, and from the authors. Joe Noegel lives in Neskowin and Sally Rissel in Pacific City.

After the Neskowin Homeowners Association Meeting this coming Memorial Day weekend, Sally and Joe will give a presentation about the book and have copies for sale and signing. The book is \$24.95.

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Joe Noegel: [joe-home@embarqmail.com](mailto:joe-home@embarqmail.com)

## Hawk Creek Café is a Family

By Christi Clark

Sasha and Bill Therrow have owned Neskowin's Hawk Creek Café since 2001. They continue to serve up their traditional menu favorites daily. Fall, winter, and spring are fun seasons for the Therrows because they get to know the locals and are able to spend more time chatting. They are looking forward to seeing all the second home owners this summer. Sasha says that she may not remember your name on a crazy, busy, summer day, but she recognizes your face and probably knows what you like to order. This summer expect to see their children Abbie (age 15) and Jake (age 9) pitching in on the family business. The Café is always looking for capable, reliable, flexible, and outgoing wait staff. If interested, be sure to ask if there is an opening. Thanks Sasha, Bill, Abbie, Jake, and staff for being such a treasure to the Neskowin community!!!

### Hawk Creek Cafe Trivia Quiz

1. What year did Sasha first start working at the Hawk Creek Café?
  2. What Friday night special item moved to the daily menu this fall?
  3. What is Abbie's passion and talent?
  4. What do the tourists best like to order during Spring Break?
  5. What is a favorite item for the NCA regulars and locals?
  6. What are the big sellers the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> of July?
  7. What is the big seller the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> of July?
- (Find answers on page 5)

## Dumpster Duty

By Loren Krebs

You can find me at the dumpster on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. I will be there for the umpteenth year in a row with fellow dumpster masters Bill Blake and Gary McLain. We are getting too old for this kind of thing mind you. The loading of heavy stuff into dumpsters is better suited to young guys with flat bellies. Yet we return each year with our goal of raising more money than the "burn pile" guys. The burn pile guys have it pretty easy compared to the dumpster guys. They have a couple of strong young men that do all the hard work while the senior members of the crew stand around and lean on their rakes. Also, the burn pile guys curse a lot and drink brewskies on the job. Worst of all, they refer to us dumpster guys as "dumpster dolts"! This is why we want to show them up by raising more money for the community than they do.

The dumpster is your once-a-year opportunity to bring us the junk you no longer want or need, and *for a reasonable donation*, we will dispose of it for you. At the same time, you can look at the junk your neighbors

have dropped off and purchase it for a reasonable price. Our goal is to sell as much stuff as possible and save space in the dumpster for items that nobody in their right mind would want to take home. If you purchase something odd, we promise not to ask any questions. A few years ago a lady purchased a used toilet with a broken seat. We took her money and assumed she had her reasons. “

Please bring your saleable items to us early in the day so we have time to match them with a buyer. If you bring us a perfectly good couch at 3PM, there is a good chance it will go unsold and wind up in the dumpster at 4PM when *everything* must go. We dumpster dolts are ruthless about this so don't donate your treasure if the thought of it going into the dumpster bothers you.

We have had some unusual donations over the years so yours need not embarrass you. We received a Geiger counter from somebody who must have been concerned about gamma radiation levels in Neskowin, and another dear soul dropped off an exquisitely stuffed China Pheasant that was quickly snatched up by a local patron of taxidermy art. There was a perfectly good HealthRider that was obviously no longer being healthily ridden and it was soon claimed by someone who is surely in tip-top aerobic condition by now. And there was the aforementioned, well-used, absolutely worthless, broken toilet that we sold for ten bucks! Remember, all proceeds go to the Neskowin Community Association so it's okay to be generous.

There are certain items we cannot put in the dumpster. Please do not bring paint, toxic chemicals, car batteries, or tires. Refrigerators must have their motors removed and gas must be drained from all lawnmowers.

The "dumpster dolts" will be there to help you on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8AM to 4PM. Please bring your large, heavy, unwieldy items as early as possible. If you bring them late we will get the burn pile guys to come over and curse at you. “

### Fireworks 2009

By Nancy Nagel

The Neskowin Community Association board asked for your input, and the votes are in: More NCA members are in favor of keeping the fireworks tradition, despite increasing costs. So fireworks are on for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009! Now the task is to collect donations from the community. Three thousand dollars has been designated from the general budget to cover half the cost of the display. The balance of \$3,000 needs to come from NCA members and others in the community who would like to donate. Membership renewal forms will give members the opportunity to donate funds for fireworks, please let me know via email at [nancy@nwpalate.com](mailto:nancy@nwpalate.com). ”

Hawk Creek  
Café Quiz

Dumpsters  
Protocol

## CPAC Update

By Nancy Bantsari

At the CPAC meeting held on April 4, 2009, there were reports of tree girdling. (The term 'girdle' is the act of encircling the bole of a tree with a cut, generally by a chainsaw, which kills the tree). If you notice any tree girdling, contact Daniel Huckel, USFWS, 541-867-4550 ext #240. E-mail: [Daniel\\_Huckel@fws.gov](mailto:Daniel_Huckel@fws.gov)

The Tillamook County Planning Commission will review a tentative plat for the Hawk Creek Cottage project. Sara Absher, Associate Planner for Tillamook County, stated that property owners within 250 feet of the Hawk Creek Cottage project would be notified by e-mail of a public hearing for the tentative plat approval. The date has not been scheduled, but a date may be set for sometime in June. CPAC will be notified of the date by e-mail. Individuals not within this 250-foot range can request copies of the plans at their own expense from the Planning Commission office.

The tentative plat application is for 25 lots, which involves approximately 10 acres. The total site is 35 acres. The ultimate plans will be for one 100+ lots.

Mark, representing Community Wildlife Protection Plan, asked that any illegal burning be reported to him at 503-815-7050, or [ewallmark@odf.state.or.us](mailto:ewallmark@odf.state.or.us).

Michael Klepenger, Vice President of Business Development, gave a presentation on floating wind towers to produce renewable energy. Assembly of the wind towers would be constructed on shore and barged out to the ocean. This project would create local on-shore employment. Michael stated that studies concluded there would be no harmful effects on sea-life. He plans on holding future presentations. Contact information for Michael: [mklepinger@principlepowerinc.com](mailto:mklepinger@principlepowerinc.com), 517-676-9858.

## Bakers Unite!

By Mary Blake

For years now, the "baker babes" have had to endure the likes of the "dumpster dolts" during the annual Memorial Day weekend cleanup. The dolts saunter over to peruse the baked goods and to see if there are any handouts to be had for the "hardly working" guys. Then they babble on about how hard they work during the clean-up day. Don't talk to me about hard work; do they actually know how much real work goes into all the baking for the Bake Sale event? Surely they have no idea. The "dolts" take great pride in thinking they can make more money for the community each year than the "babes".

## Game On Boys!!!!

This year more than ever we need your baked goods for the annual Bake Sale. Now this bake sale is on a much smaller scale than the Nesko Ladies Club Forth of July

bake sale, but I am sure if we try we can achieve half of what the Nesko Ladies do.

In past years I have seen flying pies and I mean flying. I have personally witnessed pies being dropped off for the bake sale and whilst in mid air from drop point to the bake sale table, the pie is swooped up into the hands of a pie lover with everyone left staring in sheer amazement. You wouldn't think a pie could move that fast, but believe me, they do. So this year we need lots of pies, cakes, coffee cakes, galettes, cobblers, breads, etc. Please bring your goodies to the bake sale by 8AM on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Have them packaged and ready to sell and we will price them for you.

For all the rest of you, come early because the early bird gets the worm ... yuck, I mean the pie. The bake sale starts at 8AM and goes until we are out of goods to sell. Come one come all for the yummy goodies. Then you too can saunter over to see what kind of treasures the "dumpster dolts" may have collected that you just can't live without...

## Food Drive for Tillamook County Food Bank

By Nancy Nagel

As part of the Memorial Day Weekend activities, the NCA will sponsor the second annual food drive for the Tillamook County Food Bank. Donations of money and non-perishable food can be made on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9AM until 3PM. You will find a food donation barrel set up next to the Bake Sale table; checks should be made out to "Tillamook County Food Bank" and should not be combined with NCA funds.

Current economic times have hit Tillamook County especially hard; unemployment is up and the job market is bleak. In the first quarter of 2008 the food bank filled requests for 1,688 emergency food boxes. This year, in just the first two months, the number has climbed to 1,824. In addition, food bank workers are noticing an increase in family size, an indication families are combining households to cut down on overhead costs.

A contribution of \$12 helps the food bank collect and distribute enough food to fill an emergency food box. A typical food box provides enough food for a family of four for three to five days. Protein tops the OFB's ongoing needs list...there is never enough protein. Dry beans, peanut butter, and nearly any form of meat will always be high on the needs list. In addition, donations of nutritious, shelf-stable packaged foods are needed and include canned vegetables, fruits, meats, flour, oats, soup, macaroni and cheese, nonfat dry milk, pasta, nuts, and cooking oils.

Please donate what you can in order to provide extra help to those in our county who are in need! Thank you.

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CPAC  
Report

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## Neskowin Contact Info

### Neskowin Community Association (NCA)

P.O. Box 820  
Neskowin, OR 97149

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency police: 503-815-1911

### Businesses

#### Coastal Village Properties

Lauri Weber, Broker & Owner

[Lauri@coastalvillageprop.com](mailto:Lauri@coastalvillageprop.com)

503-392-3900 | 10:30AM to 3:30PM; closed Wed. & Sun.  
(Check at CVP office for summer hours that will start mid-June)

#### Hawk Creek Café

503-392-3838

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8AM to 8PM

Monday, Tuesday: 11AM to 8PM

Friday, Saturday: 8AM to 9PM

(Check at the Café for summer hours that will start early June)

#### Hawk Creek Gallery

Michael Schlichting

503-392-3879

Friday to Sunday: 11AM to 5PM

(Open daily starting June 19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Laundromat at Neskowin Resort

Daily: 9AM to 9PM

#### Neskowin Market Place

503-392-3035

Sunday to Thursday: 7AM to 7PM

Friday & Saturday: 7AM to 8PM

(Summer hours will start in June)

#### Neskowin Marsh Golf Course

503-392-3377

#### Post Office

Monday to Friday: 9AM to 1PM

### VACATION RENTALS

#### Grey Fox Rentals (including Neskowin Resort & Chelan)

503-392-4355

[www.oregoncoast.com/greyfox](http://www.oregoncoast.com/greyfox)

[greyfox@oregoncoast.com](mailto:greyfox@oregoncoast.com)

Daily: 10AM to 5PM (Office in the Marketplace)

#### The Breakers Beach Houses

503-392-3417

[www.breakersoregon.com](http://www.breakersoregon.com)

[jill@breakersoregon.com](mailto:jill@breakersoregon.com)

#### Pacific Sands

503-392-3101

10:30AM to 7PM off-season

10:30AM to 9PM peak season

#### Proposal Rock Inn

503-392-3115

Summer hours starting May 23

8AM to 8PM

### UTILITIES

#### Sewer—Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority (Wastewater Dept.)

503-392-3404 (office)

503-801-1104 (after hours emergency number)

9AM to 3PM

#### Water—Neskowin Regional Water District

503-392-3966

Monday & Wednesday 9AM to 3PM

#### Garbage—Nestucca Valley Sanitary Services

503-392-3438

Monday to Thursday 9AM to 3PM

Friday 9AM to 12 noon

#### Electricity—Public Utility District (PUD)

503-842-2535

Monday to Friday 9AM to 5PM

### Hawk Creek Cafe Trivia Answers

1. 1991
2. Prime Rib
3. Baking
4. Seafood
5. Pizza
6. Coffee, espresso, and cinnamon rolls
7. Pizza ... of course!

### Telephone Lines Update

By Christi Clark

USI Underground Specialties, LLC has been contracted by EMBARQ to move their telephone lines from the Tillamook PUD poles due to a legal situation between EMBARQ and the PUD. EMBARQ has chosen to put the lines underground and has contracted with USI to do the work. USI has completed much of the work in Neskowin and in most cases involved running an underground cable to the phone service connection at your house. Because so many Neskowin homeowners are not full time, USI has had a difficult time contacting everyone. As a result, they have some loose ends to finish up in Neskowin even though most of the work is done within the core village perimeters and up Hawk Drive.

I have talked to Matt, the area supervisor in Lincoln City, several times. He has been most helpful and very responsive.

USI Lincoln City Office: 541-994-0024

USI Corporate Office: 509-767-0521

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*Neskowin  
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Information*

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Neskowin Community Association

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Neskowin, OR 97149

NCA Meetings  
May 24, 2009 4:00 PM  
September 6, 2009 4:00 PM

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Password: fish

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**NCA 2009 Calendar of Events**

Saturday, May 23

Sign Painting at Fire Hall: 12 noon - 2PM  
Swap Meet & Dumpster: 8AM - 4PM  
Bake Sale: 8AM until sold out!  
Burn Pile: 9AM - 3PM  
Food Drive: 9AM - 3PM  
NCA Membership Sign Up & Fireworks Donation  
Opportunity: 9AM – 3PM

Sunday, May 24

NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM  
Book Preview, Signing, and Sales: 5:10PM

*“Nestucca River Country — Natives, Settlers  
& Settlements”*

Sally Rissel, Author/Research  
Joe Noegel, Editor/Graphics

Saturday, July 4

Nesko Club Book & Bake Sale: 8AM -1PM  
Parade: 10AM  
Flag Raising & Sing-a-Long: right after the parade  
Castles & Kites on the Beach: 2 – 4PM;  
Awards @ 4PM  
Fireworks: 9ish

Sunday, July 5

Beach Clean Up: 9 - 11AM

August 28, 29, 30

Golf Scramble Weekend  
28<sup>th</sup>: Potluck Dinner and Raffle  
29<sup>th</sup>: Golf Scramble  
30<sup>th</sup>: Golf Scramble, Catered Lunch, Awards, Raffle

Sunday, September 6

NCA Community Meeting at the Fire Hall: 4PM

Cottage Walk

Note that our next Cottage Walk will be Summer 2010.  
Contact Christi Clark [cclark@oregoncoast.com](mailto:cclark@oregoncoast.com) if you  
want to volunteer your home.

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