



Neskowin Village Voice

September 2015

Letter from the NCA President

By Robin Crowell

Hello fellow Neskowin neighbors,

What a fabulous summer we've had this year which featured a magical spirit in our village that could be both felt and seen. From the early morning golf course maintenance, to the streets filled with ice cream-eating children... something has changed! The patios of our Café and Bistro are filled with happy customers, the Farmers Market's veggies, fruit, crafts, cheese, meat, cooking demos, and pies had neighbors out to greet each other Saturday mornings. The community fundraising efforts and events proved what a community can accomplish when it cares and comes together. And, there is even movie night. Harkening to the era of the drive-in movie theater, this one is without the cars and has free popcorn! A fabulous family event, and who would have thought we could show movies on the first tee at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course ...

So, if you have not ventured out to see what is happening in your village, get going. The Community at large, now the proud owner of the Neskowin Beach Golf Course, continues its fundraising efforts to meet the financial obligations of the purchase. Go play a round or stop by for a chat. There are always people in the clubhouse happy to fill you in.

Have you had a chance to walk the old Hawk Street access road? It is still only open to bikes, pedestrians, and golf carts but it is being used while progress is being made by the county towards road improvements.

Have you hugged a volunteer lately? There are a bunch of your neighbors who are spending their free time volunteering throughout the community. Whether on a board of the water or sewer districts, the CAC, the NCA, the Farmers Market, the golf course, the Nesko women's group, the schools, or the Saturday "Urchin Tidings", these neighbors are dedicated to the community.

There still remains a few weeks of summer days, sunsets, beach walks, and rounds of golf, and we look forward to seeing you all at the Labor Day weekend meeting Sept. 6 at 4pm at the fire hall.

Until then, see you around the village!

Lowering the Boom on Illegal Fireworks

By Patti Ihnat, NCA Board Member

Neskowin's fun Fourth of July traditions – the parade, the book sale, the sing-along, sandcastles, and the professional fireworks show – are a big part of what makes our community so special. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, injuries to bystanders from the errant use of personal fireworks have marred the holiday celebration.

Laws and rules applicable to fireworks vary from state to state. This article is intended to clear up any confusion about use of fireworks in and around our village and on our beaches.

What kinds of fireworks can I use legally?

The short answer: not many. Fireworks generally approved for legal use include sparklers, cone fountains, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches and wheels.

So, everything else is illegal in Oregon?

The short answer: yes. If it explodes, flies, floats, or lifts off, it cannot be ignited without a professional permit. Oregon law specifically prohibits fireworks that explode, travel more than 6 feet on the ground or more than 12 inches in the air. Illegal fireworks include firecrackers, chasers, aerial spinners, missile-type rockets, roman candles, mortars, sky rockets, and floating lantern. lanterns.. The Oregon State Fire

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Marshal's website provides a full list with illustrations in its pocket guide [www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/docs/licensing_permits/fireworks/pocketguide.pdf] along with other educational materials [www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/licensing_fireworks_home.aspx#Educational_Materials].

If my fireworks were purchased legally, can I use them if they are listed as illegal in Oregon?

The short answer: No. Fireworks that are legal in other states are subject to Oregon law when they are brought here. Recreational use without a permit is illegal.

What are the penalties for possessing and setting off illegal fireworks? Under Oregon law, officials may seize illegal fireworks and assess a fine for each violation. Violations include possession of illegal fireworks and endangerment of life and property. Persons who violate the law may be arrested. Damage caused by fireworks also carries liability for the offender, who may be required to pay for costs associated with suppressing fires and resulting fire damage. Parents are liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

Every year there are guys with enough firepower for a small army. Why aren't they cited, fined, or arrested? Fire and public safety officials do cite offenders and sometimes arrest them. However, the laws can be difficult to enforce. Officers are dispatched after the illegal fireworks have been used or an injury has resulted, and officers rarely observe the offending actions or obtain an admission from the offenders. Fireworks are prohibited on all Oregon beaches, in state and federal parks, and in forests. These locations present even more challenges to enforcement.

What are the real risks? The short answer: Burns, loss of hands and fingers, hearing loss, destructive fires and property damage.

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reported in 2014 that fireworks-related injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms are on the rise. Forty percent of injuries occurred to children younger than 15. And, National Fire Protection Association statistics indicate that more fires are reported on July 4 than on any other day.

If I use legal fireworks, how can I stay safe and keep my kids safe? Here are the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's five safety tips:

- Always have an adult supervise legal fireworks activities. Parents may not realize that young children can be injured by sparklers, which burn at extremely high temperatures.
- Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting legal fireworks.
- Never try to relight or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- After fireworks have burned, douse them with water before discarding them.

Each year, the Neskowin Community Association sponsors professional fireworks with funds contributed by community members so that family and friends can gather on the beach and watch a spectacular pyrotechnics show after a full day of Independence Day fun. With concerns increasing about the proliferation of illegal personal fireworks on the beach and in the village, the NCA board has started a discussion with county fire and law-enforcement officials about enforcement actions designed to curb this problem.

Enforcement by county officials alone will not solve this problem. Knowledge of the law and community cooperation is critical to this effort. It's not fair to neighbors, friends and family to use illegal fireworks on the beach or in the village. Don't risk it. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to watch the show put on by paid professional pyro-technicians.

Let's make our community and our beaches safe during the Independence Day festivities. Let's keep the risks of fire and injury out of Neskowin. Let's lower the boom on illegal fireworks.



Farmers Market Vendors Happy

By Nancy Hadley

It's hard to believe summer is winding down and fall is nearly upon us. What an incredible summer this has been for our little community --- I think there have been a record number of visitors to Neskowin this year. Our Farmers Market has been bustling, and our happy vendors are so appreciative of your support, loyalty, and enthusiasm.

This summer we invited a few new vendors to participate when space allowed, and of course our ten regular vendors were always there with tables overflowing with goodness. These people are so great to work with and truly are like family. Some added market activities were live music, food demos (thanks, Nancy Nagel), a kids art/activity area (thanks, Cathy Benneth), and a children's reading area (thanks, Tillamook County Library). We also introduced our Neskowin Farmers Market tote bags and aprons for sale, and of course our much-loved posters created by Judith Schlichting.

Thank you to all our volunteers, who are an integral part of making the market run smoothly. Mary Kimball organized our traffic control volunteers so many thanks to her for her time and efforts. As we've said so many times ... it takes a village.

Thanks for making 2015 another great farmers market season. And remember, the market will continue until the end of September, so hope to see you there!



Happy vendor Carolina Lees of Corvus Landing Farm.

Golf Scramble a Huge Success

By Robin Crowell

The Neskowin Community Association fundraiser Golf Scramble was held August 7-9. The event kicked off Friday evening with a potluck dinner open to the community. The food was an amazing array of everything from appetizers, to clam chowder, salads, casseroles, meats, and desserts. Wine and beer was also on the menu and provided a fine way to toast the recent community purchase of the Golf Course. Raffle prizes and a Wall-of-Wine mystery bottle began the fund-raising weekend.

A total of 19 teams participated in a scramble format, golfing nine holes on Saturday and nine on Sunday. The days both began with a wonderful breakfast: Saturday featured pancakes with amazing peach and blueberry toppings and bacon, and Sunday's menu included yogurt, bagels, and mimosas.

The golf event concluded with a catered lunch on Sunday where the raffle, silent auction, and oral auction raised our biggest total ever. **It was a fabulous fundraiser with a final tally of \$21,052 gross/\$17,063 net, so we raised double+ last year's event which was a record then!** These funds help the NCA to give financial grants to a variety of community requests.

Special thanks to the entire group who helped with this event. Here are a few standouts: Susan Amort and Rhea Jacobsen kept us fed; Kacey, Rhea, and Pam kept the clubhouse going; Jeff and Susan Linman managed the teams and all the scoring; Kacey collected the balls and tees; Lauri the Magnificent collected all the donated prizes used in the auction and raffle; Don, Lyle, Ted, Bryn, Cathleen, Kathy, Shanley, John, Christi, Patti, Susan and Dave moved tables, picked up beer, mowed greens, swept, cleaned the bathroom, brought flowers, etc. What a team! And the donors of all the prizes must take a bow too. We had paintings, flowers, trips, golf packages, baskets of so many goodies, art, blankets and more.

If you missed this year's Scramble, next year is right around the corner! Next year's Scramble dates are August 19-21, 2016 and we are ready to collect raffle and auction items now, so call Lauri at 541-390-2701 to arrange a donation.

July 4th Events Recap

By Kacey Joyce

Once again, we celebrated a fun and action-packed Fourth of July in Neskowin. The town was overflowing with joyous families and friends, under a perfect cloudless sky.

The morning began with the “Fun Run”, generously and thoughtfully organized by Bryan Sweeney. There were huge numbers of runners, all having a wonderful time! [A huge note of Thanks goes to Bryan Sweeney for generously donating ALL of the profits from this year’s July 4th Fun Run to the NCA. The amazing amount of \$2030 will go into the Fireworks fund for the 2016 display; three cheers for Bryan!] After the race, people started gathering at the Nesko Women’s Club book and bake sale, held on the Marketplace lawn. The sweet treats were fabulous, and books were bountiful. Big thanks go out to the ladies of this club for their many years of service, and for their charitable contributions throughout Tillamook County.



The Arneson Family float stole the show!

By 9am, the “Walk About” was forming with the usual and delightful chaos. Susan Amort, Robin Crowell, and myself managed to get everyone in place ... almost on time. Once the fire truck sounded its horn (thank you Chief Kris Weiland) the grand march was on its way. The procession was as magnificent as ever, with a fine array of floats, marching bands, costumed children, one VERY large truck, and many other festive entries. The un-parade was fabulous! Thanks to all of you who took part in this Neskowin tradition.

The patriotic gathering was a highlight of the morning. Special thanks go to Jeff Walton for organizing the event, and for being at the podium’s helm. Our inspirational speaker was John Eshelman, whose moving words came just before the crowd heard a loud rumble in the distance. Yes – it was the “fly-by”! The roar from the crowd was nearly as loud as that from the jet. To end this portion of the morning our talented judges, Megan and Kelly Burell, handed out the coveted parade awards, kindly made by Chris Caspeer. Three cheers and a heartfelt thanks to all!

Again this year, the “Kites and Castles” event was organized by Shawn and Cliff McDonald. They did a wonderful job! There were some fine and fanciful castles and even a few kites. The tide could have been a bit lower, but everyone had a grand time on the beach. The McDonald family also hosted the town “Street Dance” on July 3rd. Honestly, I can’t remember having more fun. Thank you Shawn, Cliff, and team!



Proud sand-castle builders.

As the sun was setting, it was time to trek to the beach for the fireworks display. Bryan Arneson is credited with arranging this spectacular display. Kudos Bryan! Huge thanks also go to Kitty and John Forsythe at the Proposal Rock inn for donating lodging for the pyrotechnic team. John’s and Kitty’s generosity and community support are greatly appreciated.

Shouts and cheers to everyone who left their sandy beds early on July 5th to scour the beach and streets with SOLV bags in hand. Thank you Lyle Rowland and Ted Braich for doing a lion’s share of the work, and to each of you who filled bags with trash. We know how to make a mess, and we also know how to clean it up!

Neskowin’s Fourth of July celebration is made special because of YOU. To all who participated – THANKS! See you next year for more fun in the sun.

Egress Road Update

By The Committee for a Safer Neskowin

Progress on the Neskowin second egress road continues. Though a very short stretch of road, there is much to complicate its construction. Flooding from the federal refuge on the east, the creek to the west, and the presence of three sets of culverts, all need to be incorporated into the plan. The potential of a cultural heritage site also needs to be reviewed and possibly mitigated. And funds for the actual construction are still being sought through grants from various agencies. The \$100,000 from the community, the \$150,000 from the state, and funds from the Public Works Department budget have paid for the engineering work, which will be essentially completed this winter. If it is determined that no grant money is available to construct the road, then the remainder of the roughly \$1.5 million project will be paid for by Tillamook County. All these funding options may affect the timeline to completion. There may be (up to) a two year delay due to permitted use of the Wayside access entry/exit portion of road, owned by the Oregon Parks Department.

There has been interest in the naming of the road and the NCA has conducted a survey of its members to give the county a sense of what the community would like to see. Results will be presented at the Labor Day NCA Community Meeting, 4pm Sunday at the Neskowin Firehall. And finally, and most importantly, a special thanks to all those who have made donations to this project. This road will make Neskowin safer for generations to come and you have yourselves to thank. Without the community's contributions, the county would have never taken up the cause. Two major gifts made a big difference: \$25,000 from Carey and Denny McNally, and \$25,000 from the Neskowin Community Association. Donors are listed below.

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John Woodworth

Public Opinion Survey

The NCA has been asked by Tillamook County to present a survey to gather public opinion on the name of the new egress road running from Neskowin Beach Golf Course, past the former horse barn, to the Wayside parking lot. The survey has been distributed by email to the NCA members list. The current name of the road that runs from Neskowin North to the State Park Wayside is Hawk Street. (Running parallel to this road is Hawk Drive, which runs from the village-entrance bridge to Amity Avenue.)

Results of this survey will be provided at the Labor Day Community Meeting and submitted to the Tillamook Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Please take a minute to share your name preference for this road by replying to the 'Public Opinion Survey' email sent to you on August 4.



Harvest Festival Fun at Neskowin Valley School

By Erica Soto, Development Director

Summer is coming to a close, school has started, and fall will be upon us. At Neskowin Valley School, fall also means Harvest Festival. Our students and their families have been preparing for the 33rd Annual Harvest Festival and Silent Auction, which will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015, on the beautiful 5-acre campus of Neskowin Valley School.

The festival raises funds to support many aspects of Neskowin Valley School, including small class sizes, curriculum and experiential learning, teacher salaries, professional development, and enrichment activities. Last year's event was a great success due to the continued and generous support of local businesses, individual donors, and the outpouring of community support.

The reformation of an old dairy barn began in the spring of 1972, and the first children were enrolled at Neskowin Valley School in the fall of 1973; making this our 43rd year in operation. The history of the school is rich, full of wonderful stories and profound insights of children made possible by the teachers, parents, and local community working together to provide an invigorating education of uncompromising value.

Rich in tradition, the 33rd Annual Harvest Festival boasts of great entertainment, fresh and tasty food, fun with friends and family, and the thrill of winning great items in the silent auction. The event runs 10am-5pm and promises to be a highlight of your fall season. Join us for this incredible community celebration!

Visit our website for more information:
www.neskowinvalleyschool.com. If you have questions regarding the event, please contact Erica Soto, Development Director, at 503-887-7117 or at erica@newskowinvalleyschool.com.

[Note from Kelly Ellis, NVS Executive Administrator: A heartfelt 'Thank You' to the Neskowin Community Association for your recent grant award to NVS. We truly appreciate the ongoing support provided by the NCA for Neskowin Valley School's programs!]

Fire Chief's Report on July 4th Events

By Kris Weiland

During the recent Fourth of July some issues came up that we all need to be aware of.

Private fireworks: We had at least one injury to an individual as a result of fireworks. Caution needs to be taken when setting off your fireworks as they can result in injury and property damage. With the crowds that are in the village during the holiday weekend, fireworks can be dangerous. Self responsibility is important. Do the right thing.

The other issue was parking: When we had the call for the injury it was difficult to access the village due to all the vehicles parked on the roads. On Breakers Blvd. vehicles were parked on both sides of the road which made it difficult for my Suburban and the ambulance to drive through the area. If we had to bring in a fire engine there were a few areas we might not have been able to access without damage to parked vehicles and the fire apparatus.

PLEASE be aware of parking in the area. I will be meeting with the Sheriff and Tillamook County Public Works to look at options to address the parking issue.

The fire season is still here and we have not had vegetation this dry before. Be extremely cautious with fire. Campfires are nice but if it gets out of control you can be held accountable for the costs of extinguishment and damages done by the fire. The rates for a fire engine start at \$100 an hour.

As we head into the fall and cooler weather remember to check that your baseboard/wall heaters are not blocked by combustibles. Also have your chimneys cleaned! The warm weather dries out the creosote on the chimney lining and when you light a fire for the first time in the fall it will burn HOT and fast.

Is your address posted on your home and by the phone? Can it be seen at night in the rain? Does everyone who stays at your home know the address? Consider making this information clearly available in case of emergency.

Hope your summer was fun, and be safe!

Neskowin Beach Golf Course

By Susan Linman

Neskowin is such a terrific community! Look at what has been accomplished in a short period of time. From a group of concerned friends and neighbors getting together to dream about preserving the golf course to successfully purchasing the property. Check out the key milestones in this process:

Sept 2014	Group of Neskowin friends and neighbors meets to discuss the situation
Dec 2014	Committee meeting and decision to move to next steps to buy the golf course
April 30	Sign contract with lease-to-buy option
May 1	Send mailing to Neskowin property owners and community association members
May 3	Make first lease payment, take possession of the clubhouse and equipment. Volunteers work hard to prepare the new course and updated clubhouse
May 15	The Neskowin Beach Golf Course open for business
May 19	Contributions reach \$145,000
May 24	Contributions reach \$214,000
June 7	Contributions reach \$303,700
June 19	Friday night movies begin with a showing of Ghostbusters
June 27	Frisbee Tournament
July 13	Make down payment
Aug 5	Closed the deal.* NBGC has total control of the business and property!
August 7-9	NCA Golf Scramble
August 19	Croquet Tournament
August 22	Contributions reach \$460,000 and revenue on track with projections

*Even though we still have to raise \$540,000, we have proven that dreams can come true!! Thanks to the generosity of this amazing community. The Neskowin Beach Golf Course has become the community hub that was envisioned with activities for everyone. And, the course is in great condition thanks to our many hardworking volunteers!

NESKOWIN VALLEY SCHOOL'S 33RD ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

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EVENT DATES

Labor Day NCA Community Meeting
4pm Sunday, Sept. 6 at the Neskowin Fire Hall

2016: SAVE THE DATES

Neskowin Cottage Walk: July 23, 2016.
(For more info call Susan Amort: 503-312-4622)

Neskowin Community Association Golf Scramble
Friday, August 19 - Sunday, August 21

Volunteers needed for event and procurement
(For more info call Lauri Braich: 503-390-2701)



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