



Neskowin Community Association

Neskowin Village Voice



September 2018

NCA President's Letter

By Robin Crowell

Hello Neskowin,

Summer has been in full swing since last I wrote. Although we are having some foggy days, summer is out in force with sunny weather a mile north or south. A real shame we need to drive to Lincoln City to warm up.

The village is busy with locals and visitors playing golf, eating ice cream, taking walks on the beach, and smelling the incredible flowers. Many of the Neskowin events, included in the following articles, have already occurred. We have had an amazing time since Memorial Weekend, so thanks to all for your participation as volunteers and to those partaking in the fun!

Still many warm days ahead and while we can't guarantee the sun will shine, we know it never stops those "true" Oregonian's from having fun!

Please join the NCA at our Labor Day weekend meeting at the fire hall Sunday, September 2 at 4pm.

See you around Neskowin!

Neskowin Pothole Repair

By Ken King

You probably have noticed the number and size of potholes that have occurred in Neskowin over the past few years. Well, a few of your neighbors became concerned about the size and depth of a few of them as they were becoming a hazard to pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, golf carts, and even cars. Since there was no plan to repair them in the immediate future, they banded together, did some research, acquired some specialized equipment, and spent three days repairing some of the most offensive holes. Thanks guys and gals for the effort! The trip through town should now be a little less jarring for all.



Tsunami Trail Closure

By Roger Wicklund

The tsunami escape trail from Hawk Street up to Neskowin Crest Road will be closed for approximately 3 weeks beginning on September 4. This is to allow for preventive maintenance of the trail by the Neskowin Regional Water District (which has a water line under the trail) and for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge. Oversight of this project will be provided by management of the Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The equipment needed for the project and the placement of the trail fill materials will be provided by the Neskowin Regional Water District. The community will provide the design, materials, and labor for the construction of the bridge over Kiwanda Creek as well as the gravel trail surfacing and any re-vegetation materials needed for this project.

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Fourth of July 2018 Wrap-up

By Kacey Joyce

Once again, the Neskowin community celebrated Independence Day with grand style and enthusiasm, enjoying the many festivities under (mostly) sunny skies.

I hope you didn't miss the fabulous 6th annual July 3rd street dance and party, generously hosted by the McDonald family. Stan Corliss delighted the crowd with his clear resonate voice, singing many of our favorite songs. Dancing and frivolity continued into the night – truly a FUN event for all ages!

Early on the morning of the 4th, eager runners gathered at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course for the very popular “Runabout”, thoughtfully organized by Megan Sweeney. Thank you, Megan, for doing such a wonderful job! After the race, many of the hearty runners could be found at the Nesko Women's Club book and bake sale. The sweet treats were enticing, and interesting books were in abundance. Hearty thanks to the dedicated members of this service club for their continued work, and their generosity in funding many worthy charities throughout Tillamook County.

At 9am, “Walk About” entrants began gathering at the Proposal Rock Inn's parking lot. We are very thankful to Proposal Rock for the use of their space! Robin Crowell, Susan Amort, and myself were on hand to organize the festive array. By 10am the lively procession was beginning to wind its way through the village, much to the delight of the gleeful spectators. Some of this year's highlights included the spectacular Disney-inspired, ‘Neskowin – the Happiest Place on Earth’, ‘Fruit of the Nesko-loom’, ‘Hamilton’, and the Neskowin Valley School float ... just to name a few. Each entry was inspired, creative, and so very memorable!

The patriotic gathering was, as in years past, the day's highlight. Many thanks go to Jeff Walton and John Eshleman for their time and generosity in organizing this event, and for leading us in song. Karob Austin's excellent sound system, brought to you by the Neskowin Community Association, was truly wonderful! Big kudos go to Megan Burrell and her savvy team of judges for awarding the coveted parade plaques to deserving entrants. Just as the last song had been sung - the jets! What a thrilling flyover, capping this lovely morning of tradition.

A few clouds rolled in, but that did nothing to deter the eager afternoon kite fliers and sand castle builders. The beach was alive with creativity! This event was kindly hosted by Kelly Ellis and her cheerful team from Neskowin Valley School. Our thanks go to you all for doing an excellent job. It was such FUN!!

As evening fell, it was time for many to trek to the beach for bonfires and s'mores. The night sky was a blaze of color and light as families and friends enjoyed the last of our Independence Day celebration. The day could not have been more perfect.

Huge shouts and kudos go to everyone who arose early on the 5th to comb the beach and village streets with garbage bags in hand. We greatly appreciate Lyle Rowland and his merry team of helpers who worked so hard, collecting the full bags of trash and depositing them at the Wayside for pick up by the Parks Department.

To each and all who helped make this year's Fourth of July celebration happy, safe and memorable – THANK YOU. It was, without a doubt – the BEST!

Sitka Spruce-Up Day

By Mindy Chaffin

Join us Wednesday, September 26, for a fun, hands-on day that includes gardening, window washing, tidying studio spaces, fixing things, and more. Any amount of time is appreciated from 9am-3pm, and lunch is provided! If you plan to attend, please email Sara at sarahaug@sitkacenter.org or call 541-994-5485.



The 2018 NCA Golf Scramble

By Robin Crowell

August 3-5 saw 88 golfers (22 teams of 4) brave the early mornings with fabulous breakfast provided by Windermere's Susan Amort and the Cafe's Frank and Genie Ullrich. Coffee provided by Shelley Stoll was greatly appreciated too. The Jell-O shots on the 7th hole were key to maybe making a hole in one ... but nobody took home the offered prize of \$1500 promised by Windermere. Maybe next year. The scramble format was fun and all did their golf game best.

Before the actual golf play teed off, the community came together Friday night for a fun pot-luck dinner and raffle prizes. Then after Sunday's final round, golfers and their guests had a wonderful lunch with the oral auction and silent auction providing a fun end to our very fun weekend. This event is the biggest fundraiser the NCA puts on and we could not have this event without the support of our members, local artisans, and generous businesses.

Merchandise is collected for prizes all year long. We thank the team of Lauri Branch and Kacey Joyce for managing this task. Nobody can do this special job better, so thank you ladies!

Money raised by this event supports local schools and art programs, as well as help in retiring the golf course purchase debt and other programs in our community. Let's get more players next year and a great big THANK YOU to every person, player, local businesses, and helpers who made this the best scramble to date. **The dates for the 2019 NCA Golf Scramble will be July 26-28.**



2018 Cottage Walk

By Susan Amort

Friends and families joined in celebrating our Neskowin Cottage Walk this past July. Once again we had record crowds strolling through 16 homes and ending at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course. Many of this year's homes were on the tour for the first time, and both remodeled houses and vintage houses were featured. We raised a record \$6,000 for the Neskowin Community Association!

The NCA would like to thank everyone that participated: including the Farmers Market and Golf Course for selling tickets, organizers Cathy Benneth, Kacey Joyce and Peg Shea that worked on securing a wonderful list of homes, and those that toured on the day of the event. A very special thank you to the homeowners that were so gracious and excited to share their Neskowin cottages with so many people. 20 years ago a group of homeowners started this wonderful event ... we already are looking forward to 2020!

Tsunami Trail Closure

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The Neskowin Beach Golf Course and the Neskowin Ridge Homeowners Association have kindly consented to allow use of their properties for a temporary tsunami escape trail during the construction project. This route will proceed east over the golf course to the elevated 7th tee, then north over private property, and up Edelman Road to meet Neskowin Crest Road. Signs will be placed at strategic points along this route to direct emergency escape up to Neskowin Crest Road. Since the golf course will still be in play and Neskowin Ridge is private property, this route is to be used only in an emergency.



Grants Awarded to Community Organizations

By Randall Koch

The Neskowin Community Association (NCA) exists to represent its members in the Neskowin area. It is bound to act in a lawful manner to advocate for the rights and interests (civic, political, and legislative) of the Neskowin community.

Understanding the value of working together, the NCA is a volunteer organization acting on behalf of the welfare of the Neskowin community.

The NCA builds community through activities, which promote safety, education, community dialogue, shared vision, and fun.

The Neskowin Community Association has awarded \$6,000 in grants for the 2018 cycle to address education, safety, and community well-being. Included in the grants are schools, non-profits feeding families and children, emergency services, and arts programming for public school children who otherwise would have no arts literacy program.

Grants-funding is based on the fundraising activities of the NCA including the Golf Scramble at the Neskowin Beach Golf Course and the Cottage Walk.

The organizations, amounts awarded, and reasons for giving are:

Neskowin Valley School: \$2,500 for further development of the school garden and curriculum for students to fully engage in that garden.

Community Arts Program: \$1,500 for arts literacy program at Nestucca Elementary School.

Christmas Basket Program: \$500 to help provide families in the area with healthy food for the holidays.

Nestucca Rural Fire Department: \$1,000 to provide CERT training in emergency preparedness and to increase community awareness of emergency services.

The Backpack Program: \$500 to provide food backpacks for children on a daily basis throughout the year.

Thank you to all who engage in our fundraising activities that benefit our community!

Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority

By Shelley Stoll, Board Chair

Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority (NRSA) is your local sewer system. The website, interactions with our dedicated staff, and our monthly Board meetings are your most reliable sources of information regarding your Sanitary Authority.

Sections on the website include:

- A historical timeline describing the development and growth of the Sanitary Authority up to the present
- An illustrated overview of how your septic tank operates in conjunction with the sewer treatment plant
- Most frequent questions and misconceptions about how the system operates
- Court filed legal documents

NRSA is tasked with sewerage properties within our district boundaries. NRSA ordinances require properties within 300 feet of the line to hook up to the system within a year of notice. What you may not know is that the ordinance has been amended to allow for an extension of time to connect to the public sewer. If a property has a functioning system, applications can be submitted for extensions of up to five years from the notice to connect.

NRSA Board members are Susan Amort, Dave Benneth, Esther Nelson, Lyle Rowland, and Shelley Stoll. NRSA meetings are held once a month and the public is welcome to attend. Contact information, board minutes, and district news can be found on the NRSA web site: www.neskowinsanitary.com and the NRSA office phone number is 503-392-3404.

NCA Tables and Chairs

The NCA now has a new policy in place on the use of our table and chairs stored at the Fire Hall. Any organization or community member that wishes to use the tables and/or chairs please contact either Kelli Leisure at kellil@pioneersheetmetalinc.com (360-624-1606), or Lauri Braich at tbraich@bendbroadcast.com (541-390-2701).

Neskowin Regional Water District News

By Steven C. Rubert, NRWD Board President

At our monthly meeting on July 26th long-serving Board member Jean Cameron announced that she was stepping down as Board President, a position she has held since 2006 (after first being elected to the board in 2002). Jean has been a model of volunteerism in our community, not only serving on the NRWD Board of Commissioners, but also giving her time and energy to several other community groups, including (but not limited to) acting as Secretary to the Neskowin Citizen's Advisory Committee and being an active member of the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Jean will remain on the NRWD Board until the end of her current term.

Following Jean's announcement, new Board Officers were selected for the coming fiscal year. Steve Rubert was elected President, Joe Texter will serve as Secretary, and Al Gitz agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Troy Trute, our General Manager, has reported that work on two major projects in the district commenced in early June of this year. The first project will provide a new fill-pipe to the district's Main Storage Tank and a new distribution pipe that will connect to existing piping along the south side of the old Hawk Creek Golf Course. An improved Chlorine Contact system, which includes an in-tank mixer designed to insure constant water temperature, as well as PH and chlorine content, is also being installed. The second project will replace an existing 2" water pipe along Fairway Drive with a new 8" line. This will allow the abandonment of a deteriorating 6" line near the old Hawk Creek Golf Course and will provide a better flow from the district's water treatment plant to the Hawk Hills subdivision. These two projects are scheduled for completion by mid-September this year.

Although we have had less rainfall than last year, Troy reports that the flow in Hawk Creek has been running at average levels for this time of year and that the district is providing sufficient treated water to meet the community's needs. Still, it is always a good idea to be aware of your water usage. Information on both voluntary and mandatory water conservation protocols and tips can be found on the NRWD website.

Troy is currently looking for volunteers, so if you would like to have your house tested for it's water quality, please contact Troy Trute or Joy Neufield at the District's office.

As always, if you have any questions about your water please feel free to call the Water District office at 503-392-3966, or go the NRWD website at: www.neskowinwater.com.

South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps

By Marge Jozsa, Volunteer
Coordinator

Be prepared, not scared!! All emergency preparedness begins with being personally prepared, then preparing your family, and finally helping your neighbors and your community be prepared.

Emergency preparedness is not just about the "big one!" It is also about power outages, bad wind storms, landslides, road closures, and fires.

- Have water on hand (3 gallons per person and pets).
- Keep 2 flashlights with extra batteries.
- Make a family disaster preparedness plan.
- Date all food and water containers, if not already predated.
- Take basic first aid classes or become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (www.TillamookCountyCERT.org). We meet most months on the 2nd Thursday from 3-5pm at the Hebo Fire Station 87.
- Become a "Prepare Your Neighborhood" Captain.

Don't be caught off guard! We are lucky to have some emergency-prepared volunteers in our community who can work with you and your neighborhood to get prepared. However, we need more volunteers. Just email me at coastiemj@charter.net for more information.

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Nestucca Valley Artisans Celebrate 26 Years at Summer Art Festival in Pacific City

On Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th the Nestucca Valley Artisans (NVA) will be holding their 26th annual Artisans' Festival at the Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City. NVA is a well-known local artists' collective which has been supporting local arts projects since 1993.

Starting at 10am and going until 5pm each day, this festival will include 20 artisans and will be bigger than ever because of a recent new addition to the Community Center's space. Admission is free, food will be available, and a raffle featuring original arts and crafts as prizes will be held.

Included in this show will be a wide variety of original artwork and crafts, ranging from ceramic pottery and tiles, to hand weavings, oil and acrylic paintings, photography, glass, and quilts.

With such a huge variety of work, the 26th Annual Nestucca Valley Artisans' Festival is sure to have something for everyone! More information is available on Facebook at 'Nestucca Valley Artisans'.



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