



TSUNAMI SIREN AND ESCAPE ROUTES

The siren on top of the fire-hall is now linked into a warning NOHA system that goes all along the Oregon coastline. If there is a... excuse me....when there is a Tsunami anywhere along our coast line the siren will wail. It will be a solid, unwavering wail that tells all of us to head to high ground immediately. However, if you feel the earth quake and do not hear the siren go to high ground immediately. The high ground is across 101 for most of the village. There are siren tests every second Monday about noon.

Tom Manning , of the Dept. of Emergency Services, advises that we walk rather than drive to high ground as the earthquake that caused the tsunami will most likely render the roads and bridge (note that the word bridge is not plural) unpassable. He says that the wave will take 15 to 20 minutes to reach our beach if the quake is directly west of us and may be as large as 40 feet tall. The height of the wave will depend on the magnitude of the quake and the configuration of our sea floor.

It would be wise to have an emergency pack ready to go so all you need to do is throw it over your shoulder and take off. Clean drinking water, emergency light weight blankets, a first aid kit, a flash light, and some granola bars would be a good start to this pack. More information will be available about tsunami preparedness soon and should be pointed out to anyone staying at your home.

The siren cannot be heard on south beach and this problem must be addressed. Relocating the siren to the hill across 101, above the Proposal Rock Inn would solve this problem.



NARROW ROADS RESTRICT ACCESS

Just after Christmas a Tillamook County maintenance crew wrapped orange ribbons around many trees along streets throughout the Neskowin core . Upon inquiry it was learned that the trees with ribbons were going to be pruned, trimmed, or removed by the county. The word quickly spread and the gang that winter over in Neskowin (*neskimos) were very upset that wonderful old trees may disappear and others would be butchered. There were questions about why this was happening, and concern about what trees were going to be removed. The grapevine began to buzz and J. Klump NCA Pres. called the county and invited them to come to the fire-hall on Jan 10th to explain what they planned to do.

Aaron Suke, Dept. of public works and his associate Bob Willhite, Operation Supervisor graciously took the time to come and explained that the winter maintenance of trees along public roads includes the removal of any limbs or trees that restrict emergency vehicle access. The Fire defense code apparently stipulates that the roadways all have clearance of 20 feet wide and 13.6 feet high. Intersections that have shrubs on the corners above 30 inches tall are also a problem as they restrict the vision of drivers. It seems that some of our trees infringe on these spaces making it difficult for fire fighting equipment to get to emergencies. Mr. Suke explained that this same tree maintenance procedure was being carried out in all the towns in the county. He agreed that Neskowin has some special circumstances because of the old narrow streets and that he would not cut any trees down without first discussing it with the adjacent homeowner if possible. Since that meeting the tree trimming has been done and it seems the county crew has been very careful not to butcher any trees.

Fire Chief Royce explained that the intent is to make the town safe.

**NCA MEETING
MINUTES**

**NCA Labor Day Meeting
September 5, 2004**

Board Members Attending: Rick, Jann, John, Gary, Wally, Mary, Carol

Meeting convened at 4PM, facilitated by **Gary McClain**. About 60 people attended. Gary passed around copies of the most recent newsletter for people to read before Memorial Day Meeting minutes adopted. Gary set a 3 minute time limit for people to speak and stressed that the meeting would adjourn at 5:15 PM.

Wally Ogdahl introduced **Sgt. John Schneidecker** from the Tillamook Co. Sheriff's Dept. The Department has 3 marine deputies, 3 forest deputies, Contract deputies for Sand Lake and Garibaldi, one full-time detective (Mike Fox) who works abuse cases and the Neskowin burglaries, 8-10 deputies that work in the criminal division (patrol.) Two to three deputies are on road patrol at one time.

There's been a rash of car break-ins at Bob Straub St. Pk. & Tierra del Mar.

Anti-burglary tips: Install alarms; keep vegetation away from house for clear visibility; take photographs of possessions and apply numbers to help trace stuff if stolen. If see something out-of-place, write down license, description, etc.

People with specific questions are welcome to step outside and talk to the Sgt.

Mary Blake said that the Golf Scramble made \$2,080.27 and the winners received gold medals and laurel wreaths in keeping with the Olympics. She also recounted the deficits from Memorial Day events (these were in Newsletter, so not recorded in minutes.)

Motion moved and seconded to adopt the Memorial Day 2004 Minutes without reading them aloud.

Jann Steelhammer - 4th of July

Pacific City is having fireworks on July 3, 2005. NCA **does not** spend NCA general funds on fireworks.

Western International Fireworks charges a flat fee for professional shooters (\$600) and fireworks. Plus \$125 permit from State Parks.

Straw vote: Overwhelming majority of people present were in favor of continuing the July 4th Fireworks.

Fred Buck asked what could be done about the summer-long fireworks at South Beach. Esther Nelson reminded people that it's not too late to donate to the fireworks.

Sara Sifford - NRSA

Sewer spill off Carlton St. after a large gathering of folks about 3rd week in August. It would take a lot of pressure off the system if people would rent a port-a-potty for large groups.

NRSA is 99% complete on upgrades and loan.

Capital Improvement Plan will be discussed at public meeting 10/2 from 1-3 at Fire Hall.

Memorial Day Weekend Debris Haul Away

The event cost more than it took in. Carol Bickford said that several things could be done differently to cut costs next year. Suggestions from meeting attendees: "Only pick up from NCA members." "It should pay for itself." "What happens when someone wants a pick-up at Neskowin Crest?" "Curbside pick-up is very convenient. A \$20 (or more) minimum fee would be okay."

In answer to a question about having a burn pile, Gary M. said that, according to his reading of the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District Rules for Open Burning, a burn pile would not be legal as an NCA activity. Bob Graber's interpretation (short version) was that "We CAN burn."

Right after Graber spoke, **the show-of-hands was 50-50 on continuing the Yard Debris Haul Away.** (CB Note: *The vote appeared to be based on Haul Away vs. Burn Pile. The unanswered question is whether to continue the Haul Away if further investigation verifies that the Burn Pile isn't an option.*)

Jessica Donnell - Neskowin Valley School

Harvest Festival just one day on October 9th. Barn dance at night.

New Director and 3 new teachers. Enrollment - 42 children, about same as last year.

Nancy Nagel - Community Garden

Garden is located on grounds of the Pacific City Library. Sue Gabriel is the Treasurer. 50% of what is harvested from the garden will go to the Tillamook County Food-bank.

NCA Board of Directors

Nancy Nagel is willing to fill the Board vacancy. Gary asked for other nominations from

the floor. Kacey Joyce was nominated but declined. **It was moved, seconded and voted to elect Nancy Nagel to the Board.**

Carol Bickford, Mary Blake and Rick Donnell (who has been filling out David Joyce's term) have completed their 3 year terms. All are willing to serve another term. There were no other nominations from the floor. **It was moved, seconded and voted that all three be re-elected.** A vote was taken on the issue of increasing Board Membership from 9 to 12. No one objected. The Board meets about 4 times per year.

Bob Graber - Fire Dept.

Requested that people put green signs with street numbers in front of their houses.

Reminded people about barbecue and golf tournament fund raisers for Defibrillators.

Jann Steelhammer asked how the Community feels about spending NCA funds on a defibrillator for a central location in town such as Hawk Creek Café. **Bill Therow** has space available to house it. Board will obtain more information. CB Note: a part time Neskowin resident and former ER doctor with emphasis in cardiac care says that no special training is needed to operate modern defibrillators.)

Sara Sifford commented that she would rather have a working tsunami siren.

Rick Donnell is starting an editorial page in the Newsletter. Send him comments.

Misc. Large motor homes could block egress from town during a tsunami.

Meeting adjourned 5:15PM

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DEFIBRILLATORS

Jann Steelhammer

There's been a considerable amount of discussion about purchasing defibrillators for the Fire Dept. and possibly for the Hawk Creek Cafe and/or Neskowin Marsh Golf Course. The idea is that if we have one available it can be put into use immediately if needed. The purchase would come from the NCA funds.

On Sept. 16, 2004, the FDA approved over-the-counter sales of the "Phillips HeartStart OnSite/HOME AED". It sells for about \$1500. The American Heart Association says it is geared to 5th grade level and up. This device has clear and concise voice prompts. Its lightweight (3.3 lbs fully loaded). Its clean design and clear voice instructions instill the confidence needed when administering therapy to a person in cardiac arrest. Its powered by a 4 yr disposable battery that is tested regularly by the HeartStart unit to ensure readiness. It can be used on anyone of any age including infants and children. The first 3 min. are critical for someone in cardiac arrest. If we had the units mentioned above it might save a life.

This will be on our NCA agenda so give it some thought.

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR FOURTH

Jann Steelhammer

A couple things about the 4th. First, a correction and

apology for my article in the last newsletter. I reported that Pacific City had canceled their fireworks show for '05. I talked to Doug Olsen of the Pacific City Chamber of Commerce, who assured me their plan was to have their annual show in '05. Secondly, a HUGE thank-you to Lincoln City Towing. Willie, the manager/owner, brought his equipment and a large group of his family and friends to get our fireworks show on and off the beach. They were here from 2PM until 2AM hauling all the fireworks equipment down onto the beach and back again. This is really a big contribution to the success of evening.

If anyone ever needs a tow we know where to go. , call Willie at (541)994-9652.



GREAT RAFFLE FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Jessica Donnell

A year has passed and I am telling everyone that we are selling raffle tickets again for a great travel raffle. this is a Neskowin Valley School fund raiser. This years amazing prizes include trips to Rome, Ireland, Mexico, Bandon Dunes and more. You can go to www.neskowinvalleyschool.com (be sure to mention my name if you go online) to find out more and to order your tickets or call me and I will sell them to you over the phone. Thank you for supporting our wonderful little school and good luck! Talk to you all soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The annual scramble is scheduled for **August 12-14**. Entry forms will be in the Spring Newsletter and at both courses in June. Get your foursome together for this fun event!

Nestucca Bay Clean-Up

Carol Bickford

The Nestucca/Neskowin Watersheds Council, of which the NCA is a member of, in conjunction with SOLV, ODFW, County and State Parks, is sponsoring the third Nestucca Bay Clean-Up on Saturday, **March 12, 2005**. Meet at the Nestucca/Pacific City County Park (near Bob Straub State Park) at 8:00 AM. Wear your grubbies!

IN MEMORIAL

ADA TOGUS HECTOR

past December 2004

Ada grew up in Eugene and lived in Corvallis as an adult. She and her family were very much a part of our Neskowin traditions for many years. She is missed.

TOM TWEED

July 1940/ October 2004

Tom lived in Monitor, Oregon all his life and began coming to Neskowin with his folks when he was very young. He and his family have been spending much time here ever since. He is missed.

NCA TREASURER'S REPORT

**JANUARY 1,2004 TO
DECEMBER 31,2004**

Submitted by: Mary Blake,
NCA Treasurer

Income (To December 31,2004)	
Membership	3645
History Project	330
Fourth of July Celebration	3450
Golf Scramble	4989
General Donations	1049
Memorial Day Dumpster Project	274.5
Memorial Day Yard Debris Project	526.93
Interest Income	9.65

Total Income 14274.08

Expenses (To December 31,2004)	
3/26/04 Neskowin Valley School- Donation	1500
3/26/04 Cloverdale SMART Program-Donation	1500
4/19/04 Rick Donnell-Postage & Printing	515
4/20/04 Jan Skopil-Directory Print- ing	227.14
5/1/04 Rick Donnell-Xtra Printing & Postage	80.8
5/23/04 Oregon Parks-Fireworks Permit	125
6/8/04 Tillamook PUD-Light Poles	150
6/8/04 Nestucca Valley Sanitation- Dumpster Fee	305.2
6/8/04 John Witala-Street Painting	200
6/15/04 Western Int'l Fireworks	4100
6/15/04 Oregon Secretary of State- Annual Report	50
6/15/04 Bros & Hoes-Yard Debris Haul Away	1237.5
6/18/05 Roger Coit-Life Ring Re- placement	230.25
8/3/04 Kacey Joyce-Scramble Golf Balls	210.75
8/24/04 Western Pacific Catering- Golf Scramble	1495

8/29/04 Hawk Creek Golf Course- Greens Fees	572
8/29/04 Neskowin Marsh Golf Course-Greens Fees	300
8/30/04 Roger Coit-Life Ring Re- placement	58.55
8/30/04 US Postal Service- Newsletter Postage	265
9/3/04 Hawk Creek GC-Add'l Greens Fees	166
9/6/04 Rick Donnell-Printing Charges	273.4
9/6/04 Roger Coit-Add'l Life Ring	56.7
10/15/04 Tillamook PUD-Light Poles	210
11/8/04 US Postal Service - Box Renewal	36
12/1/04 South Tillamook County Christmas Baskets	250

Total Expenses 14114.29

Checking Account Recap

Beginning Balance @ 1/1/2004	5706.14
Income to December 31,2004	14264.43
Subtotal	19970.57
Expenses to December 31,2004	14114.29

**Ending Account Balance-Checking
Account 5856.28**

Treasurer's Notes:

- * NCA sustains itself by general do-
nations, fund raisers and member-
ship dues.
- In 2004, our general donations were
down 269% from 2003.
- * Membership is down only slightly
at 3.5%
- * Expenses were up as NCA made
various donations to our local
schools totaling \$3000

SAVINGS ACCOUNT RECAP

Beginning Balance at January 1, 2004	9333.16
Interest Earned in 2004	9.65
Subtotal	9342.81

Ending Balance-Savings Account
9342.81

FUND RECAPS

Golf Scramble

Beg. Balance	6402.98
Income Y.T.D. 2004	4989
Expenses Y.T.D 2004	-2743.75
Ending Balance	8648.23

History Project

Beg. Balance	1443.48
Income Y.T.D. 2004	330
Ending Balance	1773.48

Jon Prentice Fund 310

July 4th Fund

Beg. Balance	2875.75
Income Y.T.D. 2004	3450
Expenses Y.T.D. 2004	-4225
Ending Balance	2100.75

Surf & Rescue 1070.52

Periodic Review 1238.22

Memorial Day Dumpster Project

Beg. Balance	0
Income Y.T.D. 2004	274.5
Expenses Y.T.D. 2004	-305.2
Ending Balance	-30.7

Memorial Day Yard Debris

Haul-Away Project

Beg Balance	0
Income Y.T.D. 2004	526.93
Expenses Y.T.D. 2004	-1237.5
Ending Balance	-710.57

Subtotal 14399.93

General Reserves 799.16

Total 15199.09

New election sought to remedy ballot omissions

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BY KEN O'TOOLE

Headlight-Herald Staff

NESKOWIN — What a difference three ballots might have made.

Neskowin Regional Sanitary Authority's request to district voters to approve a permanent tax rate Nov. 2 was narrowly turned down, by a vote of 94-92.

Now it appears that the measure would have had at least a hypothetical chance of passing, since three of the ballots mailed to the 212 registered voters in the district did not include the measure, as they should have.

Tillamook County Clerk Tassi O'Neil pointed out the omission in a petition filed Dec. 10 with the county Circuit Court.

Her petition noted that state statute empowers the county clerk, among others, to contest an election on a measure for a number of causes, including "nondeliberate and material error in the distribution of the official ballot." That's what happened here, she said.

She said this week that ballot distributing procedures aimed at preventing a recurrence are in place.

Noting the measure failure, she said in her petition, "If the three voters who did not receive the ballot containing the measure had voted, the outcome of the election could have been different.

Her petition proposes that the "appropriate solution to this problem is for the court to set aside the results of the election and order that the measure be submitted to the voters again at a special election"

County Attorney Bill Sargent said the Sanitary Authority has 10 days in which to contest the petition if it wishes. If it doesn't, then the court would hold a hearing to consider the petition and set a date for the election.

Sanitary Authority Office Manager Pat Albright said O'Neil had informed her of the petition, and that once it is received in the mail, it would likely be discussed at a district board meeting this week.

She said O'Neil had told her the cost of the election would be waived, and that there would be the option of an election in either March, May or November.

O'Neil confirmed that the election cost would be waived, adding that if it were to go on the May ballot, cost would not be a factor, since that ballot will already contain a number of races.

After the district expressed an election date preference, O'Neil said she would make that recommendation to the judge at the hearing.

The proposed tax base was aimed at helping cover debt service on government-mandated sewer system improvements.

Last March the proposal also failed — by five votes. In a case of *deja-vu*, the unofficial result in the Nov. 2 election was 93 no votes to 89 yes votes.

The measure would have established a permanent tax rate of up to 60 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

At this point the district's only source of revenue is user fees. The monthly user fee of \$70 per unit (with approximately 115 connections — mostly residential) must cover both ongoing operational expenses and long-term debt related to treatment plant construction.

Following the Nov. 2 election, Board Chair Sara Sifford said the district's board had already adopted a measure to go into effect if the tax base were defeated. She said it allows the user fees to increase by \$5, effective Jan. 1.

If the measure had passed, the user-fee increase would have been rescinded, she said at that time.

As for the closeness of the election outcome and the difference made by a few ballots, O'Neil said it shows that "your vote does count."



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a few NCA members have noticed, we missed putting out the fall '04 newsletter and are late getting out the winter edition of our quarterly newsletter as well. However, I am pleased to report that the personal health issues of some of our key volunteers are now in the rearview mirror and we are picking up speed and moving forward.

NCA Board meetings are planned for early March and May to elect this year's officer cadre, plan the summer activity calendar and set a workable budget for the 2005 season. The next newsletter should then be out in mid-May covering the board's actions in advance of our annual Memorial Day weekend NCA general meeting, 5-29-05 at the Fire Hall.

Reviewing the 2004 operational financial report on page 4, it is noted that in addition to our small annual dues (\$15 /yr.) the only positive cash flow event was the August Golf Scramble. Recognizing that the NCA also began a trend a few years back for annual donations to schools and charities in the community, the NCA Board is cognizant we need to scrutinize what we can realistically afford to do. Augmented with continuously needed volunteer task force energy and participation from the NCA community as a whole, the summer experience "at the beach" is often a treasured memory for generations of Neskowin families which goes a long way to define the bottom line as to what the NCA is mostly about.

The last Labor Day weekend NCA general meeting let the board know that the 4th of July activities are to remain a priority in our planning. We also were given the green light to expand the NCA Board by 3 more members to broaden our community participation and reenergize the base in the planning process.

Stay tuned for the May spring newsletter for NCA Board followup.

Respectfully submitted, John Klump/'04 President

Punching for Another NCAA Title

A son of Neskowin, Ryan Healy, boxing under the banner "Irish Pride" and the colors of the University of Nevada "Wolf Pack", captured the 165 lb. weight National NCAA Collagette Championship last May as a sophomore. Proud parents, Craig & Kathy Healy, report Ryan begins his title defense as the 2005 season starts in early February. For the next few months, all of Neskowin is in his corner.



**NESKOWIN
SPORTS PAGE**

NFL Plays in Neskowin

In early August, 1952 the New York Giants NFL football team came west to get away from the big apple and set up their pre-season training camp at Willamette University in remote Salem, Oregon. The host for this camp was Willamette's legendary football coach Ted Ogdahl. At the conclusion of the training camp, arrangements were made for then Oregon Governor, Doug McKay, to invite players and coaches to a Sunday Bar-B-Q at the governor's Neskowin Beach house. Coach Ogdahl's son (7yr. old Wally) attended and gathered a few autographs. Included in Wally's signature collection from that day at the beach are Hall of Fame notables: Sam Huff, Don Chandler, Frank Gifford, Tom Landry, Andy Robustelli, and Vince Lombardi. And to think some cities need a Super Bowl to make the big time!

Fleet Expansion over on Yamhill

The Yamhill street crabbing boat fleet continues to grow in number and style. Traditionally dominated by the Don Graber and Roger Coit jet sleds, a mystery vessel has docked in front of Janet Ogdahl's front gate in recent weeks. The new boat is a "beauty", classic scow design, freshly painted black hull with just the right amount of retro-dents and powered by a 1950 vintage Evinrude 4-stroke outboard. The neighbors up and down Yamhill are talking. Will the Salmon and Nestucca River fishery, now experiencing one of the most productive crab seasons in memory, be able to sustain the pressure? The betting line odds down at the Chinook Winds Casino are 8 to 1 in favor of the crabs.

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