



Luckiamute Watershed Council

www.LuckiamuteLWC.org

LWC's "Love Your Watershed" Series Kicks Off at LSNA!

LWC Mission:

To engage and assist landowners and communities in the voluntary protection, restoration and enhancement of the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

What we are:

The Luckiamute Watershed Council is a volunteer, nongovernmental, advisory group composed of stakeholders living or working in the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

Council meetings:

Held the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., Visit our website at: www.LuckiamuteLWC.org for location and details. Please join us!

Events:



The LWC's **LOVE YOUR WATERSHED** Series has begun! Sign up to our mailing list and find out which events are coming to a venue near you!

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River GALLERY

Join the LWC on **October 7** at the River Gallery for a Local Waters Benefit and Celebration!

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Bird walkers at Luckiamute State Natural Area didn't only encounter birds, but also a herd of elk!
—Photo by Gail Oberst

— by Suzanne Teller, Outreach Coordinator

Not even a little rain could stop local early birds from coming out to Luckiamute State Natural Area (LSNA) for last Saturday's Fall Bird Walk. Binoculars and cameras in hand, this group of nine were in for a real treat as bird expert Joel Geier led them around the LSNA North Tract loop trail in search of birds hidden in plain sight. Not only did our birders encounter golden crowned kinglets and a flock of killdeer, they had the amazing experience of meeting a bull elk and his herd of cows and calves along the way!

Experiences like this that bring together our communities—both human and non-human—are an excellent opportunity to reflect on our mission. Thanks to our donors, our partners, and the dedication and support of our community, we are able to protect, restore and enhance our watershed to the benefit of all — whether you are an angler, cub scout, steelhead or elk.

To celebrate and expand this partnership, the LWC has launched a brand new series of workshops and events called **Love Your Watershed**, which aims to help local residents, business owners and visitors improve water conservation and better understand the wildlife and workings of Ash Creek and the Luckiamute River's tributaries.

Saturday's bird walk was the first offering in the **Love Your Watershed** series, which will continue through next year, thanks to a grant from Spirit Mountain Community Foundation and help from local partners, including Polk Soil & Water Conservation District and other local watershed councils. An additional two bird walks with Joel are scheduled for October 14 and October 21, at Fort Hoskins Historic County Park and LSNA's South Tract. Space is limited, so make sure to register soon at www.luckiamutelwc.org/2017-fall-bird-walks.html.

You can also get on our mailing list to stay informed about all of our upcoming **Love Your Watershed** events and workshops, which will include Suds 'n' Science pub talks, a Recreation Fair, and Ethnobotany and Permeable Pavers workshops.

Another exciting announcement is that we are about to launch our **Friends of the LWC** program! By joining the **Friends** network, you will be helping to support

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our stream conservation and habitat restoration efforts throughout the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds. Friends will also get regular “Behind the Scenes” bulletins, early access to event registrations and discounts on all of our workshops and events. Check out the back of this newsletter for details and a link to how you can become a ***Friend of the LWC!*** You can also visit our display table during our Local Waters celebration at the River Gallery this Saturday, October 7. Make sure to see the following page for details and some auction item previews.

With all of the events and workshops we have lined up, there truly are so many ways to show your watershed some love!

So next time you find yourself pausing in appreciation of our beautiful landscapes, take a moment to raise your cup of coffee, mug of beer, or water bottle in a toast to your forests, farmlands and rivers, and to your community — all of which work together to sustain us and generations to follow.



Saturday's bird walkers got a rare glimpse of this elk herd on its way through LSNA's gallery forest! —Photo by Gail Oberst



LOVE YOUR WATERSHED Event Series

Bird Walks, Pub Talks, Ethnobotany Workshop, Recreation Fair.. and more!

Register today at www.luckiamutelwc.org/loveyourwatershed.html

or call 503-837-0237

About the LWC

The Luckiamute Watershed Council is comprised of volunteer watershed residents who care about the health of the watershed. Current members represent interests ranging from farming and forestry to education and water resources.

The Council is recruiting new board members and seeks individuals who work, live, or play in the watershed—you are a watershed stakeholder! Click [here](#) for details.

We also welcome donations to support the work of the Council. All charitable donations will be used towards building the organizational resources needed to address our goals of water quality enhancement, habitat restoration and community education.

To donate, go to www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/donate or you can send a check to: **226 S. Main St. Suite L, Independence, OR 97351**

Thank you to our supporters!

Upcoming Council Meetings

Join us for Council Monthly Meetings, held the second Thursday of each month from 7 — 9 p.m. Our meetings are always open to the public and discussion topics include local watershed issues and actions. For details, please visit our web site at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org.

Oct. 12, 2017: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

Nov. 9, 2017: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

Dec. 14, 2017: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

**Your contribution may be tax-deductible. The Luckiamute Watershed Council will provide a letter of documentation in January 2018, following your donation.*

LOCAL WATERS



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7
5 ~ 8:00PM

River
GALLERY

184 S. MAIN ST
INDEPENDENCE

A Watershed Benefit and Celebration!

Join us at the River Gallery on October 7, and help us celebrate our watershed!

- ◆ *Silent & Live Auction - see item previews below!*
- ◆ *Live Music*
- ◆ *Food, Wine & Beer*
- ◆ *Inspiring Local Waters Art*
- ◆ *Your support goes to help local artists and your watershed!*



Falls City "Triple B" Package

- ◆ *Overnight Stay for 2 at [Little Luckiamute Creekside Bed & Breakfast](#)*
- ◆ *Dinner for 2 at [The Boondocks Bar & Grill](#)*



Mattress & Bedding Package

- ◆ *Mattress & Box Spring from Mattress World NW*
- ◆ *Bedding of your choice*
- ◆ *Total package worth over \$1000*



OSU Football Package

- ◆ *Oct. 14: OSU vs Colorado*
- ◆ *Founder's Loge box seating and Buffet meals for 4*
- ◆ *Reserved Stadium Parking*

Handcrafted Wooden Bench



Lovingly hand-made with wood sourced from the Luckiamute watershed

Heirloom American Guinea Hog



- ◆ *Local & Pasture-raised*
- ◆ *Includes butchering services*



[Cottage at Otter Rock](#)

Overnight stay for 2 guests

Plus:

- ◆ *Fly fishing package*
- ◆ *Italian picnic basket*
- ◆ *Fresh baked desserts*
- ◆ *Wine tasting trips*
- ◆ *Local business gift certificates*
- ◆ *Pasture-raised beef*
- ◆ *Rogue beer-lover's basket*
- ◆ *Hand crafted local jewelry*
- ◆ *Autographed sports memorabilia*
- ◆ *Massages from local therapists*

...and so much more!

Polk Soil & Water Conservation District News

Polk SWCD Native Bulb Sale — [Order Now!](#)

Pick up October 11 - 13, 2017

At Polk SWCD Office

580 Main St. Ste A, Dallas OR 97338

Proceeds go to support the District's work on 100 acres of local conservation easements protecting Willamette Valley Upland Prairie and Oak Habitat, Lupine, Fender's Blue Butterfly, and the Streaked Horned Lark.

<http://www.polkswcd.com/store/c7/Bulbs.html>



Join the **FRIENDS OF THE LWC!**



What does it mean to be a Friend of the LWC?

- ◆ Regular “Behind the Scenes” Bulletins
- ◆ Early access to event registration
- ◆ Discounts on workshops
- ◆ Knowing that you are helping improve the health of your watershed!

Ready to Join?

Find out how at www.LuckiamuteLWC/Friends.html



Your Land. Your Rivers. Your Community. Your Watershed.

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