

Winter
2017 - 2018

LWC Meanderings

Watershed News & Reflections



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 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of stakeholders who live or work within the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds.

WHO WE ARE:

Gail Oberst, *President Independence*

Dan Farnworth, *Treasurer Monmouth*

Karin Stutzman
Monmouth

Dave Ehlers
Kings Valley/Hoskins

Mark Hazelton
Kings Valley/Hoskins

Kathy Farnworth
Monmouth

Patrick Melendy
Independence

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Held the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm. Visit our website at: www.LuckiamuteLWC.org for location and details.

Your Support Makes a HUGE Difference!



Every day, the hard work and support of our partners, contractors, donors and volunteers help make the watershed a better place not only for native plants and wildlife, but also for people!

— by Suzanne Teller, Outreach Coordinator

As one more year draws to a close, I'd like to reflect with you on the achievements over the past 12 months. The strides we've made towards improving the health of our watershed could not have happened without your support, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do — whether it involves participating in our meetings, getting out your shovels, or making an annual contribution.

Thanks to our partners, donors, contractors, volunteers, participating landowners and businesses, we have made amazing progress this year toward our goal of

clean water and healthy habitat along our rivers and streams! With your help, we planted 73 acres of our riverbanks with 72,760 native trees and shrubs, and treated invasive knotweed along 51 miles of our waterways. We also enriched over 2 miles of riparian (streamside) forest with young conifers, which will grow up to provide the large wood that is so essential to healthy in-stream fish habitat.

Another success was noted during this summer's Ash Creek survey, when our Project Manager Jean-Paul Zagarola

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saw a significant decrease in the amount of invasive ivy present. Less ivy means that our native plants have a better chance at thriving and providing quality habitat for fish and wildlife.

Our temperature monitoring program continued to expand with the help of our new Temperature Monitoring Coordinator, Jay Charland. Thanks to our participating landowners and volunteers, Jay organized the deployment of 28 water temperature loggers throughout the watershed—a significant increase from last year’s total that helps us have a better idea of where our projects can have the largest impact. And thanks to NetMap — our new mapping tool — we are becoming even better at focusing efforts towards those projects that will have the most impact on stream health!

In addition to these accomplishments, the LWC celebrated a milestone this past year when we were officially granted 501(c)3 status, allowing us to expand our fundraising capabilities. Along with two brand new board members, Kathy

Farnworth and Pat Melendy, we are continuing to look for new ways to increase the diversity of our organization and add new voices to our discussions.

We have one more exciting announcement. In January 2018, we are set to officially launch our brand new **Friends of the LWC** program! Read about the benefits of becoming a **Friend of the LWC** below, then add your name to our growing list of 122 Charter Friends today by heading to our website at www.luckiamutelwc.org/friends.html.

So, thank you. Thank you for your support, hard work and partnership. The achievements we’ve made together are proof that watershed health is a cause that can unite our entire community. On behalf of the LWC, I look forward to continuing that work with you!



Become a FRIEND 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

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.

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.

Jan. 11, 2018: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

Feb. 8, 2018: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

Mar. 8, 2018: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

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!

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

*Thank You to Our 2017 Donors!**

BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

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| Mattress World NW | Illaha Winery |
| Central Lions Club of Monmouth and Independence | Rose and Ram Knit Shop |
| Platt Farms LLC | The Art of Massage |
| Elegant Catering | Golden Valley Farms |
| Croft Vineyards | Goodfoot Farm |
| J & J Tree Farms, LLC | Independence Cinema |
| Maps Community Foundation | Loco Ocho |
| Starker Forests, Inc. | Main Street Ice Cream |
| Haugen's Galleri | Mungo |
| Little Luckiamute Creekside B&B | Ovenbird Bakery |
| Hazelton Farms | Petals and Vines |
| The Cottage at Otter Rock | The Naughty Noodle |
| MaMere's Guest House | Time Wizard Clock & Repair |
| Airlie Farms Bed & Breakfast | Jennifer Russell, LMT |
| Airlie Winery | Eola Hills Winery |
| Emerson Winery | Pink House Café |
| V Environmental LLC | Redgate Winery |
| Western Skies Ranch | Treos Winery |
| Western Oregon University | B Keeper's Daughter |
| Anahuac Produce | C Street Salon |
| Blue Heron Farm LLC | Boondocks Bar |
| McMenamins | Three Legged Dog Public House |
| Rogue Brewery | Mangiare Italian Restaurant |
| Hukari Family Farm LLC | Second Hand Books |
| The Bread Board | Dancing Oaks Nursery and Gardens |
| Brooks Winery | Hadley's Radio Bakery |
| Crush Wine Bar | Keeaumoku Hawaiian Grill |
| Polk Soil & Water Conservation District | IndePit at Mecánico |
| Portland Trailblazers | Queen Bee Honey |
| | Queener Farms |
| | Rick's Place |

INDIVIDUALS

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| David & Sarah Ehlers | Laurel Sharmer |
| Chris & Lisa Jaramillo | Timothy & Brenda Taylor |
| Jack & Marilyn Platt | Deb Merchant |
| Judith Street | Stacy Moore |
| Herb & Linda Crew | Danny Jaffer |
| Terri & Lee Croft | Kathy Patterson |
| Jerry Chiappisi | Ramona Russell |
| Emily Plec & Jackson Stalley | Jack & Grace Rye |
| David Hibbs & Sarah Karr | Margaret Stephens |
| Lori Reed | Suzanne & Jay Teller |
| Sean & Nancy Hathaway | Paul Hunt |
| Jerry Weisensee | Rick & Debra Chambers |
| Mark Hazelton & Evelyn Hukari | Paul Landry |
| Steve Milligan | Versteeg Revokable Living Trust |
| Hollis Fishelson-Holstine & Charles Holstine | Lisa Ede |
| Tremaine & Gail Arkley | Glo & Tom Wilson |
| Judy Maule | Gail Oberst & Michael Cairns |
| Dr. Clifford & Gay Hall | David & Eileen Maxfield |
| Beth Davidson | Carol Reams |
| Ron Hukari | Kathy & Ron Kelemen |
| Wendy Hudson | Hollis & Elaine Ferguson |
| Gary & Kathy Larson | Cheryl Gaston |
| Kristen Larson & Tom Wilson | Michael Giles |
| Janet Parke | Henry Hughes |
| Barb Gibbs | Al Jefferson |
| Andrea Davis & John Madsen | Arthur Peters |
| Karin & Terry Stutzman | Ric Trauernicht |
| Ronald Cooper & Ingrid Saltvold | |
| Nadine & Steve Grubb | |
| Henry Hughes | |

**And a big thank you as well to all of our anonymous donors and everyone who made purchases during our Local Waters fundraiser!*

Thank You to Our 2017 Volunteers!

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| LWC Board Members (2017): Gail Arkley, Dave Ehlers, Dan Farnworth, Kathy Farnworth, Kelly Gordon, Mark Hazelton, Gail Oberst, Pat Melendy | Boy Scouts Troop #38 | Hannah Buleza | Lucas Hunt | Cecilie Rivera |
| LWC Committee Members: Rob Burns, Douglass Fitting, Karen Hans, Chris Jaramillo, Phil Larsen, Lori Reed, Scott Snedaker, John Westall | Central Lions Club, Monmouth & Independence | Erin Burns | Jessica Il | Sharon Safina |
| | Church of Latter Day Saints, Monmouth | Michael Cairns | Lisa Jaramillo | Teresa Schmidt |
| | Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Youth Crew | Terri & Lee Croft | Chris & Kathy Jensen | Jay Teller |
| | Ken Bierly | Dale Derouin | Abby McBeth | Brad Tharp |
| | | Sarah Ehlers | Jean McKnight | Pat Wheeler |
| | | Jake Ehlers | Bruce Moffatt | Tom Wilson |
| | | Wendy Hudson | Jim & Sue Reams | |

Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) 2018 Native Plant Sale Calendar

| Key Dates | <u>Benton SWCD</u> www.bentonswcd.org | <u>Marion SWCD</u> www.marionswcd.net | <u>Polk SWCD</u> www.polkswcd.com | <u>Yamhill SWCD</u> www.yamhillswcd.org |
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| Pre-order Deadline | N/A | N/A | January 27 | February 23 |
| Order Pick-up Day | No preorders! All plants can be picked up at the Native Plant Sale on February 24. | No preorders! All plants can be picked up at the Native Plant Sale on March 10. | February 3: 9am - 12pm Polk County Fair Grounds | March 2: 9am - 6pm March 3: 9am - 4pm Yamhill Valley Heritage Center |
| Native Plant Sale (Overstock Sale) | February 24: 8pm - 4pm Benton County Fairgrounds Livestock Building | March 10: 9am - 4pm Bauman Farms, Gervais | February 3: 9am - 3pm Polk County Fair Grounds | March 2: 9am - 6pm March 3: 9am - 4pm Yamhill Valley Heritage Center |
| For More Information | (541) 753-7208 | (503) 391-9927 | Tom Wilson (503) 623-9680 x108 | (503) 472-6403 |
| Link to Native Plant Sale Information | www.bentonswcd.org/programs/plant-sale | www.marionswcd.net | http://www.polkswcd.com/nps18.html | www.yamhillswcd.org |

A LOVE YOUR WATERSHED EVENT

Suds 'n' Science Pub Talk

January 24, 2018

6:30 — 8pm

Brew Coffee & Taphouse, Independence

FREE!

How the Willamette River Shaped Our Watershed

Join us for our second Suds 'n' Science pub talk at Brew Coffee & Taphouse in Independence! You'll hear USGS geologist Rose Wallick talk about the relationship between the mighty Willamette River and our local landscape, while enjoying some delicious food, wine and beer!

Details at www.luckiamutelwc.org/suds-and-science.html



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- [Jay Charland](#), Monitoring Coordinator