

Summer
2019

LWC Meanderings

Watershed News & Reflections



LWC MISSION:

To engage and assist land-owners 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:

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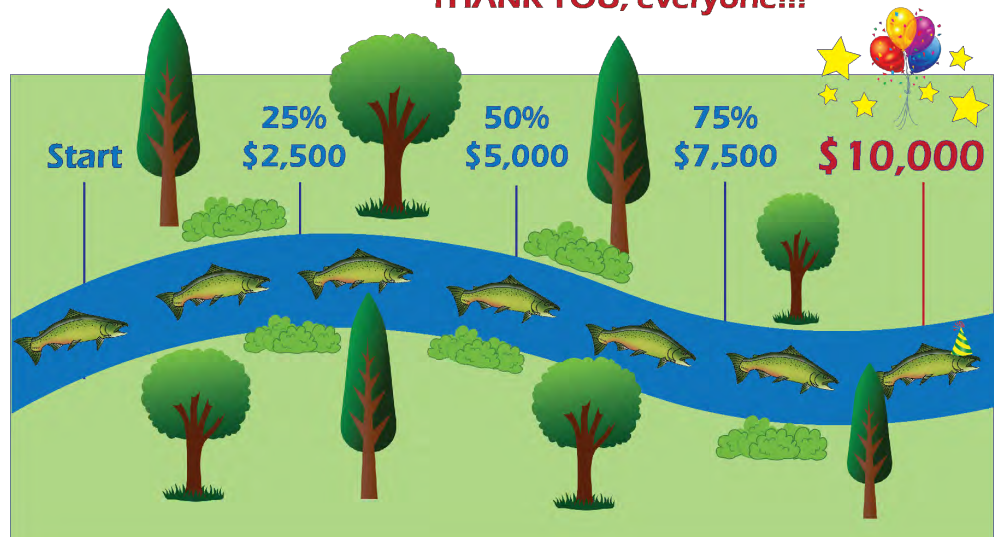
Dave Ehlers
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COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Typically held the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 — 8:30 pm at locations around the watershed. For details, visit our website at: www.LuckiamuteLWC.org

Our Love Your Watershed campaign ends with success!

**We've reached our goal!
THANK YOU, everyone!!!**



— by Suzanne Teller

We did it! Thanks to the support of so many of you who donated dollars, volunteered time, and contributed goods and services to our fundraisers, we raised a total of \$10,000 to support our **Love Your Watershed** community education and outreach program!

From our seasonal bird walks and popular Sips 'n' Science pub talks, to our watershed recreation fair and ethnobotany workshops — the Luckiamute Watershed Council's **Love Your Watershed** events are designed to inspire and empower people to take action for watershed health in their communities.

Yet even though many agree that forging connections between communities and their rivers and lands is an important part of watershed conservation work, it may surprise you to learn that it is actually quite difficult to get grant funding dedicated to communi-

ty outreach and education programs. This is one reason we embarked on this month-long fundraising campaign — not only to help raise the dollars that are needed to bring these events to our communities, but also to show funders that our communities value these programs and are invested in the work of protecting and restoring the health of our watershed.

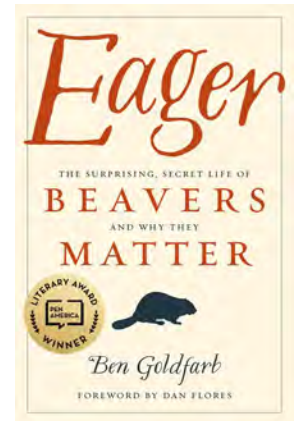
So what does it take to make a **Love Your Watershed** event happen?

Every single Luckiamute Watershed Council event, volunteer activity or workshop, requires a substantial amount of planning, preparation, collaboration and outreach in order to make that event a success. LWC's

Thank you to Chelsea Green Publishing!



A big **THANK YOU** goes to Chelsea Green Publishing, who donated a copy of Ben Goldfarb's award-winning book, *Eager: The Surprising Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter* to celebrate the donors that helped get our **Love Your Watershed** fundraiser off to a great start! Chris and Kathy Jensen got to take home this book and enjoy the fascinating story about how these industrious rodents have transformed the American landscape, and the role they can play in protecting and restoring the health of our rivers and lands. If you would like to score a copy of *Eager* for yourself, head to your favorite local bookseller or order directly from Chelsea Green Publishing at <https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/eager/>



Monmouth-Independence Grand Parade finale makes a BIG splash!



For the past five years, the Luckiamute Watershed Council and Polk Soil & Water Conservation District have teamed up to be the last float in the July 4 Monmouth-Independence Grand Parade. Volunteers both young and old thoroughly enjoy being a part of this well-loved local tradition and encouraging parade onlookers to do their part to keep our streets and our streams clean and free from trash. Of course, it also helps that they get to march alongside our clean water ambassador, Claudia Chinook—a massive and quite photogenic 14-foot Chinook salmon! This year, local musician Nathan Junior joined our volunteer crew to play guitar from a cushioned perch inside Claudia's mouth. Whether most of the cheers from the crowd were for our clean-up efforts or for Nathan's awesome tunes, we can't quite be sure—but it certainly was a terrific way to celebrate Independence Day with our community! And the outcome? We collected a total of 38 bags of trash and 16 bags of recyclable cans and bottles! So a big round of applause goes to our parade partners and volunteers, and everyone in the crowd who helped keep our streets and our streams clean and free from trash!

LWC Business Circle attracts local business supporters



The Luckiamute Watershed Council is proud to have great relationships with so many of our local businesses. Quite a few of our events are held at local brewpubs, restaurants, wineries and farms—many of which show their support with donations, raffle prizes, discounts and advertising. So we are happy to announce that we now have another way for businesses in our watershed to show their support for clean rivers and healthy habitat. The LWC has just launched the **Business Circle**, and are proud to have six charter members already! One of our very first Business Circle members is Hancock Forest Management (HFM), a part of Hancock Timber Resource Group. HFM has been a project partner since acquiring substantial acreage in the watershed in 2012, starting with the 2013 Side Channel Reconnection Project. Hancock continues to contribute to various projects and is an active partner in stream temperature monitoring, as well as being a long-time donor to our restoration projects around the watershed. A BIG thank you to Hancock for their generous support of our restoration work around the watershed, and to Starker Forests, KWIP La Campeona, Spiritopia, Croft Vineyards and Les Schwab for joining the Business Circle as Charter Members. These businesses all play a critical role in helping us achieve our mission of a healthy watershed for all!

Find out more at <https://www.luckiamutelwc.org/business-circle.html>

Love Your Watershed fundraiser, continued from page 1

Outreach Coordinator Suzanne Teller is part-time, making the job of getting a full line-up of activities a team effort. Thankfully, we have an amazing Education and Outreach (E&O) team that is instrumental in making each one of our events happen! Currently this hard-working team consists of E&O Committee chair Karin Stutzman, Board member Dave Ehlers and LWC Volunteer Cheryl Gaston. The E&O team meets with Suzanne for 1 ½ hours every other month to put together ideas and design strategies for how to best engage our community, what kinds of resources and information we want to present, and who we might partner with to make each event a success. If you would like to get involved with our E&O committee, you can fill out an interest form at LuckiamuteLWC.org/join-our-eno-committee or contact Suzanne at Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC.org or 503-837-0237

For the past few months, we have been busy finalizing our schedule for some upcoming Love Your Watershed events (right), so keep your eyes on your inbox and keep checking for updates at LuckiamuteLWC.org/LoveYourWatershed!

Dry Farming Presentation & Field Day



Date: Wednesday, September 11

Time: 5:00 - 8:00pm

Place: Gowen Farms

9040 Old Fort Rd, Independence

Join the LWC and Polk and Marion Soil & Water Conservation Districts for a fascinating look at dry farming with Amy Garrett, of the Oregon State University Extension Small Farms Program.

Early-bird registration for [Friends of the LWC](#) opens soon!

Forum: *Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?*



Date: January 2020 (Exact date coming soon!)

Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Place: Monmouth Senior Center

180 Warren St. S, Monmouth

Meet your local drinking water providers, learn about well water safety, and get answers to all your drinking water questions!

Stay tuned for more information!

So far this year, the Luckiamute Watershed Council has:



- ◆ Planted 16,475 trees and shrubs throughout the watershed
- ◆ Deployed 31 temperature loggers in the Luckiamute River and its tributaries
- ◆ Initiated the project planning process for large wood placement and planting 10,000 trees along South Fork Pedee Creek

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

LuckiamuteLWC.org/Friends

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, typically held the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 — 8:30 p.m. Our meetings are always open to the public and discussion topics include local watershed issues and actions. For details, please visit LuckiamuteLWC.org.

****No July meeting****

Aug. 8, 2019: Happy Worker's Club, Hoskins

Sep. 12, 2019: Check out website for venue info!

***Note that our monthly meetings will now start at 6:30pm instead of 7:00pm!**

To donate, go to www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/donate or you can send a check to:

165 D Street, Independence, OR 97351

Thank you to our supporters!

*Your contribution may be tax-deductible. The LWC will provide a letter of documentation in January 2020, following your donation.

THANK YOU TO OUR FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 19 DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS!

We are grateful to the following donors and volunteers who have contributed their hard-earned dollars and their time and energy to our conservation goals from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. *THANK YOU!* Our supporters are at the heart of what we do and why, and we cannot achieve results without their contributions and hard work!

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Community. Your Watershed.*

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