

# Behind the Scenes

April 2019



Dear Friend,

Spring is in the air! In the midst of the flurry of Love Your Watershed events on our calendar, we are also gearing up for stream temperature monitoring season and in-stream restoration project work. In this issue of Behind the Scenes, you will get a snapshot of our community events and activities coming up in May and June, and a quick preview of our 2019 Stream Temperature Monitoring project activities. We are also excited to announce the upcoming release of the second edition of **Writing Our Watershed: Luckiamute River and Ash Creek**, edited by Gail Oberst! Finally, make sure to mark your calendars for our BIG June 1 fundraising event for our Love Your Watershed community education and outreach program at Redgate Winery!

Happy reading,

--Suzanne Teller, LWC Outreach Coordinator



## LOVE YOUR WATERSHED: Connecting Communities to their Watershed



One of the ways we like to acknowledge your support as one of our Friends of the LWC is to give you the opportunity to register early for all of our events that have a limited number of participants. Plus, Friends get a discount on all events that require a fee. That's just part of how we like to show our appreciation for YOU, our donors and volunteers who help make these events possible!

Thanks to The Grove Coffee House, and all of our fantastic local recreation experts, our second annual Watershed Recreation Fair held on April 13, was a great success! Plus, the Salem Water Otters sponsored a raffle that raised \$57 for the Luckiamute Watershed Council! Woohoo! A big thank you also goes to all of you who braved the rain to come to the Fair this year. For those who didn't get a chance - mark your 2020 calendars because we'll be doing this again next Spring!

And here are some more events coming up in May and June you won't want to miss:

### **Mother's Day Bird Walk** (only 2 spots left!)



May 12 @ 8:00am - 12:00pm

J2E Tree Farm (37766 Alexander Rd., Philomath)

RSVP at [www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/springbirdwalk-friends](http://www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/springbirdwalk-friends)

### **Wetland Walk/Paseo por los Humedales**



June 12 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

North Riverside Park (end of Deann Dr., Independence)

Bilingual in English & Spanish/ Bilingüe en ingles y español

### **Planting for Pollinators Tour**



June 9 @ 1:00 - 3:00pm

Illaha Vineyards (3275 Ballard Rd., Dallas)

Early registration for **Friends of the LWC** has begun! RSVP today at [www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/pollinator-tour](http://www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/pollinator-tour), or contact us at [Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC](mailto:Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC) or 503-837-0237!

### **Sips 'n' Science: Geology of Little Luckiamute Falls**



June 21 @ 5:00 - 9:00 pm

The Bread Board (404 N. Main St., Falls City)

Details coming soon!

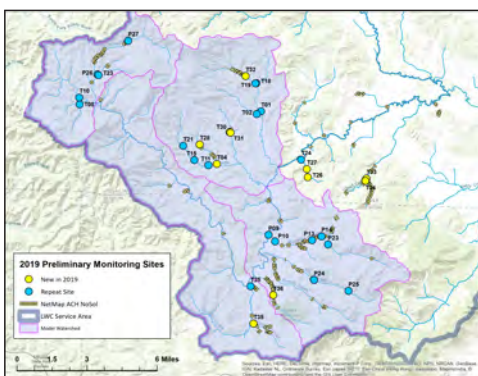
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# Watershed Notes

The old saying about April showers sure was 100% accurate this year! Here are a couple of panoramic shots of our Willamette as it spread out into its floodplain at Riverview Park on April 11. Knowing that this would happen fairly frequently, the City of Independence designed these areas to accommodate flooding and hold the excess water as it slowly recedes back into the main channel. This helps to limit erosion and more severe flooding downstream. Floodwaters also deposit nutrient-rich sediment onto the land, recharge groundwater, and provide important habitat for young fish and other aquatic life. Just another great illustration of how our community, its lands and its rivers are all interconnected!



## Temperature Monitoring season set to begin in May!



We are happy to report that our request for grant funding for our Stream Temperature Monitoring Program has been awarded this month by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)! LWC Monitoring Coordinator, Caleb Price, has been busy preparing for the upcoming monitoring season, which begins with the deployment of our temperature loggers in early May. A total of 30 of these hot dog-sized devices will be placed throughout the watershed in areas identified by our NetMap software as having good potential for high-quality salmon and trout habitat, and where we have permission from the landowner. From May to October, the devices will record the water temperature every hour, giving us a snapshot of how stream temperature changes around the watershed through the hottest part

of the year. Because water temperatures above 18°C can be stressful for salmon and trout, gathering information about stream temperature helps us target the areas that have the most potential for successful restoration efforts. *If you have any questions or would like more information about our Temperature Monitoring Program, feel free to email Caleb at [Monitoring@LuckiamuteLWC.org](mailto:Monitoring@LuckiamuteLWC.org) or (503) 837-0237.*

## Save the Date: Love Your Watershed Fundraiser Kick-off Event set for June 1!

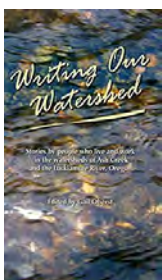


Our kickoff fundraising event for our 2019 - 2020 *Love Your Watershed* program will take place Saturday, June 1 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Redgate Winery, in Independence! Bring your friends and join us on the covered patio for live music by award-winning singer/songwriter (and Falls City mayor), Jeremy Gordon. Plus, there will be a chance to win raffle prizes, great wine, delicious snacks, and much more!



This fundraiser is dedicated to our Love Your Watershed education and outreach program. All donations and raffle proceeds will go towards helping us continue our diverse community activities, like the informative recreation fairs, fascinating ethnobotany workshops, guided bird walks, restoration site visits, and the popular winter Sips n' Science presentations, to name just a few. *Stay tuned for more information coming to your inbox next week. We hope to see you there!*

## Writing Our Watershed books now available for purchase!



Exciting news! The second edition of *Writing Our Watershed: Luckiamute River and Ash Creek* is now available for purchase at <https://smile.amazon.com/Writing-Our-Watershed-Luckiamute-River/dp/1796538027>! Edited by former LWC Boardmember, Gail Oberst, this collection of personal stories from people who live and work in the Luckiamute and Ash Creek watersheds is a beautiful journey into what it means to be truly connected to your community and the watershed. If you prefer an e-reader version, you can download a copy at <https://smile.amazon.com/Writing-Our-Watershed-Luckiamute-River-ebook/dp/B07NKHDT28>. Make sure to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Luckiamute Watershed Council as your designated charity for an additional benefit to the LWC!