

Spring
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:

Patrick Melendy, *President Independence*

Wendy Hudson, *Vice President Monmouth*

Mark Hazelton, *Treasurer Kings Valley/Hoskins*

Kathy Farnworth, *Secretary Monmouth*

Dan Farnworth *Monmouth*

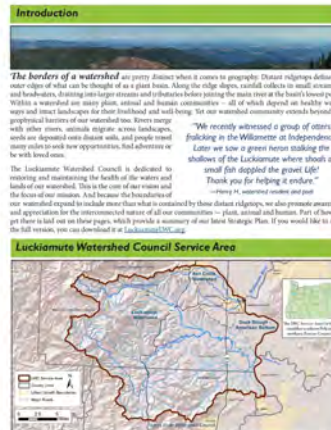
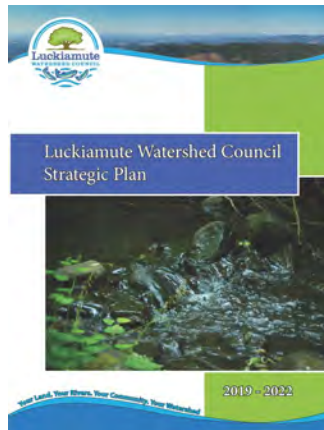
Karin Stutzman *Monmouth*

Dave Ehlers *Kings Valley/Hoskins*

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Typically held the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 9 pm at locations around the watershed. For details, visit our website at: www.LuckiamuteLWC.org

Hot off the Press! The LWC's 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan



The full-length version of our 2019—2022 Strategic Plan and an illustrated 4-page summary are both available to read or download on our website at LuckiamuteLWC.org/StrategicPlan2019.

— by Suzanne Teller

We did it! After months of meetings, surveys, collaborative exercises, feedback sessions and conversations, our 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan is complete and we are excited to share it with you!

Inside our Strategic Plan are three priorities that we will focus our efforts on over the next four years. Two of these areas — Fish & Wildlife Habitat and Community Engagement — are ongoing LWC priorities. But within these categories, we will explore new pathways towards watershed health, including a new focus on supporting beaver activity where feasible, and promoting participation in cost-share and certification programs that enhance watershed health. We will also be exploring opportunities for water conservation in urban and rural settings in order to determine where the LWC

can contribute most effectively to watershed health. Our third priority area, which is a brand new focus for us, is Ash Creek Stormwater Collaboration. Over the coming years, we are committed to work with local stormwater managers and community members to understand their interests and concerns, and work together to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater on our waterways.

What does this mean for you, our supporters and stakeholders? Well, for one, you will be seeing events, meetings and news that delve into topics that relate to our focus areas, as well as partnerships with agencies and community groups with whom we share similar goals and objectives. You will be asked to share your views and ideas relating to these new topics

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through surveys and in conversations. Your feedback and experiences working on these priorities will allow us to refine our strategies and continue evolving to incorporate new knowledge and ideas. This is what community-based conservation truly looks like, and we are proud to be embarking on this journey with you!

Over the next couple of months we will also be working on another, more internally focused, set of strategies. This will help us identify ways to be a stronger, more efficient organization, and better able to implement the goals outlined in our Strategic Plan. Part of this journey towards becoming a stronger watershed council involves being a more inclusive watershed council — one that better reflects the diverse communities which we serve. We would love to have your input and involvement in this aspect of our journey as well, so if we are speaking about something close to your heart, please consider putting your passion to work as part of our Board or in one of our Committees! You can find out how to get involved at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/become-a-member

Visit our website at www.LuckiamuteLWC.org/StrategicPlan2019 to view an illustrated 4-page summary or download our full Strategic Plan document.

If you would like to request a copy of the Strategic Plan summary to be mailed to you, contact us at 503-837-0237 or Outreach@LuckiamuteLWC.org.



Friends & Family Night at McMenamins!

Date: May 21, 2019

Time: 5pm 'til closing

**Place: McMenamins Corvallis Pub
420 NW Third St., Corvallis**

This is the night to grab your family and friends and head to McMenamins Corvallis Pub! A full **50% of all sales** during this event will go to support both Marys River Watershed Council and Luckiamute Watershed Council!





SAVE THE DATE!

**** June 1, 2019 ****

Love Your Watershed

Fundraiser Kickoff Event

at

Redgate Winery

Live Music!





LOVE YOUR WATERSHED

Spring Events

Visit LuckiamuteLWC.org/LoveYourWatershed for details and registration info!

Watershed Recreation Fair / Feria de Recreación de Cuencas



April 13, 2019

10am — 2pm

FREE!

From agritourism to kayaking, our annual Watershed Recreation Fair is the perfect place to discover some of the many outdoor activities offered in our area! Bring your whole family in for a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, and start planning your next adventure! LuckiamuteLWC.org/recfair (información disponible en español)

The Grove Coffeehouse, 116 S. Main St., Independence

TWO Earth Day Events!



April 20, 2019

1 — 4pm

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April 22, 2019

1:30 — 2:30pm

This year, there are TWO Earth Day activities you can sign up for! On Saturday, April 20, help us mulch and install deer fencing around some newly planted young trees and shrubs along Ash Creek. Then on Monday, April 22, join the Lions Club as they pick up litter along the Willamette River in Independence! More information at LuckiamuteLWC.org/earthday2019

Independence, OR—see website for location details!

Spring Bird Walk



May 12, 2019

8am — 12pm

\$12 (\$8 for Friends of the LWC)

Join the LWC and local bird expert, Joel Geier, as we explore the wooded areas, streams and pond habitat found on Boardmember Dave Ehlers' tree farm. Registration information coming soon at LuckiamuteLWC.org/LoveYourWatershed!

J2E Tree Farm, 37766 Alexander Rd., Philomath

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 7:00 — 9:00 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.

April 11, 2019: Monmouth Volunteer Hall

May 9, 2019: *Check our website for venue info!*

June 26, 2019*: *Check our website for venue info!*

***Note that this meeting will take the place of our June & July meetings, and will happen on the last Wednesday instead of the second Thursday!**

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 RECENT 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 over the past three months. *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!

January - March 2019 Individual Donors

January - March 2019 Volunteers

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