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Watershed Council

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WATERSHED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ivy Removal

We owe a huge thanks to our rockstar volunteers for helping us reach a major milestone at this work party location. Thanks to their tireless efforts, we successfully cleared the majority of ivy at the site, resulting in an impressive mountain of invasive greenery, that we could only achieve with your assistance!

During our efforts, we even uncovered some old-growth ivy—vines that looked like they belonged in a jungle! This discovery only fueled our committed volunteers' determination to lighten the load that these trees have been carrying for quite some time.



We truly appreciate everyone who braved the chilly weather to support our local ecosystem!



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Science On Tap February 25th



Join us on Tuesday, February 25th from 5–7 PM for a presentation featuring Chandra LeGue, author of Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide. This talk will help connect you to ancient forests nearby, explore what makes them so special, and discuss the changes and challenges they experience over time (both natural and unnatural)

Chandra is Oregon Wild's Senior Conservation Advocate, and she has been focused on public forest policy, and community engagement and education on this topic for the past 20 years.

We host these family-friendly events on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5–7pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove.

Events begin with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council. The Science on Tap presentation begins at 6pm. The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested.

We're excited for the return Science on Tap, our monthly informative public meeting series and look forward to seeing you there!

Great Backyard Bird Count

February 14th-17th

Grace Fowler-Gore invites you to join the Coast Fork Birders for a February Bird Walk as part of this years Great Backyard Bird Count!

The first part of this walk is paved and is a great opportunity for individuals with mobility issues to participate in a bird outing.

Checkout our eBird checklists for the last two years:
[2024 Checklist](#) | [2023 Checklist](#)



Please contact Grace Fowler-Gore at 817-975-4936 or GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com to RSVP, or with any questions.

The **Cornell** Lab of Ornithology 

Date: February 15th, 2025

Start: 8 a.m.

Duration: Generally runs 3 hours.

Location: Row River Nature Park

Parking: The weigh station

Wheelchair Parking: In front of the water treatment ponds

Please Note: There are no restrooms available at Row River Nature Park.

Looking forward to another great outing together!

Coast Fork Volunteer Event – Weeding Work Party

February 22nd



WEEDING WORK PARTY

VOLUNTEER WITH COAST FORK WILLAMETTE WATERSHED COUNCIL!

Date: Saturday, February 22nd

Time: 10 AM- 2 PM

Location: Row River Nature Park Pollinator Garden

To RSVP or reach out for further information, email nayla@coastfork.org

Visit Our Website: <https://www.coastfork.org/>

The flyer features two circular inset photos. The top photo shows a 'Monarch Waystation' sign in a field. The bottom photo shows two people, a woman in an orange jacket and a man in a blue jacket, standing in a garden with blackberry bushes and autumn leaves.

Be part of the fun and lend a helping hand to Mother Nature while enhancing the environment for our native species!

Join us on Saturday, February 22nd, from 10 AM to 2 PM for a weeding work party at Row River Nature Park's Pollinator Garden!

Whether it rains or shines, come enjoy some tea and doughnuts as we remove weeds from the pollinator garden and trim back the surrounding blackberry bushes to prepare for the addition of new pollinator-friendly plants in the spring.

Upcoming Cottage Grove Garden Volunteer Event

February 15th



Cottage Grove Community Garden



Project Overview

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad (formerly Centro Latino Americano, Downtown Languages, and Huerto de la Familia) is developing a new community garden in partnership with South Lane School District in order to increase local food security and support community connection.

If you would like to volunteer to help bring this garden to fruition, please reach out for more information. We welcome the opportunity to schedule with your business or group to fit your scheduling needs. Or, RSVP to the following open volunteer events by email or text.

Volunteer Date	Volunteer Time	Volunteer Needs	Potential tasks
Saturday, January 11, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	spread compost to plots; gravel at entrance
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	create gravel pads for sheds; continue prepare garden plots
Saturday, February 1, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	wheelbarrow structure build out and raised beds install
Saturday, February 15, 2025	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10-15 volunteers, manual projects in uncertain weather	weed plots / cover plots

About Us

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad is a Latinx and immigrant-serving, nonprofit organization located in Eugene/Springfield. In addition to our Community Garden Program, we provide essential and enriching Spanish-language programming related to social services, adult education, youth programming, small business development, and mental health and substance use treatment.

To volunteer or support this garden, please contact:
Christina Bentrup, CG Garden Development
gardens@plazacomunidad.org or (541) 525-0077

Additional Volunteer Opportunity this Month!

Cottage Grove High School's garden is currently being renovated, and you can join in and support this wonderful community project! If you're eager to lend a helping hand, please meet behind Cottage Grove high school in the parking lot just off South R Street.

RSVP by emailing Christina Bentrup at

gardens@plazacomunidad.org

and don't forget to save the dates for more garden adventures ahead!

NEWS CORNER

Northwest Forest Plan

The [Northwest Forest Plan](#) is undergoing a once-in-a-generation amendment process and a symposium held on Wednesday, January 22nd, on the University of Oregon campus worked to make sure that vital voices are being included in the process.



The symposium brought together multiple groups to make sure that the voices of indigenous communities, environmental justice advocates, and others are included in the forest plan's amendment process. The goal is to educate the community about the critical importance of including indigenous perspectives and indigenous leadership in solving the climate and wildfire crisis affecting northwest forests.

[Full Article](#)

YOUR WATERSHED

Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES – SEE WHO'S HIRING

Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Education Internship

Closing date: **Midnight on February 28th, 2025**

Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum's office in Eugene, Oregon

Status: 12–35 hour/week, non–exempt

Compensation: \$16/hr

About the role: [Full Post Description Here](#)

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is looking for students who would like to gain experience in outdoor education. Outdoor Education Interns build on local ecology and science to lead small groups of elementary aged children in nature–based outdoor lessons. All Interns work alongside the Education Manager and fellow Arboretum staff and are provided training opportunities before leading lessons independently. Interns build skills like: techniques for working with kids, experiential learning in outdoor settings, nonprofit park and partnership management, and more. Students have the option of securing 2–4 class credits with additional stipend compensation of \$16 per hour, 12–35 hours per.

Long Tom Watershed Council

Operations Manager

[Full Post Description Here](#)

Applicant review begins: **March 3, 2025**

Location: Eugene, Oregon

Status: Full–time exempt salaried position

Compensation: Salary range of \$60,000 to \$65,000 based on experience. plus benefits

About the role:

The Operations Manager (OM) holds primary responsibility for coordinating administrative functions, operational support, and community engagement. The OM leads the development and execution of systems and procedures critical to providing an efficient, compliant, and supportive workplace environment. In addition, the OM oversees risk management, general grant management (focused on insurance, general compliance, organizational and federal policy compliance, and OSHA requirements), serves as technology manager, and manages LTWC property needs. The OM is a core member of the Administrative Team and participates in strategic planning, work plan creation, budgeting for administrative functions, support for the Board of Directors, and data/CRM management.

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