Watershed council hosts BBQ and raffle

NEHALEM — The Lower Nehalem Watershed Council invites council members, partners, friends and the public to attend the council's annual BBQ to recognize their volunteers and celebrate the council's accomplishments.

The free event will take place 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Nehalem City Park (12705 Hugo St.). The council will provide food and beverages.

RSVP to LNWC@nehalemtel. net or 503-368-7424 by Thursday,

Sept. 14, to help with planning.

Raffle

As a new addition, the council is raffling off a winter steelhead angling trip for two on the North Fork Nehalem River. The trip will be guided by Joe Watkins, a professional angling guide and council board member.

Tickets are a \$5 donation each; only 200 are available for purchase. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Lower Nehalem Water-

shed Council. The prize is valued at \$400 and is redeemable from Dec. 15, 2017, through March 1, 2018. The drawing will be held 5 p.m. during the Sept. 16 BBQ, but the winner need not be present to win.

For tickets, contact the council at LNWC@nehalemtel.net or 503-368-7424.

The council is dedicated to the protection, preservation and enhancement of the Nehalem Watershed through leadership, cooperation and education.



Joe Watkins, a Lower Nehalem Watershed Council board member and professional angling guide

END THE SUMMER AT NETARTS BAY

NETARTS — The Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS (Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea) is closing out the summer with a bang! This September, catch the last Art of Growing Oyster Tours, Kayak Netarts Bay tours and SOLVE Beach Cleanup.

These WEBS-hosted events are part of the Explore Nature series of hikes,

walks, paddles and outdoor adventures.

WEBS is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining the Netarts Bay area through education and stewardship. Learn more at netartsbaytoday.org.

All WEBS community programs are free. Tax-exempt donations to Netarts Bay WEBS to enable programs like this are encouraged but not required.

Art of Growing Oysters

Join Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS for their last Art of Growing Oyster tour of the season and get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how oysters are grown in the Pacific Northwest 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

This final tour features a dock walk with the Community Supported Fishery, a tour of Pacific Seafood's boats, and concludes at Source, the new oyster and wine bar.

The event takes places in the Netarts Bay area; sign up for a specific location. Be prepared to walk on uneven, wet, muddy surfaces.

Register online at eventbrite.com. More information and registration details are available at explorenaturetillamookcoast. com and the Friends of Netarts Bay Facebook page.

Kayak Netarts Bay: Bay Entrance

This tour — 8 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 — offers an easy ride, taking advantage of the outgoing tide toward the bay mouth.

Participants will stop on the way to see the aquarium of marine life, such as kelp and Dungeness crab, filtering shellfish and aquatic vegetation that lives in the shallow waters of the cove. On return, participants will paddle the incoming tides past harbor seals lounging on the sand bar before heading back to the launch site.

Tweens and older are free to join this trip. People with serious medical conditions should exercise caution in joining. Anyone more than 230 pounds should notify WEBS during registration to ensure it has the proper gear.

Guided by Kayak Tillamook County and Netarts WEBS, the event takes places in the Netarts Bay area; sign up for a specific location. Kayaks and gear are provided.

To register, email Marcus Hinz at marc@kayaktilla-mook.com and note "Kayak Netarts Bay: Bay Entrance" in the subject line. More information and registration details are available at explorenaturetillamookcoast. com.

Kayak Netarts Bay: Bay Entrance

Visiting the sand dollar

beds isn't for the timid! No, they don't bite, but the journey to see them is no easy float.

The first half of this trip
— 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday,
Sept. 23 — takes advantage
of an incoming tide, flushing
participants far up into the
inner bay to their destination. Because the NOAA
tide predictions are only predictions, participants should
be prepared for anything.

For instance, the journey to the sand dollar beds may involve short portages and using teamwork to carry the kayaks with them. On the return trip, they will paddle against a mild incoming tidal current and potentially a Northwest wind.

Children younger than 16 years old and people with serious medical conditions are not allowed on this trip. Anyone over 230 pounds should notify WEBS during registration to ensure it has the proper gear.

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SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup

Join WEBS in the state-wide effort to clean the bay. SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

Each fall, Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS and partners join with more than 100 other projects across the state to pick up litter along local beaches.

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS captains the cleanup from Cape Lookout to Cape Meares with partners that include Tillamook County Parks, Netarts-Oceanside Fire District and Oregon State Parks.

Preregister at SOLVEO-regon.org.

