



# LONG TOM WATERSHED COUNCIL

October 2018

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting & Celebration

Monday, October 22, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

“Connecting Communities for Watershed Health”

WildCraft Cider Works Tasting Room (232 Lincoln St., Eugene)

### Memories from last year’s celebration!



Engaging Speakers!



Volunteer and Partner Awards!



Live Folk Music!

### Sponsored by:

**Weyerhaeuser Company, Bauman Tree Farm,  
and Roseburg Resources!**

**Register by October 15!**

**Tickets: \$25/person, \$15/children 5 & over, \$60/family of 3+**

**Don’t miss our biggest event of the year!**

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The Long Tom Watershed Council serves to improve water quality and watershed condition in the Long Tom River basin and surrounding drainages through education and collaboration among all interests, using the collective wisdom and voluntary action of our community members.

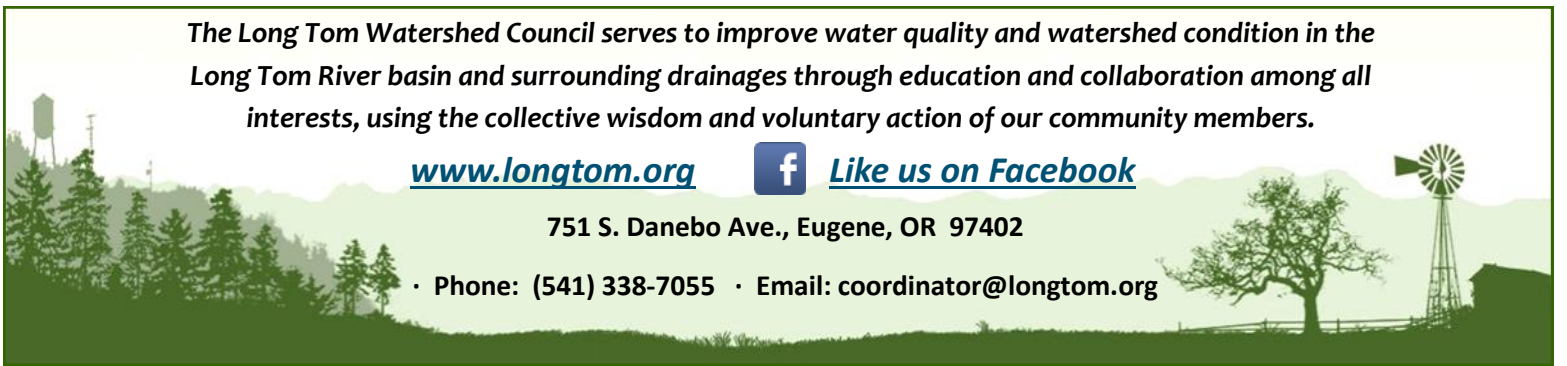
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# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting & Celebration

Monday, October 22

We warmly invite you to this year's Annual Celebration! LTWC's annual event is more than just an opportunity to highlight the Council's work and accomplishments from the past year, it's an opportunity to celebrate the incredible people of this watershed community! None of our work would happen without the support, passion, and knowledge shared by landowners, project partners, donors, funders, volunteers, and the many, many interested and engaged community members. So THANK YOU for your commitment to this watershed and another successful year!



Last year, we had perhaps our largest turnout ever to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nearly 150 people attended our big event to enjoy great food, company, conversation, and appreciation for the work of so many landowners and partners watershed-wide. Tell you family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. They won't want to miss our biggest event of the year!

**Registration will be open through Monday, October 15!** There are two simple ways to purchase your meal ticket. 1) Visit [longtom.org/annualcelebration2018/](http://longtom.org/annualcelebration2018/) to enter your information online, or you may send a check, payable to LTWC, to 751 S. Danebo Ave., Eugene, OR 97402. Once registered, one of our staff will follow up to confirm your payment and that you're on the attendee list.

## Thank you, Sponsors!



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## Event will Feature:

- Program Presentation on how the work of the Urban Waters & Wildlife Program fits into the bigger picture of a healthy Long Tom Watershed!
- Tapas and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Krob Krua: Thai Family Kitchen
- Fantastic WildCraft cider on tap, including the Community Apple Drive cider!
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Live music by the Eugene City Barnstormers!
- Watershed Awards for outstanding volunteers, partners, and community members!
- Board member election
- The very best in watershed community!

## Menu

- ~ Hummus Cups ~
- ~ Green Papaya Salad Rolls ~
- ~ Chicken Satay ~
- ~ Vegetable Spring Rolls ~
- ~ Curry Puffs ~
- ~ Wild Mushroom & Chicken Dumplings ~
- ~ Mozzarella & Tomato Skewers ~
- ~ Smoked Salmon Cucumber Chips ~
- ~ WildCraft Cider ~
- ~ Kombucha and Tea

Questions? Rob or Sarah P. (541-338-7055 | [operations@longtom.org](mailto:operations@longtom.org))



## Annual Celebration Program:

### “Connecting Communities for Watershed Health”

The theme of this year’s event is “connecting communities for watershed health,” because, at it’s core, that’s what this watershed council is all about. While there are many different communities within the watershed—be they the conventional municipality sense of community, or the cultural, spiritual, occupational, and the many other types of communities—the Long Tom Watershed is the collective community for all of us. It is the place where we may work, play, or call home., and therefore the watershed’s health is an interest we all have a stake in. What happens in one area has downstream implications for fish, wildlife, and people.

Eight years ago, LTWC saw a gap in that upstream-downstream connection which presented an opportunity for the Council and its constituents to become involved in improving the urban part of the watershed for the benefit of the entire watershed community. Ever since, the Council and what is now the Urban Waters & Wildlife Program, has been leading a collaborative effort to improve urban water quality and habitat in the Eugene-Springfield metro area through the voluntary participation of businesses and our community members.

During the Annual Celebration, our presenters will highlight some examples of on-the-ground project success stories and illustrate how the Council’s work in the urban area is connecting upstream and downstream neighbors across this watershed community. You’ll hear from staff at two local businesses, Jodi Sommers of Essex General Construction and Melissa Koke of QSL Print Communications, who were each very involved in the process of partnering with the LTWC to implement an urban stormwater project at their respective business. Volunteer extraordinaire and landscape architect, Kevin Shanley, will talk about how the local impact of our work in the Urban Waters Program fits into the bigger picture of watershed health and improving water quality and drinking water source areas downstream.



#### Annual Celebration Presenters



**Jodi Sommers** is the Marketing & Business Development Manager at Essex General Construction. Jodi has worked closely with LTWC on the installation and maintenance of a rain garden at Essex’s office in west Eugene.



**Melissa Koke** is the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for QSL Print Communications and is the fourth-generation from her family in the printing business. She has worked with the Council on the installation of a bioswale at QSL’s facility in Springfield.



**Kevin Shanley** has been a landscape architect for more than 40 years, and volunteers his considerable talents for both LTWC and Friends of Buford Park. Kevin’s current projects with the Council include serving on the Urban Waters Technical Advisory Team and assisting with the Lower Long Tom Community Outreach Project.

## Donate with your Annual Celebration Ticket Registration and Receive an LTWC Gift!

Receive a Long Tom Watershed **gift when you include a donation with your ticket!** Gifts based on the following donation tiers:

\$25 Receive 2 beverage tickets (alcoholic or non)

\$50 Plush River Otter (LTWC logo on bandanna)

\$100 Steel Pint Glass w/LTWC logo + 2 drink tickets

\$100 Family Package! Plush River Otter + 3 drink tickets

\$175 Case of WildCraft Urban Apple Drive Cider + 2 drink tickets

\$250 Receive your copy of *Along the Long Tom River: Observations from Past & Present* by David Turner + Plush River Otter +2 drink tickets!!



## Recent Gifts - Thank You for Your Support!

**Individual or General Gifts:** Christopher Logan, Tom Lively & Megs MacDonald

**Annual Celebration Gifts:** Rolf Anderson, Paul Atkinson, Conser Quarry Company, Shelly Miller, Emma Land & Julissa Rosales

**Faith Community Fund Gifts:** Richard & Ty Zeller

**Taste the Watershed Events:** WildCraft Cider Works from 8/24 "Gather for the Good" event

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## 2018 Watershed Awards

These outstanding volunteers and project partners will be recognized with an award at this year's Annual Celebration for their tremendous service and dedication to the mission, goals, and work of the Council. Thank you to these amazing recipients for exemplifying the vision and spirit of the Long Tom Watershed Council!

**Sustaining Supporter:** Davis Commercial Properties - Lee & Veronica Davis

**Volunteer of the Year:** Christine Ransom

**Project Landowners of the Year:** Linda & Doug Carnine | HIV Alliance

### Project VIPs

- Cameron Bishop, *Natural Resource Specialist for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
- Lauri Holts, *Ecologist for the City of Eugene*
- Fred Lockhart, *Stormwater Program Analyst for City of Eugene Parks & Open Space*
- Joe Scott, *Curriculum Coordinator for Team TEK Internship Program*

(Awardees are pictured on last page)

# Annual Meeting Business - board election and bylaws updates

All members of the Long Tom Watershed Council—that is any adult who supports the purpose and mission of the Council and is connected to the watershed community—may sign in at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Celebration and vote to elect our slate of volunteer board members and approve any bylaws updates.

## Board Elections

Each year, the Council recruits and recommends a slate of Board of Directors candidates for election at the Annual Meeting & Celebration that balances the diversity of perspectives and geographic and land use representation in the watershed. Below is the 2018 slate of board candidates. More information about their background is included in our website at [longtom.org/about-ltwc/board-of-directors/](http://longtom.org/about-ltwc/board-of-directors/). Candidate bios will also be provided on the day of the event within the programs. Feel free to contact Clinton for questions or more information (541-654-8965).



### **Jabrila Via, Upper Long Tom**

Jabrila is a retired farmer and the current property owner, and Farm & Food Educator, at Winter Green Farm. Jabrila was elected to the board for a one-year term in 2017 and is standing for re-election for a term of one more year.



### **Al Hrynynsyn, At Large**

Al is a retired geologist and teacher. He and his wife, Donna, live on a small ranch along Owens Creek and have partnered with the Council on a riparian planting project. He also serves on the board of the Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District. Al stepped in to fill a mid-year vacancy on the board and is standing for election for a four-year term.



### **Darian Lightfoot, At Large**

Darian is currently working towards her master's degree in public administration and nonprofit management at the University of Oregon's Planning, Public Policy, and Management Program. She is also the Inclusion Coordinator at Northwest Youth Corps. In 2017, Darian was elected to a term of one year, and is standing for re-election for a four-year term.



### **Patricia McDowell, At Large**

Dr. McDowell is a professor at the University of Oregon Geography Department, and has been on LTWC's technical team for many years. Pat filled a mid-year vacancy on the board, and she is standing for election for a full four-year term.



### **Lindsay Reaves, Upper Long Tom**

Lindsay is a fourth-generation Oregonian who, along with her husband, Tom Bauman, manage Bauman Tree Farm as a sustainable forest tree farm. She also hosts Forests Today and Forever's Forest Field Days each year on her tree farm. Lindsay filled a mid-year vacancy on the board and is standing for a four-year term.

### **A Special Thank you to outgoing board member Steve Horning.**

Steve, a fourth-generation farmer and co-owner of Deerhaven Farms, has served on the LTWC board as a representative of the Lower Long Tom geography since 2013. We want to thank Steve for his years of service and dedication to the LTWC Board!





## Proposed Bylaws Updates

LTWC is proposing a couple small adjustments to the Council's bylaws, the governing document of our organization. These changes have been reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors to go up for adoption by a vote from the Council membership at the Annual Meeting.

### **Amendment 1: Simplification of Board Composition Guidelines**

This proposed update would simplify board composition guidelines. With the Council's expanded service area to the Willamette River and the entire Eugene-Springfield metro area, the current bylaws (see below) no longer reflect the best alignment of the Council's geographical reach, nor do they allow board composition to reflect non-geographic dimensions of watershed diversity. The proposed amendment would retain the spirit and intent of recruiting diverse interests to serve on the board, while building the specific recruitment and composition needs into the strategic plan.

#### **Current Language**

2.2 *"The Board of Directors shall include a diverse range of geographic areas and community interests in order to engage a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed and surrounding area."*

2.3 *"The geographic diversity of the Board membership shall be as follows: one-fourth (1/4) from each of the main sub-basins of the watershed – Upper Long Tom, Lower Long Tom, and Amazon – with the remaining one-fourth (1/4) serving at large. Up to two (2) additional directors may be elected to the "at large" sector to serve the needs of the Long Tom Watershed Council.*

#### **Proposed New Language (will vote upon at 10/22 Annual Meeting & Celebration)**

2.2 *"The Board of Directors shall include a diverse range of geographic areas, land use, community and cultural interests in order to engage a balance of interested and affected persons within the watershed and surrounding area."*

2.3 *"Board recruitment objectives and desired board composition shall be articulated in the strategic plan."*

### **Amendment 2: Clarification of the Term "Vacancy"**

This proposed update would lend clarity to the term "vacancy" such that it's broadened to include any unfilled seat on the Board of Directors.

#### **Current Language**

4.1 *"The Board may appoint pro-tem [temporary] directors to fill vacancies occurring prior to the end of full terms."*

4.2 *"Any director appointed to fill a vacancy will serve only until the next Annual Meeting, at which time s/he must be elected in accordance with the procedure outlined in [the corresponding articles of the bylaws]."*

#### **Proposed New Language (will vote upon at 10/22 Annual Meeting & Celebration)**

4.1 *"The Board may appoint pro-tem directors to fill vacancies."*

The proposed amendment simply ends the clause after the word "vacancy." Article 4.2 will remain unchanged.

Please visit our website at [longtom.org/bylaws2018/](http://longtom.org/bylaws2018/) for a full description of this year's proposed amendments, as well as a pdf of our existing bylaws. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clinton at 541-654-8965.

# Upcoming Events

## SAVE THE DATE

### Biochar: Know It, Make It, Use It

Workshop for resource professionals, landowners & others  
**Tuesday November 6, 2018** | 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Indoor workshop | Free

**Wednesday Nov. 7 – Thursday Nov. 8, 2018** | Outdoor biochar creation demonstrations on oak habitat restoration project sites in the Long Tom Watershed | Drop in 9-5 | Free

Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter

## November 27<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting:

History and Culture of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, presented by Joe Scott. 6—8 p.m. Location TBD. Stay tuned!

## September 25<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting Recap

Thank you to the nearly 50 community members who packed the Veneta Community Center last month for a presentation on the geologic history of the watershed! We especially want to thank our fantastic presenters, Josh Roering and Karin Baitis. Thank you for an intriguing and fascinating discussion of geology, soil, and the changes in our landscape over time! A video recording of the event will be posted to our website at [longtom.org](http://longtom.org) for those who weren't able to attend.



The Long Tom Watershed Council, a local nonprofit, counts on participation from many people and organizations. The local office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) donates postage for our mailings. They use the following disclaimer, standard procedure for all BLM partnerships:

**BLM Disclaimer:** "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government."

The Long Tom Watershed Council is still a local nonprofit (since 1998) with no government authority. We partner with local people, businesses, and agencies in the interest of finding local solutions and bringing grant funding from private and public sources to do restoration, education, and monitoring work in the Long Tom River basin. We're thankful for the donation of postage expenses!

## LTWC Board of Directors

### Lower Long Tom

Steve Horning  
 Alec Hrynyshyn

### Upper Long Tom

Lindsay Reaves  
 Jabrila Via

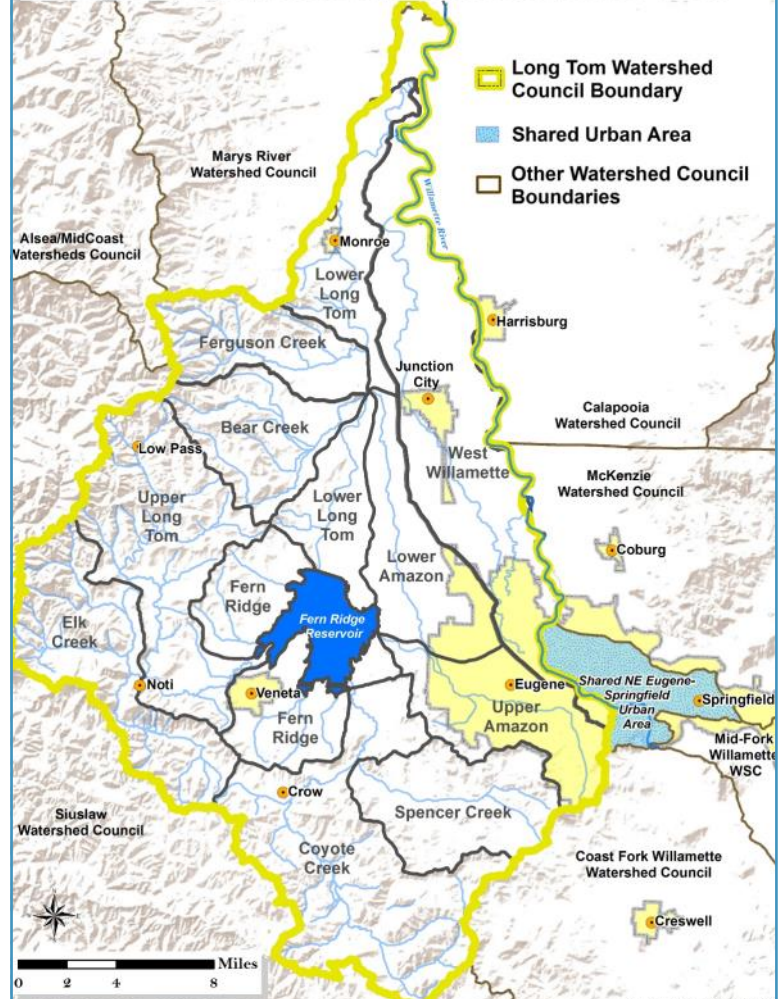
### At Large

Ginnie Grilley, *Vice-Chair*  
 Darian Lightfoot  
 Pat McDowell  
 Jonathan Powell, *Treasurer*

### Amazon

Shelly Miller, *Chair*  
 Dave Thomas, *Secretary*

## Long Tom Watershed Sub-basins & Area of Work



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## Welcome, Miranda Hawkes!

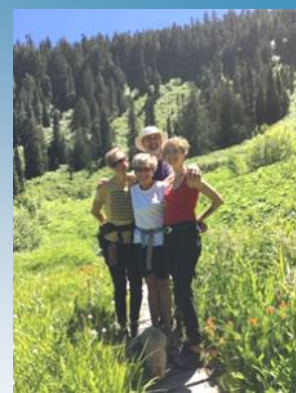


We're excited to welcome Miranda Hawkes as our newest member of the LTWC staff team! Miranda joined LTWC in October 2018 as our part-time Stormwater Drafter and Designer for the Urban Waters & Wildlife Program. In this role she will focus on drafting support for voluntary stormwater retrofit projects using AutoCAD software and will also have opportunities to provide design input. She'll work closely with our Urban Waters & Wildlife Program Manager, Sarah Whitney.

As the daughter of a career Forest Service employee, Miranda spent her childhood surrounded by nature, which instilled strong ideals related to the value of recreation and environmental stewardship. She came to Oregon for college and holds degrees in architecture and landscape architecture from the University of Oregon (B. Arch 2011, MLA 2015). Much of her coursework focused on water systems and human impacts on our environment; she is excited to apply this academic focus in her work with the Council. Miranda brings several years of professional design experience to the position and shares her time with a residential landscape architecture firm in Eugene. When not working, Miranda enjoys spending time outdoors, especially camping, hiking or gardening. She unwinds by cooking and bread making also dabbles in landscape photography and various fine art media.

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## Photos of our Watershed Awardees



Awardees (clockwise from upper left): Our urban office, courtesy of Lee & Veronica Davis; Lauri Holts; Fred Lockhart, Carnine family; Christine Ransom; Cameron Bishop; Joe Scott; the HIV Alliance staff

## Directions to Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration

5:30 - 8 p.m. at WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St., Eugene.

Located just west of Skinner Butte Park. There is a large, free parking in WildCraft's lot off of Lawrence St., just east of Venue 252 and Crux Rock Climbing. There is also street parking.