

Long Tom Watershed Council

October 2012 newsletter and meeting notice

Action Through Understanding



Join us for our 15th Annual Meeting & Celebration! "LTWC's Local Impact Fits the Big Picture"

Thursday, November 8, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Vets' Club, downtown Eugene

- The big picture of LTWC's impact locally, across the watershed and in the Willamette basin.
- New Amazon Creek Initiative projects.
- Cool maps of habitat & monitoring work.
- Connect with fellow watershed residents, landowners and business people.
- Delicious hors d'oeuvres from local ingredients plus a no-host bar.
- Watershed awards & Board elections.

Tickets: Register by October 29!

- Online at www.longtom.org
- Or use the registration form on the back page
- Or call Rob at 541-338-7060

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• Peg Boulay: Wildlife biologist, co-

Director of UO Environmental

Friendly Rainscaping Project.

Melisa Nichol: Amazon Creek business

person at South Willamette Amazon

Leadership Program.

Speakers:

Local beer donated by Oakshire Brewing!

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

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A Snapshot of Upcoming Work

- Strategic Planning—Collaborate with local agencies to improve floodplain function.
- Assess & Monitor Watershed Conditions—Evaluate restoration effectiveness on 3 sites; continue tracking migration of up to 700 cutthroat trout; monitor Amazon Creek pesticide levels; evaluate overall improvement or decline within 3 subwatersheds.
- Improve Stream & Wetland Habitat—Remove barriers to fish passage at 5 sites; plant native vegetation & remove invasives at 6 sites; improve instream habitat at 5 sites.
- Improve Oak & Prairie Habitat—Enhance upland oak & prairie habitat for native species at 5 sites.
- **Subwatershed Enhancement Program**—Education & project development in Amazon Creek; outreach & project development with Bear Creek landowners & Willamette River landowners.
- **Community Learning & Involvement**—hold 6 educational public meetings & tours; distribute 6 newsletters; involve volunteers.
- **Collaborative Partnerships**—Collaboration with partner organizations on groundwater & agricultural water management; collaborate for habitat improvement within Rivers to Ridges Partnership.
- **Resource Development**—Secure grant funding and request individual gifts and business sponsorships.
- Evaluate & Ensure Effectiveness—Maintain fiscal diligence and evaluate programs.

2012 Watershed Awards: Thanks to these volunteers and partners for their outstanding

service and dedication to the mission, goals, and work of the Council!

Sustaining Entity, Public – **City of Eugene** Sustaining Entity, Private – **SureCrop Farm Service** Project Landowner of the Year – **Tony Stroda** Project Contractor of the Year – **Skip Tracer Trucking** Outstanding Volunteer – **Brenda Cervantes** Outstanding Technical Volunteer – **Karen Hans** Outgoing Board member – **Lindsay Reaves**

Welcome, Katie MacKendrick!

Katie joined the Long Tom Watershed Council in October as our new Restoration Ecologist. She brings experience in botany and community-based natural resource planning, and a ceaseless interest in grassland and wetland plant communities. Katie grew up in Wisconsin helping her parents grow vegetables and flowers, and her neighbors raise dairy cows. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she worked with farmers and land managers to restore and monitor rare plant and butterfly populations in tall grass prairies and wet meadows throughout the southern half of the state.



Katie has spent the last seven years in Oregon, working with farmers, rural communities, and tribes to plan and implement natural resource management projects. She attended the University of Oregon to complete a master's degree in community and regional planning, worked with the Bureau of Land Management to monitor and manage rare plant and butterfly populations in wet and upland prairies in the West Eugene Wetlands, and most recently, worked with ranchers in eastern Oregon to restore uplands and riparian areas on their property. Katie looks forward to meeting the Long Tom Watershed community and settling back into life in the southern Willamette Valley, including gardening, botanizing, picking wild mushrooms, and hiking, skiing and biking around Eugene.

Contact Katie at 541-338-7033 or restoration@longtom.org

Meet LTWC's Board of Directors Candidate

Each year, the Nominating Committee recruits members of the watershed community to represent the diversity of perspectives and geographies on the Council's Board of Directors and then recommends the candidates for election at the Annual Meeting.

All members of LTWC—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 November 8 Annual Meeting and vote.

This year's candidate is Cary Hart. Please participate in the vote to show your support for Cary and all our willing and capable volunteer Board members. Since the Council has no formal power this is truly a commitment to service.



Cary Hart

Cary graduated with a BS in Forestry from OSU and works for Giustina Land & Timber Co. where he helps to manage a 4th generation family timberland ownership. Cary live in Eugene with his wife Kathryn. They have five children ranging in age from 5 to 23. He enjoys many outdoor activities including gardening, fishing, hunting, and skiing but mostly stays busy being a parent. Cary looks forward to working on the Long Tom Watershed Council to continue to manage and improve our area's natural resources.

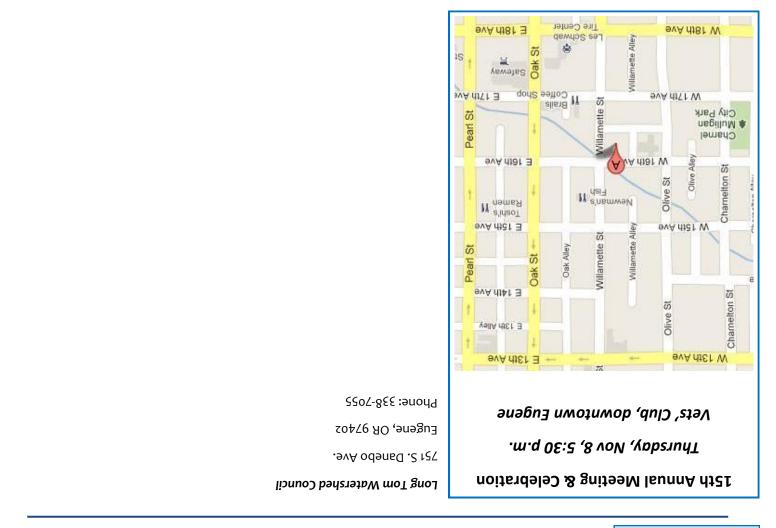
This will be our new sign at Willamette St near 26th Ave (courtesy of Davis Commercial Properties)

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Register for LTWC's 15th Annual Meeting & Celebration

Register by Oct 29!

* Easy online registration with credit card available at www.longtom.org! *

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