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**NEWSLETTER**

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## Spinning Coming Soon!

Come Spinning! You'll feel like you're riding from the ocean to the mountains! Our instructors will inspire you to let go and live in the moment with a rocking mix of strength, endurance, challenges, hills, and drills. Music will play a huge role in our classes. We ride to the beat with each class set to a unique playlist and with each instructor bringing their own style and flavor. Come join the fun! To register to attend one of the Summer Term Spin Workshops listed below, call 855.444.6273:

- *Wed, July 20*  
 12:00 - 1:30 pm  
*Instr: Kiley Konruff*
- *Fri, July 29*  
 6:30 - 8:00 am  
*Instr: Kathy Knight*
- *Wed, August 3*  
 10:00 - 11:30 am  
*Instr: Kathy Knight*

Fall Term Spin Classes will begin in September, with registration opening in early September. Spin into NCRD for the ride of your life! ♦



## NEW CLASS

36155 9th St. Nehalem Or. 97131 855-444-6273

**BEGINNER - INTERMEDIATE**  
**ALL LEVELS WELCOME**

Tuesday 6:30 am | Wednesday 10:00 AM | Friday 6:30 am

## SPIN CLASSES



## Saving Lives!

NCRD's School Swim & Water Safety Program saves lives, teaching vital life skills reaching every student. We just finished up our first full school year of the NCRD/ NES School Swim and Water-Safety Program since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020. This program originally began in 1930

when the local School Board was presented with a petition from the community to build a swimming pool. They wanted to teach all children how to swim as part of their basic education after the drowning of two local boys. The School Board voted unanimously to build the pool as part of an addition to the existing school building in Nehalem.

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## Where Are We Going?

As we are coming out of the pandemic, NCRD is starting to get back to normal (or the new normal). We are already in full swing with our youth sports programs as baseball is finishing up this month. We are in the process of putting together an evening adult sports offering for the late summer/early fall. Some of the things that we have been working on and developing are our parent's night out, free movie nights for the summer, new group exercise classes (on their way), and a new membership software option that will allow the community to sign up for classes, membership, and childcare all online. This will not only benefit the community but also allow our staff more time to focus on other things. We understand that this will be a process for many, but once it is set up, we feel that you will love the flexibility. As always, you will be able to call or come to the front desk if you wish.

## The Pool

As we are getting asked a lot about the status of the new pool, I want to provide you with an update. Originally, we had hoped to have dirt moving at this time, but the supply chain and inflation had a different idea. We are pivoting and searching for new streams of revenue. We have contracted with a grant writer as well as reached out to governmental officials. The Board of Directors is actively looking at options so that we have a plan moving forward. I feel that it is of the utmost importance to have transparency as we work through this process.

As always, my door is always open if you have any questions or concerns. Here is to a great summer!

*-Dondi Cortinas, Executive Director ♦*

## Friends of NCRD Celebrates

Friends of NCRD celebrates an outstanding 2021-2022 year, achieving its mission to promote and support NCRD's programs and projects. Thanks to generous donors and successful fundraising activities, in the past year Friends has given over \$6,000 in scholarships to the Youth/Fitness/Aquatics Departments and more than \$16,000 in support of NCRD's programs and projects.

In addition to quarterly scholarships and funds distributed to NCRD departments in September, Friends recently assisted with the purchase of equipment for Youth volleyball, basketball and soccer; contributed to an enhancement of the Performing Arts Center's sound system; provided bikes for the Fitness Center's new spinning class and a camera/microphone setup for Adult Activities; helped make a computer accessible to the community; and shared in the Rex Champ Field renovation including lighting and security.

In February, "Pop Goes the Heart," a collaboration between Friends and the Fitness Center, was a huge success both as a fundraiser and a fun event. The Flower Committee led Board members and volunteers to four successful flower sale seasons: Summer Cut Flowers, Fall Bulbs, Holiday Amaryllis, and Spring Dahlia Tubers. Friends of NCRD also initiated a Plastic Bench Project, which encouraged the recycling of previously non-recyclable plastic and earned two attractive outdoor benches for community use at NCRD.

In April, Friends of NCRD welcomed Andrea Cortinas to the Board. She joins Linda Makohon, Patty Rinehart, Carol Mills, Gail Young, Dianne Bloom, Barb Scott-Brier, Kiley Konruff and a core of volunteers who have worked hard to make Friends' vision a reality.

Friends of NCRD welcomes guests to meetings, held the third Tuesday of the month, and encourages volunteers to join Friends in fundraising activities supporting NCRD. Look for Friends of NCRD's Summer Cut Flower Sale, starting in July. For more information, check website [friendsofnrcd.org](http://friendsofnrcd.org) or contact [gyoung@friendsofnrcd.org](mailto:gyoung@friendsofnrcd.org). ♦



# Saving Lives!

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In 1997, North County Recreation District was formed and took over the support and operations of the old school building and the pool. NCRD was formed with the mission of carrying on the tradition of offering weekly swim classes to all the students at Nehalem Elementary School and teaching every child how to swim as part of their school curriculum. This program costs approximately \$90,000 annually. NCRD partners with the School District, which contributes approximately \$9,000 a year towards the support of the program. The students and their families have also raised substantial funds to support the program through the historic Pool-a-thon fundraiser, which has also served to showcase the progress and achievements made by the students in their weekly classes throughout the year. We want to thank the local homeowners living within the district's boundaries. Their property tax payments supply the major source of funding for this unique and incredible program.

A major component of the program is teaching water-safety. We live in a community surrounded by water and dominated by water-related recreation. NCRD provides a safe environment where the students can learn to swim while being educated in water safety. Besides instilling swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreational activity, the skills they learn in the pool could save their life or the life of another. Well over 10,000 students have benefited from the program over the past 92 years. We can say with confidence that this program has undoubtedly saved many lives! ♦



*Photo above: How to be a first responder while looking out for our safety!*



*Photo above & below: Preventing Drowning is Within our Reach!*





## Performing Arts Center



*Credit: Willy Paul*

The Riverbend Players production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” opened Friday, June 3 and ran for three weekends. Director Frank Squillo and his cast were great. The stage set, designed by Patrick Connor, was reminiscent of every elderly aunt’s home you’ve ever visited. Dead bodies and quirky characters! This popular play was a perfect springtime comedy!

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*Credit: Willy Paul*



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In addition to “Arsenic and Old Lace”, there were two great musical shows this spring. On April 1, Latin jazz vocalist JESSIE MARQUEZ, known as “the Queen of Cuban music in the Pacific Northwest” blended Spanish and English lyrics into a mix of Cuban, Brazilian, jazz and pop sounds. Her music was soulful and a joy to hear. This show was our first musical event of the year!

And on May 21, SINGLE MALT Q-TET was back on our stage after a long COVID absence. Two former Pink Martini musicians, Brent Follis and Dan Faehnle, were joined by Grammy nominee pianist Randy Porter and bassist Dave Captein for a memorable performance of classic American music. ♦



Credit: Willy Paul



## New Sign

We now have an official Performing Arts Center entrance sign!

The new sign was designed in an art deco style, appropriate for the building’s early 20<sup>th</sup> century construction. Two local artists, Scott Wilson and Susan Walsh, were involved in the design and construction of the red, black and white sign. In addition, the Tillamook County Cultural Coalition provided monetary support for this project.

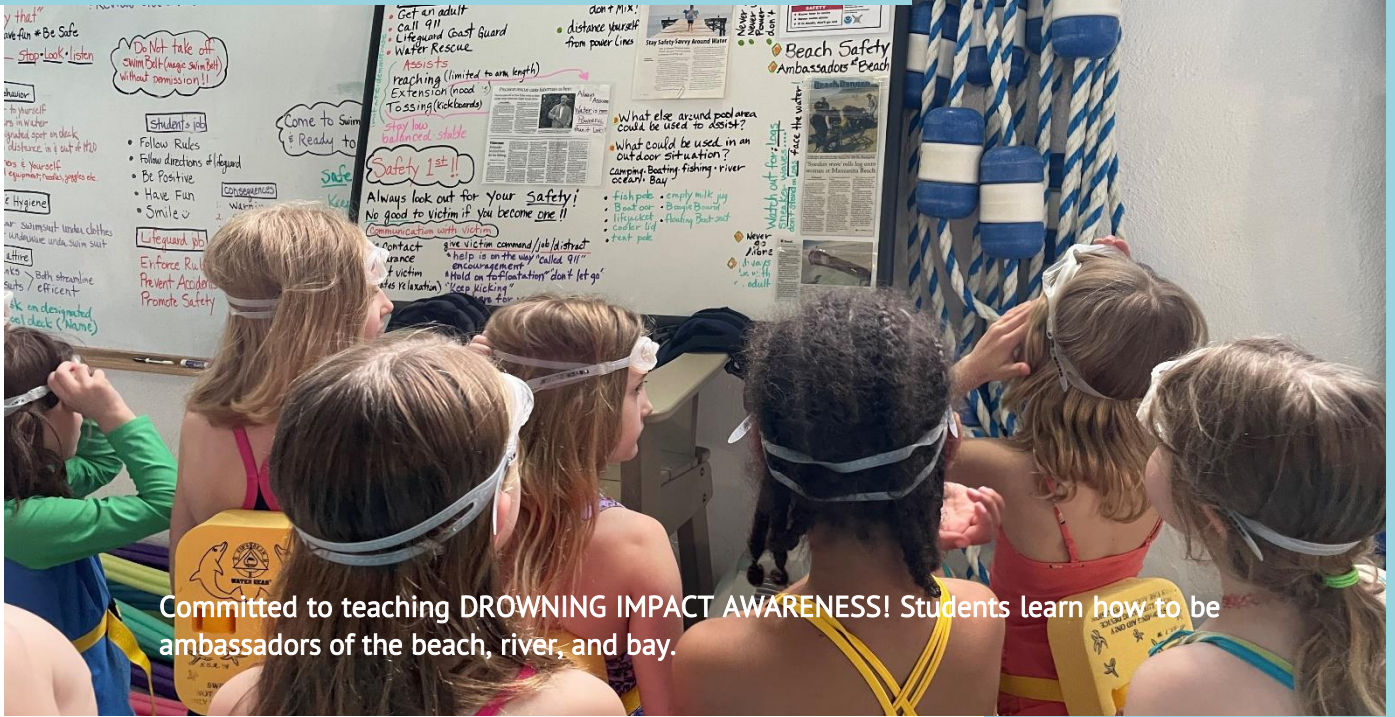
We needed some assistance to install the new sign and Robert Evans from Tillamook PUD and a PUD bucket lift truck came to the rescue. Robert and NCRD Maintenance Director Larry Carson were able to get the sign in place, secure it to building and leave it looking great! Many thanks to everyone who helped get this project completed. ♦



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# NCRD's School Swim Program...



Committed to teaching DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS! Students learn how to be ambassadors of the beach, river, and bay.



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