



# Within Your Reach

A publication of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council

*reach: a) a portion of a stream or river b) an extent, esp. of knowledge or comprehension*

**2010 Friends of Johnson Creek Campaign Begins!**

## Support Johnson Creek ☐ Become a Friend

2010 has been another productive year for the Council, and we have ambitious plans for 2011. In early spring we planted more than half a mile of native streamside forest on upper Johnson Creek. This winter, we will expand our geographic focus collaborating with Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District to restore riparian forest on the Badger and Sunshine Creek tributaries. We have already secured \$210,000 of the \$280,000 we need to construct a salmon habitat project at the mouth of Johnson Creek in the summer of 2011, and are now working with the City of Milwaukie to build a platform overlooking our project at the north end of Milwaukie Riverfront Park. It's a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about salmon in the Johnson Creek Watershed in a highly-visible location.

We continue to expand our volunteer stewardship program. From schools to neighborhood associations to corporate partners, more people than ever want to be part of the community effort to restore Johnson Creek Watershed, and over the last year, we've worked hard to create additional opportunities for volunteer involvement. Finally, we have begun developing a three-year strategic plan to ensure that our work remains focused where we can achieve the biggest impacts. We will complete this plan in the spring.

We do this work because we know the positive difference it makes toward a healthy watershed. But we can't achieve our ambitious goals without your financial support, which is why **I'm asking you to become or renew as a Friend of Johnson Creek by contributing to the Johnson Creek Watershed Council during our year-end membership campaign.** Your support is especially critical now. We have seen a decline in the financial support we receive from our local jurisdictional partners, and we anticipate a further decline in support in the coming year.

**You'll find a donation form on the back page of this newsletter. I encourage you to mail your tax-deductible contribution today.** In early December, JCWC volunteers will be calling you to remind you about our membership campaign.

We know that not everyone has the resources to contribute financially to JCWC, particularly during these difficult financial times. **Your time and skills are as appreciated and as valuable to us as your financial contributions.** If you are eager to get involved, please contact our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Amy Lodholz, at amy@jwc.org.

Together we can ensure that the Council has the resources we need to advance our ambitious goals for watershed health. We appreciate your support.

Warmly,

Matt Clark, Executive Director  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council

*Streams and rivers are life blood and their health acts as the canary in the mine to our health. Urban streams are the hardest to restore so it takes a dedicated tough-minded organization like JCWC to do the job over a long period of time.*

*- Al Jubitz  
President, Jubitz Family Foundation*

I care about the environment and its future. JCWC has an admirable history of accomplishments in restoring and preserving Johnson Creek.

I am happy to apply my training as an environmental scientist, both to complex tasks and to going out and ☐playing in the dirt☐ pulling weeds and planting native plants.

*- Peregrine Edison-Lahm  
Professional Volunteer Intern*

## Johnson Creek Days A Success



Johnson Creek Watershed Council hosted a new month-long event in September: Johnson Creek Days. With the goal of raising

watershed awareness, a variety of free events were planned for our diverse population.

The month started off with a group bike ride along the Springwater Trail on September 1, followed by an outdoor reception at the Council office. Other family-friendly events included Discovery Saturdays for families with young children. We explored parks and natural areas with scavenger hunts and craft projects.



Marty Urman

*Artist Stephanie Cissna sets up for a Paint Out session at Tideman Johnson Park.*

For those wishing to visit the watershed using alternate modes of travel, Johnson Creek Runs gave runners a chance to learn new routes in the lower watershed. The Council also led guided tours of restoration sites via bicycle along the Springwater Trail and throughout the watershed in the EcoShuttle, a bus that runs on recycled cooking oil.

Participants of the second annual Cycle Stroll raised over \$1400 for watershed restoration projects by collecting pledges for miles traveled on the Springwater Trail.

Local artists attended weekly Paint Outs at various sites, capturing the natural beauty in paintings, pastels and other mediums. Their work was highlighted at a well-attended

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JCWC art reception at Umpqua Bank in Sellwood on October 1. Artists donated a portion of their sales to JCWC.

And of course, the event wouldn't be complete without the opportunity for hands-on restoration at Leach Botanical Garden. See more information on page 3.

Our efforts were rewarded and made possible through a flurry of community involvement. Thanks to our event sponsors: Bike Gallery, Fed-Ex Office, Leach Botanical Garden, Umpqua Bank, and Widmer Brothers Brewery. Raffle sponsors included Bike Gallery, Columbia Sportswear, Gore Bike Wear, Gresham Bicycle Center, Next Adventure, River City Bicycles, Sellwood Bike Repair, and Team Estrogen. Special thanks to volunteer event coordinators Nicole Alexander, Tina Johnson, and Torrey Lindbo; demonstration artists Kathy Allegri and Eve Kenyon; and art show volunteers Nicole Alexander, Peregrine Edison-Lahm, Sarah Ferguson and photographer Eric Griswold.



*Johnson Creek Runs in the lower watershed*

Eric Griswold



*Discovery Saturdays craft project for children*

Matt Clark



*Johnson Creek art reception at Umpqua Bank*

Eric Griswold



*Kick-off bike ride and celebration*

Marty Urman

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# JCWC UPDATES...

## Funding successes

This summer, with contributions from 79 donors, we maximized our \$10,000 challenge match from the Mintkeski Family Fund. In fact, we exceeded our fundraising goal, raising over \$22,000 in support of our creek restoration work and other important programs. This outpouring of community support for the Council's work is truly gratifying, and we appreciate it deeply.

We recently were awarded competitive grants from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and Spirit Mountain Community Fund to support our Youth Engaged environment education program.

The RBC Bluewater Project awarded a grant to JCWC to support our efforts to design and build a light rail station on the Portland–Milwaukie line that features and enhances Johnson Creek. REI awarded a grant to JCWC's volunteer stewardship program, including specific support for our 13th annual Watershed Wide Event. And we just received notice that Meyer Memorial Trust has awarded JCWC a grant to support our Restoration Project Census, the first phase in updating the Johnson Creek Watershed Action Plan.

## Riparian Forest Stewardship at Leach Botanical Garden

JCWC and Leach Botanical Garden are enhancing the Garden's streamside forest along Johnson Creek with help from volunteers plus funding from Portland's Community Watershed Stewardship Program and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Our goal is to control weeds, plant and label native plants, and design and install interpretive signage.

In September, 20 volunteers prepared streamside areas within the Garden for this winter's plantings. Look for upcoming volunteer opportunities to help plant these streamside areas. If you are interested, please contact amy@jcw.org.

## Crystal Springs Restored through Old Rivelli Farm

In late summer, Reed College and the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services restored a section of Crystal Springs Creek from Reed Canyon to SE 28th Avenue.

The College re-meandered Crystal Springs through its newly acquired Rivelli farm property, adding logs for fish habitat and alcoves for frogs and salamanders. The College also built a bioswale to filter road runoff

before it enters the creek. At the October 9th Reed Canyon Day, JCWC volunteers helped plant trees and shrubs to restore a native streamside forest and adjacent oak meadow.

The City of Portland replaced the two-foot diameter culvert under SE 28th Street, which was a migration barrier to endangered salmon and trout. Now, Crystal Springs flows through a twelve-foot wide box culvert with a natural stream bed inside that allows even young salmon to travel through. This was the first of eight fish barrier removal projects in Crystal Springs that the City has planned over the next few years.



*Volunteers remove invasive plants at Leach Garden in preparation for planting this winter.*

## Volunteer Events Recap

Eight volunteer events were held in August and September. Highlights are listed.

- We partnered with the Xerces Society to do fresh water mussel sampling. Over 35 volunteers participated in excursions finding exciting results—these unique invertebrates were found in two locations. The Council plans for more sampling events next year.

- JCWC joined the Overland Park Coalition for its third annual Johnson Creek clean up—volunteers removed over 2 tons of debris from the creek.

- Over one hundred employees from Whole Foods and Columbia Sportswear volunteered with the Council. Volunteers cleared weeds from native plantings and aided in our restoration work.

- Twenty volunteers cleared weeds at Leach Botanical Garden. The Council partners closely with the Garden, and more work is planned this winter.

- The Council teamed up with Save Our Wild Salmon to host a volunteer restoration event on 10-10-2010. This was one of over 7,000 volunteer projects globally on behalf of 350.org, an international campaign striving to combat climate change. Over 35 volunteers cleared invasive species from Crystal Springs Creek.

## JCWC Staff Member, Lori Sams Departs for Pendleton

In August, Lori Sams ended her two year tenure as Community Outreach Coordinator. Lori and her husband Chuck moved to Pendleton, Oregon where Chuck has been named founding Director of the Umatilla Tribal Community Foundation.

While at JCWC, Lori broadened outreach efforts to engage the diverse populations in the watershed. She spearheaded a project to develop JCWC brochures in Spanish and Russian and actively recruited non-native English speakers to participate in the Council's events. She was creative in developing new ways to engage passers-by at tabling events. Lori's organizational skills were outstanding. She was the calm presence behind the scenes of the Council's Watershed Wide Event, Annual Meeting, and various fundraising events. She raised the Council's fundraising operations to a new level of efficiency and effectiveness. Most importantly, Lori was a team player, well-liked by her co-workers. We will miss her cheerful demeanor and supportive attitude.

JCWC Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Lodholz has taken over the outreach elements of Lori's position.

## JCWC Welcomes Erin O'Shaughnessy

JCWC is pleased to welcome Erin O'Shaughnessy to our staff team. Erin started with the Council on October 4th as part-time Office Coordinator and Bookkeeper. This is a new position.

It consolidates a number of administrative, fiscal, and operational functions previously performed by three different staff members and a contract bookkeeper. Erin's hire will free JCWC program staff to focus more of their time on their programs.

Erin comes with a strong professional background in fiscal management and administrative support, including three years working for the Rotary Club of Portland as a bookkeeper and office administrator. She has a degree from Western Oregon University in Technical Theater. She and her husband, Michael, write a monthly culinary column in *The Sellwood Bee* called "In the Sellwood Kitchen." We're glad you're part of our team, Erin. Welcome aboard!



## Upcoming Events

Visit [www.jcwc.org](http://www.jcwc.org) for details

### December 2010

Friends of Johnson Creek Campaign

### Saturday, December 4, 2010

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck  
5-7pm, JCWC Office

### Sunday, February 13, 2011

Bowling Fundraiser  
1-3pm, Milwaukie Bowl

### Saturday, March 5, 2011

Watershed Wide Event, 9am-12pm  
To register, email [amy@jcwc.org](mailto:amy@jcwc.org)

### Saturday, April 2, 2011

First Saturday Event TBA

### Saturday, May 7, 2011

First Saturday Event TBA

### May 2011

Annual Meeting

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Please support JCWC. Send a donation during our Friends Campaign in December.

## \$35

50 plants provide streambank stabilization and habitat for wildlife

## \$75

Two 3-hour fieldtrips for a school group to participate in a restoration project

## \$150

100 native plants and 5 shovels for revegetating along streambanks

## \$500

1 dumpster, 10 loppers, 10 pairs of gloves for invasive plant removal

## \$1000

500 native plants, equipment, supplies and crew leaders for 5 restoration work parties for wildlife habitat

**Save the Date!**

13th Annual

Johnson Creek Watershed Council



# Watershed Wide Event Saturday, March 5, 2011

Spend the morning with the watershed community restoring the health of Johnson Creek

To sponsor the event, donate or volunteer:

[info@jcwc.org](mailto:info@jcwc.org) or 503-652-7477



Bruce MacGregor

**2010 Friends of Johnson Creek Campaign Begins!**

## Yes, I am a Friend of Johnson Creek!

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