

ROW RIVER REVIEW

Our Voice, Our Valley, Our Future



Loving the Valley of Living Rivers

Welcome to the October/November edition of the Row River Review, your community powered guide to staying connected, prepared, and informed across our beautiful valley. As autumn settles over the landscape, this issue focuses on what it means to live mindfully in a living watershed.

Inside, you will find tips on how to perform wildfire mitigation tasks while nurturing wildlife. Protecting your property does not have to come at the expense of our local ecosystem; learn how to thin fire hazards while actively preserving the habitats of native birds, fish, and land animals. Speaking of native species, we are highlighting our essential nighttime neighbors, bats, and their crucial role in our nightscape.

Water quality remains a top priority for our valley. EPA's Smart Septic Week gives us info about best practices for maintaining our rural wastewater systems to prevent contamination. You will also find updates from the Fire and Water Districts, and updates

regarding the upcoming Disston Substation, our future wildfire protection satellite station.

Community engagement takes center stage on our calendar of events. **Join us for our next Think Tank Tuesday where a special guest speaker will discuss steps for protecting our shared watershed and collecting our input.** Also, this year the Row River Grange Harvest Festival is partnering with the League of Women Voters for an on-site voter drive. Come celebrate Oregon's rich democratic history, register to vote, and connect with your neighbors over seasonal festivities. Lots of interesting activities at this event!

Last, but not least, the *History Corner* will reveal the curious local history of the beloved community landmark, the 'Little White Church.'

Grab a hot drink, enjoy the read, and let's keep working together to keep our valley green, our water clean and our people resilient.

Photo by Laura Bee, Autumn at Wildwood Falls

Art's Corner

Disston Station Update

Hi folks,

I discussed in our last issue, the engineering needed to get our building permit was problematic. I had a fairly frank conversation with the engineer. To his credit, he got on the job. It was possible there would be an additional charge since commercial engineering is more expensive than residential engineering. He apologized for the lack of timeliness and made no additional charge.

I took the Land Use permit, the plans, new engineering and \$4000 to the County. They were awesome. We got a permit in 12 days. We had a grant opportunity that required the Fire District file for the grant. The Partnership had done the research and a lot of the preparation. The District was amazing. They scheduled a meeting in accordance with the law, they had a vote and had to sign appropriate paperwork. They were able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Partnership in less than five days, and file for the grant. Darin and Kathleen worked tirelessly to meet a short deadline. A remarkable demonstration of cooperation. We are working through the County and State for the funding. Our County Commissioner came to our Think Tank Tuesday meeting to hear our request as well.



We also have a Grant being considered by a group that represents 40 different organizations at once. Any of them can take the entire project or partner with others in the group.

It may look like not much is being done. **Rest assured, we are making progress.** We obtained the property in November 2025. We have moved through a complicated permitting process, and put over \$45,000 into improvements to the property. We have a building permit and two viable funding options. I like our chances.

~Art Alexander
RRVCP Team Leader
& Board Treasurer

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Row River History Corner

The 'Little White Church'

by Katy Vaughn

In 1950 the Cottage Grove Sentinel reported that a group of people interested in building a new church in the Row River Valley would be meeting at the Row River Community Hall. This was a time of great change in the valley as the entire community of Dorena had just been displaced by the creation of Dorena Reservoir. There was a lot of interest in the project and there were numerous fundraisers. One of these was a hot meal sale at Humphries Store which was on the site of the Kirks Mercantile. You could stop by, pick up a ready to eat dinner, and the proceeds would go to the Church fund. David Kullowatz found an old dining hall in the little village that the Army Corps of Engineers had built for the 5000 workers on the Dorena Dam. He had it moved from its site near the dam, to its new home on land donated by the Row River Lumber Company. It was remodeled to be the first building that housed the Row River Valley Church.

By 1952 the church was up and running. One of the first weddings at the Church was that of Bob and Marie Raymond. Some of you will remember Marie Raymond as the long-time secretary of Dorena School.

In 1965 the Church building burned to the ground. The community decided to repurpose the Row River Community Hall into a new Church building. In 1966 the Sentinel reported that the building was up on blocks and ready to be moved. Alvin Vann and Don Lounsbury Sr oversaw the moving of the building from across the street and down to the site where it sits today. Mr. Lounsbury then built the addition that houses the classrooms. The Row River Community Hall started out as a bunk house for the Row River Lumber Company. It was turned into a Community Center in the 1940's and was the heart of Row River community life.



The Sunshine Club met there, as did the Boy Scouts. In 1952 110 people packed the hall to learn about a newly forming Cub Scout Troop. Teen dances were held, as were numerous baby showers, wedding showers, and birthday parties. One party celebrated the 100th birthday of a local woman. At one point it served as an emergency medical clinic when there was a TB outbreak in the neighborhood. The Dorena Grange met there until they were able to build their new place closer to Cottage Grove. The hall featured a mural by Helen Tryk. Helen was well-known artist in the area; she used to do fashion illustrations for department stores in Eugene.

The little Community Hall served the valley for over 20 years, and after it began its new life as the Row River Valley Church, it continued to serve residents in much the same way. In addition to its primary function as a Church, the building still serves as a center of community life. The Sunshine Club still meets there, as do numerous other community groups. Birthdays, showers, retirement parties, weddings and all sorts of other celebrations happen there. In recent years it even hosted another 100th birthday party for a local woman.

Today we are presented with an opportunity to do significant work to preserve this building that holds so much of the history of the Row River Valley in its walls. The Woodard Family Foundation has presented a matching grant of up to \$25,000 to preserve and protect the exterior of the Church.

Your donation can be sent to the RRVCP at PO Box 4, Dorena, OR 97434. It will be matched dollar for dollar.

CREATURES OF THE ROW RIVER VALLEY

Facts & Observations by Lena Harding



Bats

Bats are incredible creatures and extremely valuable to people and agriculture, because of the sheer volume of insects they eat. One bat can eat thousands of bugs a night. Their poop or guano is exceptionally high in nitrogen, making it a great fertilizer. Bats are also important pollinators and seed distributors.

There are a total of 15 species that have been identified in Oregon, and 8 of them are on the Oregon conservation strategy species list for having small or dwindling populations. Some of the common species include, big brown bat, the little brown bat, California myotis, and the Townsend big eared myotis bat.

A few of our bats species migrate to warmer areas during the cold winter months, while others hibernate. During hibernation bat look for areas like caves, attics, holes in trees, and other enclosed spaces to sleep. A bat can lower their body's temperature while in hibernation to just above freezing, making them able to withstand cool temperatures of caves.

Bats are mammals, and happen to be the only true flying mammals in the world. Furthermore these mammals are not blind, they actually have excellent eye sight. Because they fly primarily at night, they use sonar echolocation to navigate in complete darkness. I love seeing these guys fly in and out of the eves of our house during the summer months, eating bugs and making high pitched clicks and squeaks. They are fascinating to watch.

Unfortunately bats do carry rabies and can spread it to people and other animals through a bite. Not all bats carry rabies, but it does seem to be on the rise in Oregon. There have been 22 bats so far tested positive for rabies in Oregon in 2026. That

matches a previous record in Oregon in 2006, but normally these numbers stay below 20 bats annually. This rise has sent out alarm bells for our local public health agencies and ODFW urging people to be very cautious around bats. Keep your distance, do not touch or handle bats under any circumstances. Signs that a bat might be sick with rabies are, unable to fly, are out during the day, and tired or sick looking. In later stages of rabies they become very irritable, and will bite at anything that comes close to them.

If you should come into close contact with a bat please do not touch it. If you happen to find a sick looking bat, cover it with a box or container and call your local health authority or ODFW office for instructions. If you think you have been bitten, wash the wound area really well with hot soapy water, and seek medical attention right away. Our local urgent care, or emergency room will be able to assist you. Be sure your animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations, people can also receive a rabies vaccination if they feel exposed.

Exclusion of bats is only allowed September through May, with June through August being prohibited exclusion months (breeding months). This allows the baby bats to get big enough to fly. Killing or poisoning bats in any way is illegal, do not harm these creatures. Help prevent bat exposure with home precautions, using screens on all open windows to your home. Put fine metal mesh in attic and basement vents or openings, the 1/8 or 1/16 inch metal screening is both fire safe and good for bats, rodents, and other pests. Win! Win!

Building or purchasing bat boxes and hanging them around your property can also help. This is giving bats a place to sleep, while also getting overall less close contact with these beautiful bug eaters.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
541-726-3515
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541-682-4035



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WE WANT YOU AS A VOLUNTEER!

INTERESTED IN HELPING PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY?

Row River Rural Fire Protection District is always **seeking volunteers for different levels of commitment and interest**. Please visit our website at rowriverfire.org for an application and information on what volunteering opportunities look like. All training, medical examination, and equipment fees covered and provided by RRRFPD based upon applicant eligibility.

FIRE SEASON IN EFFECT

We are still wrapping up our summer fire season and **ask everyone to still use caution and obey all burning regulations and restrictions**. Burn bans are still in effect until October, please keep an eye out for notifications. We thank everyone in our community for being responsible and safety oriented, some parts of our state were not so lucky and we send our heart felt condolences to those communities.

WEBSITE UPGRADE

Our website rowriverfire.org has been updated to showcase who we are, how we serve, and opportunities to get involved. On our site you can find links for informational resources and public meeting documents (past and upcoming).

**Please stay safe &
for emergency dial 911**

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER RESPONDER TRAINING

October will be the last month volunteer responders practice wildland tactics. We will be switching our training focus to structural fire responses and tactics (friendly reminder to have your chimney flue cleaned and to use caution running generators during power outages). Our fire district was approved by DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards & Training) to conduct our own FF1 (Fire Fighter level 1) academy for our newer volunteers which will fully certify them to respond to structure fires and other incidents.

We are also going to Dorena Elementary this fall to help teach the students about fire safety and prevention.

Responses for July-September



Structure Fire: 4
Vehicle Fire: 1
Brush Fire: 10
Motor Vehicle Accident: 1
Medical: 4
Illegal Burns: 3
Public Assist/Other: 5

Call 911 for Emergencies: Dial 911 immediately to report illegal fires. Calling 911 ensures simultaneous dispatch for RRRFPD responders, ODF, and mutual aid partners.

FYI: Posting fire sightings on Facebook, messaging agencies directly, or calling out-of-district organizations (like LRAPA) creates dangerous delays in emergency response.

EPA's 14th SepticSmart Week: Practical and Proactive Septic System Maintenance Protects Public Health & Reduces Costs

From EPA Press Office (press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) kicked off SepticSmart Week 2026, a nationwide effort to help homeowners properly maintain their septic systems to protect public health, groundwater, local waterways, and the environment while saving American families money. SepticSmart Week 2026 marks the program's 14th year of promoting practical and responsible septic system care.

"More than one in five homes across the country relies on septic systems to safely manage wastewater. That number is even higher in rural and suburban communities that are the backbone of this great nation," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Jess Kramer. "EPA's SepticSmart tips provide homeowners with practical strategies to keep their families and communities safe. At the same time, these tips can avoid costly repairs, keeping more money in the pocketbooks of American families."

Failure to maintain a septic system can lead to sewage backups, contamination of drinking water sources, expensive repairs, and environmental damage. Regular inspections and preventative maintenance are often less costly than replacing a failed system.

EPA's SepticSmart program provides homeowners, local governments, and community organizations with resources and tools to strengthen understanding of how septic systems work and how routine maintenance protects public health while reducing repair costs and extending system life. During the week, EPA and its partners will share educational materials, host outreach events, and promote best practices for septic system operation and maintenance.

To promote SepticSmart Week 2026, EPA encourages organizations and individuals to share helpful tips, such as:

- **Think at the Sink!** What goes down the drain has a big impact on your septic system. Fats, grease, and solids can clog a system's pipes and drain field.
- **Don't Overload the Commode!** A toilet is not a trash can. Disposable diapers and wipes, feminine hygiene products, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, and cat litter can damage a septic system.
- **Don't Strain Your Drain!** Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances. Too much water use at once can overload a system that hasn't been pumped recently.
- **Shield Your Field!** Tree and shrub roots, cars, and livestock can damage your septic drain field.
- **Keep It Clean!** Contamination can occur when a septic system leaks from improper maintenance. Be sure your drinking water is safe to drink by testing it regularly.
- **Protect It and Inspect It!** Regular septic system maintenance can save homeowners thousands of dollars in repairs, and it protects public health.
- **Pump Your Tank!** Ensure your septic tank is pumped at regular intervals as recommended by a professional and/or local permitting authority.

Throughout SepticSmart Week, EPA encourages communities, local officials, wastewater professionals, and homeowners to participate in educational events and share resources to raise awareness about the importance of septic system maintenance.

For more about SepticSmart Week 2026 and resources for homeowners, visit www.epa.gov/septic.





Living in a LIVING Watershed

Our Privilege and Responsibility



Living on the edge of a wild river is a privilege that comes with a vital responsibility: protecting the watershed. As a riverside landowner, your daily choices directly impact water quality, wildlife, and downstream communities.

Balancing wildfire mitigation with the health of birds, fish, and land animals requires a thoughtful, seasonal approach. When protecting property in crucial watersheds, like the Row River Valley and its tributaries, which provide vital drinking water to the city of Cottage Grove, our land management directly shapes local ecosystems.

Minimize Pollutants

Keep the rivers clean by eliminating synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, which spark toxic algal blooms. Instead, landscape with native plants that require zero chemicals. Ensure your septic system is inspected regularly to prevent harmful bacteria from leaking into the water.

Manage Vegetation for Temperature and Fire

Maintaining a healthy riparian buffer, a strip of native trees and shrubs along the water's edge, is crucial. Deep roots stabilize the banks against erosion, while their canopy provides essential shade. This shade regulates water temperature, keeping it cool enough for sensitive species like trout and salmon to survive.

Respecting Aquatic and Avian Lifecycles

Careless brush clearing can inadvertently destroy the foundational lifecycles of local species. Critical aquatic insects spend their larval stages, clinging to submerged leaves and streamside wood. Disturbing these banks crushes the primary food source for native fish. Similarly, salmon and trout rely on clean gravel beds for their eggs. Heavy clearing along the banks triggers erosion, sending sediment downstream that smothers fish nests. For birds, dense thickets serve as essential nesting sites in spring and vital refuge in the heat of summer.

The Phased Strategy: Work in Stages

Never clear an entire riparian zone all at once. Instead, work in stages over several years.

- Focus your initial efforts closest to your home, building defensible space by removing highly flammable underbrush and dead fuel.
- As you move closer to aquatic areas, selectively thin dense vegetation rather than clear-cutting.
- Simultaneously replace hazardous vegetation with fire-resistant, shade-providing native species like Oregon ash, and bigleaf maple. These deep-rooted plants stabilize the soil and keep streams cool, which protects sensitive fish from lethal water temperatures.

Choosing the Best Seasons to Work

Timing your maintenance avoids disrupting critical breeding and migration windows.

Late Fall & Winter Heavy brush clearing, pruning, and removing invasive plants. Safest choice. Birds have completed their nesting cycle, and low temperatures reduce fire ignition risks from equipment.

Early Spring Planting native trees and shrubs along the riverbanks. Allows new root systems to establish before summer droughts, providing future canopy shade for fish.

Late Spring & Summer Stop major clearing. Avoid disturbing active bird nests and vulnerable wildlife fledglings. Restricting work prevents erosion during sudden storms and avoids stressing animals already coping with hot, dry weather.

By pacing your mitigation work and aligning it with natural cycles, you safeguard the local wildlife while preserving the pristine water quality that sustains the entire Row River Valley as well as the community of Cottage Grove!



ROW RIVER GRANGE TO HOST ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

DEMOCRACY AT THE GRANGE PROGRAMS TO CELEBRATE OREGON'S INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

~Ruth Seeger & Terry Parker,
League of Women's Voters

The historic Row River Grange will host its annual Fall Harvest Festival, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 34360 Row River Road, Cottage Grove.

In addition to festival favorites including a chili cook off (3 different kinds of chili), cider press, silent auction fundraiser, music, and vendor booths, the event will host a new series of programs with the League of Women Voters of Lane County (LWVLC) to celebrate the United States of America's 250th anniversary.

"We're delighted to host the League as Oregon granges have a long history of political and social activism focused on protecting the economic and civic rights of

farmers and rural communities," said Kellen Lignier, president of the Row River Grange. "Grange halls continue to this day to act as a neutral community forum, town hall meeting space, and local voting information center."

Attendees have the opportunity to participate in the free event by supporting the silent auction fundraiser and purchasing concessions, which are targeted to assist in important Grange hall permits and repairs.

The Democracy at the Grange program hopes to stimulate an appreciation of local history and civic learning to encourage citizen participation in our country's inclusive democracy. The event is designated as an official event of the America 250 Oregon Commission.

According to Terry Parker, president of the League of Women Voters of Lane County, educators, civic leaders, historians and actors will share stories of Oregon's democratic history, highlighting the contributions of indigenous peoples, civic traditions, the Row River Grange

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Join the Party!
Community Event
October 17, 10-4,
Lunch Provided
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You Have a Place in this Project!

You do not have to worship here to have a stake in its future.

The Little White Church is where our Fire District, Water District, Community Partnership, Sunshine Club, Support Groups, and neighbors gather.

Here we plan, serve, celebrate, grieve, and care for one another.

Every gift helps preserve this shared historic building!



Row River Valley Water District

Contributor
Cindy Igou
Commissioner

Volunteers at Work

Row River Valley Water District is hard at work. You will see Volunteers at your meter weed eating, cleaning out and documenting the meter with photos. We will replace any broken covers and cleanout the accumulated dirt inside the meter. Taking care of our meters is important.

We have lots of projects like this going on. If you are able, I would ask that you weed eat around your meter to help us out.

There is at least 60 hours a week volunteered for the water. Before I was on the Board I would have never guessed. We could not afford to pay for this much help which in reality is what it takes to run this small district.



Before

After



This is the meter at the Post Office. Unfortunately, it is right beside the road and is often ran over or parked on. With the new blocks around it we are hoping to keep the meter safe.

Please come to a RRWD water meeting. Offer your skills for one project. It is an investment in the community.

RRWD Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13th &
Nov. 10th 7:00pm
RRCF 37553 Row River Rd
Open to the Public

Public Meeting about Cottage Grove's Drinking Water Source Protection Plan

The City of Cottage Grove will present at the October 6th Row River Valley Community Partnership Think Tank Tuesday. **The presentation will focus on the development of the City of Cottage Grove Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.** The City seeks community input during the Plan development process to inform its drinking water source protection efforts. While the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan is focused on the safety of Cottage Grove's drinking water, there is an important connection to the environmental health and protection of the watershed upstream. At the meeting, we will describe the planning process and present a draft list of potential risks to the City's drinking water source (Row River

October Think Tank Tuesday

Special Guest: Your input is important

watershed) identified so far. **Community members are invited to ask questions about the planning process and to share thoughts about the potential risks.**

When: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 5:30 pm

Where: Think Tank Tuesday

RRCF 37553 Row River Rd., Dorena

Visit cottagegroveor.gov for more information. If you have questions about the meeting or if you want to share feedback but are unable to attend, please contact Suzanne de Szoeki at sdeszoeki@gsiws.com or 541-257-9006.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

RRVCP Community Event

Think Tank Tuesday,
Oct 6th & Nov 3rd, 5:30- 7:00pm

Oct 6th Faye Stewart, from the City of Cottage Grove, will present on the development of the City of Cottage Grove **Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.**

RRCF* 37553 Row River Rd
We will have food for you!

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We Can!*

Dorena School

Picture Day: Thursday, Oct. 22nd
Halloween Event: Friday, Oct. 30th
No School: Nov. 6th, Nov 11th, Nov 25th-29th



Sunshine Club

Wednesday Oct. 7th & Nov. 4th, 10am

RRCF* 37553 Row River Rd



Row River Water District Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 13th & Nov. 10th 7:00pm

RRCF* 37553 Row River Rd

Open to the Public



Row River Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 20th & Nov. 17th, 6:00pm

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Help Restore our Community Center, the RRCF Building

Join the Party!

Saturday, Oct. 17th, 10-4,

Hearty Lunch provided

Community Paint-Scraping Party!

37553 Row River Rd

Row River Christian Fellowship

Sunday Services Sundays at 11:00am

Bible Study Wednesdays 5:30pm

37553 Row River Rd

All Are Welcome

Upriver Food Bank

Friday, Oct. 16th and Nov. 20th, 4-5:30pm

Child's Way School, 37895 Row River Rd

All Are Welcome!



Row River Grange 34360 Row River Rd.

Business Meetings: 3rd Monday ea. month, 5:30pm

Potluck follows at 6:30pm All Are Welcome!

Rent the Grange: Affordable rentals for events with a full, state-certified **commercial kitchen also available to rent** for starting a business

Seeking Instructors for yoga and exercise classes

Seeking vendors and musicians for the

Annual Harvest Festival Oct 3rd.

Vendors and musicians can contact the Grange. This year we are partnering with the **League of Women Voters Lane County**

Contact us at RowRiverGrange@gmail.com

*The Row River Christian Fellowship (RRCF) also known as the 'little white church'

Democracy at the Grange

(continued from pg 8)

and the suffragist movement. "We'll also celebrate Oregon's independent spirit as the U.S. marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence," she noted.

The tentative schedule for Democracy at the Grange programming is as follows:

Welcome from Bruce Kelsh, member of the League of Women Voters of Lane County, **and Kellen Lignier**, president of the Row River Grange.

Cottage Grove's Native American Roots and the Applegate Settlers: Bridging the Divide:

Featured presenters will be Shannin Stutzman, Aiyanna Brown and Shannon Applegate. Stutzman and Brown, of Hannis Coos and Kalapuya heritage, are traditional drummers, singers, storytellers and educators. Applegate, a descendant of the Applegate pioneer family of Oregon, is an author, lecturer and historian.

Suffragists Stop at the Grange: A reenactment of an imagined visit of suffragettes in 1912 to the Row River Grange to make their case for women's right to vote. Among the participants will be Kellen Lignier, Row River Grange president and Mary Sue Backus, law professor and member of the League of Women Voters of Lane County.

Helping Voters Vote: A Look at League Resources: Terry Parker, president of the League of Women Voters of Lane County, will discuss how Oregon's civic systems work as well as the League's dedication to providing accurate, nonpartisan voter education and empowering voters. Also described will be Vote411, a League initiative that provides trusted election information.

The Row River Grange and How Oregon Granges Have Impacted Rural

Communities: Dana Merryday, civic leader and board member of the Cottage Grove

History Museum, will talk about the pivotal role granges have played in strengthening rural communities like Cottage Grove.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 am to 5 pm.

Fall Harvest Festival & Democracy at the Grange

a celebration of Oregon's democratic history

Row River Grange
34360 Row River Road, CG

As part of the Row River Grange's Annual Harvest Festival, the event will stimulate an appreciation of local history and civic learning to encourage citizen participation in our inclusive democracy.

Educators, civic leaders, historians and community volunteers will share stories of Oregon's democratic history, acknowledging the contributions of indigenous peoples, civic traditions, the suffragist movement and the Row River Grange.

The event will also feature a chili feed, cider pressing, musical entertainment, vendor booths, and a silent auction fundraiser to benefit the Row River Grange. The League of Women Voters of Lane County will also conduct voter registration.

The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lane County in partnership with the Row River Grange and is an official event of the America 250 Oregon Commission.

Think Tank Tuesday

Community Preparedness : Collaboration

Mutual Support : Advocacy

First Tuesday, Monthly 5:30-7

at RRCF 37553 Row River Rd., Dorena

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We Can!*

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(Author)