

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
SUSTAINABILITY EVENTS CALENDAR
January 2026

*Events for people who want to learn about and get involved with efforts to make
Corvallis and Benton County sustainable communities*

SUN, JAN 4 (ALL DAY)

MWBA (AUDUBON): 2025/2026 Airlie/Albany Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a census of birds, performed annually by volunteer birdwatchers. Last year 50 field observers & feeder watchers counted 125 species of birds in the Airlie/Albany area.

Contact: bmaecan@gmail.com to participate

Sponsor: Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance

TUESDAYS, JAN 6 & JAN 20 (10 am – 1 pm)

JAMMIM' FOR THE HUNGRY

Make and process jam in a licensed kitchen that will be distributed to local food banks. Learn how to make low sugar jams and get a sample to take home. Come join us in the fun of making jams! Contact us to confirm in case of last minute changes.

At 1166 NW Jackson, the kitchen in the Corvallis First United Methodist Community Center

Contact: jammin@corvallisfumc.org

Sponsor: Corvallis First United Methodist Church in partnership with Jammin' for the Hungry

TUES, JAN 6 (12 noon)

GEARING UP FOR GARDENING

Eight weekly gardening talks on Tuesdays, beginning Jan 6 through Feb 24, to inform and inspire beginning and experienced gardeners

At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Contact: info@BentonMG.org

Sponsor: Benton County Master Gardener Association

TUES, JAN 6 (4:30 – 6 pm)

SUSTAINABILITY COALITION ANNUAL MEETING

Want to hear some good news from 2025? Join us for an overview of the past year's accomplishments. We think you'll be amazed and inspired by what our action teams achieved in 2025! Enjoy delicious "happy hour" snacks provided by our event sponsor, First Alternative Co-op. Details at sustainablecorvallis.org.

At C3 (Corvallis Community Center), 2601 NW Tyler Avenue

Contact: info@sustainablecorvallis.org

Sponsor: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

THURS, JAN 8 (9:30 am)

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR IN THE LAND OF THE PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

Dave Eckert will present programs and installations intended to rebuild Indigenous/Non-Indigenous relationships and to reawaken local Indigenous culture in Corvallis.

At C3 (Corvallis Community Center) 2601 NW Tyler Ave.

Contact/info: Dave Eckert at deckert@willamettewatershed.com

Sponsors: Academy for Lifelong Learning Corvallis and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition
Water Action Team

FRI, JAN 9 (4 – 6 pm)

SAFE HAPPY HOUR ON 2ND FRIDAYS

Join [SAFE Corvallis](#) on the second Friday of the month for a gathering of people who care about alternative transportation. Relax and enjoy the late afternoon; talk about transit, walking, biking, rolling and many other things at this informal gathering. We have tables reserved each month in the Pride Pavilion. Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring your thoughts for the New Year and welcome in 2026!

At Common Fields Pride Pavilion, 545 SW 3rd Street

Contact: wendy.bikes.byrne@gmail.com

Sponsor: Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) Corvallis

SAT, JAN 10 (8 – 12 noon)

MWBA (AUDUBON) SECOND SATURDAY FIELD TRIP

Led by Duncan Evered & Caryn Stoess.

At Willamette Park, meet at Willamette Park Shelter, east end of SE Goodnight Ave.

Registration required, open to the public.

Contact: CorvallisAudubonSecondSaturday@gmail.com

Sponsor: Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance (previously Audubon Society of Corvallis)

SUN, JAN 11 (3 – 5 pm)

CORVALLIS INTERFAITH CAFÉ – SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

At Friends Meeting House, 3311 NW Polk Ave, Corvallis

Gathering Theme / Experiencing Silence

Please bring a dessert to share.

Contact: CorvallisInterfaithNet@gmail.com

Sponsor: Corvallis Interfaith Network

MON, JAN 12 (7:30 – 8:30 pm)

GREENBELT LAND TRUST CONSERVATION UPDATES

Carolyn Menke, Stewardship Director at Greenbelt Land Trust, will share plans for upcoming floodplain forest restoration and planting at Luckiamute Confluence, located in Polk County, adjacent to the Luckiamute State Natural Area, plus give an update on prairie restoration at Oak Creek Preserve in Benton County, near Bald Hill Farm.

At Cordley Hall Room #2602, Oregon State University

Contact: Esther McEvoy estherco@peak.org

Sponsor: Corvallis Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon

THURS, JAN 15 (7 – 8:30 pm)

JACKSON-FRAZIER WETLAND HABITAT

Presentation by Jesse Ott, Director, Benton County Natural Areas, Parks & Events. Social gathering & refreshments from 6:30-7 pm; business meeting & special raffle from 7-7:20 pm; Slide & video presentation from 7:20-8:30 pm. Online option also available

At Chandler Ballroom, Corvallis Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Avenue

Contact: audubon.corvallis@gmail.com

Sponsor: Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance (previously Audubon Society of Corvallis)

SAT, JAN 17 (11 am – 12 noon)

STREAMSIDE STEWARDSHIP: BEST PRACTICES FOR RIPARIAN VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Join LWC's Restoration Program Director, Aubrey Cloud, for an informative talk on maintaining healthy streamside habitats through thoughtful vegetation management. Aubrey will share guidance on identifying native and nonnative species, removing invasive trees, and applying best management practices near waterways to support resilient plant and wildlife communities.

At Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St., Monmouth

Contact and RSVP at <https://www.luckiamute.org/riparian-veg-management.html>

Sponsors: Luckiamute Watershed Council, Polk County Master Gardeners, Ash Creek Water Control District

SAT, JAN 17 (7 – 8:30 pm)

DANCE PLANET

Move in your own way to a rhythmic flow of music from around the world and across the decades. This month will begin with live vocal music by Johanna Beekman, move into a global journey from DJ Geo, and end with more sweet sounds from Johanna. Admission to this family-friendly event is a suggested donation, \$5–15 or more. 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to local environmental organizations.

At Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle Blvd.

Contact: georgebeekman@gmail.com

Sponsor: Dance Planet

THURS, JAN 22 (1 – 2:30 pm)

PUBLIC SEED LIBRARY PRESENTATION – "LEGUMES: FOOD FOR THE BODY, THE SPIRIT, AND THE SOIL"

Legumes are a huge group of plants, widely grown in ornamental and edible gardens. Learn about growing edible beans and peas, legume family flowers and herbs, and cover crops to improve your soil health and fertility. Learn more at <https://www.bentonmg.org/public-seed-library-resources>.

At the Main Meeting Room of the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Contact: CorvallisPublicSeedLibrary@gmail.com

Sponsors: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

THURS, JAN 22 (5:30 – 7:30 pm)

ECOLOGY GAME NIGHT

Spend a cozy evening inside playing ecology-themed games. Bring a friend or make new ones. Bring games or share ours. No registration required. A portion of food/beverage sales benefit Marys River Watershed Council.

At Common Fields Truck Pod and Taproom, 545 SW 3rd Street

Contact: nina@mrwc.org

Sponsor: Marys River Watershed Council

THURS, JAN 22 (6:30 – 8:15 pm)

FOOD & AGRICULTURE: NATIONAL ISSUES THROUGH A LOCAL LENS

This fourth program in our Restoring Democracy series will include brief presentations by representatives of a local food bank and local farm, followed by audience Q & A. Join us to learn, discuss, and explore opportunities to take action. See <https://lwvcorvallis.org> for details.

At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave

Contact: amills@willamettewatershed.com

Sponsors: League of Women Voters of Corvallis and Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

SAT, JAN 24 (1 pm)

HOW CAN I HELP? SAVING NATURE WITH YOUR YARD

Talk and book signing with author Doug Tallamy, co-founder of Homegrown National Park. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; available at BentonMG.org.

At CH2MHill Alumni Center, OSU campus, 725 SW 26th St.

Contact: info@BentonMG.org

Sponsor: Benton County Master Gardener Association

SUN, JAN 25 (4 – 6 pm)

VIRTUAL ETHIOPIAN CUISINE COOKING CLASS

Join Chef Eleni Woldeyes from Eleni's Kitchen and learn to cook authentic Ethiopian food from your own kitchen. Registration includes Injera (traditional Ethiopian bread) and Ethiopian spices. \$55 per cook

Registration: <https://sistercities.corvallis.or.us/ethiopian-cooking-class-2025/>

Contact: csca.gondar@gmail.com

Sponsor: Corvallis Sister Cities Association - Gondar

THURS, JAN 29 (1 – 2:30 pm)

PUBLIC SEED LIBRARY PRESENTATION: "HELPING MASON & NATIVE BEES THRIVE IN YOUR GARDEN"

Come learn how to manage mason bees and help meet their needs in the spring, summer, and fall. Learn about the needs of native ground nesting bees, get a few ideas about what to plant to feed them, and learn more about how to avoid harming bees. Presented by Linn County Master Gardeners Pollinator experts. Learn more at <https://www.bentonmg.org/public-seed-library-resources>.

At Main Meeting Room at the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Contact: CorvallisPublicSeedLibrary@gmail.com

Sponsors: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

SAT, JAN 31 (9:30 am – 12 noon)

PUBLIC SEED LIBRARY CLINIC: STARTING PEPPERS & TOMATOES, PLUS SPROUTS & MICROGREENS

It's about time to cold-stratify seeds that need a cold period to germinate, and to start peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, some cool season crops, flowers and herbs indoors. Benton County Master Gardeners will help you select seeds right for you and your growing conditions, and guide you on how to get your vegetable garden planned and started well. Learn more at <https://www.bentonmg.org/public-seed-library-resources>.

At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's historic Belluschi Wing, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Contact: CorvallisPublicSeedLibrary@gmail.com

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