

Community Connector Meetings and Events

Newport's 10-Year Sustainable Destination Management Plan Advisory Team

ACTION ITEM FOR PARTNERS: Please share this with your network of visitors to Newport! More information on the Newport Tourism **Visitor** Survey, from Willow Ryon, City of Newport Tourism Beautification and Tourism Program Coordinator:

Have you visited the Newport area in the last three years? The City of Newport wants to hear from you!

The City of Newport is conducting a survey to gather insights on why visitors like you come to the region, how visitors spend their time, and how they feel about their experience! Your feedback will help improve the visitor experiences for future travelers. Whether you've visited once, or many times, we want to hear from you!

Survey respondents may enter to win a Newport prize package including:

- One night stay at [Louie Boutique Motel](#)
- \$100 gift card to [Local Ocean](#)
- 4 [Oregon Coast Aquarium](#) passes + behind the scenes tour
- 30"x45" canvas artwork by local photographer, [Jeremy Burke](#)

We estimate this survey to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. **The survey will close on Friday, January 16th, at 11:59pm PST. [Take the survey now!](#)**

This survey is being conducted by Crosscurrent Collective and ECONorthwest on behalf of the City of Newport. If you have any questions, please contact us at w.ryon@newportoregon.gov.

[Click here for a shareable/printable flier for Newport Visitors](#)

[Click here for the PDF of the above email from Willow](#)

OCCC Bond Oversight Committee December Update

[Click here to read the December OCCC Bond Oversight Committee Report](#) from the Integrity Management Solutions Team

Rural Community Building Collective (RCBC) December Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon, I facilitated the final RCBC meeting of 2025. In addition to 9 of 10 organization representatives, we had special guests from [Public Profit](#), [Kelley Nonprofit Consulting](#) (KNC), and [TFFF](#) to discuss a variety of communications and marketing concepts and materials. Years of RCBC conversations and capacity-building contracts with Kristin Monahan and her KNC Team have led to an almost-complete project that explains how the RCBC's 10 organizations and their efforts work individually and collectively. The initial project includes two topic-specific project examples per organization, based on the TFFF-aligned focuses of: Youth, Families, & Education; and Disaster Preparation & Resilience. These materials are designed to adapt to work independently for each organization (with modifiable Canva templates and graphics to allow editing and updates), and for the Collective as a whole. Folks new to the RCB approach can see examples of the approach's adaptability and resilience, which led to locally fine-tuned efforts after 5-10+ years of multi-sector, complex problem-solving examples across Rural Oregon and Siskiyou County.

- See the [RCB Explainer One Pager here](#)
- See the [4-page RCB Explainer here](#)
- See [EDALC's Snapshot and Project Examples](#)

Prior to the meeting, I compiled the team's survey responses into a Looking Back on 2025 and ahead to 2026 Slide Presentation, including links to all the shared resources developed over the past year. A few organizations hadn't provided their input by Wednesday's meeting, so I'll update that presentation next week after they've had another chance to complete the survey. I'll then develop the collaborative plan for 2026's RCBC meetings.

OCCA Meetup with Amy Lewin

Thanks to the invite from Jason Holland, last Friday Paul and I attended this meet and greet with [Amy Lewin](#), the new Director of the Oregon Arts Commission and Oregon Cultural Trust. It was exciting to meet her and reconnect with Arts community members and advocates. I took the opportunity to connect with Amy and other attendees on aligned Creative Economy Ecosystem projects and ideas I've been developing, and I look forward to renewed momentum on those that gain interest and attract more collaborative partners in the years ahead.

Funding and Aligned Collaborative Project Brainstorming for CC Sustainability

I've been compiling concepts with new potential funding options for eventual review with the EDALC team and our partners with aligned strategic goals and efforts. I have more exploratory meetings and conversations planned over the next few weeks, and I look forward to starting the new year with a menu of project options that align with new funding opportunities – whether to implement quickly, or to hold and continually fine-tune in my mental parking lot.

Juntos en Colaboración

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Since last week, I've continued in-person meetings, conversations, and check-ins with community members and partners who are navigating quickly changing immigration policies and unknowns. I also connected locals interested in helping however they can with local support networks. Please reach out to me if you'd like to talk or be connected to community-supporting opportunities.