The Goodenough Community

Inspiring a conscious, just, and peaceful world through deep connection to self, community, and nature.

September 2024

VILLAGE VIEW

A vibrant community is made up of all kinds of shapes, types, and sizes!

Big Tent Takedown
and
Nature Systems Landcare 10/10-13

The Goodenough Community Men's Culture is sponsoring our yearly take-down and storage of our event tent the weekend of October 10-13 at Sahale. With many Sahale bookings throughout the summer and early autumn, the tent is an important feature for many guests as well as for our own Community. It Is a longstanding truth that it takes a village to raise a child, and it certainly takes a community to raise and take down an event tent. The 40' x 60' event tent with its 40' x 40' dance floor are critical infrastructures at Sahale for community events, weddings and retreats supported by the Goodenough Community. Drill-drivers, T-25 Torx bits and ½" combination or ratchet wrenches are helpful, as are sturdy shoes and clothing in layers. It is especially helpful to have a good crew on **Thursday and Friday** to get a start on dance floor preparation for storage, and beginning the tent wall cleaning and folding - though help on any day is welcome. Norm will convene a Men's Circle gathering Friday with an option for Saturday evening if desired. Please contact Norm Peck (shkwavrydr@aol.com) and Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson (elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com) with your plans to attend, arrival and departure times, and any special dietary needs.

In tandem with the tent storage, our Nature Systems Circle is sponsoring the final landcare visit of the 2024 season. We will be focusing on dividing and replanting our ornamental plants, reclaiming another ornamental bed in the upper pond area, chipping excess prunings, mulching beds, and getting everything ready for the quiet of short days and long nights. All are welcome to attend and bring any extra plants that did not find a home in your own garden this summer! Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson is your contact for this part of the weekend as well; see her contact info listed above. A suggested donation for each day at Sahale to cover labor and meals, lodging, (hot tub!), and upkeep is $60 per day if you are able.

Our Well:

What to do with our new hole in the ground

by Jim Tocher

A message for good workers who can spare a few days at Sahale.

Sometime this winter, Davis Drilling will drill a new well for us at Sahale. Their job is to find a good supply of drinkable water at a reasonable depth. Our (Community) job is to hook up power to the pump - and the water source (the underground pump) to our water distribution system - (the upper campus, i.e., Potlatch, Kloshe, etc., and to the Log Building and the Swamp).

We've got our work cut out for us. We need to dig a long trench from the well head to our water pipes and bring power to the well pump. The pump (which Davis installs) is a powerful submersible pump sitting some 50 to 100 feet below ground in a big reservoir of water. The power has to get to the well head and the pumped water needs to get to our existing pipes.

Fortunately, we don't have to dig this trench by hand. We will rent a machine which is called a Trackhoe (Tracked Back Hoe or Excavator). Suggestion: Look up on Google 'Trackhoe images' to see some monster size units.In a couple days of operating the machine we will have our trench dug and then covered up – with a water pipe and electrical cable in the trench.

NOTE FOR FUTURE OPERATORS

Operating a Trackhoe is somewhat like playing a video game. You sit in a chair and move the hydraulic levers and foot pedals and control the bucket as it scoops up the dirt. With some practice you can get pretty good at digging a trench 2 feet deep. There are, of course, obstacles: tree roots, curves in the trench, big rocks. Unlike video games that tell you that you failed and you just restart the game, this is real! But there is joy in visualizing what you want the bucket to do and having your hands and feet learn to automatically do it.

BACK TO THE PROJECT

There is a lot more to the project than just the trench. There is the part of building an insulated shed for the electrical control system, the pressure tank and the cold weather heating system. Also, there is the plumbing of our new water supply to our old distribution system.

Phase 1 of the project will be digging the trench, laying the water pipe and the electrical cable and covering it up. If all goes smoothly, this will take two days – say a weekend.

Phase 2 will be building the shed and hooking up everything. This will take longer, but will not be as labor intensive. All this detail might sound a bit daunting, but we did something similar a few years ago when we ran underground power from the Log Building to the Swamp and laid a water line to the Hügelkultur (south of the Walnut Grove).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I love this kind of project! I remember a very long time ago when I was five years old, sitting on a big pile of dirt watching for hours the men and machines digging a new sewer line for our small town. To this day, I love renting machines and digging trenches and building stuff.

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We welcome two new guest rooms at Sahale: Red Cedar and Red Alder!

With a grant from a Sahale client, Pam Jarrett-Jefferson has spent the last few months diligently working on converting our former maintenance building into two lovely new guest rooms. Facing the road is Red Cedar, and looking into the Fir Forest is Red Alder. Pam is continuing to add finishing touches to the snug and cozy spaces and to the building, so don't miss checking it out the next time you are at Sahale.

Hello, Goodenough Community and Friends!

We are hosting an Organizational Retreat

November 8 - 10 at Sahale.

Anyone actively involved in the Goodenough community, anyone who wants to get **more involved**, or anyone who cares about the community and wants to support its **thriving into**

the future is encouraged to attend.

The focus of this retreat will be on the future of the community. Some key questions informing the design include: How do we attract and engage new members, especially younger ones, into the community? What kind of residential community do we want to foster at Sahale? How do we create financial abundance for the community?

We will also get reports from various governance circles and projects, and provide an in-depth financial review.

The program will begin with dinner at 6pm on Friday the 8th, followed by an evening session of joyful joining and orientation, and will run through the entire day on Sunday the 10th. This will give us a full two days of plenary sessions and two evenings of fun and connection. The last meal provided will be breakfast on Monday. Meal prep and clean up will be done collectively by the participants, so come expecting to pitch in.

Please reach out to Elizabeth to arrange accommodations: elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com

Suggested donation to cover food, housekeeping, and maintenance costs is $100, but you are welcome to pay more or less as you are able.

Reach out to any of us on the organizing team if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

November Retreat Organizing Team,
Elizabeth, Laura, Sharon, Sky, and Tom

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Next **Women's Culture** Zoom event:
November 16, 2024, 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Strong and sturdy

Soft and Squishy

Women of all types,
proclivities, shapes and sizes,
ages, stages, abilities,
and agilities
are cordially welcomed to join
us as we connect, listen
deeply and support each
other.

We welcome all female-identified individuals to our group. Practicing deep listening and sharing, while supporting one another, is our goal and our joy!

Upcoming dates are Nov. 16, Jan 25, Mar 22 and our long-awaited Women's Weekend on May 3 & 4, 2025. For information, reach out to Laura Sweany at community@goodenough.org

Our Zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89706843097?pwd=hs9uUmapZlPpNvhyfebc4YiJ7yuKeH.1

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Goodenough Community Events Calendar

October 10-13: Event Tent take down and Nature Systems fall prep
November 8-11: Organizational Retreat
November 16th: Women's Culture Zoom program

We look forward to being with **YOU** again soon!

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Check out our website