

Live Well La Pine Meeting
March 24, 2026
Deschutes Library La Pine
Noon to 1pm
Meeting Minutes



Attendance: Larry and Sue Marceaux, Olivia Shields, Tracey Taylor, Kathy De Bone, Sarah Cochran, Mindy Laidlaw, Katie Ahern, Sandra Eisenlohr, Zachary Koepke, Amanda Singh, Love Pearson, Sasha Howes, Debbie Ganieany, Melinda Austin

FOCUS AREAS:

- Get Nourished- VACANT
- Get Knowledge- Tracey Taylor and Katie Ahern
- Get Outside – Zachary Koepke
- Get Together – Rya Fennewald

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Volunteer Fair Update Rya (via email) May 30, 2027 from 12 pm to 2 pm
 - **DEADLINE for organizations to sign** up is ASAP. Please reach out to your partners to join this event!
2. Newberry Country Food Project
 - We will need to purchase more bags once the grant check arrives.
 - Nick Tierney has the link for ordering the bags.
 - The tags have already been ordered and picked up by me and charged to the Newberry Regional Partnership account at Cascadia Print & Design — total cost was **\$645 for 500 tags**.
 - Olivia also ordered the silicone ties through the LPCK account and will invoice Newberry Partnership for reimbursement.
3. NAMI Nature Walks
 - **NAMI Gather Nature Walk & Journaling Session** - Hike to Big Tree Park in La Pine **on June 7**. Collab with Live Well La Pine. **Looking for volunteers** to serve as NAMI nature & journaling ambassadors.

COMMUNITY UPDATES AND EVENTS (added to calendar on NRP website)

- Mindy Austin, Integral Youth Services
 - They are expanding services in Klamath, but they also serve North Klamath and are trying to partner with public transportation to give access to youth in North Klamath. They are willing to help youth in North Klamath with their services. Mindy brought stickers, handouts, and a tote. Contact Mindy for promotional supplies and questions.
- Sarah Cochran, South County Collaborative
 - Speed dating partnership event went well! Partners learned a lot about what organizations are in town.
- Amanda Singh, HDEFA

- VeggieRx for 10 veterans, home delivery for 15 weeks July-October. HDFFA working with La Pine Community Health Center to coordinate referrals.
- If you are in La Pine and interested in purchasing your own CSA box full of fresh produce, reach out to Amanda and she will connect you with their produce partner who may be willing to bring additional fresh produce boxes during the 15 week period.
- 30 Fresh Harvest Kits (ready to make meal kits with fresh local produce) available for 20 weeks through Central Oregon Council on Aging's La Pine route.
- LPOCK and HDFFA working together to coordinate local farmers to provide a Farmers Market style produce booth to run the Saturday following the third Friday during summer months to continue offering fresh produce at the Community Kitchen along with recipe ideas and tasting demonstrations.
- Tracey Taylor, ODHS
 - Partnership with NeighborImpact to provide parenting support for families. This serves as a preventative measure to strengthen family connections. See attached flyer.
- Katie Ahern
 - Megan Bauer will no longer co-facilitate the coalition due to a change in her position. We appreciate her many years of supporting the community, and she will be missed!
- Debbie Ganieany and Love Pearson, St Vincent de Paul and Olivia Shields, La Pine Community Kitchen
 - The next **Meet & Greet will be held at the La Pine Community Kitchen on April 22 from 4–6 pm**. This is a great opportunity to tour the kitchen and learn about their services. Debbie and Love hosted at St. Vincent de Paul in January with great success. The plan is to highlight a different nonprofit each quarter to help local nonprofit organizations learn about one another and strengthen collaboration across the community.
- Mindy Laidlaw, St Charles, Stroke 101
 - Planning a healthy brain event at the Activity Center in September. We can help promote the event with outreach efforts- **Dish Up Event – June or August**
 - A Dish Up event that includes Stroke 101 and a cooking component sounds like a great fit. Possible local kitchen locations include:
 - La Pine Activity Center
 - La Pine Community Kitchen
 - La Pine Community Center (Park & Rec)
 - The Grange commercial kitchen (if available)
 - June or August both work as potential timelines, depending on what aligns best for Mindy and the partners involved.

CONVERSATION: Larry and Sue Marceaux and Sasha Howes from the Bend Food Project joined our meeting today. They shared their knowledge from over 10 years of leading the project. The main takeaway is to keep encouraging organizations to donate, possibly twice a year. The bags hold up well, and monetary donations are encouraged to support ongoing efforts. We appreciated their information and advice as we work to grow donations for our Newberry Country Food Project.

To support alignment and avoid overlap between Bend Food Project and the Newberry Country Food Project, Olivia will be meeting with Sasha to learn more about their software, volunteer/organizer tracking system, and the geographic areas they cover. This will help ensure our efforts complement one another and that we're not crossing into the same service zones.

Sandy Eisenlohr, Grange

- Plant an extra row garden program to help support the local food pantries.

Next Month: Continue conversations about local resource fair and walk/run

NEXT MEETING: April 28, 2026, (May 26)

UPCOMING EVENTS: Volunteer Fair in May (Rya), Newberry County Food Project (continuous); Nami Gather Nature Walk & Journaling Session, June 7th

Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of every month

MISSION STATEMENT: Building community engagement through access to nourishment, knowledge, outdoor activities, and being together, serving southern Deschutes and Northern Klamath Counties.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm