


FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION
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Have a great summer.

FOBPR Newsletter picks up again this Fall.

See you in the park!


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**In every walk with nature one receives far more than they
seeks.**

John Muir



What's Recreation?

FOBPR promotes parks and reforestation projects but another part of our name includes Recreation. Recreate comes from the Latin root *recreare* which means to create again to renew. Recreation refers to all those activities that people choose to do to refresh their bodies and minds and make their leisure time more interesting and enjoyable. Examples of recreation activities are walking, swimming, cycling, skateboarding, meditation, reading, playing games and dancing.

That's why you will see us promoting activities that can be played in our parks and around town. Please consider supporting FOBPR to support recreation in our city! [Go to FOBPR.com](http://FOBPR.com)





First-ever Bike Rodeo Comes to Bandon

With the generous donations from the following donors, we were able to participate in both the Ocean Crest Annual Health Fair and conduct the first-ever Bike Rodeo for 60 Ocean Crest 3rd graders. The funds purchased: 6 youth bicycles, 100 helmets, 20 water bottles, artwork for handouts and bicycle parts poster, and cycling booklets in English and Spanish.



Bike Rodeo was kicked off with Captain Dillon of the Bandon Police department. He discussed the rules of the road and watching out for cars. FOBPR partnered with Cycle Oregon to bring 20 bikes from Portland to use for the afternoon. Shawne Martinez, the cycling instructor, taught drills, maneuvers and safety on the road. Inside the gym, seven volunteers taught the ABC's— Air, Brakes, Chain. "The students were inquisitive and very respectful," said Christine Hall organizer and President of FOBPR. Courtney Wehner, Ocean Crest Principal wants to do it again

next year. And from the smiles on the students, we could tell Bike Rodeo was a BIG success, said Hall.



Pumping up the tires



Clean and lube a chain



Know your bike parts

THANK YOU!

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Thank you to our Bike Rodeo Volunteers

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Who's 'wheely' into cycling? Bandon elementary kids learn to ride safely at Bike Rodeo

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Ocean Crest Elementary in Bandon holds its first ever Bike Rodeo, May 17, 2024. (SBG)
[Check Out the News Clip about Bandon's First Bike Rodeo!](#)



Ribbon Cutting for New Playground Equipment Bandon City Park

Beautiful Spring weather brought the opportunity to install new

playground equipment at Bandon City Park.

Two years ago, Bandon's Parks and Recreation Commission sought a grant from Oregon Parks and Rec to purchase new equipment. A \$30,000 grant was awarded from them, as well as \$30,000 from the City's Urban Renewal grant, and then the search began for just the right mix of play structures.

A tremendous amount of research was done to choose equipment that will survive in our harsh climate, provide age and ability inclusivity. After delays from the manufacturer and consideration to install in appropriate weather, the equipment was installed in early May. The ribbon cutting ceremony on May 7th, 2024 was celebrated by two 2nd grade classes from Ocean Crest Elementary School along with their principal Courtney Wehner and their teachers. After photos the students began to flood the playground with enthusiastic play. The equipment has considerations for safety, imaginative play, climbing, movement and nature play.

Attending the ribbon cutting were Mayor Mary Schamehorn, City Manager, Torrey Contreras, City Planner, Dana Nichols, Christine Kingsbury, Bandon Library Director and current and former Parks and Recreation Commissioners, library staff , Board members of FOBPR and others celebrating the new equipment.



Rocker and Climbing Structure



Rocker for Users of all Abilities



Nature Play Elements

Join the City of Bandon for the 2024

Arbor Day Celebration

Come Help Clean Up City Park!

Saturday, June 22, 2024
10am - 1pm in Bandon City Park
(Meet at Gazebo 2 across from Dog Park)

More Information at: www.cityofbandon.org

* Water & Light Snacks Provided *



Help Spruce up City Park!

Bring gloves and a rake!

If you have unwanted trees on your property, dig up the root ball, pot and bring to the park for planting when they are acclimatized!



Can You Find Me?

Inside Bandon's Library is a tiny library. And it's full of the teeniest, tiniest things. What am I?

The Seed Library. Just inside the front door in the corner sits a small wooden

cabinet with small drawers. Inside the drawers are packets of alphabetized (remember it's a library) veggie seeds, herbs, and flowers. Seed packets are restocked by Jan Ayers, Librarian, as seasons change and seeds become abundant. This is a self-serve operation with no check-in.



Beth Patrick of Good Earth Community Garden, Jan Ayers, Librarian and seed custodian and Christine Kingsley, Bandon's Library Director

You know how sometimes two people get the same idea at the same time? That's how the Seed Library was hatched. Beth Patrick of Good Earth Community Garden and Christine Kingsley, Bandon's Library Director both wanted a Seed Library. Together they made it happen.

As seeds become available and in surplus, the Good Earth shares the seeds with library patrons. The Seed Library was an instant hit and patrons waited outside the library to be some of the first to get their pick of seeds. During the first week, the drawers were empty. But then funds purchased packets from the Grange, and seed packets were donated and the drawers were soon filled. "Seed packets can be donated and often times are still good beyond their expiration date," said Beth.



Drop by and see the tiny library inside Bandon's Library. You'll be surprised at what seeds you might find in very small spaces.



Laura Brownfield

FOBPR Board Member Receives GBA May Volunteer Award

The Greater Bandon Association awarded Laura Brownfield the May Volunteer of the Month award. Laura's volunteerism transcends boundaries, to global, national, and local spheres. For over a decade, she has been a beacon of hope for abandoned and orphaned children of Ethiopia. Laura volunteers with Hope for the Hopeless, a program committed to offering care to abandoned and orphaned street children in Ethiopia who have lost their parents and families due to death, disease, or poverty.

On a national level, Laura serves as a bone marrow courier for the National Marrow Donor Program transporting marrow to patients in need. Laura's contributions support treatment for those fighting blood cancer and blood disorders. Through her actions, she doesn't merely deliver bone marrow; she delivers hope, healing, and the opportunity for a renewed lease on life.

Closer to home, serving as the Communications Leader of Bandon Pickleball, part of her responsibilities includes creating their monthly newsletter. Alongside her fellow Pickleball enthusiasts, she has introduced the local school students to the delights and benefits of the sport. Additionally, her leadership as Vice Chair of the Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission has played a vital role in improving our city parks and recreations programs.

Laura's impact has been felt far and wide, from the streets of Ethiopia to the heart of our community here in Bandon. Her unwavering dedication to service serves as an inspiration to us all.

Congratulation, Laura!



FOBPR's members are the heart of our organization.

We invite you to join with us to promote parkland and recreation in Bandon. We are an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff.

Your annual financial support is appreciated! Send contributions to the address below, thank you.

Please share your vision about our local parks to the address below as well.



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FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interests and skills: _____

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Bandon City Park



South Jetty Park



Johnson Creek

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