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**All beings are flowers blooming in a
blooming universe. -- Soen Nakagawa**



Update from Around Bandon

Jetty Park News

Did you see the beginnings of the walkway near the former Edgewater restaurant? This walkway will extend around the corner up to Jetty Road. The curved part will also include a seating area. This is the first phase of the much larger project to include a walkway down Jetty Road. The path down Jetty Rd is delayed due to the difficulty of

engineering a path on the river side due to high tides in the winter. The southside of the street poses the issue of underground wiring. So, not so easy. Also, although funding was applied for, it is no guarantee funds will be forthcoming. So we sit and wait. The plan also includes a path around Redmon Pond. For birders, walkers, and photographers, what an experience this will be with the resident blue heron, several species of ducks, and the migrating birds who visit.



Looking South East from the old Edgewater's Restaurant



Looking North East from the old Edgewater's Restaurant



Also at Jetty Park

The delight for me is the influx of pelicans. Are they the Brown, the American white, or the Great white? I am not sure I can tell the difference ...but our birders can. Their flight is low across the water and they dive like acrobats from the sky. It gives me a thrill each time I visit the jetty. They are also in abundance at Bullards beach.

City Park Update

Disc golf

Disc golf continues to grow in Bandon. What's great to see is three generations engaged in the sport. Even dogs seem to love the sport!

Pickleball

If you're hearing cheers and thuds on the new courts that would be our pickleball players. Often the courts are full and even some wait times exist. It too is growing and is popular among our visiting guests as well. Note: If no one is around to open the storage locker, the library is the keeper of extra paddles, balls and a net donated by The Bandon Pickleball group.



Concession Stands

Yes, the stands got a new paint job but that's not all. The Public Works crew installed space around the back of the concession stands for whatever is needed—grills, trash cans, or tables. It was grassy and sloped before, so it was not useable. A quick fix of gravel and fencing, and a wall created an inexpensive improvement. The new concession stands debuted at National Night Out.

Tree Update at City Park

I am amazed we have so many trees that survived our several years' worth of planting. I took a walk and looked at spots that our tiny trees were planted for Arbor Day, and they are growing. Some are having tough go of it, but I think progress is being made with the park's restoration.



Pollinator Garden at City Park

Consider this a test garden for native shrubs and plants. We definitely have some plants that are successful. But it needs WEEDING! Maybe some of the volunteers who planted the fenced-in area, could take 20 minutes and pull a few weeds. It could use more chips too. As we all know, City Park gets overwhelmed with wind, and it takes it toll on the newly planted.



Johnson Creek Greenway (JCP) Update

The vegetation at JCP has been mowed and the view is spectacular as you walk up a somewhat beaten down path. You will spot stakes and lots of tree growth on the 100 plus seedlings. It is very encouraging to see new growth from trees planted for the

last several years. Take a hike up the almost trail, in the center of the property and look for the stakes. To all of you who helped, you will be proud and amazed.

Presentation

On August 5, Wade Troxell and Christine Hall delivered a presentation to Bandon City Council to get a commitment regarding the status of Johnson Creek Greenway. In order to continue to plant trees and make plans for restoration, the community needs a clear answer to the future plans for the land. The topic will be reviewed again by the Council on October 7. We have over 200 signatures of citizens who want to keep JCP city-owned and keep it natural. Go to our website at FOBPR.com to sign the petition.



What is FOBPR Up To?

FOBPR Board News

New Board Member

Andrea Burke is our newest Board Member. She brings her enthusiasm, native plant knowledge, and dedication to furthering nature education for our student members. Andrea is a retired educator. She taught in public and private schools as a teacher librarian, classroom teacher, ELL specialist, and outdoor educator. She is also a member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, South Coast Chapter.

Three Grants Were Written

During the summer Board Members, Wade Troxell and Christine Hall applied for three sustainability grants. We heard from one and was denied. We are hoping to hear positive news from the other two. The reason for applying, is that our subscription fees and donations do not cover the cost of, for example the costs of running even a lean nonprofit. Our expenses include: annual insurance fee, GoDaddy software to publish the newsletter, marketing materials, and the ability to buy trees for reforestation of City Park and JCP. We also want to offer a bicycle skill and safety

program at Ocean Crest.



Visit Us at Our Cranberry Festival Booth

This year FOBPR has a float for the parade and a booth. Applaud for us when you see our float too. You can't miss us. I will be adorned with foliage. And others will be dressed similarly.

Board members Steve Friedland, Andrea Burke, and Laura Brownfield are heading up our participation in both events. We will have an interactive booth for children, giveaways and a chance to win prizes. Our float is a joint venture with Native Plant Society and Good Earth Community Garden. Our booth is located on Alabama St in Old Town and is a collaboration with Native Plant Society.

Stop by and say "Hi" to our volunteers. And you could win a prize!



Zach Robertson

2024 Grad from Bandon High School

The Parks and Rec Commission had the opportunity to meet and work with this young man for two semesters as a volunteer to the Commission. He represented the youth of the community.

He wrote us this letter which we want to share with you. Read his letter below. We think you will agree, he is an exceptional young man.

Our world is constantly changing, and I think it is easy to take public-use spaces for granted. If those who can do so, help just a bit, these spaces will continue to serve as community resources for years to come. Joining the Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission has helped me gain insight into how planning within a city parks department works. I enjoyed the process of providing input on the new playground equipment and underlayment, and was also surprised by the challenges that need to be navigated to complete a project successfully.



This fall, I will be attending the University of Oregon to study Operations, Supply Chain & Business Analytics. While in high school, I kept myself actively involved in several extracurricular activities, primarily playing on the school basketball and golf teams. I was a member of the National Honor Society, was my Senior Class Treasurer, volunteered regularly in our community, and graduated as a Class Valedictorian. One of my proudest accomplishments is earning the Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies. I am one of two students from Bandon who will be attending the University of Oregon on a full-tuition and housing scholarship this fall. I entered the golf caddie program at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort as a 9th grader and being awarded this scholarship is truly a privilege.



Our community has a lot of opportunities for people to become involved. Our commitments don't need to be huge in order for us to make an impact. I am looking forward to seeing the positive change I can contribute to my community as I transition

to college, and am thankful for the friendship and positive, passionate community members in Bandon who I was able to work alongside.



Spending time in nature is linked to a longer, healthier life.

Take a Hike!



Biking Among Student Populations Has Dropped by 50% in the US!

Yikes!

Being a cyclist myself at an early age, and knowing less than half of kids will ride a bike at all this year is disheartening. The benefits of cycling among school-aged children have been well-documented as has the decline in rates of biking by young people today. From 2009 to 2017 the number of bike trips taken by youth dropped by over 50%. And only 1.9% of students regularly biked to school in 2022 according to the most recent National Household Travel Survey. At Bandon's Ocean Crest school, only one student rides his bike to school.

From a health standpoint alone, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends just an hour of moderate activity per day (such as bicycling) but only 21% of American youth currently meet this guidance.

Help students experience the JOY of biking along with the freedom and independence it can bring.

What can we do to get kids on bikes?

- Help young people learn how to ride a bike.
 - Volunteer at school when bike safety and bike skills are being taught.
 - Take your children for a joy ride around town.
 - Take along your bikes when traveling and experience bike paths in other towns.
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Tell Us What You Think

If we look at Bandon, for walkability and cycling-ability, how would you rate Bandon?

People

Access to parts of the city where residents live. Poor Good Excellent

Recreation

Access to recreational amenities like parks and trails. Poor Good Excellent

Opportunity

Access to jobs and schools. Poor Good Excellent

Retail

Access to major shopping centers. Poor Good Excellent

Core Services

Access to places that serve basic needs, like hospitals and grocery stores. Poor Good Excellent

Transit

Access to major transit hubs. Poor Good Excellent



Did you Know?

The percentage of walking trips by people over 65 years of age rose from 8.8% in 2009 to 13.8% in 2017.



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.



SUPPORTER APPLICATION

FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interests and skills: _____

<p>Annual Contribution</p> <p>Parks & Rec Supporter \$25</p> <p>Family Partners \$45</p> <p>Park Community Builders \$45</p> <p>Corporate Sponsors \$100</p>

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Connect Our Community With Nature



Bandon City Park



South Jetty Park



Johnson Creek

Your support helps us share, preserve, and enhance our parks while promoting education and wellness. Thank you for your support.



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