



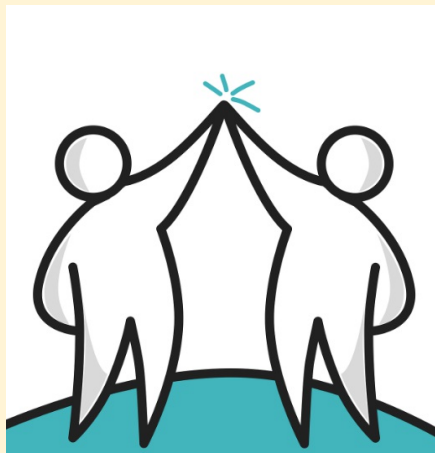
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Notes from Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation (FOBPR)

Dear FOBPR Subscribers,

Thanks to your support, Campaign 2025 reached our goal of raising \$2025 to support the exciting events that Friends will lead this year, including our participation in the upcoming Cranberry Festival, a Veterans Day planting event, and planting at City Park this autumn.

To date, 27 FOBPR members have provided donations of \$2040 and more arrive every week.

Thank you for your generous support.



Volunteers Needed!!

Now we need volunteers to assist with these events!

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact friendsofbandonpr@gmail.com.

It's a great time to join us. FOBPR is also offering subscribers an opportunity to donate in honor of or in memory of someone they cherish.

You can see what's we've done at <https://fobpr.com/accomplishments>

We appreciate you for volunteering for our events and for your generous donations. Thank you.

Laura Brownfield, President FOBPR



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FOBPR will be having a non-profit Table at the 2025 Bandon Cranberry Festival in the downtown area. We will be distributing information about our efforts to promote Parks & Recreation in Bandon.

Learn about FOBPR * September 13-14, 2025*
Activities for all ages - Crafts & Sweepstakes
Subscriber and Supporter Applications
PayPal, checks & cash gratefully accepted for donation.

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From the City Manager's August Newsletter:

Welcome Jeff Mitchem as New Community Development Director

The City of Bandon is pleased to announce the hiring of Jeff Mitchem as its new Community Development Director. Mr. Mitchem will officially assume his new role on Monday, August 4, 2025, bringing with him a wealth of experience in urban planning, architecture, and municipal administration.

Jeff Mitchem has built an accomplished career supporting rural communities across the western United States through roles in both the public and private sectors. Most recently, he served as Planning and Building Director for the City of Mt. Shasta, California. Prior to that, he held similar leadership positions with the cities of Calistoga and Santa Paula, California, and spent several years as an urban design planner for the City of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Mitchem holds a degree in Urban Studies from Oregon State University and pursued post-baccalaureate studies in Architecture at the University of Oregon. He is a member of the American Planning Association, a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and has served as a guest lecturer at Portland State University's Master of Urban and Regional Planning program.

In his new role, Jeff will lead the City's Planning Department, oversee implementation of the City's land use policies, and support key initiatives such as housing development, transportation planning, and community design.

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Mitchem to the City of Bandon and to our beautiful coastal community.





Aerial view of the Bandon Wildlife Refuge

Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge will host their Third Annual Walk for the Wild event on Saturday, September 6th from 10 am to 1 pm at their main office located at 83673 N. Bank Lane.

There will be guided hikes (weather permitting), arts and crafts for children, and information booths from local conservation organizations.

FOBPR supports this important community effort. We hope you will, too.



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Connecting Our Community With Nature

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

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Interested in Learning or Playing Pickleball??

A Final Thought ...



Forest bathing

can provide physical, mental, and emotional healing. Learn what forest therapy is and the benefits to be gained from surrendering to nature.

Spending time in nature, with its perfect balance of sights, sounds, smells, and peaceful environment, offers essential rewards for our highly stressed mental and physical selves. No wonder the ecotherapy practice of forest bathing, otherwise known as Shinrin-yoku, is gaining steam for all the right reasons. Don't be confused; the exercise has nothing to do with soap or water. Instead, the name refers to the way participants fully immerse themselves in — and reconnect with — nature.



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