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FOBPR Newsletter - April 2026

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Learn about Johnson Creek Wayside! Part 3

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FOBPR was founded in 2021 with an organizational focus to support Bandon's three main park lands: City Park, South Jetty Park, and Johnson Creek Greenway.

Recently while reviewing the FOBPR archives, I came across a pamphlet highlighting Johnson Creek Greenway. This pamphlet was organized around these themes (focal points): Restore (Johnson Creek, native plants, natural environment); Create (connection with nature, wellness activities); Preserve (existing trees, pond, wetlands); Eliminate (invasive species, Gorse); Enhance (native trees, native birds, native plants). It is evident that restoring and protecting JCG has always been a FOBPR priority.

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Since 2019, it is estimated that over 1900 volunteer hours have been devoted to work at JCG.

The majority of these hours were contained within three planting events. During these, community volunteers and members of FOBPR dedicated time to plant over 195 trees and flowering shrubs which include a wide array of native species: Western Red Cedar, Pacific Ninebark, Crabapple, Red Flowering Currant, Douglas Spirea, Nootka Rose and Twinberry. These planting efforts were coordinated by Darcy Grahek, owner of Stillwater

Natives Nursery, who also donated all trees and shrubs with a retail cost of over $2700. The planting was done in a purposeful manner. Darcy explains, “The trees were planted in an original native design. From overhead, the pattern mimics the Ko Kwel tribe basket pattern. The Red Cedars planted represent a sacred tree to these indigenous people.” This represents an outstanding community example of respectful restoration efforts.

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Currently, there is movement called Pollinator Pathways,

garnering nationwide attention to those who are willing to use their own land as pollinator havens. They are literally uploading the locations of gardens which people share on a map where they can be counted. Our local coalition is called Pollinator Pathways, South Coast and it provides great information for the coastal ecoregion. To learn more, please visit (https://www.pollinatorsouthcoast.org/home)

What is a Pollinator Pathway you may ask? A Pollinator Pathway is a series of gardens that connect fragmented landscapes and create corridors of restored habitat in which populations of native plants and pollinators can live and thrive. Today, native pollinator populations are increasingly threatened by use of pesticides, including herbicides, destruction of habitat due to development, and invasive non-native species causing ecosystems to become increasingly out of balance. Now is a crucial time to actively support pollinator health in our local communities through habitat restoration. JCG is positioned to be an excellent fit as part of this initiative.

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I hope you have been intrigued by this series; I am ending it with a call to action.

As shown, Johnson Creek Greenway is a unique and precious property- a 37-acre wet prairie habitat supporting an abundance of wildlife, plants and fauna. JCG needs our attention. First, I encourage you to visit and get to know this property and support the perspective that JCG requires advocates from our community. Next, please leverage your voice to urge our city leadership to make a commitment to keep JCG in a natural state and to integrate JCG into current planning to solidify it as a future parkland for Bandon residents and visitors. Without a resonating community voice,

this property remains at risk for sale and possible commercial development. Bandon residents should not be passive about losing this natural gem.

Thank you in advance for your support and respectful efforts!

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Wade Troxell

Claudine Hudhausen

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Laura Brownfield

Recently, Claudine Hudhausen resigned from our Board to focus on other personal priorities. With her departure, Wade Troxell has moved into the role of President. Additionally, Laura Brownfield has taken on additional responsibility and will now serve FOBPR as our Director of Community Engagement & Treasurer. Please join us in thanking Claudine for her service to FOBPR and in wishing both Laura and Wade continued success in their new roles.

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Community Donations from FOBPR

In March, FOBPR completed two community donations. A donation of outdoor recreational equipment was made to the **Bandon Community Youth Center**. Items included: four bikes, a Little Tykes push truck, two small soccer goals and an assortment of play balls (basketballs, soccer balls and kick balls). FOBPR also completed a financial donation of over $750 in support of the annual **Ocean Crest Elementary Health Fair**. This funding supported the purchase of five scooters and rider helmets, a State Parks Pass, and other items for baskets used in the student raffle. New FOBPR President, Wade Troxell states, “Giving back to our community while embodying the element of our organizational mission focused on outdoor recreation is a continuing trademark of FOBPR. Supporting great organizations and events like these gives us tremendous joy and helps

build a healthier future for the youth of Bandon.”

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Follow FOBPR on Social Media!

In 2026, one of our organizational goals is centered on establishing an active social media presence for the Bandon online community. We are leveraging three platforms to share updates, events and projects that we are involved in.

Please support us by joining/following us on these social media outlets:

- Facebook page: Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation
- Nextdoor: Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation
- Instagram: fobparks

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Future Project Work at South Jetty Park

Once we complete the Disc Golf signage project at City Park, we will shift our focus to finding a project to help enhance South Jetty Park. We have only received one project idea so far. Next time you are there, take a look around and let us hear your ideas on what needs to be done to embellish this well-used parkland.

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