



Message from Christine Hall:



Update on FOBPR's 501(c)(3) Status

The Board of Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that we are officially registered with the State of Oregon as a nonprofit corporation. We have written our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. We applied for our tax-exempt status with the IRS and received our EIN number. We have a new website, an up-to-date Facebook page, and we produce monthly newsletters.

Our Board Members are:

Christine Hall, President

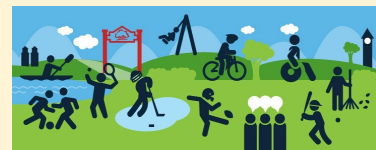
Laura Brownfield, Vice President

Steve Friedland, Treasurer

Anthony Trilli, Secretary

To offer your experience and join our Board of volunteers, send us an email. We have plans to write grants and secure funding for the enhancement of our parks and expansion of our recreational opportunities.

Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation wants to focus this issue on the “recreation” part of our name.



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, meditation, reading, playing games, and dancing.

National Institute of Health

Visit our new website:

FOBPR.com

Keep an eye out for our new logo too!



- Walking is exercise.
- Walking

Walking: Is it Recreation or Exercise?

4,000 steps, 10,000 steps, however far you walk, it does your body GOOD.

Look at the Benefits

- Walking is free.

- allows
you
to
see
your
neighborhood
at
your
own
pace.
- Walking
is
fun
when
you
Walk-
N-
Talk
with
a
friend.

Bandon is a town of walkers. Whether you are walking your dog, pushing a stroller, or walking to breathe our fresh air, walking is good for mind, body, and spirit.

One of my favorite walks around town is, of course, the beach. But I also have other favorites: the Boardwalk along the Coquille River especially on a Sunday morning with a cup of cocoa; Coquille Point with the extra advantage of benches to take in views and unwind; and the Jetty walkway.

If you want a walk in the woods, try the recently cleared of gorse Gravel Point area using the dirt road heading East on FaceRock Drive. Take a left (North) and you are at the back of the baseball fields in City Park and if you head South, you end up on Carter Street and can make a loop on Tish-a-Tang, walk the beach to FaceRock and end up where you started.

What's your favorite walk around town?

What makes a city a great place for bikes?

A Colorado group called, PeopleforBikes, states that highly-rated cities often do well

across six factors. They use the acronym SPRINT:

S Safe Speeds

P Protected Lanes

R Reallocate Space

I Intersection Treatment

N Network connection

T Trusted Data

Adapting SPRINT, cities are guided towards decisions that create a safe and comfortable environment for bicycling. Whether you're a weekday commuter, a family enjoying a summer joyride, or a group of friends on a recreational trail, everyone deserves a great place to bike.



Check out all the 77th Annual Bandon Cranberry Festival events at

77th Annual Bandon's Cranberry Festival
CRANDYLAND
PRESENTED BY: ROGUE CREDIT UNION
September 9-10, 2023

**You're Invited! Join us for the...
77th Annual Bandon Cranberry Festival
September 9 & 10**

Take a Walk Down Cranberry Lane in Crandyland!

Get ready for an amazing time! The Bandon Cranberry Festival has been delighting families for 77 years, making it one of the Longest Running Festivals on the Oregon Coast.

This year's theme is "Crandyland," promising a weekend packed with sweet activities and sweeter memories. Enjoy a lively parade, live music on stage, a variety of delicious food at the food court, talented artists & crafters booths, a captivating car show, and an exciting Kids Korner.

Is a New Skate Park in Our Future at City



Park?

Current skate park at City Park near the dog park on 11th Street.

I think if we ask our younger residents what they might think of a new skate park, we'd find out they are all in favor.

Growing up in a small town, recreational opportunities are usually limited to ball games

like basketball, dodgeball, football and baseball. A skate park would have been a big hit.

Most of the Oregon coastal cities have skateparks. They come in various shapes and sizes and some (but not all) can be quite expensive to install. Some are designed for easier runs while others are designed for advanced boarders. The trick is to design a skatepark that most boarders can use initially, and then work towards building a more advanced one that will draw visitors from other areas.

Parks and Recreation Commission News August 10, 2023 Meeting

Bandon has 100,000 lbs. (50 tons) of rubber mulch (tire crumbs) in City Park's playground. The rubber needs to be disposed of before November/December 2023 when new playground equipment will be installed over a new Engineered Wood Fiber surface.



Rubber mulch at the Children's Playground in City Park

Tire crumbs are considered solid waste by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and are not suitable for distribution and re-use as fill material in a community. It is not labeled as clean fill. In addition, air quality regulations do not permit the tire crumbs to be incinerated. The chips must be buried at a DEQ approved landfill, like the Dry Creek Landfill in Jackson County. Our Beaver Hill Disposal



Site can transfer the rubber mulch there.

Come Out to Party!

The Johnson Creek Greenway Party is set for Saturday, September 23rd. The park is located on Beach Loop Drive next to the Best Western Motel. Traffic cones will provide a safer walking and biking path along Beach Loop Drive. Very limited parking is available nearby.

Samantha Stanger and Darcy Grahek will offer native plant guided tours of the park. From Beach Loop to the back of the property up the hill is a great walk of about a mile. The 37 acres is a bit of a rough terrain but great exercise. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Important Upcoming Event Dates:

September

- Cranberry Festival in City Park September 9 and 10
- The Johnson Creek Greenway Party will be Saturday, September 23rd

November

- Annual Tree Planting Event at City Park will be Saturday, November 18th

WELCOME TO JOHNSON CREEK PARK

**WE'RE HOSTING AN OPEN
HOUSE!**

When is it? September 23rd, 2023, 1-3 pm

Where do I park? There is limited parking on-site. Please park at the Beach Loop lot and walk or bike.

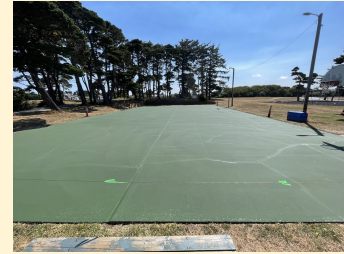
What is there to do? We encourage you to walk around and check out this new addition. Bring a picnic blanket and stay a while!

We will also:

- Host native plant tours
- Provide Gorse eradication information
- Host a children's arts & crafts station
- Have opportunities to provide input about the future of the park!

CALL OR EMAIL THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WITH QUESTIONS:
361-501-9922, PLANNINGCITYOFDABOLDCO.ORG

Bandon City Park Pickleball Court Resurfacing Project Update.



These photos above show the courts in Bandon City Park before, during and after the upgraded playing surface was installed. Great thanks to Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation, Bandon 100 Strong, the City of Bandon, and 33 players of BPB who donated funds to pay for the resurfacing. Special thanks to the Bandon City maintenance team who added a retaining wall and drain system to alleviate standing water on the eastern court. The new surface is safer as it is not as slippery and rough as the old surface. New players are joining play with the Bandon Pickleball (BPB) group who play there Tuesday and Thursday mornings and some afternoons weather permitting. All are welcome, and they will be shown how to play this fun game open to all ages and abilities. Great opportunities for more fun and recreation!



**Birding is
Recreational and a
fun way to use
binoculars and your
camera.**

Blue Heron sits at the edge of Redmon pond on Jetty Road.

This heron is a regular resident, as are ducks and cormorants. Redmon pond is spring-fed and is a favorite spot among birders. Often

birders park or walk by with binoculars and spot migrating birds. When the proposed Jetty Road walkway is paved, this will be a wonderful gathering place for bikers and pedestrians.

Do You Know? (answers below)

1. Can you name the City of Bandon's three parks?
2. What are the names of the four Oregon state parks in the Bandon area?
3. What do we call plants that grow naturally in our local environment?
4. What type of tree grows best here and is in abundance in

- City
Park?
5. What
sport
involves
rails
and
half
pipes?

Answers

1. Jetty
Park,
City
Park,
Johnson
Creek
Greenway
2. China
Creek,
Coquille
Point,
FaceRock,
Devil's
Kitchen
3. Native
Plants
4. Shore
Pine
5. Skateboarding

Fun Facts about Our Sister City, Bandon, Ireland

“Surrounded by gorgeous countryside, the sea, as always in West Cork, is nearby. It is said that Bandon is ‘7 miles from 7 beaches’. History and heritage are important aspects of the town, Bandon dates back to 1604, and the West Cork Heritage Centre is used frequently by visitors tracing their ancestry. Located in the heart of the best farmland of West Cork, the Bandon River valley is very popular with anglers thanks to the fantastic salmon and trout fishing in the area. The farmers market on Saturdays is a great way to meet local producers and try some local fare.”



<https://www.britannica.com/place/Cork-county-Ireland>



SUPPORTER APPLICATION

FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

First name: _____

Park & Rec Supporter \$25

Last name: _____

Family Partners \$45

Phone: _____

Park Community Builders \$45

Email: _____

Corporate Sponsors \$100

Interests and skills: _____

Mail Checks Payable to:

Friends of Bandon Parks

c/o GBA

PO Boc 161, Bandon OR 97411

Connect our Community to 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.

Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation (FOBPR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

Our tax identification number is EIN 93-2761263. We are committed to sound fiscal management, accountability, and transparency.

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