



FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION  
CONNECT WITH NATURE



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**Playgrounds are the classroom where children learn through play.**

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*Darcy Graheck from Stillwater Natives Nursery in Bandon discusses the importance of native plants in the landscape.*

Johnson Creek Parkway Park Open House Event in September. Johnson Creek is located south on Beach Loop Road next to Best Western Hotel. The wetland area was formerly a golf course and before that a cow pasture. The City acquired the property eight years ago.



About 50 interested people attended the Open House. Some groups took a guided walking tour, others were interested to learn about the importance of native trees, some were into pollinator gardens. And still others want to provide backyard habitats for all kinds of insects and creatures.



The event included a welcome table and a grill for serving up hot dogs. An informal questionnaire asked visitors their ideas for the use of Johnson Creek Park. An informal questionnaire asked visitors about their ideas for the use of Johnson Green Park. Comments included walking paths, native plants, restrooms, exercise equipment, a sculpture garden, and parking. The consensus was that the Greenway should be kept natural and an open space.



Pat Dressendorfer of the Native Plant Society demonstrated how to make seed balls. Participants were encouraged to plant them in various spots at Johnson Creek.

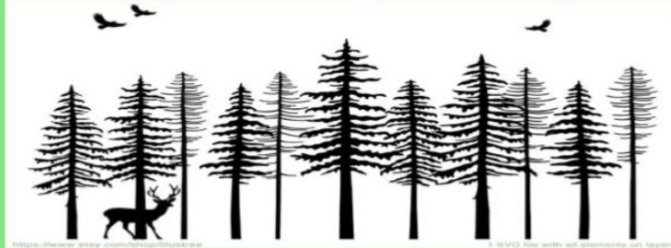
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# COME PLANT WITH US AT CITY PARK

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

11:00AM START TIME

PLEASE COME SUPPORT THE CITY OF BANDON BY HELPING US PLANT  
NATIVE TREES + SHRUBS THROUGHOUT CITY PARK!



SHRUBS PROVIDED BY STILLWATER NATIVES NURSERY  
TREES DONATED BY THE CITIZENS OF BANDON, SAMARA LLC,  
AND FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS

WE PLANT RAIN OR SHINE SO COME DRESSED APPROPRIATELY!

Want to help keep plastic  
out of landfills?

## JOIN THE BANDON RECYCLERS!

We need volunteers at the  
community collection event  
to accept and sort clean plastics!



Volunteer opportunities on the 3rd  
Wednesday of each month  
from 4-6pm at the Bandon Library

If interested, please contact Cody at  
541-347-3221 or [cbarkdull@cityofbandon.org](mailto:cbarkdull@cityofbandon.org)



# PLASTIC COLLECTION!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

4 - 6 PM

BANDON LIBRARY, SPRAGUE ROOM

Recycling #2, #4, & #5  
plastics!

Must be "dishwasher" clean  
and free of labels & adhesive  
residue.

Questions?  
Contact Cody at 541-347-3221 or  
cbarkdull@cityofbandon.org



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## Celebrate Green Friday!

Friday, November 24

Johnson Creek Park, Bandon

Come anytime from 10am to 2pm



Giving thanks to the Earth by planting  
native species into the hedgerow

Family friendly activity!

Plants, soft earth and shovel provided.

[Info - info@stillwaternativesnursery.com/events](mailto:info@stillwaternativesnursery.com/events)



## Why is Wales Moving Slow?

Twenty miles per hour is the speed limit on most streets in Wales. In fact, many counties in the UK already have switched to 20 mph while Spain switched in 2019.

And here's why!

With a speed limit of 20 mph, deaths and noise pollution are expected to be reduced. People would be encouraged to walk or cycle as a safer and healthier alternative.

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## Do you have something to say?

Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation want to hear from you. The Board is working on its Vision 2024 list of priority projects that need funding. What would you like to create or help fund for 2024?

What are your ideas? Please send your reply to:

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## What's a Bike Rodeo?

A Bike Rodeo, also called a Bicycle Skills Rodeo, is a fun, interactive, and non-competitive skills course designed for youth to improve their bike handling and traffic safety skills. If a student doesn't know how to ride a bike, they are taught that too.

Bike rodeos teach students the importance of seeing, being seen, and remaining in control of their bike at all times.

Here's how it works.

Students bring their bikes or are given loaners. They learn bicycle handling drills and bike maintenance at skill stations.

A bicycle rodeo is a fun way for students to learn the rules of the road while practicing safe bicycling. Often a police officer will discuss safety tips. And donors provide a few bikes to those who don't have one.

Weather permitting, a short group ride ends the event along with a bike giveaway.

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## Playgrounds for All

We've heard the words, inclusive and accessible but what do they really mean? When it comes to playgrounds, it means aiming at every child to have equal access and not be excluded due to physical or intellectual disabilities.

Christine Hall recently visited Dillian's Place in Coos Bay. They have recently created a playground with inclusivity and accessibility in mind. Here are some photos she took:

Pirate's Park in Coos Bay is also installing an accessible piece of equipment.





*When a child seeks quiet time or is overstimulated, this dome provides space away but has plenty of holes to watch the surroundings.*



*This is a merry-go-round with molded seats. The seats are contoured.*



*All 4 courts in active use on a sunny late October day!*

Bandon Pickleball players will again volunteer with PE teachers at our local school this year to help teach pickleball to our youth. The group donated 6 nets, 30 paddles and 100 balls last year and gave 100 volunteer hours to the schools. They look forward to passing on the sport to the kids again this year. Several of the students joined in outdoor play all summer at the newly upgraded courts in City Park. If you have basic pickleball knowledge and would like to help please reach out to [bandonpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:bandonpickleball@gmail.com)

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## October Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission meeting 10/12/2023

Dana Nichols introduced Jason Kral who is the City's newest Vegetation Management Coordinator and also a part-time planner. Techniques of gorse management are labor intensive with spot use of appropriate chemical sprays. Jason can be contacted at: [gorse@cityofbandon.org](mailto:gorse@cityofbandon.org)

Christine Hall, President of Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation (FOBPR), discussed ADA equipment at Dillian's Place in Coos Bay and Pirate Park. These parks promote universal accessibility.

FOBPR's initiatives for 2024 include: support for skateboard park at City Park, and a Bike Rodeo, a student bike education program, partnering with Ocean Crest and the Library. Grant opportunities were discussed to enhance local parks and recreation.

### Staff Report

- Public Access Project's planning phase was close to completion. This project will facilitate access to Bandon's public beaches.
- Nicolette Cline is the new Planning Assistant working with Dana. She was a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and is an accomplished pickleball player. Congratulations, Nicolette!
- Dana discussed certain tree-related fees and fines that can be used for replanting trees in City parkland.
- The new playground equipment will be installed early 2024.

### Upcoming Events

- Every third Wednesday of the month there will be a plastic recycling event at the Bandon City Library. Clean and label free #2, #4, #5 plastic bottles and lids will be

accepted. The next event will be on Wednesday, November 15th from 4 pm to 6 pm, at the Sprague Room.

- On November 2nd, there will be an online Open House discussing the Transportation System Plan Beach Loop Connector project, For Zoom details, see City website.

- The Annual City Park Tree Planting is set to begin at 10 am on November 18th.

- The Annual Green Friday Planting Event for Johnson Creek Park will be on November 24th, the day after Thanksgiving, from 10 am to 2 pm. Stillwaters Native Nursery and Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation are partnering to help plant shrubs at the greenway.



## SUPPORTER APPLICATION

### FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Park & Rec Supporter \$25

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Park Community Builders \$45

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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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And note our new logo!

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