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Letter from FOBPR President .



Christine Hall in Bandon City Park Tree Planting - In the Rain!

November was a very busy month for us tree planters. **Take a look at who planted over 100 trees and shrubs in City Park and planted over 50 trees and shrubs in Johnson Creek Greenway Park.** A BIG THANKS to all our Volunteers! Planting Trees is one way to reduce the CO2 in the air.

Tree Planting Bandon City Park







Green Day! Johnson Creek Park









Tree Planting Bandon City Park and Johnson Creek 2024

Photography by Adrea Burke and Christine Hall, Video Editing by Chip Cassin

Check out the tree planting video of both events!

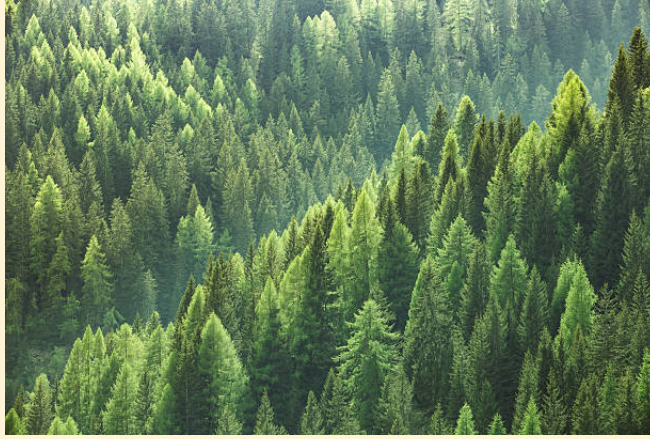
[Tree Planting Bandon 2024 Video](#)



What's up for December 5th at 11:30 am?

Stop by the Old Town Market place (Farm & Sea) for a bite and hear Christine Hall discuss, Parks: Past, Present and Future. Say "Hi" and see if you can resist the goodies all around you.

And if you can't make the Dec 5 presentation, Christine will come to your group. To book your presentation, email Christine Hall at: [Fobpr.com](mailto:Christine.Hall@fobpr.com)



Trees Can Fight Climate Change, Just Not Alone

Restoring forests could potentially capture 226 gigatons of planet-warming carbon, equivalent to about a third of the amount that humans have released since the beginning of the Industrial Era, according to a new study. But trees are not a silver bullet for climate change, scientists said. Their benefit would only pay off if the effects of climate change do not worsen.



Graphic produced by Bob Eck

Transportation System Plan (TSP)

The City of Bandon is involved in updating Bandon's 2000 (TSP). Friends of Bandon Parks and recreation is represented on the TSP committee. The TSP is a 20-year plan to guide the City's transportation system and address transportation needs now and into the future. The TSP update is a joint effort between the City of Bandon and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The TSP will document solutions to these needs, including a mix of physical improvements to streets and sidewalks as well as changes to City policies and programs.

Take the TSP Survey

Take the City's TSP Survey and express your ideas and concerns about our streets

and transportation needs of our community. The survey is accessed on the City's website: cityofbandon.org On the Homepage, click on **Latest News** and then click on **Transportation Surveys Now Live**.

And Take the **Committee for Citizen Involvement** (CCI) Community Poll

The City's **CCI** is looking for your input. Use the link below to identify the land use planning issues that are most important to Bandon. They will use the results of this survey to develop a community involvement plan around the topic of greatest concern. This will help the Planning Department better engage with the community and work towards a common goal.

Here's the survey link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7507158/Committee-for-Citizen-Involvement>



City of Bandon Tree Guide

Information for Planting, Pruning, and Removal



Samatha Stanger, Chair of the Tree Subcommittee planting the new pollinator garden in City Park

Samantha Stanger, Chair of Tree Subcommittee, prepared a Tree Guide that explains tree planting and tree removal to the public. The Tree Guide discusses selecting the right tree for your space and how to plant it. Also, the homeowner will be

able to identify when trees need maintenance or removal. The Tree Guide is available on the City's website: cityofbandon.org

November Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Parks & Recreation Commission meeting 11/09/2023

New Tree Guide

Introduced the new City of Bandon Tree Guide, written by Samantha Stanger of the Tree Sub-Committee. The new Public Tree Permit form was updated to include the option of proposing an alternative landscaping plan in addition to the existing options of paying an in-lieu donation of \$150 per tree being removed or a one-for-one replacement for removed trees.

New Pollinator Garden

Christine Hall, President of Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation (FOBPR), discussed the Pollinator Plants Garden to be installed in City Park during the November 18th tree planting event. Darcy Grahek of Stillwater Natives Nursery is providing the pollinator plants with funds from FOBPR and the City. In May, we will see how the plants survived the park's challenging winds and salt spray. "It's all an experiment. Native plants have a better survival rate and that's why they were chosen," said Hall.

Dillian's Place

A field trip to Dillian's Place, a universally accessible playground in Coos Bay, was discussed.

TSP

Dana discussed the Transportation System Plan which is currently at the stage of discussing existing conditions and future conditions. The current issues involve a lack of street connectivity, bike paths, transit options, and the safety of intersections for pedestrians. Future issues involve guesstimates about growth projections and are problematic to analyze. There is an online City Survey about the TSP which is quite informative but challenging to use.

Beach Access Connector

Dana discussed the Beach Access Connector project which would facilitate access from Beach Loop Road to the public beaches. A preliminary engineering overview of potential paths is being studied. The firm has received a \$100,000 contract to study this project, which is required for Bandon to qualify for Federal and State grants.

Recreational Immunity

Concerns have recently arisen due to the *Fields v. City of Newport* case (2023) which restricted recreational immunity to trails located on public property that are used for recreational activities. Trails that merely provide a path to reach a recreational site are not protected by recreational immunity according to the ruling by the Oregon Court of Appeals. <https://law.justia.com/cases/oregon/court-of-appeals/2023/a177242.html>

OPRD

Dana Nichols mentioned that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has funds for grants and suggested that Johnson Creek Greenway would benefit from this funding.



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:
friendsofbandonpr@gmail.com

- Senior playground equipment at City Park
- Accessible piece of playground equipment
- Bike Rodeo for Bandon Ocean Crest Elementary School (bicycle education/safety half day program)
- Skateboarding kick start event to begin building momentum for a new skatepark in City Park
- My idea is _____

Email your votes to: friendsofbandonpr@gmail.com



Vacancies

Park and Rec Commission positions were advertised. The applications will be reviewed by the Mayor and the citizens selected by her will be forwarded for endorsement by the City Council.



Bandon Pickleball fun!

Fourteen hearty folk participated in pre-Thanksgiving Pickleball fun in Bandon City Park Thursday morning! Thankful for recreation activities!!



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

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