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**Kicking Off Our Annual
Subscriber Campaign**

This month our annual



fundraising cycle starts. Our strategy includes seeking Corporate Sponsors, Grants, Community Funding in addition to our Annual Subscriber Campaign. **FOBPR prides itself on the fact that 90% of the funds we receive go back directly to our community in the form of projects, events, and some**

community funding of our own. So far in 2026, we have completed two projects and are in the planning and coordination phase of three more and have two targeted for fall completion. All this community focused work requires funding, so we are asking all our subscribers to thoughtfully consider providing us with a donation (see form below or link to the a PDF of the application on our website [FOBPR Application](#)), scroll down to "download PDF above the application.)

Thank you in advance for your support, and lets get out and recreate!!



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

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Meet Chunk!!

Most mornings you can find Mark out with his two adorable "Frenchies"

French Bull dogs, Chunk and Queenie at Bandon City Park near the playground. Chunk loves chasing his basketball enabled by his set of wheels that support his back legs. As he aged his back/ hips didn't work so well so Mark found him wheels on Walkingpets.com and Chuck can run with the best of them. Fun Fact: Chunk starred in the Drama/Mystery/Horror movie a "The Rental" filmed in the Bandon area 6 years ago. We found the movie on Hulu and enjoyed Chunks many scenes.

It is so much fun to have fun getting their exercise.



Stillwater Natives Nursery Bandon, Oregon

Growing plants for people and pollinators of the south coast

Stillwater Natives Nursery collaborates with Friends of Bandon Parks & Recreation to offer high school students a hands-on work experience for which they earn a school credit.

These internships run one semester and are for students 16 years or older. Interns will receive an \$800 stipend from FOBPR at the end of the semester. Applications are being accepted at Stillwater Natives now www.stillwaterntivesnursery.com for internships of the 2026 Fall semester. Darcy Grahek, nursery owner, will help students gain experience with native plant identification, propagation, growing from seeds, and organic

horticulture. For the students, there is a foundational understanding of native ecosystems that will come from this internship as well. Our current interns are girls in their junior year at Coquille High School. This article was written by one of the interns to share with the FOBPR newsletter readers.



Native Bee Behavior and Conservation in Oregon

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Basic information and facts about native oregon bees Oregon has more than 700 species of native bees. They are incredibly important pollinators. “Bees are not only helping to create fruits and seeds for animal consumption, but also helping to maintain biological and genetic diversity in terrestrial ecosystems.” (Hatfield, et al.) Bumble bees are fuzzy, this causes them to be great pollinators as pollen sticks to them and then is rubbed off on other flowers. Additionally, bees participate in over-wintering. Queen bees that have just left their original hives will dig a small hole- usually in soft earth, sometimes in other organic matter- and hide away for the winter, then come out in the spring.



Threats opposing bees

Modern agriculture and “lawn maintenance” often calls for tilling, plowing,

or mowing. These activities cause the soil to be disturbed, which can be harmful for over-wintering or ground-nesting bees. “About 70% of Oregon’s native bees are ground nesters, including bumble bees.” (Pool and Thomas) Industry-grade and home-use pesticides can be harmful for bees, and consuming food containing pesticide traces has been found to hurt larvae (Hatfield et al.)

Similarly, insecticides are directly harmful to bees, especially a kind referred to as neonicotinoids or neonics. This kind of pesticide is systemic and not only covers them but will permeate into the plants and may be present in all tissues after application, including pollen and nectar, collected by pollinators. It also leeches into nearby soil and can sometimes be blown into separate areas (including bee habitat) by wind. Boyles and Blackledge) Along with the previously mentioned diseases and parasites brought from other areas of the world by non-native bee species are contributing to (native) bee population decline. These invasive bees also compete for resources with native bees, causing lower populations due to lesser food sources.



What your average person can do to help native bee populations

Avoiding using pesticides, herbicides, or insecticides can reduce the number of bees harmed by these substances. Additionally, there are many organizations that are advocating for the regulation or elimination of these products both in industrial and commercial usage. People can economically support these organizations, join them, or sometimes volunteer. Planting native plants encourages native bee populations to grow as they have greater access to the food they coevolved with. A few good examples for Oregon are red huckleberry, red flowering currant, and red-osier dogwood.

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From March 11, 2026 "As I See It" by Mayor Mary Shamehorn

An article on the front page of the April 19, 1912, Bandon Recorder was headlined simply "That City Park."

"At the June election the voters of Bandon will have a chance to decide whether or not we shall purchase a portion of ground in West Bandon, which has heretofore been used for park purposes, for a permanent park (second photo).

"There is perhaps no more ideal place in Oregon, or any other state for a park and the tract can be bought for nominal sum at this time, whereas if the proposition is not taken up now it may cost many times more in the future. Now is the time to secure a city park. The 15-acre tract can be bought for \$6,000."



Advanced Large Dog Training

More animal fun at the park can be seen each week as Diane Sipe of *Best Paw Forward Canine Guidance and Training* leads her humans and dog through training sessions.



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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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Interested in playing Disc Golf? Check out Facebook groups for the area from North Bend to Brookings: Gold Coast Disc Golf Club, CBDGC, and Gold Beach DGC 3rd Sunday Doubles.

Course layout can be found on the Udisc app



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