



Friends of Bandon Parks & Recreation - August 2023 - Volume 2 - Issue 8

Message from Christine Hall, President of Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation

Dear Friends,

Just FYI I was looking at Zillow to see what my home price might be if it sold. I was surprised to see they rated Bandon as the following:

- Neighborhood: 97411
- Walk Score® 11 / 100 (Car-Dependent)
- Bike Score® 19 / 100 (Somewhat Bikeable)

I hope we can improve these numbers for our future. If you have ideas for an article, or you want to write one, contact Friendsofbandonpr@gmail.com



Special Thanks to our Volunteers and Supporters this month:

- Anthony Trilli for his work on writing our Bylaws.
- Harv Schubothe for his continued guidance and advice for Friends.
- Laura Brownfield for her work on our new Friends website and newsletter.

Congratulations to Steve Friedland Treasurer of FOBPR who was selected as Volunteer of the Month for August 2023 from the Greater Bandon Association (GBA).

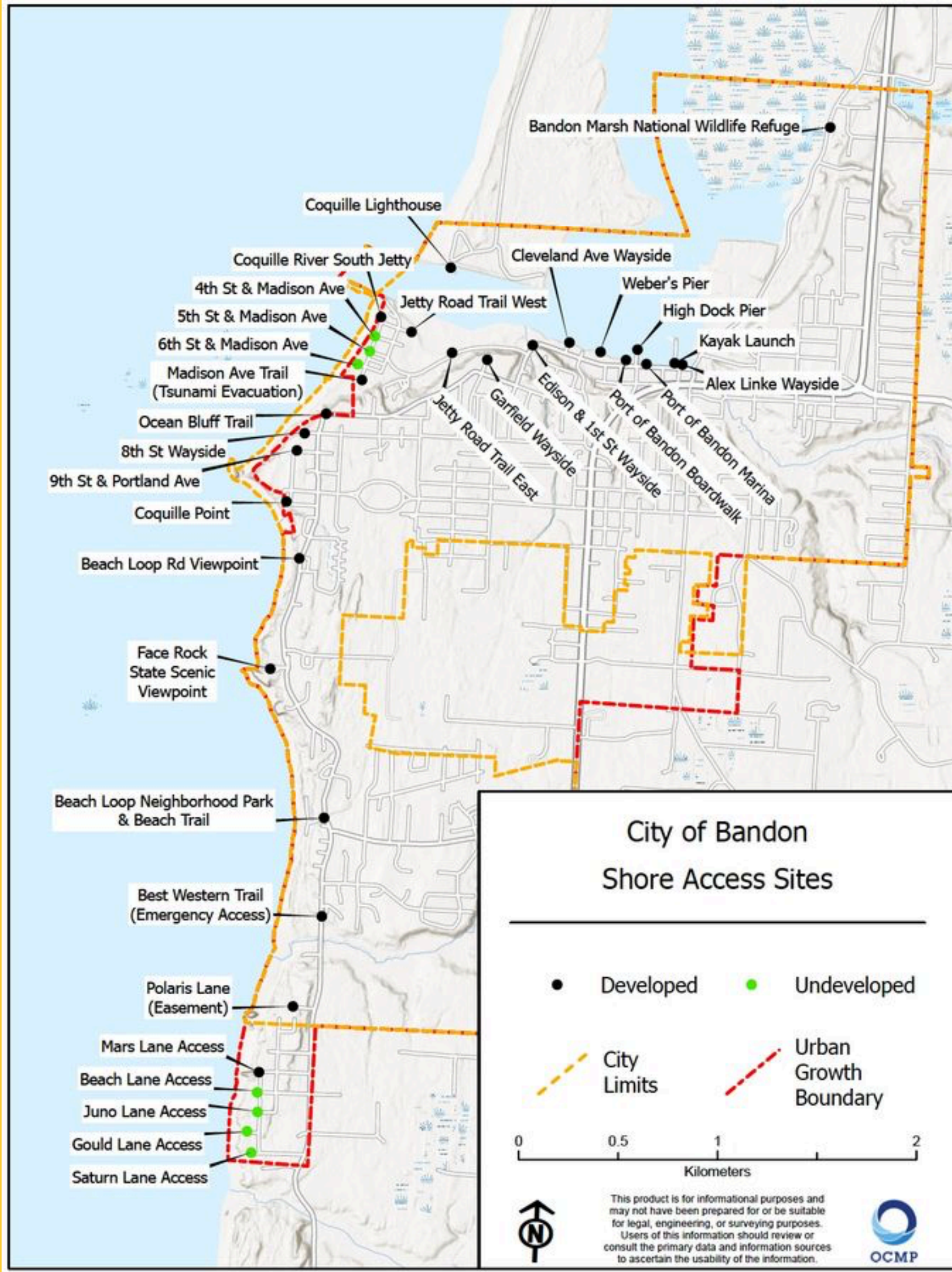
*** If you like our newsletter, FORWARD to a friend.**

From July 13 Park and Rec Commis- sion Meeting Notes

Coastal Public Access Do you know all the public access points along Bandon's coast? Along Oregon's coast? Each city along the Oregon coast inventories all public access points every ten years. Some access sites need to be preserved, others better developed and maybe some new access sites should be created. The most recent coastal access inventory is available online: www.coastalatlantis.net/publicaccess Oregon's Ocean Beach Access Plan (oregon.gov). The importance of these studies and planning ensure Oregon's coastal experience is maintained and enhanced in the future.

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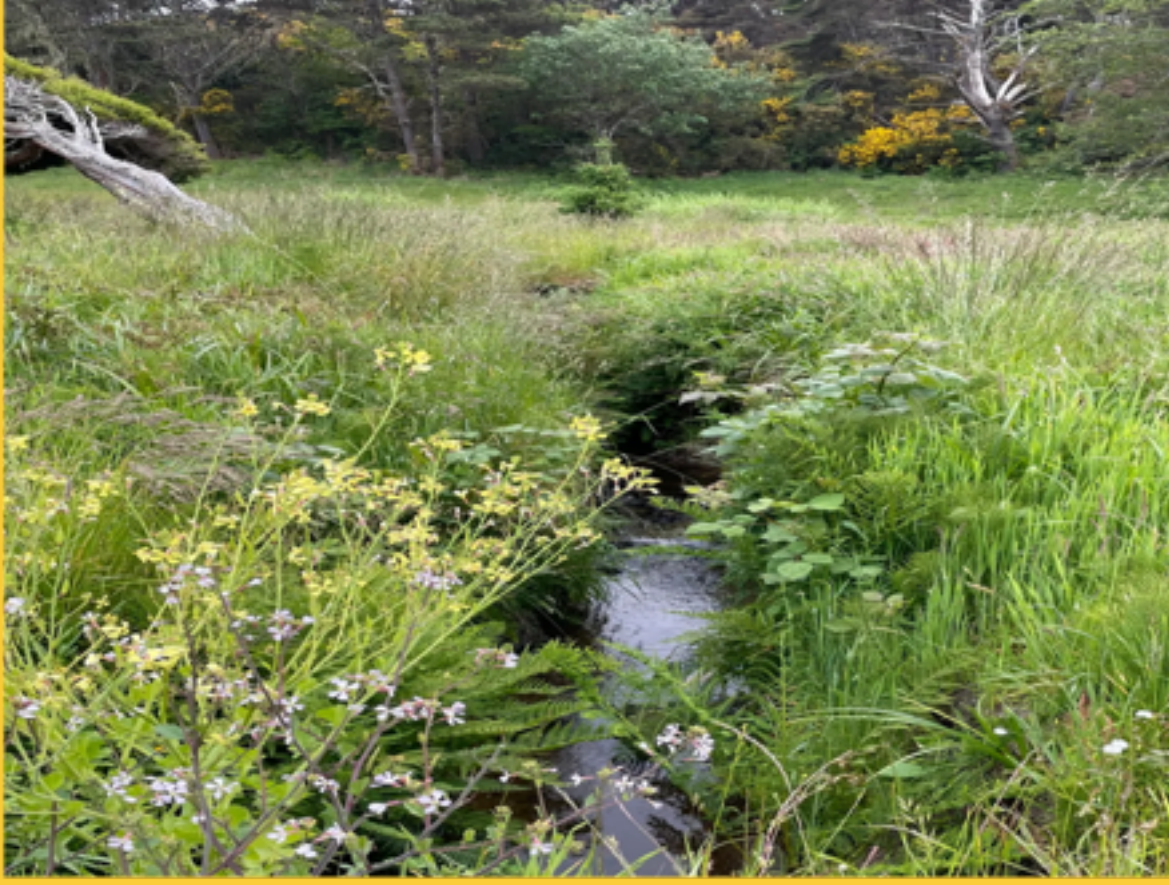




Here's the Scoop on Our Newest Park

Johnson Creek Greenway was purchased in 2019 by the City of Bandon. In the early 1900's, the land was previously used as a cow pasture and later became the Face Rock Golf Course. This 37-acre site is mostly zoned Natural Resource (NR). It's a nature escape is located off Beach Loop next to Best Western Motel. The land features numerous examples of vegetation, habitats and environments including wetlands, a creek, pond, meadows and large trees. Walking among the tall trees, one can spot an eagle taking flight as one of us did as we walked through the tall grass. The Greenway now gives our community an opportunity to restore a forest and wetlands for generations to come and return the habitat to a more natural state.

Friends goal is to infuse the site with native plants and shrubs. In the last two years, 50 cedars were planted by community members led by Darcy Grahek of



Stillwater Native Nursery and Samantha Stanger, Chair of the Tree Subcommittee for City of Bandon. In the upper portion of the Greenway, over 100 trees are making their presence known by crowding out gorse. In Fall of 2023, the City intends to sponsor an "Open House" event at the park and Friends will partner with several groups to conduct a community planting event.



These two disc golfers volunteered to expand the course.



Volunteers planted native garden. Look how it has grown in 2 years!

Pedaling into Our Future?

E-bikes are a powerful tool on the road to sustainability. When it replaces trips made by a car, an individual e-bike can reduce CO2 emissions by nearly 500 pounds each year. That's equivalent to the emissions produced by one passenger flying economy from Philadelphia to [Chicago](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/electric-bike-sustainabletransportation). Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/electric-bike-sustainabletransportation>



Visitor resting at Coquille Point - Photo submitted by Chip Cassin

* If we all cycled like the Dutch, CO2 emissions would drop by 690 million tons.

* More than 7,500 people were struck and killed by vehicles in 2022, the highest number in more than four decades.

Look at what your donations and member fees do!

Bandon Pickleball received a \$500 donation towards the resurfacing of the City Park's pickleball court. Friends is proud to partner with Bandon Pickleball and help them reach their fundraising goals. August brings a new surface which will result in a regulation surface and one that is easier on the knees too. James Peake, Community Liaison and Curtis Airhart is the Team Reach Coordinator for Bandon Pickleball. Supporting players- Jenna, Kevin, Mel, Mark.

Photo : Nicolette Cline, Treasurer, receives \$500 from Christine Hall, President of Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation.



It's Time to Get Youth Outside!

1 in 5 Youth play outside only once a week or less! Local teachers tell me they have students who have never been to our beaches.

20 Minutes of engaging in a park setting is sufficient to elevate attention performance relative to the same amount of time in other settings.

Sierra Magazine June 2019 National Survey of Children's Health, show that in 2020- 2021, 17.0% of youth ages 10 to 17 had obesity.

Update on Our Nonprofit Status Journey

Several of us members are submitting paperwork and completing the state and federal filing requirements to become a 501 (c)(3). We are already a registered non-profit with the State of Oregon. We need to raise \$1000 to assist with filing fees while we also continue to sponsor local recreational opportunities. Breaking news! An anonymous donor will match contributions up to \$500, so your \$25 donation becomes \$50 and your \$50 donation becomes \$100!

A Plea for Trees!

Darcy Grahek and I walk City Park the other day. Our baby trees are thirsty. Could everyone grab a gallon or two this week and pick a few trees to drench during these warm, dry days? They will appreciate it.



Time for Renewals and Membership Drive

Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation support community projects and groups promoting our City's parks, sports, and recreational activities. Just fill out application, attach a check and drop in the mail.

Thank you for joining us!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS AND RECREATION

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interests and skills: _____

Annual membership \$25

Family \$45

Student \$5

Patron

Mail checks payable to:

Friends of Bandon Parks
c/o GBA
PO Box 161
Bandon, OR 97411

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CITY PARK



JOHNSON CREEK

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



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