



Friends of Bandon  
Parks & Recreation  
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# Message from Christine Hall --- It's all about Trees

*Hi Members, Supporters, and Especially our Volunteers,*

Over 100 trees were lost recently with two storms this past month. It's like we can't plant fast enough. The trees lost were older trees and mostly Shore Pines.

The Arbor Foundation has a goal of planting 500 million trees by 2027.

Cities need to plant more trees. But not just any trees.

"You need a tree that's going to survive the weather of today and the climate of the future," said Pete Smith, urban forestry program manager with the Arbor Day Foundation.

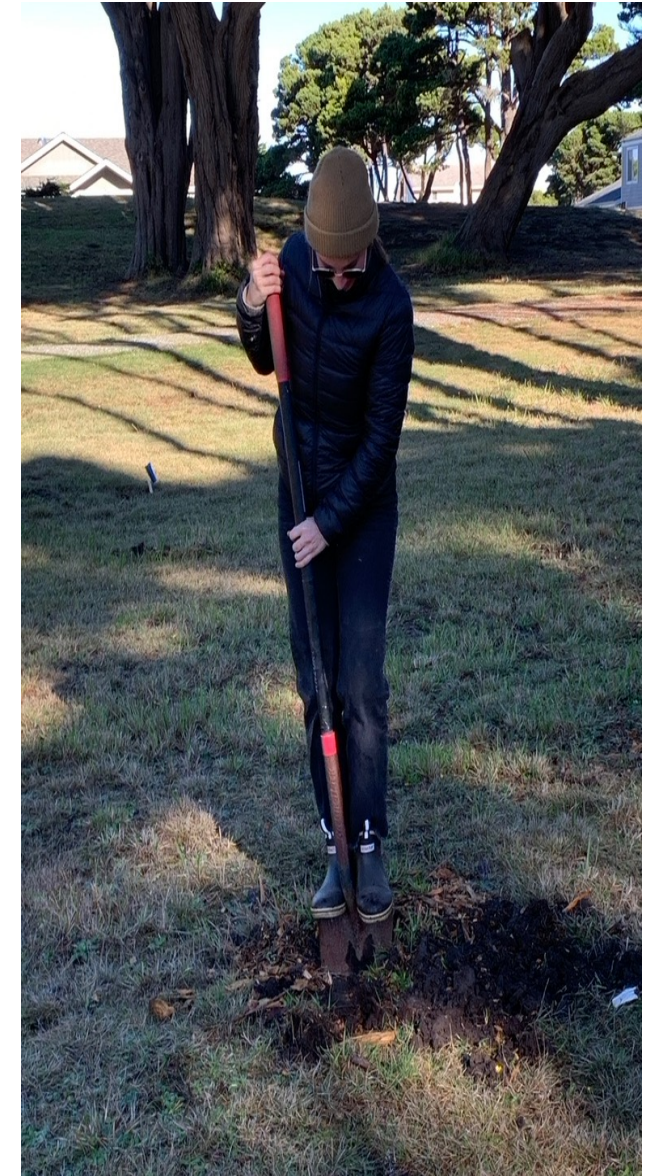
Forestry experts say trees are critical infrastructure that can help cities withstand the effects of climate change by:

- providing shade,
- absorbing stormwater and
- filtering air pollution.



# Our Bandon Volunteers Plant

*The best time to plant in our area is the rainy season. On the Saturday two days after Thanksgiving, a group of “diggers” and haulers planted nearly 50 native trees and shrubs. The shrubs were supplied by Stillwater Nursery from a grant received from Southern Coos County Cultural Coalition to Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation. Yay team!*



# *Plans for City Park this Year*

- In the near future, the City plans to issue a paper survey to identify the park and recreation needs of the community. When the surveys are returned, the City and Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation will help to extract the information and compile it for analysis. Stay tuned.



# Upcoming Events

In the Spring of this year, the City of Bandon Public Works Department will install the posts for StoryWalk. Friends of Bandon Parks & Recreation, has completed one set of storyboards from funds received from the South Coos County Cultural Coalition. Friends is collaborating with City of Bandon library on this project.

Public Works is also going to widen the gravel paths throughout City Park to better accommodate the StoryWalk route.



Future StoryWalk path in City Park could look similar to this.



Proposed at the end of the StoryWalk path is a book kiosk similar to this where Free books are there for the taking.

# See what's Happening in the Park



A squirrel after the storm, enjoys a snack while sitting on a downed tree limb in City Park.



Pickleball on one of our sunny days in January.

# What is Nature Play in Playgrounds

## What is natural or nature play?

One of the best lessons children can be taught in their early years is to play outdoors. Children know how to connect and appreciate nature.

Natural play refers to interacting with natural elements of the environment in an imaginative way.

Nature play significantly improves all aspects of child development – physical, cognitive, social and emotional.

Playing outdoors grows resilience, self-confidence, initiative, creativity and more. It encourages the joy of movement as well nurturing imaginations, experimentation, friendships, social connections and behavior.

