

# FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

## Newsletter

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### CONNECT WITH NATURE

#### Message from Christine Hall

Dear Friends,

I am amazed everyday as I pass thru City Park, the important role it plays in our community. These are photos from the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War commemorated by local Vets. Attendance was nearly 100.

Other days, I see a full dog park in one corner, kids on the swings and picnic tables overflowing with food while celebrating a birthday.

The paths in the park are used by dog walkers and others who want a leisurely stroll under the trees. With Spring almost here, our City Park will be even more in demand for events big and small.

Gotta love our Bandon Parks where we share what's important.



#### Time for Renewals and Membership Drive

Friends of Bandon Parks and Recreation help support community projects and groups promoting our City's parks, sports, and recreational activities.

Just fill out application, attach a check and drop in mail.

Thank you for joining us!

Friends of Bandon Parks  
and Recreation  
C/O GBA PO Box 161  
Bandon, OR 97411

**BECOME A MEMBER!**



MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION



FRIENDS OF  
BANDON PARKS  
AND RECREATION

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

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

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership \$25

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## Recreational Activities in Bandon

### In City Park

- Pickleball
- Disc Golf
- Playground
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Bike Riding

**May is National Bike Month!**

*With so many benefits of biking, try it, you might like it.*

- Everywhere else we offer scenic routes by walking and cycling.



## And the Winner so Far for a New Playground Surface Is...



### **Engineered Wood Fiber**

Economical playground surfacing that is used in many playgrounds spaces. It absorbs impact from falls, slip resistant surface.

After review of multiple surface options by City staff and Park and Rec Committee, engineered wood was preferred because of its ease of installation, product cost, durability, and safety.

The next step is to find a cost-effective way to removed tire chips and find a distributor of engineered wood chips.

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#### Did you take the Survey?

The survey is still **ACTIVE** and you can tell the City what you feel is important for Parks and Recreation in Bandon.

Click on link below or copy and paste link in the search path.

#### TAKE THE SURVEY



<https://www.cityofbandon.org/general/page/survey-parks-recreation-bandon>

### Survey Results

In March, the City's Park and Rec Commission issued an online survey to assess which park features are most used and desired. Over **455** citizens responded. Here is a sampling of the survey results. There were over **400** written responses as well.

- **Top Three Park Features most important**
  - Accessible walking paths
  - Outdoor pickleball
  - Senior fitness
- **Top Upgrades at City Park**
  - Wind Shelters
  - Picnic shelters
  - Garbage receptacles
  - Lighting
- **Funding sources suggested**
  - Food vendor fees
  - Park District
- **Most used in Park**
  - Walking paths

*City Park was identified overwhelmingly as the park to focus its funds.*

*41% of respondents want a pump track.  
All ages enjoy City park.*



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#### Meeting Notes From April 11 Park and Rec Commission



1. The new leadership team for the Commission is Steve Friedland and Laura Brownfield.
2. Disc golf course is getting a remodel.
3. Pickleball concrete pad is getting drainage fixed on NE corner. The group is raising funds to resurface concrete slab.
4. Final selection of playground equipment and updated bids are underway and should be chosen at May meeting.
5. Bike rack install slated for June.
6. Engineered wood found to be best option given budget, our climate conditions.

#### What does it take to play Disc Golf?



Disc Golf Net



Golf Disc

**For \$25 you can buy a starter disc golf set.  
The park offers a full range of holes  
to test your skills.**

<https://discgolfnow.com/disc-golf-101>



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#### What to Love about Disc Golf?



These two players like playing because the course is FREE, play with friends, walk outside, small investment, any age can play, families like it, and not hard on the body. They like playing different courses.

Some players carry their assortment of discs in disc bags like this.

#### Get a Move On in Bandon

*Submitted by Michael Roderick of Bandon Bicycle Work | [info@bandonbicycleworks.com](mailto:info@bandonbicycleworks.com)*

We all know that physical inactivity is a significant contributor to the steady rise in obesity, diabetes, heart disease. Many keep active to maintain or improve their health.

Walkers, runners and cyclists are a community. You see people everyday in Bandon getting together to walk, run, and ride Bandon. It's a way to feel connected to where we live.

Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure supports everyone in Bandon. We will continue to see innovative approaches to how we live, work, and play. How and where we walk and cycle in Bandon will continue to be important with both our citizens and visitors.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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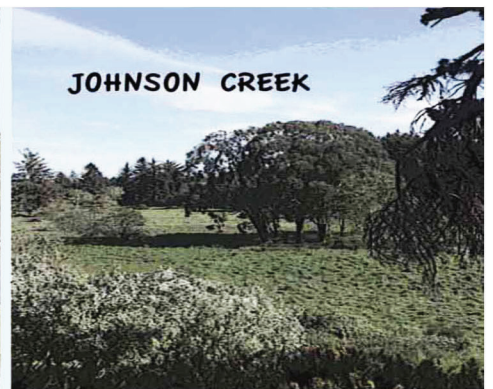
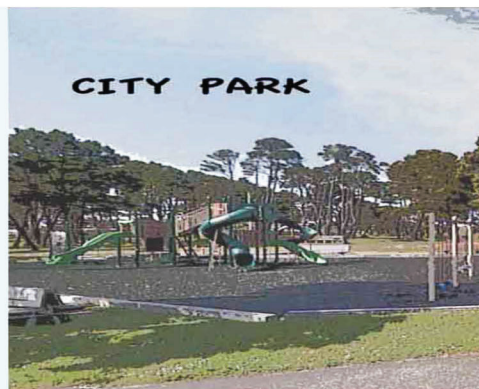
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## What we do

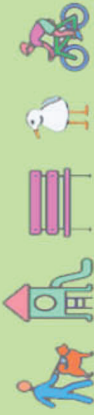
- Raise funds for special park projects
- Produce fun recreational events
- Craft community volunteer activities

## Funding sources

- Membership fees
- Local funds from community and business
- Grants from private and public funding
- Endowments and memorial gifts

100% of funds are used for park programs and projects. All members are volunteers

Friends is affiliated with Greater Bandon Business Association, non-profit 501c3



## Member benefits

- Receive priority invitations to events
- Get involved in education and leadership opportunities
- Share in selecting project priorities
- Research funding sources and writing

## Volunteer benefits

- Attend events throughout the year
- Connect with local people
- Learn about Bandon and surrounding area
- Get some exercise
- Use your own expertise and talent
- Promote our city and our parks



# JOIN US

## FRIENDS OF BANDON PARKS & RECREATION

*"Parks and playgrounds are the heart of the city"*  
Marty Rubin



Our mission is to encourage thriving parks for a healthy community for generations to come.



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