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Giving Thanks

Looking forward to the Thanksgiving season, my heart is full of gratitude for the many friends of parks. Recently, Parks Commission co-chair Roy Heikkala and I talked about the importance of having places and programs where community members can exercise, learn new skills and just have fun with our friends and family. So often in these lean times there is no money in the budget for anything but food and shelter.

So I am particularly grateful to those community center users who contribute a little extra to the Everybody Plays! recreation scholarship fund. Or other members of the community who have responded to a Parks Foundation special appeal.

And then there are the super heroes like John and Debra Bauman who rescued the Marshall Community Center's Sunday FunDay program from the mid-year budget cut list by donating \$3,000 to fund the second half of the year. Once a month the Sunday FunDay program opens its doors to everyone in the family to enjoy the center.

Special thanks to our community members who support our parks. Here's wishing you have a wonderful season.

Florence Wager
 Co-Chair, Vancouver-Clark
 Parks and Recreation Commission

City Spotlight Camas

Kick off the holiday season with First Friday and Hometown Holidays in historic Downtown Camas. Camas Parks and Recreation will once again host Hometown Holidays' tree lighting ceremony Friday, December 4th, from 6p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Help Mayor Dennis light the community Christmas tree at 6:30p.m. sharp in front of the Liberty Theater. Then, give Santa your wish list and pose for photos. Holiday entertainment, tractor hay rides, crafts for the kids, and First Friday ensure fun for all ages.

Special thanks to sponsors Columbia Credit Union and Camas-Washougal Rotary.





Gee Creek Trail Opening

Saturday, November 7

The Gee Creek Trail is envisioned to run 3.5 miles along the Gee Creek corridor, connecting Ridgefield High School with the trail system located in the Carty Unit of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. City officials and park advocates see the trail as the City's "green spine" that will allow residents to see neighbors and access key city locations without using an automobile.

The recently completed section of trail is within the Osprey Pointe neighborhood and was built by Pacific Lifestyle Homes, who also developed the neighborhood. The trail section cost almost \$100,000 and took several months to construct after years of planning and permitting. "The City is ecstatic to open this section of the Gee Creek Trail after so many years of planning," said Ridgefield Mayor Ron Onslow. "I look forward to the day when residents can walk the length of Ridgefield through the woods and amongst the wildlife on the Gee Creek Trail."



The trail opening will be celebrated this Saturday, November 7 at 11am at the trail head located on S. 13th Circle in the Osprey Pointe neighborhood.

Community Pride Design Awards

Friday, November 13

Ten projects will be honored for their innovative approach to architectural design, community and environmental enhancement, public facilities and commercial development during the 2009 Community Pride Design Awards ceremony on Friday, November 13. This free public event will be held in the Public Service Center, sixth-floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver. Refreshments will be served at 2:30 pm; ceremony will start at 3pm.

The Community Pride Design Awards program was established in 1996 by various local public and private organizations as a way to recognize buildings, development and civic improvements that have had a positive impact on the community. The program honors developers, builders and the community for helping make Clark County a great place to live and work, both now and in the future.

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