

Parks Foundation

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Newsletter

A time of gratitude

Greetings,

It's that time of year again, when we gather friends, family, and loved ones close, whether in our homes or just in our hearts, and contemplate our great good fortune. This leads me to thinking about all the supporters of the Parks Foundation. How lucky I am to be a part of this organization. How very fortunate it is for our community that so many people and organizations understand that parks, trails, and recreation programs are essential to the extraordinary livability of our community. Whether you give with your hands, your wallet, or your heart, thank you for your support of parks, trails, and recreation programs in Clark County!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Cheri Martin

Cynthia Green: one outstanding volunteer



As we reflect upon all we are thankful for this holiday season, the Parks Foundation is pleased to announce that our very own volunteer Cynthia Green, was recently recognized at the RSVP annual luncheon for her volunteer work as Administrative Assistant for the Parks Foundation. Cynthia officially works about 30 hours a month, but actually, she makes herself available whenever, wherever, and for any length of time she is needed. Cynthia maintains the donor

database, records and receipts all donations and gifts, prepares the weekly bank deposit, and helps organize and manage our events. Cynthia has become absolutely indispensable to the Parks Foundation. Her stellar competence and unparalleled dedication are a huge part of our ability to not only reach, but actually exceed our organizational goals. THANK YOU CYNDI!

First section of Chelatchie Prairie Rail Trail opens



Walkers and equestrians have wasted no time in discovering the fall pastoral vistas along the newly opened, initial section of the Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trial Project. Accessible from the entrance road to Battle Ground Lake, the completed .9-mile paved section of trail runs along picturesque pastures and through rows of brilliant autumn trees, parallel to the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad tracks. The trail will one day extend from Vancouver to Amboy. Click the photo to learn more.

Bricks make great gifts!

Remember the bricks in Propstra Square when planning your gift list this year! Bricks affirm your loved one's place in our community's history and provide a legacy for the future. Have your name, or that of someone you wish to honor, engraved in a brick in Esther Short Park. The engraved bricks are located around the bell tower in Propstra Square and are an excellent way to commemorate a loved one or friend.

Proceeds from the sale of bricks benefit the Parks Foundation and maintenance of flowers and plants in Esther Short Park.

Click the photo and go to the Parks Foundation web site to place your order. We will send a holiday acknowledgment to your loved one, upon request.



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Erik Runyan Jewelers invites the Parks Foundation to participate in Gingerbread House Competition

The Parks Foundation has been invited to participate in the Erik Runyan Jewelers Sweet Foundations Gingerbread House Competition, and Chuck's Produce has generously agreed to design and build a gingerbread entry on our behalf. The Gingerbread display and judging will be at Erik Runyan Jewelers on December 2, in conjunction with the Downtown Vancouver First Friday Art Walk. Nies Insurance, Riverview Community Bank, and Erik Runyan Jewelers will cater and host an Art Walk reception throughout the Riverview Tower Building. Bring the family and enjoy Christmas carols by a barbershop quartet. Vote for your favorite gingerbread entry (the Parks Foundation, of course!) via donation jars placed adjacent to each entry. Join us on December



are placed adjacent to each other, with the name of the donor on the left and the amount on the right. Please place your vote on the ballot on November 2 and show your support of the Parks Foundation through your generous votes!

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