

A gift for the community

Tidewater and Waste Connections match your contribution

Hello and Happy Holidays!

The Parks Foundation Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the many generous supporters who have enabled the foundation, despite a very challenging economy, to steadily increase the amount of funding we are able to provide in support of Clark County parks, trails, and recreation programs. Two of our community partners, Tidewater and Waste Connections, are so happy with the work we've been doing, they have committed to a gift for our community that truly represents the spirit of the season: Together, they will match your donation, dollar for dollar!

Once again this year 100% of your end-of-year contribution will directly support our Community Grant Award program, funneling much-needed dollars directly to the cities of Clark County. To learn more about the many projects and programs the Parks Foundation supported in 2011, please see our [2011 Accomplishments](#).

This holiday season, please consider giving generously. Call us at 360.487.8370 or donate online at [this link](#). Remember, you'll be making twice the impact, with your donation matched by Tidewater and Waste Connections.

Thank you for taking the time to care about the future of our parks, trails, and recreation programs this holiday season!

With warm regards,
Cheri Martin

RSV and Business Partners Spruce up Esther Short Park Pavillion



On Saturday, November 12, RSV Building Solutions and its business partners volunteered their time and resources to give a much-needed face lift to the Esther Short Park bandstand. Along with washing the entire building and steps, they cleaned the roof, gutters, lights and exposed sprinkler piping.

"I walk through the park a couple of times a week on my way to business meetings," said Ron Frederiksen, president of RSV. "Sustainable construction is all the buzz, but I believe that real sustainability starts with

taking good care of what you have already built."

This valuable voluntary gesture exemplifies the essence that sets Vancouver/Clark County apart from other communities. Thank you, Mr. Frederiksen and RSV, for caring about and committing to the assets parks bring to our community!

[Link to related article in The Columbian.](#)

Gingerbread Glockenspiel Garners Gold

Chuck's Produce Market's generous and artful bakery staff built a delectable rendition of Propstra Square, for entry in the Erik Runyan Jewelers Sweet Foundations Gingerbread House Competition on December 2. Nies Insurance, Riverview Community Bank, and Erik Runyan Jewelers catered and hosted the Art Walk reception throughout the Riverview Tower Building. Crowds poured through, voting for their favorite gingerbread entry via donation jars placed adjacent to each entry. Thank you to all of our supporters who joined the festivities and voted for the Parks Foundation entry!



Donor Recognition

The Parks Foundation recently received significant donations from Georgia Pacific and the Vancouver Marathon.

Georgia Pacific awarded the Parks Foundation \$2,000 in an unrestricted donation. The Foundation will be able to utilize this funding to continue to grow much-needed support for parks, trails and recreation programs.

The 2011 inaugural Vancouver USA Marathon raised nearly \$9,000 in support of the Children's Cancer Association (CCA), Fort Vancouver National Trust, and the Parks Foundation of Clark County. Each non-profit received a donation of \$2,521 through registration fees plus additional, individual donations distributed between the three nonprofits totaling \$1,177.29.

The Parks Foundation of Clark County sincerely thanks these, and all of our other community partners this Holiday Season. Your support is essential to sustaining the parks and recreation services we all value so highly.

Another great gift idea: TisBest Gift Cards

The Parks Foundation has been selected as one of a very select few Portland-Vancouver area nonprofits to participate in the TisBest Charity Gift Card Program. TisBest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering non-material gift giving and the organic growth of charitable giving, is the original and #1 ranked charity gift card organization.

Tisbest carefully selects non-profits to participate in the program. Each organization must demonstrate leadership, efficiency, success, and innovation. The Parks Foundation is proud to be listed as one of their newest members. Give the gift of giving and support the parks, trails, and recreation programs of Clark County through your purchase of a Parks Foundation gift card for your friends, family, sweethearts, customers, employees, and everyone else important to you!

There are 2 easy ways to help the Parks Foundation:

- 1: Purchase a gift card via the [Parks Foundation TisBest website link](#) and we earn \$2!
- 2: Enter the special Parks Foundation code (PFCC) when checking out and we earn \$2!

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.



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