

Trails – For the Trails work session on Saturday, August 5th, the Trails volunteers split into three groups. One group accomplished some routine trimming and pruning on the Amanda Trail from Ocean Creek B&B to Ben's Bench. Another crew accomplished some much-needed pruning and trimming at the beach access trail on Ocean View Drive just across from 7th Street. Another crew of two tackled adding some rock and trimming on the beach access trail from Aqua Vista Loop to the shore. The summer growth intruding into these trails were cleared to make it easier and safer for hikers. After the work session, the crew retired to the Drift Inn for some camaraderie and a light snack courtesy of Linda Hetzler.

YIPS! - On August 26 we had 48 volunteers show up for the annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull hosted by the Overleaf Lodge. Other co-sponsors were SOLVE, Dahl Disposal, OPRD and, of course, the Yachats Trails Committee. Three hours later we had removed 1500 lbs of ivy from next to the trail, and were then treated to a barbeque plus some lucky prizes, all by the Overleaf. This ever-popular event has had the added benefit of recruiting some more members to the Trails Crew.”

Commons Wetland Circle Trail – The five members of the Trails Committee, who have other projects and responsibilities, needed to find someone familiar with the circle trail project to take it on. After talking to them, Lauralee and Ron have graciously accepted the project.

Oregon Trails Summit – An Oregon Trails summit will be held in Bend on October 27; several members of the Trails Committee are planning to attend to pick up valuable information, to network with other trail leaders around the NW, and to spread the word about our Yachats trails system.

Prospect Park fence – Students from the Angell Job Corps carpentry program recently completed the fence along the W side of Prospect Park. It looks great and we very much appreciate the efforts of the students and their instructor, Jim Jones.

Interpretive Sign Project - The last two signs are scheduled for delivery on September 14. Joanne will ask the Job Corps to install them on the Amanda Trail near Ben's memorial bench; otherwise Amanda Trail Funds will be used.

804 South - The Mayor and City Council want to revisit the decision whether or not to accept Ocean View Drive from the County. That decision will effect whether the City will have the authority to take steps to make a part of Ocean View Drive one-way or to leave it as it is. If it remains a two-way street, incredible expense and time will be required for archaeological site evaluations every 20 meters. While this is being decided, we would like to start with planning for the 804 Trail in between the Landmark and Underground; 3 site studies will be mandatory there.

Peace Hike – Planning for the 2018 Peace Hike will begin soon. Lauralee, Wake, and Kinlen will be organizing the event with assistance from the Trails Committee and the community at large.