

## TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – May 17, 2018

YIPS! (4/21/2018) – The YIPS! session was replaced with a Trails work session. 3 stone steps were added in the Prospect Garden and 6 steps were added between 3<sup>rd</sup> and King Streets. Weeds were removed from many existing steps and some ivy was cut on the upper part of the trail. More than 20 volunteers participated and most met at the Drift Inn afterwards to enjoy one another's company.

Trails (5/5/2018) – 15 volunteers worked in three areas: weed eating and trimming along the N portions of the Amanda Trail; removing salal and other unwanted vegetation along the public trail through the Gerdemann Botanical Garden; and installing a water diversion board and a 12' boardwalk on a portion of the Ya'Xaik Trail.

Oceanview Drive – Trail leaders attended the community meeting on 5/6/2018 and the Public Works & Streets Commission meeting on 5/8. Since then, we have spent considerable time developing a plan for improvement of the 804 S Trail and we are prepared to discuss it at your meeting on 5/17.

National Trails Day (6/2/2018) – Loren, Joanne, Bob, and Wally met with Kraig Lindelin and Brian Hoeh, of Siuslaw NF. It was agreed that National Trails Day will be celebrated with a work session centered around removing hazardous roots on the Saint Perpetua Trail. The work session will be followed by a potluck at Joanne's house. Jan will handle publicity. Commission members are invited to participate.

Trails volunteer T-shirts – We are designing some t-shirts that we intend to make available to volunteers for purchase and are considering giving one to our most active volunteers.

Amanda Creek Bridge – Higher ups in the OPRD administration made the decision not to build the proposed bridge across Amanda Creek. Instead, OPRD will install a bridge similar to the one that was washed away.

OPRD native plant nursery – Approximately 5 trails volunteers spent the day on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> helping complete the construction of the OPRD native plant nursery on Beaver Creek.

TKO weekend classes (5/10 to 5/13/2018) – Loren and Bob as well as active trail volunteers Mike Hempen and Andy Doremus attended the Trailkeepers of Oregon "Tread School" in Zigzag, OR. It was a very productive weekend, focused on trail stewardship, construction, and maintenance.

Cape Perpetua Talk (5/25/2018) – For the fifth year, Joanne will give a talk about our trails and local First Nation history to 16 SNF summer rangers and seasonal employees at the Cape Visitor Center.

Trails Meeting with SNF - Joanne will meet with Kraig Lindelin and Brian Hoeh to help decide how Cape Perpetua Trail donations will be spent. Joanne initiated the CP Trail donation project 2 years ago and it has resulted in the donation of several thousand dollars.

March volunteer hours = 130

Year-to-date volunteer hours = 749 (through March)