



Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

BY TOM CARSTENS

Contest Winner!

In our last column, we offered a free annual Park pass for the best suggestion for how to better manage our park. We have a winner! Max Jarrell of Williams submitted the idea of adding a dog park. Congratulations, Max!

As always, we welcome your thoughts...what do you think about this idea? Any other thoughts you might have? Feel free to give me a call anytime, or drop a note to the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC) at P.O. Box 3107, Applegate, OR 97530 or leave us a message at 541-245-4741.

Group Events

With the arrival of warmer weather, Cantrall-Buckley is seeing an uptick in our group reservations for both the campground and for the covered picnic pavilion in Area A. The GACDC would like to thank Fulcrum Dining, the Applegate Fire District, the Rogue Valley Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, and MPH Sports for having special events at the park.

With wedding season in full swing, we're also happy to host the weddings that are booking with us.

For family reunions and

organization events, our park offers unparalleled swimming access to our beautiful river, a great campground with new shower facilities, a large covered picnic area with BBQ, horseshoe pit, volleyball nets, playground, wide open grass fields, hiking trails, and three other reservable areas. If you're interested in booking a group event, call Jackson County Parks at 541-774-8183. All reservation fees are returned to our park.

Park Cleanup

The GACDC would like to thank those who showed up on the morning of July 6th to help pick up litter after the busy Independence Day weekend. Thanks also to those who contributed coffee and cake for the sleepy-eyed volunteers. Keep an eye on your community bulletin boards for other events like this. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Fundraising: Restroom Renovation

Because our park is managed and maintained principally by user fees, we have to find other ways to garner funds for capital improvements. First on our list of priorities is the Day Use Area restroom facility. Our estimate for renovation is \$13,000. That number may be reduced because of offers made to us for labor and material donations by valley builders, community members, and organizations.

The GACDC has started pitching our plan to various businesses and groups in the valley in the hope of gathering more dollars to help with the costs of this important project.

Already we've had several groups donate funds: The Applegate Valley Garden Society has given us \$200, and MPH Sports (this is a local group that hosts the annual Rat Race Global Paragliding Competition) has generated \$450 to help with the project. THANK YOU!

If you'd be interested in hearing about our plans, please give me a call and we can discuss potential donations of money or in kind labor. Or you can call the GACDC at 541-245-4741 and leave a message. We're ready to start construction as soon as we obtain the funds.

September Events

The GACDC will host a park fundraiser on September 8 (see box below). We'd like it to be an open event for the whole community. Keep your eye on your community bulletin boards for more information. Also, we're going to sponsor another park cleanup event, this time post-Labor Day. Plan on meeting at 9 am on September 7. Coffee and cookies provided.

Other Events for Next Year?

What are some other ways to encourage greater community awareness of the park (and bring in some much-needed money for renovation)? Well...we'd like to hear from you. We've already had quite a few suggestions: open air movies, music concerts, public BBQ's, chili cook-offs, etc. What do you think?

See you at the Park. Have a wonderful summer.

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