



Proper Prepping is Preventative!

*From Bob Quinn,
the Water Doctor*

Now that the rain has come and the trees are changing colors, it is time to prepare for winter weather. Save yourself from future head (and wallet) pains by taking a good look at your pump house.

- *Is it insulated or equipped with a heat lamp?*
- *Are the pipes at your well head insulated?*
- *If you were suddenly out of water, could a heavy service truck get to your well?*
- *Make sure there is adequate access to your well and pump house.*
- *If you have a lot of rain water accumulating around your well, look for a way to drain it away as far as possible.*

Call your favorite pump company for their suggestions on how to best ensure that you are prepared for winter.

*Water is a geological cocktail
so DRINK MORE WATER!*



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Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

If we rebuild it, they will keep coming!

That was the gist of an important meeting between Jackson County Parks (Parks), which owns Cantrall-Buckley Park; the Cantrall-Buckley Park Committee that manages the park; and a group of Applegate Valley parents whose children are frequent and happy users of the park.

As you may recall from the last *Applegater*, the Park Committee has undertaken an exciting fund-raising drive to match grant funds being sought to rehabilitate both the well-loved playground equipment down by the Applegate River and the adjoining not-so-loved restrooms, all of which have been in service since the early 1960s.

Steve Lambert, Parks program manager, and Mark Burnett, Parks operations manager, who traveled to Cantrall-Buckley for the annual inspection

and coordination meeting, brought with them some unfortunate news: a \$180,000 drought-induced shortfall in revenues is preventing the county from providing the full matching funds expected for the replacement of the restrooms and playground improvements. Another problem arose in that the massive equipment needed to install the preferred prefabricated concrete restroom facility in the campground could never fit down the narrow park roads.

What now?!

Since the meeting was held standing around the playground waiting for impending rain (see photo), things moved quickly. Rather than replace the restroom facility, we decided to upgrade it to ADA standards by redesigning the leaky roof, replacing all plumbing fixtures and lighting, and repainting the structure. These changes reduced the anticipated cost to less than half of the original plan and solved the equipment access problems.

As for the playground, Parks, in lieu of money, agreed to provide labor and equipment to regrade the area and place playground-safe wood chips, both significant contributions. Parks also agreed to meet with the Rogue Community College construction technology program to utilize the program's expertise in evaluating the building and to produce plans for rehab work, tasks the program can offer with minimal expense to the project. At a park committee meeting later that day, Steve Lambert offered to buy playground equipment up to \$3,000, an unexpected and welcome offer.

All agreed that bringing the older, unusual and most-loved playground equipment up to modern safety standards would allow future generations to use their imaginations as they clamber over and through the concrete

pipe toy (see photo), fend off pirates or other menaces from the one-of-a-kind fort, and zip down the taller-than-normal slide. One large, more recent, yet more dilapidated, manufactured piece will be replaced with wonderful multiple-use equipment with ADA access, custom-designed by local company Krauss Kraft, which offered a significant discount to the nonprofit park.

We thank Michelle LaFave for jumping in to represent the local parents and kids and push the playground improvements nearer to reality by taking the lead in gathering information and facilitating decisions as to what to buy.

Buying things brings us back to the subject of money and the great progress being made on the fund-raising drive that Tom Carstens and David Laananen announced in the last *Applegater*. Committee members spent a month putting together effective promotional flyers and newsletter handouts. Explaining the park's needs and plans, the literature helps educate residents about the role the park plays in providing children and families an opportunity to enjoy nature along the beautiful Applegate River and how they can help. The literature also helps to enhance committee members' approach to local businesses and others for their participation.

The goal is to raise \$30,000 in donations from local business and private sources to (1) provide matching local funds, and (2) prove local interest as the committee prepares to seek grants from regional funders for the needed extra \$20,000 for a fully revamped and ADA-accessible playground.

Tom reminds us that you don't have to wait! You can mail your donations now to GACDC, PO Box 3107, Applegate, OR 97530, or go to the GACDC website at www.gacdc.org, where you can also volunteer to help the park.

One business owner could not wait to get on board. Brent Kenyon, the owner of The Wharf restaurant in Medford, volunteered the first \$1,000 donation. Mr. Kenyon, who also participates on the board of a group that funds ADA-access projects, also volunteered to take the ADA access aspects of the rehab to his organization and seek their participation.

With a good start like that, we are working hard to round up the other thousands targeted for the playground work. Join in, meet neighbors and help your park!

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Top photo: Arianna LaFave on her favorite playground equipment.

Bottom photo: (left to right) Rick Barclay, Parks manager; Mark Burnett, Parks operations manager; Steve Lambert, Parks supervisor; volunteer Laird Funk; Tom Carstens, Park Committee Chair; and Michelle LaFave, volunteer Playground Chair.



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