

Nursery

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the Florence Senior Center, Florence's Community Garden, the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum, Habitat for Humanity, and many other non-profit community service organi-

zations.

Some of Laurel Bay's high-profile projects include the design and installation of landscaping at Three Rivers Casino Resort, projects at Peace Harbor Medical Center, the River House Inn, the Krab Kettle, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and

Dutch Bros. Coffee.

"Community support has been a key part of our success," says Walter-Sedlacek. "That's why we feel strongly about giving back to the community in time, donations, and support for projects that benefit our area."

Laurel Bay Gardens' staff

counsels its customers on what kinds of plants work in which environments — not just in the coastal Oregon climate, but on which side of the client's house, in proximity to existing plants — and in what combination of soils and moisture that may occur naturally at the customer's site.

In fact, Walter-Sedlacek has worked with suppliers to develop their signature soil blend "Royal Soil," and their new "Gro More" potting soil, both custom-formulated to Florence-area bio systems.

"We know what grows," she explains. "One size does not fit

all in this area. We don't offer cookie-cutter ideas to clients. We invest heavily in continuous education for our staff and management for the benefit of our customers."

Laurel Bay Gardens is north of Florence at 88493 Highway 101.

Camp

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Gauderman has been working with the Boys and Girls Club summer camp program for five years. She started as an aide when she turned 18. After three years she became an assistant to the director and recently was appointed director.

The club has been working with Siuslaw School District to coordinate the Boys and Girls

Club summer camp with the four-week Twilight Indian Education after school program.

"Twilight will be running a separate four-week summer program," said Kristen Goodman, Boys and Girls Club board member and school district liaison. "If parents want to register their kids up for both

Twilight and our program they can do that and have the kids come over to our program after

the Twilight program is over. We have separate rates for the Boys and Girls Club program and for the combined Twilight and Boys and Girls Club program."

The Twilight program runs from June 15 to July 9, Monday through Thursday, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Both programs are held in the Siuslaw Elementary School.

In addition to field trips and outdoor activities, the Boys and

Girls Club summer camp includes daily 45-minute Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) lessons. Each day will focus on a different STEAM category.

Daily 30-minute learning experiences will cover topics like math fun, sign language, reading aloud, mind jog and bully prevention/team building.

Supervised free time and physical fitness activities also

will be included daily.

"These kids are really getting a summer adventure," Goodman said. "Some of these kids might have just been at someone's house all day, but here they are getting to do summer fun activities."

In addition to summer day camp, Boys and Girls Club is gearing up for girls' summer softball. Football and soccer will be offered in the fall.

"We are making progress.

We are growing in new ways. The community is starting to see us again in a new light," Goodman said. "We have a lot of kids that we are reaching out to in different aspects, whether preschool, sports or after-school programs. And of course, volunteers are always needed."

For more information, contact Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County at 541-902-0304.

Park

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It is utilized by families, dog walkers, hikers and runners, especially the Siuslaw High School cross country and track teams.

The trail was closed earlier this year, and only opened again unofficially after the efforts of students, coaches and community members.

OPRD made it clear that the Social Trail was not the main focus of the meeting, but only a small part.

"Our goal today is to listen. We want to hear about how you use the park, what's really valuable to you about the trails in Honeyman and not to make any decisions. We'll do that later in the process," said OPRD Senior Planner Jaime English.

Dennis King, fourth-grade teacher at Siuslaw Elementary School and runner, said, "The Social Trail is what I thought we were coming to hear about and discuss."

"We absolutely want you to bring up those issues if that's something that's important for you and those that are in the room. I'm sure it is," said English. "It's expected to be a topic of the discussion today. How is it used, what do you use it for, what's the route you take."

One person called to mind the saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

English responded, "We have concerns that it is broken. That's the outstanding question for us from a safety perspective."

Armed with emails and correspondence, the participants asked for honesty, clarity and further notifications as the process continued.

One concern is that they were worried that not enough people were present to show

the Social Trail and the entire park's significance to the community.

"One of the reasons I hope this gets out there is that other people will come forward and say, 'I use this trail too,'" said Siuslaw track and cross country coach Chris Johnson.

The participants discussed the importance of the Honeyman park trails, including soft surfaces to walk or run; safety; variety in trails, steepness and distance; natural surroundings; opportunities for all stages of a work-out; value for runners, walkers, cyclists, mushroom pickers and dog-walkers; and the closeness to Florence and surrounding towns.

Siuslaw High School senior Courtney King said, "I've always loved going out to Honeyman and Woahink since I was a kid. I love how all the trails connect you to the lakes. I prefer trails to running in town."

Courtney King based her Rhododendron Court Scholarship Showcase platform on the importance of the trail to her teammates and the community.

Johnson uses the trail system as a runner and as a coach. It is a safe place for him to assign workouts of varying lengths and difficulty where he can monitor the entire team.

"It's the home of Siuslaw Cross Country. I don't know if it means a lot to everybody in town — but it means a lot to some people," he said. "The people in this town hit the jackpot in terms of all the outdoor spaces that we have. But this (park) is our home."

The high school hosts the Woahink Lake Invitational cross country meet there every year, with teams from across the state running the park and using the Social Trail to cross

the highway.

"You take away a piece, you're taking away the connector. You can't connect the two sides of the park," Johnson said.

English agreed that that was an important aspect.

"I have been charged with coming together with all of you and looking at how this trail fits into the larger trail system and understanding how it's used. That's going to help us make a good decision on how we're going to manage it going forward," she said.

Besides the Social Trail, one trail uses an overpass to cross Highway 101. But for runners, the overpass path is not an ideal surface, well-placed in relation to the entire trail system or designed with running in mind.

"The Social Trail provides the nice easy pace that you can maintain (when running)," Dennis King said. "The value to me with the Social Trail is that it fits."

Johnson said, "It's pivotal to our success. It has everything a runner needs for proper training. It has the soft surfaces and some hard surfaces where we can pick up the tempo."

After more clarification from the community members, English said, "So it's about what you do on either side. There's an experience that you're having on either side that's important."

The Social Trail allows runners to connect Canary Road

and the east side of the park with day-use areas near Cleawox Lake.

It's not just runners, however, as Siuslaw School District Superintendent Ethel Angal noted.

"It's one of the nicest trails to walk when my grandson is in town. That's a good place," she said.

"We want to make sure we're taking care of now, and the future, both recreationally and natural resource-wise," English said.

She also said that OPRD will listen to the results from the meeting before moving on to the next meeting, which will show results from tests done by the park and other entities.

"I recognize now that there is a level of value for recreation and value for running in these parks that we weren't as aware of in the 2009 plan," she said.

She assured the community present that, "There will be a lot of conversations happening after this meeting in the Salem office."

The Honeyman Trails Evaluation Survey is available online at honeymanstatepark.com.

The public also is invited to continue to comment by contacting English at jaime.english@oregon.gov; at 503-986-0723 or by mailing written comments to Jaime English, OPRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301.

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Port

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Caputo opened the meeting by saying, "I want to assure everybody that the port will not shut down over \$15,000, which is about 1 percent of our budget. We will be open for business as usual."

After limited deliberation, the board agreed to balance the budget by reducing the legal budget by \$5,000, travel by \$5,000 and to eliminate election expenses of \$3,000, because no elections were

scheduled for the 2015 fiscal year.

Miscellaneous and advertising budgets were each reduced by \$1,000 to make up the \$15,000 shortfall.

Caputo, Huntington and Duman agreed to the proposed cuts. When Caputo asked Rickard if she agreed as well, she replied, "This was your meeting. I voted for the other (original) budget."

The revised balanced budget will be presented to the commission for adoption during its June 17 meeting.

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