

Welcome to Vernonia



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"Full Steam Ahead into the New Millennium"

Please forgive our excitement, but the two photos on this page illustrate one cause. When you return next year for Jamboree, the rocky, uneven former railroad bed below will be as easy to walk or bike on

as the path around Lake Vernonia, shown in the photo above. When that is done, a long hoped-for extension of the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail will be completed between Vernonia Lake and the current

trailhead at Anderson Park. In the process, we will also gain a safe route for bikers and walkers who now have to use a narrow path along Hwy. 47. We are both pleased and excited and want to share that excitement with you—our visitors. The Jamboree theme quoted above is appropriate for Vernonia.

For even more reasons why we feel so excited, please see pages six and seven.



A welcome from the mayor

A cheery welcome to all the visitors to our community and Jamboree. Enjoy all the civic improvements that have taken place, new downtown revitalization, sidewalks, lights, trees and floral arrangements. Visit our new City Hall, new library and the rebuilt Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park.

This is our 44th annual Friendship Jamboree. It was first organized to prevent the city from dying after the closure of the mill that was the city's primary employer in the fifties. You will find we are alive and vibrant.

Enjoy your visit and come back again soon.

Mayor Art Parrow