Buckley to Orting Half Marathon
by Sabrina Setler, Race Director

The sixth annual Buckley to Orting (B&O) Half Marathon held on
Saturday, July 22, 2017, has successfully come and gone. An overcast sky
hid majestic Mount Rainier at the start, but did not keep the humidity at
bay for the runners. About an hour into the race the marine layer burned
off, revealing the gorgeous snowcapped mountain, creating the perfect
backdrop for the participants when they crossed the finish line.

A total of 126 runners and walkers made their way through the 13.1
mile, scenic course. Despite smaller numbers than the Rainer to Ruston
Relay and Ultra held in June, the race crew did not skimp on details. There
was music, food, course markings, medical support, custom shirts and
medals as well as the event being timed. Participants enjoyed the more
intimate experience a smaller race can offer, while supporting our trails and
the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition (FRTTC).

One of the favorite reasons runners enjoy these two events is that
the profits go directly towards trails. We received kudos from various
participants, who thought the race was well run, and were going to tell
friends and fellow running club members about the race:

One runner advised, “I love running these events because I know where
the money goes.

Another (Ingrid) stated, “The course is really fast so it was fun to turn
it on and get my pace dropped”

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President’s Message
by Buzz Grant, Coalition President

On July 26th we had a great time
at the Coalition’s annual “Potluck at
the Mayors Mansion” in Buckley.
There was plenty of good food, drink and companionship. Lots of
trails talk, too.

It was fantastic to have Roxanne
Miles, the new director of Pierce
County Parks and Recreation
Services as our special guest. We
had a great time getting to know
each other. We look forward to
working with her to further trails in
Pierce County!

Dixie Gatchel, Don Partington,
and I worked very hard to acquire
$9,000 for our Opportunity Fund
from the Active Transportation
Community of Interest of the

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Letter to the Editor

I just finished reading the June 2017 newsletter. I wanted to send a message to Buzz Grant, but don’t have an email address for him, and couldn’t find one in the newsletter. But I found yours!!

Anyway, I wanted to let y’all know how impressed I continue to be with the work of the Foothills Rails-to-Trails coalition. The effectiveness you have had in raising money for the ultimate Tacoma to Mt. Rainier trail continues to be amazing and commendable. The way you have sought assistance from contributions, grants, and other sources is very impressive, and I think shows the dedication and effectiveness you have had toward the goal of a continuous hard surface trail from Tacoma to Mt. Rainier. The potential tourist attraction of such a trail is enormous. I hope that all the cities and towns along the trail recognize this potential, and I know you are working with each of them to obtain grants and other support for its completion. Your newsletter continues to document progress, and I am wholly supportive of what you are doing.

Thanks very much.
Leon Leonard

2018 Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition Annual Meeting & Dinner

Can you help? We are looking for donated items for a silent auction and raffle to be held, in January 2018, at the annual meeting and dinner for the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition. It is not too early to start thinking about what you or your office can donate to help raise money at this dinner to assist Pierce County communities in the creation, maintenance and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails for healthier people from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound. The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is a 503 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

If you want to donate or have any questions please contact Bill Hilton, Vice President, Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition at 253 302-1104 or BillHltn@aol.com.
ForeverGreen Trails Report

by Dr. Jane Moore, Executive Director, ForeverGreen Trails

ForeverGreen Trails hosted the first annual Pierce County Trails Day on July 22. Sixteen events were on the calendar for the day including Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition’s B&O Half-Marathon. Other events included a hike and a work party at Mount Rainier, nature walks at MetroParks Tacoma, Gravel Grinder, Bakery Ride, Water Flume Line, and Cross the Bridge bike rides, a work party at Chambers Creek Canyon, Swan Creek 5K race, Fennel Creek Trail walk, and other events. Over 200 people participated in these events. The City of Lakewood, MetroParks Tacoma, and the City of Puyallup were each recognized as “Certified Trails Community” and each issued a proclamation recognizing the 4th Saturday in July as Pierce County Trails Day. We are already planning events for 2018. Let us know if you have ideas. We plan to recertify current and certify additional communities in 2018 based on meeting five criteria: celebrate and officially proclaim “Pierce County Trails Day”; hold a local trails day event; establish an “Adopt a Trail” stewardship program; adopt and maintain a Trails Master Plan; and allocate funding to trails annually.

Throughout the summer, ForeverGreen Trails will have a booth or table at various events around Pierce County. We are collecting community input for Pierce County Parks to help prioritize seven of their high and medium priority trail projects. There are prizes for completing a ranking survey. We are also collecting votes to pick a single name for the trail currently known as Pipeline or Cross County Commuter Connector Trail. Watch for us at Bonney Lake Days, Orting & Lakewood.

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Volkssport Club Wins National Award

by Carolyn Warhol, Coalition Member

Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association was recently awarded the American Volkssport Association’s 2017 Trailblazer Award at the AVA’s biannual convention in Billings, Montana. This award goes to AVA clubs that make significant contributions to development, maintenance or improvement of walking trails or to the support of trail-related issues. Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association, as many of you know, has members that are active members of both the Foothills Coalition and the Friends of the Puyallup Riverwalk. They share many of the same goals as the Foothills Coalition. The award reads “Daffodil Valley Volkssport Association has supported the Foothills National Recreation Trail, including the Puyallup Riverwalk, for six years through membership in the Riverwalk committee; adopting a trail; participating in fund raising events; providing a weekly walk on the trail to encourage use; formal maintenance crew and Foothills board membership.”

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Trailside Espresso

Coffee Club Card

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South Prairie, WA

Free
I thought I had run into the Seahawks on bikes. On a warm Saturday morning, just outside South Prairie, it seemed like a good morning to make photographs of the Foothills Trail. I was meeting with John Downs, one of the most active Foothills Rails-to-Trails volunteer/advocates. John has served as a Board member and President of the Foothills Coalition. He and his biking buddies regularly ride the trail from South Prairie to Orting and back, a picturesque 10 miles. John and his trail active wife, Terri, have lived just outside South Prairie for 18 years and have touched the lives of many Foothills Trail members.

There are other big fans of the trail in South Prairie. Two of them are Cheryl England and her husband, “Captain Mike,” a commercial fisherman. Cheryl is the owner of Trailside Espresso, a very popular place to get an excellent cup of caffeine, in any form you may want it. Cheryl and Mike have been very big supporters of the trail since they bought the business in 2003. For several years they hosted the South Prairie Salmon Run, which involved dozens of runners, including children, families and those who just wanted to watch. Cheryl, Mike and other volunteers cooked the salmon, halibut and corn on their BBQ, served it to the many hungry runners and their families, then donated proceeds to the Foothills Coalition. They have truly been a “gift” to South Prairie and the Foothills Trail.

South Prairie and the Trailside Espresso are a weekend destination for families, “trail buddies” and individuals who love the idea of biking, walking or running from one town to another along the trail. South Prairie will soon be a starting point to another small town too: Buckley, which is only five miles away.

Cheryl and Mike England, John and Terri Downs, as well as others who live or work near South Prairie are the real gifts to the community. They are also gifts to the Foothills Trail and beyond. Without these little towns (and big people), our Trail communities would be very different.
How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?

**By John Selby, Board Member**

Here’s your chance to win a free membership renewal in the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition. If you can describe the location of the photo below before anyone else does, you will win a one-year individual membership renewal. (Sorry, board members are excluded.)

The photo in the June issue was of the ostrich behind the fence along Foothills Trail about 1400 feet SW of the Crocker Trailhead, a repeat photo from June 2014 issue. There weren’t even any guesses then, but many guessed it this time! The first to guess correctly was Georgean Curran. Congrats, Georgean! You know your Pierce County trails.

Let’s see how well you do on this one. Please respond to JohnSelby16@gmail.com with your answer to “How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?” Good luck! The winner will be announced in the next issue. If you don’t know your Pierce County trails well enough to guess, then get out there and explore them! You are missing out!

Puyallup Riverwalk Trail

**By Mariella Arnold, Coalition Member**

If you frequent the Riverwalk Trail from Veteran’s Park to the Meridian Bridge you have no doubt noticed the boxes along the fence at Veteran’s Park. At the Kiwanis memorial garden just east of the bridge Ernie Bay planted a small Maple tree in the center of the garden and several others have added various plants and flowers.

The late Doctor Bay is credited with making the Puyallup Riverwalk a reality. Keeping that Maple tree watered and weeded is my mission.

The boxes at Veteran’s Park were removed from the Fred Meyer Shopping Center this spring and placed along the fence near the new picnic area. Feel free if you would like to add a few bulbs or flower seeds to those boxes for color.

And---it’s okay to water or pull a few weeds while passing by. You will feel good by helping as a volunteer! THANKS to the many trail users for helping keep our Riverwalk Trail clean. We do appreciate it.
I also want to thank all of the great volunteers we had for the B&O, because without them, the race would not have been as successful as it was. On behalf of the FRTTC, we look forward to seeing all our participants again next year!

Here is a list of the top finishers by category for the event.

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- Female – 20 to 29 years of age
  Mary Eldridge in 1:37:02

- Female – 30 to 39 years of age
  Ingrid Barrentine in 1:50:09

- Female – 40 to 49 years of age
  Paige Howat 1:39:53

- Female – 50 to 59 years of age
  Lisa Wilson in 2:06:40

- Female – 60- to 69 year of age
  No entrants this year

- Female – 70 to 79 years of age
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• Male – 19 years of age and under
  Colton Smith in 1:25:09

• Male – 20 to 29 years of age
  Ryan Jobe in 1:22:23

• Male – 30 to 39 years of age
  Robert Wilkins in 1:42:26

• Male – 40 to 49 years of age
  Jon Hall in 1:37:24

• Male – 50 to 59 years of age
  Clinton Kaku in 1:42:55

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Foothills Trail Construction Update

by Theresa Turpin, Capital Projects Manager, Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services Department

Foothills Trail Construction updates

A lot has happened in the last three months since the last update. Progress continues on filling in the missing links on the Foothills Trail sections between South Prairie and Buckley. Pierce County Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with our Public Works team, has been busy with the following Foothills Trail projects:

Phase 2: Buckley End

The 2,850 linear foot pin-pile bridge construction and all the paving has been completed. Construction work has started on the mitigation site. While walking this trail section Parks noticed gravel and road debris falling onto the trail from Highway 162 above (I confess it was me, I had on my hard hat and got seriously doused with water and gravel). Public Works has designed an awning and Parks has ordered material to construct it to protect trail users. It is anticipated this work will be completed by September and at that time that section of trail will open. When it opens, please be respectful of the private road and the neighbors at the South Prairie end of this section. 268th Avenue Court East is private and should not be used to access or for exiting the trail.

Phase 3: South Prairie End

Construction has started on this section of trail and it is coming along very nicely. Material has been ordered for the 160 linear foot pin-pile bridge. It is anticipated this section of trail will be open by Mid-October if the weather cooperates. As many of you, I am looking forward to adding this section of the Foothills Trail to my biking route!

Switchback Bridge

Prospect Construction was awarded this contract and is working on installing the arch culvert that will replace the former “FEMA” Bridge. This construction will go into November and unfortunately, it is anticipated that the paving for the bridge may need to be in 2018.

Buckley Repaving

Parks and Public Works is also working on repaving the section from the Buckley end of Phase 2 up to the town of Buckley. This work is replacing the existing pavement and adding a root barrier to prevent the cottonwood roots from damaging the new trail. This will hopefully be completed by the end of October.

It is exciting to see all the progress on the trail!

Photos by Theresa Turpin.
Puyallup Watershed Council funded by the Russell Foundation. There were many other non-profit organizations that also received some of the funding from this wonderful source. We only use the money we get from this source to help with grant funding and partial matching of grants like from the RCO. These partial grant matches return about $100 for every dollar we invest. RCO grants require a 50% local match, plus 1% in smaller amounts, to bring the total up to the required 51%. This makes the grant more competitive giving the application one additional grant point out of 10 points. This money will be earmarked for the Doctor Douglas Tait Foothills Trail Bridge over the White River to be constructed hopefully in 2018. The “hopefully” is because this is contingent on our Washington State Legislature doing their job and finding time to authorize the State construction budget which they failed to do after three extended sessions of the Legislature.

It has been very exciting seeing the Foothills Trail construction progress on Phases 2 and 3 and the replacement of the FEMA Bridge destroyed in November 2014 by the natural falling of a double cottonwood tree, but more on those subjects by other people in this newsletter.

Your Foothills board of directors authorized the expenditure of $2,000 to replace the 911 emergency markers on the Foothills Trail from the White River Flume (Buckley) to the East Puyallup Trailhead. We are doing this in conjunction with Pierce County Parks wherein we are purchasing the 911 markers (they are similar to fish markers at drains and like on King County Trails) and the county will affix the markers to the asphalt on the trail. These markers are to assist the first responders in locating the caller on the trail using a GPS system. Some people say the markers do not tell trail users where they are on the trail; well the markers are for the first responders to locate the person needing assistance. There is a method that will help you locate where you specifically are on the trail that will be addressed in the next issue of our newsletter.

I will be appointing a three member nominating committee for elections to our board of directors at our September general meeting. To be a board member you are required to be a member of the Coalition and a supporter of trails. We have a good board now but any board can be improved. If interested in running please contact me and I will pass your information on the nominating committee. Board members will be elected at our annual meeting on January 25.

It’s Washington State Fair time again! Please sign up for a three hour shift and receive free admission for that day. It’s a fun way to meet people and educate them on all the great trails in our area as well as answer questions and hear feedback from a broad range of people. Sign up for a shift now and make a day of it! Please visit our web site and sign up. Without volunteers the trail would be just another good idea that never happened. Get involved in furthering trails for the future! http://www.piercecountytrails.org/volunteer/2017-fair-sign-ups/

Happy Trails
Farmers Markets, Hilltop Street Fair and more. We are looking for additional events and locations.

Finally, mark your calendars to Save the Date for the Pierce County Trails Conference. This year’s event will be on Thursday, October 19, 4:30 – 8:30 pm, at the McGavick Conference Center, Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood. The theme is “Planning for the Future: Paths to Success” and will feature information on getting trails included early in planning processes. Ryan Mello, Director of Pierce Conservation District will be the keynote speaker. As usual, there will also be an agency panel with the latest trail updates. Registration fee will be $25 and includes dinner. The registration form will be available soon at www.forevergreentrails.org.

Support the Foothills Trail
Re-enroll for Fred Meyer Rewards Program

Community Rewards Customer Re-enrollment is required at this time. When making your purchases at F.M. you should see a notation (at the bottom of the receipt) that the Foothills Trail is connected to your account. If you don’t see that, re-enrollment is required at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
If there are any questions, please contact Loras Gassmann, Treasurer at 253-508-3353 or by e-mail at: LAGasman@msn.com
Memberships/Donations

The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is a non-profit organization with a mission to assist Pierce County communities in the creation, maintenance, and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails for healthier people from Mount Rainer to Puget Sound. The following people and organizations have renewed their memberships or made a donation between November 2016 - January 2017.

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Broadus, Jerry & Clarice
Cahn, Drs. John & Anna
Conger, Michael & Carol
Cool, Raymond
Coop, Jeff & Terri
Cooper, Heather L.
Curran, Richard & Georgean
Dammeier, Bruce
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De Lorm, Robyn S.
DeBoer, Amy & Cameron
Demers, Marjorie A
Dodgen, Rhiannon
Field, J. Greg
Giddings, William & Rochelle
Gilbertson, Darlene
Grubb, Mark & Nancy
Halpin, Jim & Julie
Heeb, Ben
HENTSCHELL & ASSOC.
Hughes, Donald
Hulbert, Larry & Susan
Jacobsen, Fred & Winona
Jacobson, Chuck and Sherry
Janiga, Dan & Connie
Johnson, Kirk & Pat
Kerlin, Diane
Klingman, Judy & Merlin
Knudson, Gary R. & Martha J Scoville
Kokko, David Y.
Kray, Jeff & Debbie
Kuehn, Randy G.

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Larson, Craig & Michael
Jarvis
Leonard, Leon & Janet
Loran, Jerome L. & Mary
Mc Caskie, Ray
Miller, John K. & Joyce
Moran, Lt. Col. Joanne L
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Pharmacy
Pasero, George
Pool, Janet
Rowan, Bob & Susan
Samuels, Paul A
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Segers, Melissa & Mike
Stanford, Michael
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Tremblay, Milt
Vervoort, Ed
Walk, George
Waterland, Erik
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Weber, Joe & Shannon
Wetzel, David J.
Weyerhaeuser, William & Gail
Calendar of Events

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