In Memory of
William L. Harmon

Bill and Linda Harmon
National Trails Day at the finish line of the 2011 R2R, Ruston
Photo by Byron Vasecka

On November 16, 2011, we lost Bill Harmon to cancer. He is survived by his wife Linda, his son B. C. Harmon, and his daughters Patricia Zoller, Kristina Lakutis, Kathryn Lakutis, and Karlyn Harmon.

Bill was a charter member of the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, serving as a Board Member from 2001 to 2009 and Secretary for many years. He took a special interest in the trials and tribulations of the early years of the Trail, and he acted as Coalition Historian and protector of those records. Bill was a talented cartographer; his maps are in evidence at all trailheads and are used by every R2R runner and walker.

Happy Trails, Bill!
Bill, we will truly miss you.
Buzz Grant, President, Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition Board

President’s Message
BY BUZZ GRANT, COALITION PRESIDENT

I will start out with an update on tree cutting on the trail between Wilkeson and Carbonado that was discovered by trail users last spring and involved a contractor for a developer of the adjacent land cutting 60 to 80 trees within the 100-foot wide trail right-of-way. Bob Myrick and I were on the phone within a week of the cutting to notify Pierce County Parks and Recreation (PCPR). PCPR and the Washington State Department of Revenue have reached a resolution as to what fines and other reparations will be paid by the contractor. The contractor will have to replant the land with a combination of deciduous and evergreen trees this year.

Since I receive frequent inquires about the end of the trail in South Prairie, here is what I know at this time. In late October 2011 a group of people including appraisers, surveyors, right-of-way relocation people from the Washington State Department of Transportation, representatives of PCPR, and the landowner and his counterparts met to discuss the route through the RV Park. It will most likely be around Christmas before they come back to the Pierce County Right-of-Way Department with values and other proposals. I sincerely hope an agreement can be reached prior to the summer of 2012. There is still the challenge of acquiring and/or raising construction money for this project. The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition trail work crew, will see what we can do after the purchase to

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Stan’s Buddy is up there now!

Dear FTC friends:

We are all diminished in losing Bill Harmon. What a loyal friend he was through thick and thin. It’s not so sad if one thinks about Bill and Stan getting together on a new trail in a new place, recruiting new friends.

Bill’s laughing good nature was such a blessing when he was needed — he could come and help with ANYTHING! ALWAYS in good humor.

Bill and Linda sent me a Native American proverb card when Stan passed that said, “The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.”

I love you all — what a great team. May your spirit stay strong.

Helen Engle

Kathy Kravit-Smith, Director
Pierce County Parks & Recreation Services

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on where you are, where the Coalition has come from, and where you are going. Bill is part of who you are and that spirit will carry forward.………As I have often said the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is like no other friends group I have ever worked with. You are a unique group of people, with extraordinary talents, full of life and passion for your park………Bill exemplified all of that. I am truly sorry for your loss (and our loss) and will pray for his spirit to move swiftly to the big trail in the sky. Much love to you all. Kathy

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Meet Your Board Member

Melanie Robinson

Melanie Robinson, her husband (Ed), and son (Dylan) moved to Sumner in 2005 and were excited to become part of a community whose vision included being a hub for the Foothills, Interurban and Puyallup Riverwalk Trails. She joined the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition due to her deep admiration of the many benefits trails provide to communities: a place for friends and families to meet, walk and talk, ride bikes, enjoy nature, or travel safely to work. Melanie began informally taking minutes for the board in 2009 and was appointed Secretary when the position became vacant in mid-year. She was then elected by Coalition membership to continue as a Board Member in 2010.

Melanie, Ed, and Dylan enjoy bike rides between Meeker Junction and South Prairie and hikes along unpaved sections of the trail closer to Mount Rainier with their dog Gus.

Melanie’s love of the Foothills Trail stems from a passion for public service and the opportunity to enhance the community through public policy, innovation and open space use. She holds a Political Science Degree from the University of Washington and has worked more than five years for the City of Puyallup. Melanie currently serves as the Community Relations Coordinator for the Puyallup City Manager’s Office and plans to begin a Master’s in Public Administration program in 2012.

TWBC Government Affairs Report

by Bob Myrick, Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (TWBC)

During the November 1st meeting of the TWBC the following items were discussed:

1. Tacoma’s Coalition for Active Transportation (CAT) will be a player in a new grant received by the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department for $800,000 to improve health in the community. The grant amount could reach $4 million, if approved by Congress, over the next five years. Main components of the grant include; reducing tobacco use, improving nutrition and physical activity, reducing chronic disease and infrastructure improvements. The CAT and I will be involved with the areas of infrastructure and nutrition and physical activity.

2. Transportation Advocacy Day. Ralph indicated he will forward information on dates for Advocacy Day as the State Legislature will be called to Olympia to try and ease our financial problems at the State government. More information can be found at the Bicycle Alliance of Washington website. Most of our efforts will be on no cost or low cost legislation like reducing speed limits and the three foot passing bill.

3. The ForeverGreen Coalition Annual Conference was held on November 9th and is being reported elsewhere in this newsletter. The TWBC was happy to contribute $1,500 dollars to ForeverGreen.

4. Pierce County Parks is now responsible for the operation and maintenance of Chamber Creek Properties in University Place. Tony Tipton, Sewer and Utility, and Ryan Dicks, Pierce County Sustainability Coordinator, will be working at Parks to help extend the trail system. Grant Griffin, who has worked hard many years on various trail projects and also leads the Conservation Futures program at Parks will retire at the end of 2011. Grant wishes the Foothills Trail was complete from Puyallup to Buckley, but 15 miles is still pretty nice.

It is starting to rain cats and dogs and blowing. Summer may have ended yesterday on our Thursday bike ride. So, it is time to get out your fenders, lights and winter bike clothes to take advantage of the few dry days ahead. I say “dry” because I only start out in the
Networking for Trails:

Edgewood & Milton Interurban

by Diane Kerlin

Edgewood now has a paved trail! The phase one section of the trail from 114th Avenue to Military Road (Milton City limits), opened for public use on November 7, 2011. The request for bids to construct the trailhead park at 114th Avenue is scheduled to be posted by the end of November.

The paving of the short Milton section was a bonus. Turns out it was more convenient to have a hard surface for the construction vehicles to get to the Edgewood part, so an agreement was reached with the city of Milton to pave there.

I think we are looking at May 2012 for a trail ribbon cutting ceremony in Edgewood. The adjacent trailhead park opening will be later, possibly in the summer. While the park may be small it will include restrooms, parking, and a picnic area near an existing wetland.

Photo By John S. Selby

Foothills Trailheads Sport New Maps

by Ernie Bay

A problem solved. Ever since their construction, informational kiosks at trailheads along the Foothills Trail have awaited proper maps. The Mountaineers’ kiosk in Orting was the first to be constructed. It featured a metal-enamel sign with a relatively obscure depiction of the original railroad right-of-way surrounded by a braided river system. Hardly a useful trail sign. Next to be built was the McMillin trailhead kiosk which

the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition adorned with an aluminum framed topographic map pieced together from sheets of computer printout.

Part of the reluctance of Pierce County Parks to produce a durable map was the trails lack of completion, and need for updates as new trail sections were completed. Finally, the Coalition took the initiative that has produced attractive professional maps now found at each trailhead, including on the new kiosk at the 5th Street NE Trailhead of the Puyallup Riverwalk (see photo). The basic map was most recently designed by the late Bill Harmon who was our long time archivist and trail cartographer.

The kiosk was built and contributed earlier this year by members of local American Legion Post 67. The cedar planter box was designed, built, and contributed by long time Riverwalk activist and forester Bob Arnold, and seasonal plant selections are being made by Friends of the Riverwalk member and plant enthusiast Pam Dhillon.

Ernie Bay and Bob Kastama flank the newly mounted Foothills Trail map at the 5th St NE Trailhead.

Photo By Diane Kastama
Many Foothills Rails-to-Trails members and Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (TWBC) members attended the Pierce County Trails Conference on November 9th held at the University of Washington Tacoma. The ForeverGreen Council sponsored the event and major contributors included the Foothills Coalition, Tacoma Bike, Korum Automotive Group, Bruce Dees and Associates, Dave and Anne Seago, and TWBC along with Metro Parks and Pierce County Parks and Recreation.

Louise McGrody from the Bicycle Alliance of Washington gave the keynote address after dinner on “Building Support for Trails.” She took us across the State and showed the great trail activity going on with regard to existing trails and those being built.

Terry Lee, Director of Peninsula Metro Park District, updated us on the progress of the Cushman Trail. They have been awarded $600,000 from Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to extend the Cushman Trail towards Burnham Drive and also have a $1.1 million RCO grant for a trail connection to the Scott Pierson Trail at the end of the Narrows Bridge. The Peninsula Metro Park District is also currently looking for funding for Phase III, beyond Borgen Boulevard.

Ted Hill, Civil Engineer with the City of Sumner, updated several trail related projects in Sumner. Though the trail may take many years to be built out, a missing link on the north end of the City has an RCO grant of $1 million to build 1600 feet of trail including an expensive bicycle/pedestrian bridge. Construction is scheduled for 2012. The 1620-foot section from the confluence of the Stuck and Puyallup Rivers to the Sumner Library is 90% designed out and 100% funded.

Edgewood’s Public Works Director, Joe Seet, updated us on the status of the 4000 feet of trail being built right now in Jovita Canyon. Paving is complete and a trailhead park at 114th Avenue East should be finished in late summer next year.

The cost has been reduced to $620,000 dollars by working closely with Engineers and the Contractor (Tucci) to efficiently manage available funds. The original bid for the work was up to $1 million. Edgewood is part of a coalition of Fife, Milton, Edgewood, Sumner, and Pacific building a chain of trails along the original Interurban Rail line from Tacoma to Seattle.

Curtis Hancock, Project Manager for Metro Parks, Tacoma, updated us on the work at Point Ruston where a 0.7 mile trail will connect Ruston Way to Point Defiance by the end of 2012. Metro Parks will then move a lot of dirt to build a trail up the hill paralleling the boat basin to Ferry Drive.

Kathy Kravit-Smith, Pierce County Parks Director, and Pat Johnson, Mayor of Buckley, updated us on the progress of the Foothills Trail. Pierce County hopes to have property secured for the connection between South Prairie and Buckley by next summer. Some environmental and design work has to be redone to accommodate changes in the route and regulations. The County has been slowed down by required environmental work in Lower Burnett due to protecting the magnificent bridge in Lower Burnett. Pat Johnson said King County was building towards the White River and the very expensive bridge crossing would come later. Enumclaw is building north to their City limits and King County will be building further north to Landsburg on the Cedar River.

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Random Happenings Regarding the Foothills Trail (2006-2011)

“Observations, experiences, highlights, synergy & antidotes”

by Jerry Larson, Resigning Chairman of the Courtesy Patrol

Mother Nature
• Eagles, spawning salmon, and fisherman at 6 a.m. at Bernies Place on the river, south of Orting.
• Buffalo & emu grazing along the trail at Crocker.

Unfortunate Occurrences
• Motorcyclist jumping 20 feet in air from a greenbelt and landing in parking area at McMillan.
• Trailhead broken into and bicycle stolen with Bonney Lake Bike of Sumner coming to the rescue with a replacement.
• Intercepting a lost elderly couple, on a date, driving a vintage auto on the trail, north of McMillan.
• Graffiti on two buildings on the trail in early days of it opening.
• Woman living in mole-like mound of dense blackberry bushes along trail.
• Meth cooker awakened at East Pioneer Trail head surrounded by cans and candles. Wandered off with his blanket lighting a cigarette and appeared to weigh less than 100 pounds. Advised later that it was very fortunate that he was not tweaking.

Improvements & Innovations
• New creative Orting trail signage which resulted in friendly waves between trail users and auto drivers.
• Creation of BicycleRecycle with Richard Harrelson as mechanic and wife Joanie as administrator. Processed over 350 bicycles to the less fortunate as donations or to others with a donation.

Accident prevention
• Some bollards were recognized as hazards rather than accident preventers and removed by Pierce County Parks and Recreation.
• Administering First Aid to a bike rider following a collision with a bollard in South Prairie, assisted by Dixie Gatchel, proved the necessity of some removals.
• Hitting a bollard head-on and rolling on my side I realized little damage to myself or the recumbent, however, it emphasized again that bollard removal was necessary.

Evolution
• Graduation from a two-wheel bike to a three-wheel recumbent becomes a better decision as each year passes with the continuing desire to patrol the trail.
• The evolution of the Riverwalk is inspirational in showing what a group of interested parties can accomplish with leadership and motivation.
• Opening and closing east Puyallup and McMillan trail heads for Pierce County Parks & Recreation for a year, gave me a tremendous head start advantage to understanding the trail.

Highlights
• Administering and observing the graduation of over 90 Courtesy Patrollers following completion of the Courtesy Patrol Certification Course and receiving the identifying vests over the years was most gratifying.
• Participating in various trail foot races as patroller and the Rainier to Ruston and the South Prairie Salmon Run standout with others.
• Watching Bob Rowen, professional photographer and official photographer for the FRTTC was most gratifying at inception and seeing the final work.

Synergy
• Interacting with Bob Myrick and Steve Brown from the Tacoma Wheelman Bicycle Club in areas of mutual interest was beneficial to both organizations.

Formal Training
• Becoming First Aid certified is an absolute requirement. Learning police “do’s and don’ts was a bonus from the Pierce County Sheriff and State Patrol as well as the Wackenhut Corporation. Learning body language and how to stand and proper posture to minimize personal injury was invaluable.
• Learning all about bikes from Jim Stevenson, Bonney Lake Bike of Sumner, in five training seccessions over the years got the patroller up to speed in a hurry in the assisting of trail users in need. Learning proper procedures and conduct when in the presence of a horse as they too are authorized to use the trail.

Donations
• Fitting over 150 helmets, for free or from donations was very gratifying for all the patrollers that participated. Assisting Past President, Ken Woolery with the Puyallup Fair Booth, bicycle drawing and annually delivering the two bikes donated by Bonnie Lake Bike of Sumner, was uplifting. Issuing Subway Safe Rider Citations to youth wearing helmets was a donation/award worthy program in which the patrol participated.

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Puyallup Fair Booth Experience - Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition
BY BILL HILTON, EDITOR, TRIAL LINE NEWS

This year I had the privilege of working with others to help staff the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition booth at the Puyallup Fair. It so happened I was at the booth on Friday, September 16, 2011 with Nancy Wittenberg, Sunday, September 18, 2011, with Stuart Scheuerman, and Sunday, September 25, 2011 with Dixie Gatchel.

Nancy, Stuart, and Dixie were all great to work with and I learned something new from each one of them about the Foothills Trails. I also believe the best way for me to learn about a subject (Foothill Trails) is to have to teach and/or provide information on the subject to others, which is exactly what occurred in these instances.

While staffing the booth I had the opportunity to speak with and listen to a number of people who were enthused to be able to utilize the Foothills Trail for recreational and healthy activities (walking, running, biking, horseback riding, etc.). There was a great deal of interest when various sections of the Foothills Trail would be completed as well.

I thought it especially nice for the Bonney Lake Bicycle Shop of Sumner to donate a brand new bicycle for a free drawing which attracted a lot of interest from people of all ages. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention my appreciation for the Coalition Booth being placed strategically close to a location allowing easy access to scones and coffee.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Playlups Rails-to-Trail Coalition will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at High Cedars Golf Club (14604-149th Street Ct. East, Orting, 360-893-3171) for the purpose of electing Board Directors and conducting other business as may be presented to the Board. For those interested there will be a dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Directors serve for a period of three years and each year five members are up for election. This year the Directors that have terms expiring are Ernie Bay, Steve Brown, Rich Cockrell, Loras Gassmann and Melanie Robinson. All have agreed to run for another term and are being bought forward for another nomination.

In accordance with the by laws, a member of the Coalition may also be considered as a eligible candidate for Director by submitting a petition of nomination to the Board of Directors not less than 21 days before the Annual Meeting. Such petition must include the valid signatures of ten Coalition members or ten percent of the Coalition membership, whichever is less.

The elected Board of Directors will elect officers at the first Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting.
FTA Announces New Eligibility of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements under Federal Transit Law

by Dixie Gatchel, Coalition Coordinator for Active Transportation

The Federal Transit Administration Announces New Eligibility of Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements under Federal Transit Law.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is an administration within the US Department of Transportation that provides funding to support a number of locally planned, constructed, and operated public transportation systems in the United States. The transportation systems of the FTA include modes such as buses, subways, light rail, ferry boats, or people movers. Though the FTA grant programs previously allowed money to be spent on walking and biking projects related to public transportation, there were no formal regulations. The FTA has now established a formal policy on which projects are eligible for pedestrian and bicycle improvements funding and defined the catchment area for pedestrians and bicyclists in relation to public transit stations or stops.

The new policy defines a set radius around a public transportation station or stop in which the FTA will consider all pedestrian and bicycle improvements to have a “de facto functional relationship to public transportation.” The radii are defined as pedestrian improvements within one-half mile and bicycle improvements within three miles of a stop or station. Any pedestrian or bicycle improvement outside of the designated radius will still be eligible for funding if it can be shown that the improvements are being made in areas where people are still walking or biking to public transportation.

“dry” but I assume I may get caught in the rain. Also, I look forward to seeing you at the December Christmas Party and our Annual Banquet in January 2012.

The next TWBC Government Affairs meeting will be on December 6th at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. Start time is 6 p.m.

**PIERCE COUNTY TRAILS CONFERENCE**

I reported on Eatonville putting together $2 million to build two miles of trail from the school complex to Pack Forest. About $1 million comes from RCO, the Bud Blanchard Estate and friends contributed about $500,000 and the town contributed $500,000. It is part of Eatonville’s non-motorized plan and a branch of the future Trail to the Mountain.

Diane Wiatr, Tacoma Mobility Coordinator, updated us on the status of the City’s 13 miles of future bikeway streets across Tacoma. Park Avenue and points north are being converted into much more friendly bike ways. Park Avenue work is funded and underway. In 1896, Park Avenue and the Water Ditch Trail were the major routes of travel out of the City. Tacoma is restoring these routes and the Water Ditch Trail should be finished in summer of 2012. Diane also indicated a temporary artwork exhibit has been already installed on the future Prairie Line Trail and a permanent exhibit will be installed prior to the trail being completed.

Kimberly Scrivner, Associate Planner from Puget Sound Regional Council, updated us on the regional council’s extensive bicycle/pedestrian plan covering four counties.

For more information visit our website http://www.forevergreencouncil.org/index.html and please consider attending next year’s annual Trails Conference.

**RANDOM HAPPENINGS**

Rewards
- Privilege of chairing the Courtesy Patrol for 60 monthly meetings at High Cedars Golf Club and the friends and associates made that share like interests.
- Awarding 29 gold medal circulating awards to recognized parties; Captain 2 Wheeler “Heavy Lifter Award” as recognition from their peers. Eating fresh produce at Spooners and Scholz Farms located on the trail, as well as drinking espresso at Trailside Espresso at South Prairie.

The preceding list demonstrates the varied activities of the Courtesy Patrol and the important, varied role of the Chairman. Jerry Larson, states, in his five year tenure. “If it wasn’t for age and health you would have to fight to take this wonderful role away from me.”

Contact FRTTC President, Buzz Grant, (253) 845-4991, railroadbuzz@comcast.net or the author of this article to discuss or apply for the 2012 Courtesy Patrol Chairmanship.
Paradise for Walkers, Bicyclists and Horse Lovers

BY DIANE AND BOB KASTAMA

We visited the Netherlands recently, spending time with friends in a small village in Fryslan, called Noordbergum. It is horse, sheep, and cow country and flat as a table top and paradise for walkers, bicyclist and horse lovers.

For instance, we noticed bicycles are not a alternative source of transportation but a major source for all ages, even the very young and senior citizens. We did not observe school buses, saw few bike helmets and rarely a overweight person.

Students, including those in high school, bike to and from school. Our friends grandson, 14 years of age, bikes six miles one way to school every day. Our friends think "nothing of it" as its considered normal. In the winter time, if things do get bad, they take public transportation or their parents make arrangements.

It is truly a inspiring sight to see groups of students biking to school as well as others going to work, shopping or to visit friends. Could this ever happen here? We keep dreaming of such.

Trails for walking, biking, and horses connect every community. Signing on the trails is as generous as it is for roads.

Yes! One can learn from the Dutch. Bicycles are "KING" and have long been a necessity in their culture. One thing that makes it attractive is that for the most part the Netherlands is FLAT.

Engle Plaque Dedication

BY ERNIE BAY

On a chilly morning October 15, 2011, several dozen friends and Engle family members gathered at the Tacoma Mountaineers' kiosk in the Orting City Park to remember and pay tribute to long time Foothills Trail Champion, Stanley Russell Engle. Environmental matriarch and fellow trail supporter, Helen Engle gathered her children and grandchildren from far and wide to celebrate the dedication of the kiosk which Stan spearheaded and helped to build.

Each of the children who were able to attend the gathering sprinkled a trace of Stan’s ashes for posterity.

After a brief ceremony, during which a plaque featuring Stan and attached to the kiosk was unveiled, the group reconvened at the local Orting bakery for cinnamon buns, coffee, and conviviality. Stan Engle would have been proud, and certainly was with us in spirit.
In 2008, the ForeverGreen Council established an annual recognition of a project, place, person, or organization that most embodies the vision of the ForeverGreen Council: to connect Pierce County communities with a network of trails. The awards are presented each year at the Pierce County Trails Conference for the following general areas: a place or project; lifetime achievement for an individual; individual with a particularly outstanding year; organization in government; or non-government organization.

The activity must make a significant contribution toward building missing trail links or filling gaps in the trail network. The place must be in Pierce County and the person(s) actions must most directly impact trail development in Pierce County. Recognition covers activity within the last year but may be part of a longer term project or effort. Recognition also acknowledges tangible achievements: completed projects, new funding available, completion of a plan, beginning of construction, etc. The activity must have some degree of risk or leadership involved in its completion.

Following are the 2011 Trail Leadership Awards presented at the Pierce County Trails Conference held on November 9, 2011.

Individual(s) Award: Bob and Diane Kastama for ongoing work on the Riverwalk Trail in Puyallup. They have been instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Riverwalk (FRW) group. Bob and Diane helped plan and host the first Families in Motion event on the Riverwalk in April 2010. This has become an annual event, and the Kastamas are again working with FRW on the third annual Families in Motion event scheduled for April 28, 2012. Bob and Diane walk the trail daily picking up trash, feeding feral cats, and welcoming others to the trail. They are also working with FRW to beautify the trail, add maps and signage, and complete missing trail links between the Riverwalk and the Foothills Trails.

Trail Leadership Award: City of Tacoma for development, adoption, and implementation of the Mobility Master Plan which creates a connected network of safe bicycle and pedestrian routes throughout the city. The first bicycle boulevards in Pierce County will be created under this plan in the near future. The award was presented to Diane Wiatr, Mobility Coordinator, Planning Department for the City of Tacoma, and Liz Kaster, Commute Trip Reduction Coordinator for the City of Tacoma was also recognized during the presentation.

Past award recipients include:
2008: Dixie Gatchel; Chambers Creek Properties
2009: Marian Betzer; Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department
2010: Don Partington; Pierce County Council/Chambers Creek Properties

Planning a trail vacation?
by Ernie Bay, Coalition President Emeritus

Rambletown http://rambletown.appspot.com/ is an excellent website that features geocoded trail information in their GoogleMaps. The Rails-To-Trails Conservancy has also been mapping trails nationwide on their trail finder site at http://www.traillink.com, featuring detailed trail information, guidebook descriptions and trail reviews.
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.

Those wishing to make a denotation to support the continuing efforts of the Foothills Rails-To-Trails Coalition can do so at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation website: http://www.tacomafoundation.org/page10002505.cfm

Once at the website simply click on the large “Donate” button highlighted in yellow and follow the instructions on the page.

Thanks for your consideration!
Foothills Rails-To-Trails Coalition

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Calendar of Events

Meetings:

Monthly Board Meetings:
Open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Puyallup Public Library, south entrance. Monthly meetings may be rescheduled, so check our website at www.piercecountytrails.org for changes.

Charlie Chat - Weekly Luncheon:
Informal luncheons from 12-1 p.m. at Charlie’s Restaurant, 113 East Main, Puyallup. All are welcome to come and share what they have been doing to promote the mission of the Coalition. No business is conducted even if a quorum of members is present.

Courtesy Patrol Meetings:
Scheduled on 2nd Saturday of each month at High Cedars Golf Course, 149th St. Ct. E., Orting. No-host breakfast starts at 8 a.m. and the casual meeting at 9 a.m. with a free-for-all discussion about the past, present and future of the Courtesy Patrol. Guest speakers and training sessions are often included. Contact Jerry Larson at 253-845-7219 or Capt2Wheeler@comcast.net.

Friends of the Riverwalk Committee:
We are an informal group of volunteers devoted to the enjoyment and betterment of the Puyallup Riverwalk. Please join us for most Monday mornings* at 9 a.m. at Alpha and Mega Coffee House, 1015 N Meridian, Puyallup.

*call prior to confirm in case of cancellation.
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Work Parties RSVP to Don Partington at 253-820-8411 or cedarfamily@comcast.net

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.
-William James
The mission of the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is to assist Pierce County communities in building, maintaining, and promoting a network of safe, non-motorized trails that provide healthy recreational and transportation options.

Membership makes a difference!

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