This October has seen TWO important pieces of trail completed by the City of Sumner.

The first one was in the north end of town between 16th Street East, going north across the White River on a new bridge to the Southwest corner of the Sumner Golf Course, where it connects to a compacted gravel section that runs north to 8th Street or Stewart Road. This gravel section will probably be paved early next year.

On the south end of Sumner’s trail system the existing trail from the Puyallup river bridge, near Stortini’s Restaurant, below the SR 410 bridge over the Stuck (White) River has been extended up the Stuck to the intersection of Main Street and Traffic Avenue. This new section includes a beautiful stretch along the river and a new sidewalk for one block along West Main Street.

As these two sections were being completed by the city, another section of trail was paved just north of the REI warehouse, with more to come at the north end of this development. Please take note that since this is a construction area this new section is not open to the public yet.

An additional short connector trail between Salmon creek and the REI warehouse was finished earlier this year and is in use by REI employees accessing the main trail.

An additional short part of the main trail just north of the Tacoma Avenue bridge will be constructed as part of a new warehouse complex being built in that area and will probably be completed by early next year.

All this new trail construc-

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...fitted from a few of the presentations and will be taking knowledge learned from Friday night’s keynote speakers, who gave very informative talks on economic benefits of parks, trails and open spaces, into the future with me. Saturday’s keynote speaker Dave Hahn gave a talk on his mountain climbing in Antarctica as well as 18 ascents of Mt. Everest, 25 ascents of Denali (Mt. McKinley) and 270 of Mt. Rainier.

In all it was a very interesting weekend, and a chance for us to meet and reconnect with organizers of other trails from far and wide while gaining valuable information that will help us move into the future of trails.

Now to our organization:

We are looking for some people with a deep interest in trails to be on our board of directors. Like any board of a non-profit corporation the vitality of the group depends on new and old ideas and how the organization should be run for the betterment of its members and mission. If interested please contact me by phone (253) 468-9060 or by email railroadbuzz@comcast.net prior to our Annual Meeting to be held at High Cedars Golf Club in Orting.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season, and happy New Year!

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Left to Right: Maureen Hyzer, Deputy Regional Forester, USFS Region 6; Randy King, Superintendent of Mt. Rainier National Park; Don Hoch, Director of Washington State Parks; Peter Goldmanmark, Washington State Public Lands Commissioner; Kaleen Cottingham, Director of the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, and Greg Lovelady (Retired) Recreation, Conservation Organization, Olympia

Photo by John Selby
Dr. Ernie Bay Awarded Lifetime Achievement Award

BY FORTERRA JOAN CRONK, COALITION MEMBER

Growing up in Schenectady, New York, Dr. Ernie Bay said he longed for trails.

As a teenager Bay spent hours bicycling throughout the area and said, “There were semi-rural roads and no trespassing signs and you felt restricted. I remember on a hot summer day the butterflies and goldfinches and the smell of creosote, and I imagined a trail with no ‘no trespassing’ signs. That was the beginning of my long term advocacy of trails and open space.”

Bay attended Cornell University and the University of California Riverside and became involved with a group trying to develop a trail along the Santa Ana River.

Locally in Puyallup he helped found the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, the Courtesy Patrol and the Foothills and Riverwalk Trails.

A recent event at the Tacoma Art Museum honored Bay with the Forterra (Former Cascade Land Conservancy) Helen Engle Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pierce County Councilman and Executive Director of Pierce Conservation District Ryan Mello opened the ceremony and Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Rasmussen presented the award to Bay saying, “His track record is a testament to one person’s persistence.”

Upon accepting the award Bay said, “This award is very special to me, because it bears the name of a person for whom I have the highest regard – Helen Engle.”

Forterra is the largest conservation and community building organization in the northwest. Their website states their mission is to “protect, enhance and steward the region’s most precious resources” and says that for over 20 years Forterra has been active and successful to conserve more than 179,000 acres of forests, farms, shorelines, parks and natural areas and restore critical landscapes.

Locally Bay remains extremely active in trails issues, raising money to continue enhancing and extending the Riverwalk Trail.
Big Changes Coming Down the Track for the R2R

by John Selby, Coalition Board Member and R2R Founder

If you were one of the 215 volunteers in the Rainier to Ruston Relay and Ultra last year, you know that our 10th anniversary was a big success on many levels. Almost 1,100 people ran or walked in five different events – 50M relay, 50M ultra, 50K ultra, half-marathon and “marathon plus” (27.7 miles) – with two start areas (Buckley and Rainier) and two finish areas (Orting and Ruston). Whew! Even Sasquatch showed up for the fun! Around 200 runners reported spotting him lumbering up the course in Gale Canyon on leg four, carrying a sign saying, “Help us finish this beautiful trail!” The last ultra finished in Marine Park on Ruston Way at 9:48 pm! Race Director Rob Hester and a number of volunteers were as spent as the last finisher.

R2R (2013) will not be so long or so complicated. Instead of five events, there will be two – the 50M relay and the 50M ultra. There will be one start area and one finish area and a cut-off time of 12 hours from the 7 am start. We’ll let later finishers self report their finish times if they continue on. There will not be a collegiate division (most college students are on their way home on the first Saturday of June), but instead there will be a new division called The Mayors’ Cup, inspired by the South Prairie team, The Mayor’s Relayers. The fastest team of four runners representing one of the towns along the course will take home the treasured Mayors’ Cup.

The last big change to announce is our new Race Director, Richard Pasquier. Rob Hester did a great job for us, growing the R2R to become the popular event it is today. But Rob resigned to take on other challenges, and now Richard has eagerly taken on the organizing role. He’ll have lots of help from all of us (including Sasquatch) who support the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition and its mission of finishing this beautiful trail.

We look forward to seeing you in the R2R on National Trails Day, June 1, 2013!

Foothills Trail Coalition Annual Bike Winner

by Ken Woolery, Coalition Member

Eight-year-old Lilly Schofield of Tacoma was this year’s happy winner of the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition annual bicycle drawing. The bicycle, donated as always by the Bonney Lake Bicycle Shop in Sumner, was however, a few years taller than Lilly could manage. Bonney Lake Bike was kind enough not to make her wait to grow into it and Lilly was able to exchange it for one just her size! The happy occasion was shared.

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Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club (TWBC) Government Affairs Report

BY BOB MYRICK, TWBC

During the October 2nd meeting of the TWBC the following items were discussed:

I heard that Diane Wiatr will be retained as the city of Tacoma Mobility Coordinator. I also heard the Bike/Pedestrian mobility committee is looking to become a permanent advisory commission. Several TWBC members attended an all-day conference at the Murano Hotel sponsored by the city of Tacoma and the Puget Sound Regional Council. We were addressed, via the internet, by prominent officials from Washington DC, Mayor of Tacoma, Pierce County Executive, Health Department Officials, and the new Executive of Bicycle Alliance of Washington, Barb Chamberlain. The main message was to improve environmental and personal health by reducing the use of cars through more transit, walking, biking and other means.

The Pierce County Trails Conference put on by our ForeverGreen Council was a great success. There is some thought of holding the Conference every other year since we also have a statewide trail conference every two years. TWBC members attended the Washington State Trails Coalition Conference in Vancouver, WA on October 25th to 28th.

The Foothills Trail is now blessed by the National Park Service and signs will be erected in the near future. The National Park Service is also assisting us in extending the trail towards Mount Rainier.

The TWBC has commented on Pierce County’s Flood Control Plan through their Environmental Impact Statement. We reminded the County of the need to accommodate the trail from Puyallup to Tacoma along their proposed new levee on the north side of the river.

We discussed the need to build a trail along the flume line service road from Buckley to Lake Tapps where the new trail would meet the proposed Fennel Creek Trail. The flume line is now owned by the Cascade Water Alliance and was formerly owned by Puget Sound Energy.

It appeared that bike lanes were being removed on Bridgeport Way near Walmart as a result of improving the street. Desiree Winkler, Lakewood’s Traffic Engineer was contacted and assured me the lanes would reappear after new asphalt had cured for a week.

Please keep riding as winter approaches. It is time for fenders and rain gear. I personally do not start off in the rain, but I will ride home in the rain. Of course, commuters are tougher and ride more in bad weather conditions.

The next TWBC Government Affairs meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month at the Harvester Restaurant in the Stadium District at First and Tacoma Avenues. Start time is 6 p.m.

Landscaping Project Completed for Nature’s Medley

BY BILL HILTON, TRAIL LINE NEWS

As can be seen in photographs provided by Ernie Bay the landscaping project around Nature’s Medley tree has been completed. According to Bay, Mr. Jim Collen and crew worked diligently to complete the landscaping in a timely manner and the project’s cost of $7,800 was financed through contributions, including individuals and the Kiwanis Club of Puyallup Foundation. Bay added that people of all abilities can now enjoy this remarkable artwork, by wood carver Jason Smathers, from all angles. A side path provides access to the lower portion of the sculpture for people with

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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!

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disabilities. Nature’s Medley can be visited in Veteran’s Park at the 5th Street Northeast - Puyallup Riverwalk Trailhead.

Bike Winner

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by Foothills Rails-To-Trails Coalition President Emeritus Ernie Bay, Fair Booth coordinator Ken Woolery, and Coalition member Clive Berglund.
7th Annual South Prairie Salmon Run

BY LAURE HEIDEMAN

The 7th Annual South Prairie Salmon Run on Saturday 9/29/12 was a great success! A total of 70 runners participated in our Chinook 10K run, Coho 5K run, Sockeye 3K walk, Minnow Fun Run and our big Salmon Feed!

Below are the winners of each race…

Chinook 10K Run


Coho 5K Run


Sockeye 3K Walk

Thank you to all the runners, sponsors and event helpers – we couldn’t do it without ya!
We look forward to next year’s annual event!

How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?

During this coming year (2013) we (Foothills Rails-to-Trials Coalition Board Members) will be giving away four one-year individual membership renewals in the Foothills Rails-to-Trials Coalition.

A picture will be posted of a location on/along a Pierce County Trial in the quarterly editions of the Trail Line News, starting with this issue. If you can describe its location more accurately than any other response received, you will win a one-year individual membership renewal.

The first picture for this contest is posted to the right with the caption, "Where is this?" Please respond with your answer to the following email to have your entry considered: JohnSelby16@gmail.com.

Good Luck! Our first winner will be announced the next issue.
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 Heritage Quest Research Library located at 1007 Main St., Sumner. Monthly meetings may be rescheduled, so check our website at www.piercecountytrails.org for changes.

Charlie Chat - Weekly Luncheon:
Informal luncheons Wednesdays 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 Mariella Arnold at RAArnold@aol.com.

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 Mrs. Turner’s Restaurant, 701 East Main, Puyallup.
*call prior to confirm in case of cancellation. Ernie Bay (253)-848-7718, bugtrail@aol.com. or Bob Kastama 253-435-1637, kastamaq@gmail.com, Puyallup City Parks 253-841-5447

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