The 2019 B&O Half Marathon and 10K was a huge success, building on momentum from previous years! This year’s race was held on July 20th, 2019, with the Half Marathon running from Buckley to Orting along the Foothills Trail and the 10K starting and finishing in Orting. There were 303 finishers in the half marathon and 46 finishers in the 10K, both races growing by significant margins from 2018.

The weather was perfect with cool and clear conditions, and the Mountain was out to put on a show at the Orting Finish Line. The Half Marathon

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The state fair is upon us and we still need volunteers for the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition booth.

The fair runs from August 30 until September 22, 2019. (It is closed on Thursdays and the first Wednesday). The volunteer time is in three-hour blocks. When you sign up, you will receive a free parking pass and ticket to get into the fair. Please sign up to volunteer at the Foothills website http://www.piercecountytrails.org/ (Once on the website; please click on the “Fair Sign Ups” button on the top right of the page).

If you have questions, please contact Ken Woolery, Fair Booth Coordinator by phone at 253-863-4773 or Stuart Scheuerman at 253-405-5129.

The Foothills Coalition is looking for a new volunteer editor for its Trail Line Newsletter. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Bill Hilton at (253) 302-1104 or ftceditor@gmail.com.
Van Lierop Park Ribbon Cutting & Swing Dedication
BY BRENDA FRITSVOLD, CITY OF PUYALLUP PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF PUYALLUP

On June 25th the City officially opened Van Lierop Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony. During the ceremony, Puyallup resident Dixie Gatchel was also recognized for her outstanding contributions to our community. For decades, Dixie has provided exceptional leadership and volunteer service benefiting the City’s trail system, particularly the Riverwalk Trail. During that time, Dixie has:

- Served as a member of the Friends of the Riverwalk (FORW);
- Contributed articles for the FORW newsletter and managed its Facebook page;
- Tirelessly advocated for trails at the local, county and state levels;
- Worked with Puyallup’s Parks & Recreation Department on many public events, including “Families in Motion Days”;
- Received the Foothills Coalition Founder’s Award in 2018 in recognition of her 16 years of volunteer work on the annual Rainier to Ruston Rail Trail Relay; and
- Served as a member of the Friends of the Riverwalk courtesy patrol, promoting the Riverwalk Trail to trail users and community members.

Dixie’s significant work was honored with a sway bench placed on the Ernie Bay Connector at Van Lierop Park. The bench, which looks across the park towards Mount Rainier, offers a welcoming place for park visitors to rest and enjoy the view.
In Loving Memory of Gordon (Buzz) Grant

by Bill Hilton, Editor. Photos by Bob Rowan.

The setting, traffic, and weather were all cooperative for the Celebration of Life for Gordon (Buzz) Grant. The evening was a gathering of family, neighbors, and friends – many of whom had worked with Buzz at one time or another when it came to getting trails built!

Buzz was tireless when it came to the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition; leading meetings, trail work parties, the Rainier to Ruston Rail-Trail Relay setup and take down, fair booth volunteer and much more. A highlight of the event was listening as family members and friends shared many loving memories and thoughts about his life. Information provided by his family affirmed that Buzz was involved at the beginning when the Foothills Trail was getting started.

On behalf of the Foothills Coalition Board Members, thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Celebration of Life for Buzz. Finally, to those who either dedicated time and effort to put on the event or provided displays referencing parks and trails – your efforts were very much appreciated.
WSDOT and Local Partners launch Tacoma to Puyallup Trail Connection Study

By Hannah Miner & Liz Kaster, Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation COI

The vision of a regional bicycle and pedestrian trail between Tacoma and Puyallup is one step closer to reality with the launch of a Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Route Analysis Study. This project will evaluate three possible routes for a trail connection between downtown Puyallup and downtown Tacoma. Those routes are along River Road, Levee Road, and the future State Route 167 Completion Project alignment. The route analysis will produce a plan to implement the future trail connection, including possible funding sources, by early 2020.

The public process for the Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Connection Route Analysis Study kicked off with a Community Forum on Thursday, June 27th at Puyallup’s Pioneer Park Pavilion. Approximately 130 community members were in attendance, engaging in discussions and giving feedback on the three potential alignments. The mayors of Fife and Puyallup spoke, along with the Puyallup Tribe’s Planning and Land Use Director, the WA State Secretary of Transportation, the Executive Director of Downtown On the Go and the Puyallup Watershed Initiative’s Active Transportation Community of Interest Manager. Their collective enthusiasm highlighted the collaboration it has taken to move this project forward!

The route analysis study is funded through a partnership between the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Washington State Department of Transportation, Pierce County, the cities of Fife, Puyallup and Tacoma, the Port of Tacoma and Metro Parks Tacoma, with in-kind support from the Puyallup Watershed Initiative, Downtown On the Go, and ForeverGreen Trails.

To see the display boards from the Community Forum, visit: https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/gateway/tacoma-puyallup-trail-study

Sign up for project updates from the Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation COI at: http://eepurl.com/bv7Irv
Pierce County Parks Update

BY BRIANNE BLACKBURN, PIERCE COUNTY PARKS TRAIL COORDINATOR

PHOTO PROVIDED BY PIERCE COUNTY PARKS

Pierce County Parks is starting the public engagement and design process for two important trail projects starting in 2019 with more on the horizon for 2020.

The planning and design firm MacLeod Reckord was selected for the Pipeline Trail Project following a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and is currently working with Pierce County Parks on scoping the project. Over the next several months, Pierce County Parks will engage the public in the design process for the county portion of the Pipeline trail, which will connect to the City of Tacoma portion at 72nd Street East and Waller Road and will extend through Orange gate Park to South Hill.

Pierce County Parks is also working to get the Parkland Community Trail project off the ground and has begun the consultant selection process. Similar to Pipeline, the Parkland project will begin this fall with public engagement and design. The project is targeting an area largely without trails, bike lanes, or even sidewalks. This urban trail project will provide safe, user-friendly pedestrian and bicycle connections between four public schools, Pacific Lutheran University, and three county parks.

In 2020, we will continue building the county trail network with projects on the Foothills Trail and in Chambers Creek Canyon. On Foothills, Pierce County Parks will initiate a feasibility study for the Gale Creek Canyon alignment and will look at developing plans for the Wilkeson and Carbonado connections. Work on Foothills connections to Riverwalk and across the White River into King County will continue with our partners beyond 2020. In Chambers Creek Canyon, bridge and boardwalk connections will be completed to extend the trail 2.5 miles from Kobayashi Park to where Chambers Creek meets Puget Sound. Both trails have a long history of strong partnerships with local jurisdictions and trail organizations who have provided the on-the-ground knowledge and support that keep these projects moving forward.

As these projects formally kick off, updates will be posted at https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/5340/Our-Projects-Plans where you will also have the option of signing up for automatic notifications.

Contact: Pierce County Parks Trail Coordinator at Brianne.Blackburn@Piercecountywa.gov

Beginning design for Pipeline starting where Tacoma’s Pipeline trail ends at 72nd and Waller Rd, extending through Orange gate Park (shown here) to South Hill.
Stewards of the Trail
Each one of these men and women have shared with us, their vision for the Foothills Trail.

An Interview with Stuart Scheuerman
Bob Rowan, member, Editorial Advisory Board, Trail Line News
Photography by Bob Rowan

Over the last 30 plus years that the Foothills Trail has been publishing Trail Line News, we have attempted to share up-to-date and important information about many subjects relative to the Trail and the impact it has on the communities which it serves. In the next few issues we will introduce you to some of the invaluable people who have played a dynamic role in the growth and success of the Trail. Each of these interviewees have found something special in the Foothills Trail that has motivated them to be a part of its success. They have all put a tremendous effort into the Trail’s growth. As a community, we are all indebted to what they have accomplished. We want our readers to know them and understand why they chose to undertake such a large project for such an extended period of time. We believe you will gain a deeper appreciation for why they are indeed, Stewards of the Trail.

BR: When did you get involved with the Foothills Trail and what was your motivation for doing so?

SS: My first experience with the Foothills Trail was riding bicycles with my two daughters in the mid to late 1990’s. I became a member in 2001, attended the Coalition Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony in 2002 and my first work-party experience was on the Wilkeson Bridge in July 2003.

My motivation was to be a part of something that everyone could enjoy and work with a great bunch of supporters.

BR: What was your career?

SS: My first love was geology. Then came architecture, which morphed into civil engineering, design, land development and finally civil project management. I’m still involved in pieces of each one, although not to the extent I was.

BR: What do you see as your priorities as the newly elected President?

SS: Expand our membership and continue to create a safe trail all the way to the mountain. Continue to promote all trails around Puget Sound & beyond.

BR: What do you feel is the value of having rails-to-trails in communities such as ours?

SS: It gives everyone an opportunity to walk, run, bicycle or ride a horse along the trail. It also creates an opportunity to meet others. And it connects communities, which gives people room to roam.

BR: There are those who still believe that spending tax dollars on trails is a waste of resources. How would you respond to that concept?

SS: We spend money on local and regional parks all the time, which are generally for the younger populations and specific sports groups. Trails are a linear park that can be used by everyone.
**BR:** Over the next generation, what do you see the future holds for trails in communities (large and small) in Washington and around the US?

**SS:** I feel trails will become an even larger focus for communities because of the economic and personal fitness values that they bring to everyone that enjoys them. Trails are stretching to new, seldom used and natural beautiful areas of our state and nation that people are flocking to see.

**BR:** Do you feel that events such as the R2R or B&0 are important to the communities along the Foothills Trail?

**SS:** These events help support local communities in many ways: not only the event itself; but how it shares areas they have not been to before. Many people return to stay and enjoy the region’s attractions, which continues to support these communities.

**BR:** What changes, if any, would you like to see in the Foothills Trail over the next 10 years?

**SS:** I feel our Coalition has done an excellent job over the last 10 years. I want to keep doing that. I want to continue promoting our trail and all trails. I believe they are an excellent place for all of us to escape. And I do want to focus on finishing the trail to Mount Rainier National Park and then to Puget Sound, which will open up a new adventure of travel to these destinations.

**BR:** Do you believe that organizations such as the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition need to be marketed to the communities which they serve? What do you think is the most effective way to do that?

**SS:** I feel communities should be aware of their local and regional trail networks. Many communities have local events such as farmer’s markets, Meeker Days, Buckley Log Show, Washington State Fair and other events. We can have booths there to inform the public.

**BR:** Should trails be regulated by the communities they serve or by State governance?

**SS:** The overall logistics (width, surface materials, etc.) of all trails should be regulated by the state to keep the systems similar. But local communities can have different signs, pedestrian benches, etc, to give a local feel to their portion of the trail.

**BR:** What is your favorite place on the Foothills Trail and why?

**SS:** The one spot that I like the best is at a spring next to the elevated section of the trail, close to the Hwy 162 bridge. On the other side of this elevated section of the trail is Spiketon Ditch (canyon) where a train derailment (nobody was hurt) happened way back in the late 1800’s.

**BR:** Is there anything else that you would like to say to our readership?

**SS:** Yes, since this is going out to many people, I would like to know what they feel is the best aspect of our trail? They can forward their answers to me at the following address:

Stuart Scheurman  
Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition  
PO Box 192 Puyallup, WA 98371
Pierce County Trails Day
by Larry Leveen, Project and Communications Coordinator, ForeverGreen Trails
Photo provided by Larry Leveen

On Saturday, July 27th, ForeverGreen Trails, in cooperation with partners across Pierce County, held the 3rd annual Pierce County Trails Day. The events included bicycle rides, interpretive walks, trail maintenance, park cleanups, bird watching and even a “skateboard push” from Puyallup to Tacoma! Total participation for the more than 20 events was 707 people. Events on the Foothills Trail accounted for a majority of participants. This popularity isn’t surprising - when quality trails are built that connect communities, people respond. There is pent up demand for even more trails; data from Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department’s public outreach surveys show that trails rank as the most desired recreation facility.
Regional Trail Progress - Hopes & Happenings
by Dixie Gatchel, Active Transportation Coordinator

Great News! King County voters approved, by a wide margin, the King County 2020-2025 Parks, Trails & Open Space Replacement Levy on August 6th. This funding package will help create a connected regional trail system in King and Pierce Counties and beyond. The King County battle cry for approval was “vote to ungap the map of regional trails” to which voters responded favorably.

Further happenings along the spine of our Foothills National Recreational Trail:

**Carbon River Corridor Planning Project – Grant Request for Concept of Park and Trail System:** Pierce County Parks Director Roxanne Miles has requested a grant from the 2019 National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) to create a concept plan for a coordinated park and trail system through the Carbon River Corridor. https://www.piercecountywa.gov/documentcenter/view/80656

**Foothills Trail Connection Buckley/Enumclaw & White River Bridge Development:** Foothills Coalition President Stuart Scheureman participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 17 for segment 1 of the Foothills Trail extension which is expected to be opened for use in the fall. Restoration of the historic Boise Creek Bridge is set to be completed in 2020. The White River Pedestrian/Emergency Bridge, the final link, is in the works for 2021. https://kingcountyparks.org/2018/03/23/trail-update-foothills/

**Pipeline Trail (Cross County Commuter Connector) High Priority 15.4-mile multiuse trail:** This is a multi-jurisdictional non-motorized trail that will extend from the Tacoma Dome Station into Downtown Tacoma, through East Tacoma, then southwest through unincorporated Pierce County and to South Hill. The City of Tacoma dedicated its Phase 2 segment on June 9, 2019. Jurisdiction will now pass through a new Pierce County Parks property, 100 Acre Woods, and on to the South Hill area. Plans are to then connect the Pipeline Trail with the Foothills Trail in Orting, and Carbon River Entrance of Mount Rainier National Park. https://www.pwi.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=614

**Puyallup Riverwalk Trail Phase V (Veterans Park to SR 512 Trailhead):** The City of Puyallup has acquired all properties/easements needed following successful negotiations with willing landowners. Connection to Veterans Park is contingent on progress made in work on the Veterans (Milwaukee Bridge) which is expected to continue for a year and a half.

**Riverwalk Trail Phase VI - Ernie Bay Connector within beautiful new Van Lierop Park:** This short, multi-use trail serves as the anchor for future connection of the five mile Riverwalk Trail from the East Main Bridge behind Mama Stortini’s Restaurant to the Foothills Trailhead at East Puyallup (Meeker). Work on a pedestrian crosswalk at 8th Avenue and 80th Street will take place this fall. Plans for this trail connection are contingent on pending WA State Supreme Court decision on litigation between City of Puyallup and developers of the massive warehouse project.

**Tacoma to Puyallup Regional Trail Route Analysis Study:** See separate article in this issue: “WSDOT and Local Partners launch Tacoma to Puyallup Trail Connection Study” by Hannah Miner & Liz Kaster, CONTINUED ON PAGE 13
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 February 1, 2019 - April 2019.

Aldrich, John & Becky
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Attaway, Joel and Laura
Barton, Roddi
Berry III, John Ernest
Brenneman, Ruth E.
Brown, Curt
Brown, Ralph
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Marfa, Lisa
Martineau, Nicole & Jeffery
Mastin, Carolyn & Larry
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Mc Adams, James & Heidi
McCollum, Matt
McLean, J Douglas & Theresa
Miller, John K. & Joyce
Montgomery, Daryl
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Ohlendorf, Randall
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Tibeau, Linda
Tipton, Tony & Marjorie
Toomey, Kimberlee
Wetzel, David J.
Whitehouse, Gerald
Wienecke, David & Nancy
Wittenberg, Nancy
Worley, James and Marlyce
Ziegler, Gerald A
race was won by Matthew Mock from Renton, Washington on the men’s side, in a blazing time of 1:20:14. He was followed by Norman Dods in 1:23:51 and Joel Slominski in 1:24:29. On the women’s side, Megan Gayman of Seattle, Washington won the race in a speedy 1:25:34, followed by Rebecca Sorg in 1:26:15 and Megan Bowers in 1:30:25. The gentle downhill course certainly lived up to its reputation for speedy times.

In the 10K race, Jaymen Beall won in 44:02 and Sarah Flatebo was 1st women and 2nd overall in a time of 54:00.

All participants were treated to wonderful views of our beloved Mount Rainier, and most got to enjoy a cool treat at the finish line as the race staff included popsicles for all finishers. Nothing beats a nice run and a cool treat on a summer’s day!

Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation COI

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) Preferred Route for the Great American Rail Trail: Exciting News! This trail is RTC’s signature project which has been in the works for over three decades. The trail will connect nearly 4,000 miles of rail-trails and other multiuse trails across 12 states and Washington D.C. - including Washington State to La Push and the Palouse to Cascades Trail (Formerly known as John Wayne Trail). Users will be happy to learn that the WA State 2019-2020 Capital budget includes full funding for rehabilitation of the Beverly Bride (aka Milwaukee Road Trestle). This is the trestle that crosses the Columbia River, bisects the Palouse to Cascades trail to the east and west, and is currently closed for safety reasons. The Malden to Rosalia received full funding, and the Tekoa Trestle renovation received partial funding. Learn more here: https://www.railstotrails.org/greatamericanrailtrail/
Can you help? We are looking for donated items for a silent auction and raffle to be held, on January 23, 2020, 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. If you want to donate or have any questions please contact Nicole Martineau, Board Member, Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition at 253 298-5635 or nbmbrm@hotmail.com.

**Monthly Board Meetings:**
Open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 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.

**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 8 a.m. at Mrs. Turner’s Restaurant, 701 East Main, Puyallup. We also have a group walk that starts at 9 a.m. following the meeting and is open to those who would like to join us. *Call prior to confirm in case of cancellation. Bill Hilton (253) 302-1104, billhltn@aol.com, Puyallup City Parks 253-841-5447.

**Charlie Chat - Weekly Luncheon:**
Informal luncheons every Wednesday 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.

**Plateau Trails Coalition**
We are a group of volunteers devoted to the enjoyment and betterment of trails. Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 630 pm at the Justice & Municipal Building, 9002 Main St E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391. *Please email prior to confirm any changes or cancellation at ptcchairperson@gmail.com

**ForeverGreen Trail Events**
Pierce County Trails Conference, October 17th, 4:00pm to 8:30pm at the Pierce County Environmental Services Building (9850 64th St W, University Place, WA). For more information, please visit our website at www.forevergreentrails.org/

**2020 Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition Annual Meeting and Dinner**
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The Mission of the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is to assist Pierce County government and communities in the creation, maintenance and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails for healthier people from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound.

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