



All Weather News October 2009

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President's Corner – Jan Breneman

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On Thursday, September 10, and Saturday, September 12, the City of Vancouver Parks & Recreation held their second annual Pathway User Count & Survey at several locations in the county. The survey and user count is a chance for citizens to give direct feedback to the parks department, which helps them identify needed improvements, see where possible expansions can go in the future, and of course, budget planning is also a critical element.

My husband Ted and I were at the Lacamas Trailhead on Goodwin Road. We often use this trail ourselves and always knew it was popular; but little did we know how busy we would be on this typical day after the 5-7 p.m. working hours. Almost 100 people – walkers, runners (not joggers), and bikers – passed our temporary table in the two-hour span. Everyone liked our stated purpose and most were happy to complete our brief survey on trail use. The two hours passed quickly and we had fun meeting and talking with others who made good use of our public trail system. Earl later reported similar success at the Blue Rock trailhead at Frenchman's Bar/Vancouver Lake. (This is at the free parking lot where our remote-start YRE begins.)

Due to a lack of volunteers, the city was unable to fill all their primary trail spots this time. The request for counters in early September came with very little time to respond, but given more lead time next year, I hope some of our members consider helping out if they can. As primary users through several of our YREs, we can be an important voice in shaping future trails. In my book, there's no such thing as too many!

AWW Trailer

The AWW trailer is **BULGING!** We are planning a much-needed clean-up, organization, and inventory of our trailer supplies soon. All help will be greatly appreciated. Full discussion will be at the October 13 meeting.

Group Walks

The seasonal AVA walk schedule will be slowing down and there are more weekend group walks on the calendar. Not participated yet? Stay motivated, meet new people, and keep your wintertime exercise fresh with new trails in the local Portland/Vancouver area. Contact Joe Titone for any questions.

Another opportunity is getting together to do traditional (weekend-only) walks. Stay tuned for email announcements. Not on email? Give Jan Breneman a call if you see something of interest.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 - ALL ARE WELCOME!
details and map are now [here](#)

Sections that rarely change are also at this link: AWW Challenge information, AWW Challenge results, list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Prune Hill Views – Call for Volunteers – Joe Titone

Our Prune Hill Views Walk on October 17 needs volunteers:

1. Sunday, October 4, 12pm: attending the workers walk
- 2) someone to assist me or Carol in marking the trail on Friday, October 16 – the trailer will be at the school at 1pm. If you wish to mark before then, we'll make arrangements to get the marking supplies to you.
3. October 17:
 - a) set-up 8-9: someone to assist Carol or myself

b) start table 9-1

c) checkpoint (in the school) from 10-3

c) finish table from 10-4

d) trail strippers from about 2:30 p.m. on

And thanks to all who help - you make it happen!

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Summit of Mt St Helens – Liz Connors



Pat Heins (Joan's son), Joan Heins, Earl Bowen, Liz Connors and Don Webb

Well despite some adverse weather conditions, members of the All Weather Walkers summited Mt. St. Helens. We started out with a gorgeous sunrise, but as soon as we got up out of the tree line trail it went down hill from there. Surprisingly, everybody wanted to forge on and we made it to the summit in just over 7 hours.

Total round trip was 12 ½ hours which made a pretty long day, but the fact was that everybody made the summit!!!!!! Woooooooooooooooooo!! Awesome day!!

More: <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/StH09/StH09.htm>

Welcome to new members: none

2009/2010 Club Event/2009 Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

Events:

10/17/2009 - Prune Hill Views

5/1/2010 - May Day at Firstenburg

September 4-6, 2010 - Mt. St. Helens events: Coldwater Lake (5/10km), Silver Lake/Seaquest State Park (5/10km), Hummocks Trail (5/20km), and Spirit Lake (6/12km).

12/18/10 – Holiday Lights in Camas

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks -

<http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/Wed/wed.htm>

Weekend Walking: <http://home.comcast.net/~titone7604/weekend/weekend.htm>

NORTHWEST REGION'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS – this will be discontinued as it apparently is no longer being published. To find events anywhere in the USA, go to <http://www.ava.org>

October Birthdays: Collins, Janice 5-Oct McKay, Chuck 5-Oct Riedel, Leah 20-Oct	Achievements: Bonnie Goodlett – 10 events please contact the editor with event and distance milestones
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Condolences to Dick Baker who fell while walking and severely broke one wrist requiring an operation. The other wrist suffered at least one broken bone. A day later, he walked with us on the 9/23 Fisher's Landing YRE.

93 Neighborhoods – Joe Titone

Lena Davis alerted me to <http://portland93.blogspot.com/> which is well worth a look. The 93 refers to the number of Portland neighborhoods and the people responsible for the site walk them and then post comments and pictures.

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August minutes: not received

All Weather Walkers Meeting Minutes September 8, 2009; 6:30 pm Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, Terrace Cafe

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Jan Breneman.

Present: Jan Breneman, Earl Bowen, Phyllis Clancy, Liz Connors, Bonnie Goodlett, Alice McKay, Jean Moeller (Treasurer), Leah Riedel, Barbara Smith, and Joe Titone (Newsletter Editor).

Minutes: Minutes of January 13 deferred; Secretary Daryl Pulley not present.

Treasurer's Report: Jean reported the checkbook balance as of August 31 was \$2323.47. August expenses totaled \$437.79; Total income: \$808.55, including Ridgefield event. A complete report was submitted.

Membership Committee: Phyllis Clancy will contact four new walkers from the Ridgefield walk.

Correspondence: None.

Weekend Walking: Whipple Creek had 28; North Bonneville: 22; 3 Cities 3 Parks: 10; Hawthorne (rainy): 7. September 27 & 28 are next planned group dates.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 YRE Renewal Update. **The renewal process is now complete as of August 31. Liz, Jan, and Joan Heins walked the Cape Horn route on Labor Day. New route in Washougal has several options, and Felida is reversed route, 10k – 1. R maps for the new trails not needed until end of the year, but Jan would like to submit them to our NWRD Sam Korff end of October.**

Ridgefield Centennial Report. August 22. 221 total walkers. Net proceeds of \$331.01—very good! Many great comments from walkers. Jean and Leah took a card and flowers to their city contact on behalf of AWW. They were very pleased with our efforts and asked if we would hold a walk at Pioneer Days, but date is not known. New routes are very limited in Ridgefield. Our Seasonal Walk box was also very busy that day. Alice suggested the club write the city a letter thanking them for allowing us to participate in their centennial days. Leah will draft for Jan's signature.

Event Stamp. At the Ridgefield event, Phyllis reported that due to the many walk challenges by some walkers, there were long lines at the finish (but no complaints). However, it was reported that two stamps are available at no extra charge, and we should order two for all future events to avoid back-ups. We will check to see if we can still order two stamps for those events that are already sanctioned.

Prune Hill Views. The checkpoint at Texaco is not panning out, so Joe is tweaking the route to include a checkpoint at the Start; this will also simplify volunteers and give checkpoint workers added shelter in inclement weather. A 5k route is currently in process. The Camas School District has not billed AWW for the indoor space. The principal at Dorothy Fox Elementary will assign a parking space for the trailer. An additional 50-75 brochures will be printed.

2010 Sanctioned Events. No reports for the May Day Walk, May 1 nor Mt. St. Helens September 4-6. The Events Committee is meeting tonight to discuss the ESVA walk now hoped for end of January. Also being discussed is the 2010 Holiday walk at Lacamas Shores. Everyone is welcome to stay after the member meeting if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS

ESVA Meeting. Earl will attend the next meetings October 10 in West Seattle.

Vancouver Pathway User Count. Earl Bowen and Jan Breneman are volunteering this coming Thursday at different trailheads for the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Rec. More volunteers are needed and it's not too late to sign up.

Budget Review Meeting. A short meeting to review current expenditures will be after the member meeting. All are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Walk Report. Joe reported for Dick Baker. Strong participation continues with 20-40 each week. Tomorrow's walk is from the Gateway Fred Meyer.

Adjournment: at 7:10 p.m. Snacks were provided by Jan Breneman, Phyllis Clancy, and Alice McKay. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted: by Jan Breneman, for Secretary Daryl Pulley
