



All Weather News
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1. Checkpoint: Remember, everyone can get their own copy of AVA's newsletter the Checkpoint. It isn't just for club presidents or officers. It's for everyone with an interest in what's going on in Volkssport land. To get your own copy emailed to you each month, send an email to Samanta@ava.org saying you'd like the Checkpoint emailed to you.

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President's Corner: Joe Titone

1. If you contact them, please tell them to send the packet to your home and not to AWW.

Dear Joe,

Walking Adventures will be hosting our 2017 Tour Presentations in four locations this fall in Oregon and Washington. Our Tour Presentations offer a time when walkers can come together to enjoy comradery, travel stories, and generous spread of refreshments! This year's Tour Presentations will be taking place in November in the cities of West Linn, Salem, Seattle and Vancouver.

If you think any of your club members might be interested in attending, just let us know, and we'll mail out a packet of postcards with more details to the address listed below: (AWW was listed) Thanks, as always, for Sharing the Adventure!

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2. Thanks to Nira Lang and Tom and Louise Baltes for representing our 2 clubs at the Clark County "Super Hero, Super Health...Your Hero Starts from Within" Wellness Fair 2016 on 10/20. They were there for 4 hours acquainting the attendees with our form of walking.

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Next Meeting: Nov 8 - ALL ARE WELCOME! Details and map are now at <http://www.allweatherwalkers.org/static.htm> Sections that rarely change are also at this link: list of officers/valued associates, and Weekend Walking description.

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Club Events/Weekend/Wednesday Walk Calendar:

Lacamas Park (25th Anniversary Walk) – Apr 15, 2017
North Bonneville - July 8, 2017
Washougal – Aug 26
Ridgefield or Grass Valley – Oct 7

Group Walks: Wednesday Walks – 10:00 am
<http://www.vancouverusavolkssporters.org/Wed/wed.htm>

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| Nov Birthdays: Lang, Nira M. 11/11 Plough, Jolyn 11/20 LaViollette, Jeanne 11/24 Goodlett, Bonnie 11/26 Hickey, David 11/30 | Achievements: please contact the editor with event and distance milestones Louise Baltes 700 events, 8000 km Barbara Salem 10 events Tom Baltes 33,000 km |
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Welcome to new members – none reported

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Jan Breneman's Corner:

A Time to Celebrate
Washougal Waterfront Park and Trail officially open to the public

By Dawn Feldhaus | September 29, 2016 5:30 am |

Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioners Bill Macrae-Smith, John Spencer and Bill Ward, along with Port Executive Director David Ripp, Washougal Mayor Sean Guard, Washington State Department of Ecology Regional Section Manager of the Toxics Cleanup Program Rebecca Lawson and Maul Foster Alongi President Jim Maul (left to right) cut a ribbon signaling the official opening of Washougal Waterfront Park and Trail. A ceremony was held Sept. 23, at the former Hambleton Lumber Company property at 335 S. "A" St., Washougal.
(Dawn Feldhaus/Post-Record)

More than 100 people attended the grand opening of a local recreation project that had been several years in the making.

Washougal Waterfront Park and Trail, owned by the Port of Camas-Washougal, opened Sept. 23, at the former Hambleton Lumber Company property at 335 S. "A" St.

Standing behind a lectern decorated by a banner that proclaimed, "It's our nature to celebrate," Port Executive Director David Ripp said he had already run on the trail.

He described the area as an open canvas. Land nearby, owned by Parker's Landing LLC, is expected to eventually include a mixed-use development with retail, commercial and residential buildings.

Ripp acknowledged the presence of several members of the Hambleton family at the ceremony.

Former Port Commissioner Mark Lampton was mentioned by several of the speakers including Ripp. Lampton died in August 2015. A plaque in his memory is installed next to one of the park benches.

"I'm sure he would be sharing the pride we feel," said Port Commissioner Bill Ward.

The park includes a picnic shelter, interpretive signage, lighting and kayak access. There are solar panels on the restrooms building.

John Snyder, an outdoor recreation and economic development policy advisor with Gov. Jay Inslee's office, said he was pleased to see the standing-room-only crowd show up for a park and trail opening.

"This is my kind of town," he said.

Funding for the park and trail included \$1.2 million from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and \$500,000 from the State Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Program.

The total project cost of \$3.4 million includes \$1.7 million from the port.

BergerABAM was the architect, and Tapani, Inc. served as the general contractor.

Larry Keister, a member of the Washougal Waterfront Committee, said the park and trail will provide recreational and economic benefits for the area.

“The Waterfront Trail will join the Lacamas trail system, The Washougal to Stevenson Trail and the Towns to Trails project, to create a destination for tourists and local residents,” he said. “The trail will be a location of community events, a gathering place for our community.

“It will link Camas and Washougal,” Keister added. “People can walk from Camas to the port, along the dike to Washougal and on to Steigerwald Wildlife Refuge.”

As the grand opening ceremony continued, a bicyclist rode by on the 12-foot wide concrete path, and a child walked next to his mother on the compass-shaped plaza.

Dan Miller, with the National Parks Service, had facilitated the Waterfront Committee.

During the grand opening, he recalled how the park and trail site once featured gravel and blackberry bushes.

“This will promote a healthy, active lifestyle,” Miller said.

Dan Kent, with Salmon Safe, Inc., presented a plaque about the park and trail’s Salmon-Safe certified status to Ripp.

In order to be certified, the area has to have drought-tolerant plants and receive minimal pesticide input. Stormwater is treated on site.

Washougal Mayor Sean Guard described the new recreation site as “absolutely stunning.”

“We appreciate the gift you’ve given to all of us,” he said to port officials.

Sam Robinson, vice chairman of the Chinook Indian Tribe, and his wife, Mildred, a Chinook family member and dancer, performed two blessing songs.

After the ceremony, Rebecca Lawson, the Washington State Department of Ecology regional section manager of the Toxics Cleanup Program, said she was pleased the property will be reused “for the betterment of the whole community.”

The port is creating a Waterfront Environmental Stewardship Committee, to minimize invasive species and preserve the park and trail. To participate, email angelina@portcw.com.

For more information about the port’s parks, visit www.portwaterfrontparks.com.

