## **10** Fall 2022 Applegater



# Let's celebrate at Cantrall Buckley Park Sunday, October 16

### **BY JANIS MOHR-TIPTON**

Save the date! The Park Enhancement Committee (PEC) on behalf of A Greater Applegate (AGA) and the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council (APWC) warmly invites members of the community to come help us celebrate and honor all the enhancements and accomplishments at Cantrall Buckley Park made possible by donors, grantors, artists, volunteers, and organizations. The Jackson County Roads and Park director has described this county park as a "gem of a park" for Jackson County.

This long-awaited event takes place from 1:30 - 4:30 pm on October 16. You will be warmly welcomed at the entrance booth and given a program and map. Park your car and walk to the covered pavilion at Area A or drop off riders at the area and park in one of the lower lots. There will be parking spaces near the pavilion for those that find walking difficult.

Join our informal social gathering and enjoy some snacks and conversations until 2 pm, when we will begin a presentation, introducing guests, and acknowledging individuals and organizations whose support has made all these accomplishments possible.

Tours of the park will follow, with options of (1) a self-guided tour by vehicle or walking, with details at each stop on the map, or (2) a guided tour by vehicle. With either option, you will be able to stop and chat, ask questions, and learn about the art, the project, or the program associated with each stop.

Volunteers are at the center of all our success! Each volunteer is an essential spoke that makes the wheel turn to complete a project. Whether it is a few hours, or hundreds of hours, it's all-important help for both AGA's and APWC's success. The PEC as a volunteer committee has helped develop and implement Art in the Park, interpretive signs, the Grow Youth riparian restoration and trail maintenance program, invasive species removal, and development of the cultural projects. They piloted the first outdoor education series





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Come join the celebration from 1:30 - 4:30 pm Sunday, October 16, for all these art enhancements and meet the artists, donors, grantors, and volunteers who made it all possible at Cantrall Buckley Park. Photo and original artwork: Cheryl D. Garcia.

at the park, which is morphing into the APWC's Applegate Outdoor School, now staffed and managed by Eva King.

As our work grows, so does the need for more helping hands.

#### Scheduled opportunities

• Saturday, September 24: Fall riverside cleanup with APWC and SOLVE (originally an acronym for Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism, now the official name of a Portland-based nonprofit), 9:30 - 11:30 am. Bring hand tools and gloves. Snacks will be provided.\*\*

• Saturday, October 1: Continued work removing invasive species and cleanup, Dragonfly Place, 10 am - noon. Bring tools and gloves. Snacks will be provided. **Other opportunities** 

• Sign up for future volunteer work at the park and campgrounds. We'll contact you about specific dates.

• Join community volunteer work parties in small groups for events, general and seasonal cleanups, special projects, or revitalizing an existing area or project.\*\*

• Volunteer for the Cantrall Buckley Park Steward Program: Sign up to help as an individual, small group, or organization.

• Commit to local one-time-permonth support: conservation, restoration or revitalization projects, or cultural committee projects.\*\*

• Volunteer Leadership Training: Serve as a team leader for trail maintenance and work parties or as a small-group assistant, supervising youth service days and outdoor education activities.\*\*



This river-habitat-themed mural was installed on the restroom facility as a thank-you to all the donors who supported the playground improvements and revitalization. The donations also covered the costs to have a mural designed and developed by Jeremy Criswell. Pictured are Jackson County park staff, from left, Brien, Dustin, and Jonathan (who preferred to give their first names only). Photo: Janis Mohr-Tipton.

• Sign up for Jackson County "Adopt-a -Park" Program (jacksoncountyor.org/ parks, 541-774-8183).

We hope to see you at the celebration this fall!

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