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30 Celebratory Reasons

- 1) Riverpark
- 2) Chipman Trail
- 3) Downtown Riverwalk
- 4) Pine Street Plaza
- 5) Tulips & Daffodils
- 6) Benches
- 7) Bike racks
- 8) Trail markers
- 9) Mile markers
- 10) Three Forks Wayside
- 11) Lights on Pine St. bridge
- 12) May Day celebrations
- 13) Donor recognition plaques
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- 16) Waterfalls & fountains
- 17) Main Street Program
- 18) Stream clean-ups
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- 20) Visioning workshops
- 21) Proposition 1 advocacy
- 22) Fish frieze at Pine St. Plaza
- 23) Tree planting
- 24) Trail enhancement plans
- 25) Christmas Lights downtown
- 26) Flower baskets and banners
- 27) Zucchini boat regatta
- 28) Check dam at River Park
- 29) Pullman loop trails & signs
- 30) Partnerships

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.

- Albert Einstein

30 Years—We have reasons to celebrate! By Bobbie Ryder

In 1984 gas was \$1.15 a gallon. A household phrase was "Where's the Beef?" The Cosby Show debuted on TV. Ghostbusters, Footloose and The Terminator were hot movies. Chrysler introduced America to the Minivan. And the Pullman Civic Trust was formed, starting a tradition of excellence. Volunteers gave the power of their hands and hearts to change the community of Pullman for the better.

Founding member Loretta Anawalt gathered friends together to strategize about how to better utilize the Palouse Rivers and create green spaces and parks along the water edges. In 1984 The Riverpark and check dam at Spring Street was built as a partnership of the City Parks Department and volunteers. Designer Don Heil directed construction while lots along the river were auctioned off to the highest bidders who paid for the privilege of being the responsible volunteer to clean and enhance the river edge. The Bulb Sales began in 1985 as part of the Chamber of Commerce National Lentil Festival to raise money so that Pullman could enjoy beautiful flowers in the spring. Starting in 1985 volunteers planted trees, organized stream-clean-ups and children enjoyed hand-made boat races launched from the check dam to the Kamiaken Street Bridge as part of the Boat Regattas. The City worked with PCT to light the trees along Main Street and Grand Avenue at Christmas, benches were purchased and the hanging basket program began. The drum roll to create a path from Pullman to Moscow as a Rail-to-Trail conversion continued through the 1990's and became a partnership with WSDOT, Whitman County Parks, the cities of Pullman and Moscow, U of I and

WSU. It opened for bike riders and joggers in 1998. The Greenway Bond in 1998 and Proposition 1 Bond initiative in 2006 provided funding for the Riverwalk trails, Pine Street Bridge, and other segments of trails around Pullman. A new transportation network began, connecting downtown to all four hills through a series of walking/biking paths and interpretive sites along the way. The City of Pullman Grand Avenue Greenway Committee formed in 2000 and began the beautification program along this important arterial.

Now, in 2014, the Pullman Civic Trust is celebrating thirty years of a dedicated community of partnerships that have enabled the improvements we enjoy today. It has not been one effort that made Pullman the great place that it is. It was not singularly Pullman Civic Trust or the City or the Grand Avenue Greenway Committee or the University or the public schools. It was all of these and other organizations who combined resources, wrote grants, provided staff support and volunteers, and gathered donations from people who care about their community. It was all of us who see Pullman and the Palouse as the best place to live. To all those entities and individuals who provided their talents, dedicated their spirit and who participated in a multitude of efforts to create our community, we thank you. Pullman Civic Trust is all of us. Thank you for being part of a vision that is bigger than one element. Thank you for your pride in your community.

ADOPT-A-STREAM SPRING CLEANUP

Plan now to pitch in for Pullman's 10th Annual Stream Clean-up Saturday, April 5! Come at 10:00 a.m. to Pullman's Spring St. Park (near Reaney Park, across from the skate park) and spend an hour or two with friends and neighbors to remove trash and improve water quality in the rivers running through our city.

The Adopt-a-Stream program sponsored by the City of Pullman in partnership with PCEI of Moscow lets all of us do our part to clean up our stream-banks every year.

Rylee Dustin, Monique Slipher and Mary Carloye participated in the 2013 Adopt-A-Stream

For further information, call Rob Buchert, Stormwater Services Manager, 338-3314.

Pullman Civic Trust has adopted the river segment between N.E. Kamiaken St. and the Main St. viaduct. Last April for the 2013 Stream Clean-Up PCT members and friends enjoyed joining over 200 volunteers from WSU, UI, and community residents. Though specific groups have adopted certain segments of

stream-bank, the general public is invited to join the effort to strengthen and beautify our common environment.



President's Column

By Lisa Carloye

I have a confession to make . . . although it may be unpopular . . . but I love it when it snows. In March, it covers up the dreary muddy, brown-ness of early spring. I prefer the magical beauty of falling snow and the quiet that goes with it.

But I have an advantage that many don't have. I can walk to work. This gives me freedom from scraping windows and worrying about getting stuck or in an accident. I know how long it will take me to get to where I want to go. Sometimes snow piles on uncleared sidewalks makes it more challenging, but walking is my form of transportation.

Seeing walking as a means toward transportation independence reframes traditional thinking about cars as great agents of independence. Vehicles do allow us to get around quickly ... except when the roads become clogged or treacherous. Vehicles do allow us to run errands that couldn't be done on foot ... but they force us to schedule exercise separately into our day. Vehicles do protect us from the elements ... but they also insulate us from each other.

For true transportation independence, we need to move beyond creating networks that focus only on vehicles as connectors of people and places. We need to envision a city with infrastructure for all forms of transportation.

This is why it is important to think about vehicles as just one transportation tool among many. Mass transit turns existing roads into an alternative transport option while sidewalks and multi-use trails create a separate, but cohesive network. We need both options. Pullman has a good start on creating this kind of transportation environment and is poised to go further. In this newsletter, we highlight opportunities to connect what is unconnected, extend the pathways that are already in place, and expand in ways that create both recreational and commuting opportunities.

Along with infrastructure, we also need to foster a culture that views walkers as equally worthy of consideration as vehicles. While snowplows are responsible for clearing the streets, homeowners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks.

The next time it snows, consider freeing yourself from the chore of snow driving and celebrate the magical part of winter.

Lisa Carloye

Pullman Civic Trust Sends 2014 Goals to City Council

from the PCT Board

Pullman Civic Trust responded to the City of Pullman's call for ideas to be considered by City Council for adoption as goals for 2014. Below are the goals we submitted.

1. Continue building a coherent trail network throughout town and campus.

- Provide accessible biking and walking routes to the high school (routes shown on map)
- Provide a multi-use trail that connects Itani Park to Sunnyside Park.
- Connect the Johnson Trail to Koppel Farm.
- Complete trail along Wawawai Road.
- Work toward a loop trail south of Pullman Cemetery.
- Safe pedestrian crossing at Grand Ave. /Ritchie Street and Stadium Way and N. Grand Ave intersection.

2. Plan alternative forms of transportation.

- Prioritize multi-use trails in the revisions to the Pullman Comprehensive Plan.
- Work with WSU to improve pedestrian and bicyclist access.
- Work with downtown merchants to increase and improve bicycle parking.
- Preserve informal neighborhood trails from encroachment as new developments are built.

3. Beautify public spaces and provide riverfront access and enjoyment

- Continue to develop City riverfront property along S. Fork of the Palouse River as a riverside green space. Restore South Street property to native vegetation and create a park-like river edge.
- Downtown beautification through landscape planning & coordination.
- Develop Mary's Park to include a walking trail along the creek.

Wayside Waterfall

by Mary Carloye

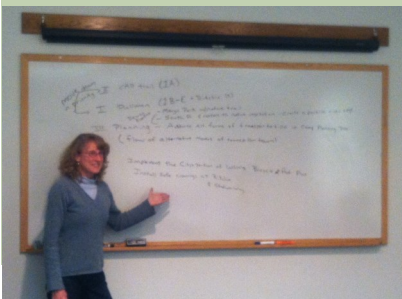
Have you wondered why two large holes have appeared on the south end of the Three Forks Wayside, located at the intersection of the Grand Avenue Greenway Trail and College Hill Climb? Hand-dug, and carefully sized and placed, they are the start of a new water feature in the Wayside. An upper pool will send rippling water over a rocky ledge to a larger lower pool. Rocks and landscape plantings will complement the natural setting. A series of steps incorporating Irish moss will lead from the level grassy plaza to the top of the waterfall. A small intricately crafted wooden seat there will provide viewers with a resting spot.

Our thanks to Don Heil and Mark Firebaugh for the design, project planning, and manual labor.



You can help bring this vision into reality with your donations! Pullman Civic Trust donors have a history of bringing beautiful outdoor amenities to our city scene, and this is one more opportunity to add pleasure for all those who bike, run, walk, stroll, bench-sit, and pause to enjoy our natural land-

scape on the trail system. **Want to Give?** If you want to be part of this new effort, write "Wayside waterfall" on your check's memo line. Make your check out to Pullman Civic Trust and send it to P. O. Box 322, Pullman, WA 99163.





Looking for Safe Routes to School by Karl Boehmke

As the school district begins long needed renovations of the Pullman High School, newspaper columns and coffee shop conversations have highlighted difficulties in commuting schools by foot or bike. Improving and establishing trails would make Military Hill schools much more accessible. Options discussed by PCT and the City include:

1. A multi-use trail from downtown to the high school: This would provide a safe, healthy commuting alternative for students and teachers. Fortunately the City owns much of the right of way needed to make such a trail a reality. Originally platted as Spaulding Street, an alleyway off State Street north of

and parallel to Park Street has been used for decades as an unimproved path. It gains elevation gradually as it travels toward the west directly beneath some of the most beautiful rock formations in Pullman before reaching the trailer court near Fisk and Irving Streets. From here a new trail would be established in the open space between the trailer court and the cliffs, turning toward the north to connect at Harrison Street with the new trail through Conservation Park.

2. NW Clifford Street to Pullman High School: For decades high school students have used the informal trail through a wheat field from the northern end of Clifford Street to the high school. A short

connecting path from Clifford Street to Beck Drive would enable students to safely travel this route.

3. Conservation Park Trail to Jefferson Elementary School: There is opportunity to formalize a footpath between Eden Drive and Darrow Street, which is used by students on their daily commute from the Copper Basin subdivision to Jefferson School. The recent completion of a sewer project provides a graded gravel base through City property that could be paved and landscaped to extend the trail.

Other informal route opportunities are also shown on the map that connect the neighborhoods north of Pullman High School.

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If you dream about more trees in your city, areas for pedestrians to enjoy, cleaner rivers, a welcoming look to downtown, or paths and trails creating a walkable/bikeable community, we invite you to join us. Your voice can make a difference where you live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**30th
YEAR
Anniversary**

Pullman Civic Trust ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Potluck Supper
Hosts: Rich and Carla Wesson
284 Haywood Road, Pullman
Find Hayward Rd. at the bridge across from SYG Nursery.
Then take immediate left after the railroad track.
Please bring a dish to share as we celebrate another year and discuss the future.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF LIGHT

The decorative lights on the Pine Street Plaza bridge were installed last spring by Pullman Public Works and they look wonderful! Many thanks to those who contributed to the lighting of the bridge. You are another reason Pullman is great!



Anniversary Party

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 1st to join us after work in Pine Street Plaza under the new bridge lights for music, coffee, lemonade and cake. We will host a scavenger hunt along the river trail for kids. Check out the Pullman Farmer's Market and meet up with friends and neighbors. Activities are being planned to celebrate our 30th Anniversary! See you on the Trail!



Let Us Hear From YOU

Let us know what features you would like to see added along Pullman's trail-sides. A longed-for bench at the resting spot where you'd need one? A bike rack needed at a specific location? A water fountain along the way? We welcome your thoughts as trail-users and nature-lovers.

As we plan for the future, we seek your suggestions for consideration. Come to the Annual Meeting and learn more or contact:

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Mary Carloye at 509/332-1620, mcarloye@completebbs.com.

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