

Parks & Recreation Department

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Through Battle Ground Parks & Recreation



March 2010 Monthly Report

Fort Vancouver Rose Society Partnership

The BG Parks & Recreation Department partnered with the Fort Vancouver Rose Society to bring a free Rose Care Seminar to Battle Ground. Fourteen people attended a 3 hour workshop held on Saturday, March 6th. Instruction focused on pruning and preparing roses for spring growth. Consulting Rosarians also spoke about successfully planting new rose plants, provided recommendations on roses for this area and organic and chemical methods of fertilization and protection from fungi and insects. All attendees received a 3 month trial membership in the Fort Vancouver Rose Society and a 3 month subscription to the Society's newsletter by e-mail.

Senior Scene

The spring 2010 edition of the *Senior Scene* is now available on the City website, with flyers available for pick-up at the Battle Ground Community Center. This quarterly publication highlights senior programs and activities available in the Battle Ground area.

Spring Art Workshops

Starting in April, the Parks & Recreation Department will once again host a series of art workshops and classes for youth and adults at the Battle Ground Community Center. Local artists will share their knowledge and experience with class participants by providing hands-on instruction in a variety of mediums including clay, drawing, portraiture, watercolor painting, glass mosaic designs, Photoshop and creative writing. Details on the upcoming art programs are available on the city website at or pick-up a flyer at the BGCC.



Skateboard Park Improvements

The skateboard park at Fairgrounds Park has seen some recent improvements. With the high volume of use the skatepark gets, most of the chain link fencing needed to be replaced. The original fencing was located in certain areas to provide a safety screen to either spectators setting on the bleachers or for the skateboards using certain areas of the park. Public Works and Recreation staff looked at the type of strain the fence was taking and how in certain areas it was being bent and curling up. Staff wanted to address the continuing maintenance and repair needs of the facility and see if there were alternate solutions to an on-going problem. A new strategy was developed that is similar to how softball and baseball field backstops are designed. A 12" high wood face has been placed at the bottom of the fence to protect the rest of the fence fabric. This allows the wood to take the brunt of the skateboards running into the lower part of the fence and should hopefully keep the rest of the fence fabric from getting bent and out of shape as quickly.

A Customer Thank You!

A customer who recently rented the Lewis River room for a special event sent a nice "thank you" note to staff on their experience at the Battle Ground Community Center.

"Just wanted to say THANK YOU! Ashley and Abigail had a blast for their 13th birthday! The community center worked out perfect and your staff was VERY helpful. I think we might have gotten you a couple more bookings from the parents coming in and seeing how big it actually was in there. So that's always good too. Thank you and your staff for making an important day so much fun!"

Kim Spencer

Parks Advisory Board Meeting

The Parks Advisory Board meeting on April 13th will be held at Kiwanis Park. Members will be conducting an on-site inspection of the park to discuss the preferred Veterans Memorial Project concept design plan in greater detail. The meeting will begin at 630pm near the north T-ball field. After the inspection, the meeting will conclude at the Kiwanis Building.

State of the City Address

On Wednesday, March 10th, Mayor Michael Ciraulo presented the State of the City Address to a gathering of approximately 300 people at the Battle Ground Community Center. The evening began with a social hour of food samples from new BG Village food vendors Chililicious, Frozen Alchemy and Simply Sweets.

Acting City Manager, John Williams, announced City Clerk Claire Lider, as the City of Battle Ground's 2009 Employee of the Year. Claire was selected from nine individuals nominated by fellow City employees for their exemplary efforts on behalf of the city during the past year.

Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Art Show

Over 700 people attended the Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Show March 20 & 21st at the Battle Ground Community Center. There were 200 pieces of art on display including 3 pieces by the judge, Don Landes-McCullough, art department head of La Center High School. Acoustic guitar music was provided by Michael McCabe during the well attended artists reception Saturday night. Prizes were awarded by Battle Ground Mayor Mike Ciraulo at the reception.

2010 Award Winners!

Peoples' Choice Award

"Dipping for Rainwater", an oil painting by Barbara Duncan;

Best of Show Award

"Obama", Inlaid Wood by Sid Sutherland.

Two Dimensional Awards

1st Place, Diane Thewlis, "Moira's Feathers", Watercolor;
2nd Place, Sandra York, "White Bird", Watercolor;
3rd Place, Beverly Winther, "Fancy Penguins", Watercolor.

Three Dimensional Awards

1st Place Orrin Gerke, "Black Beauty", Wood
2nd Place, Ken Nelson, "Zebra", Brass
3rd place Dan Baker, Pierced Maple, Wood.

Award for Originality

Diane Springer for "Faces of the Gourd", multi-media.

Artistic Presentation Award

Donna Sutherland "Portrait of Ruth" in oils.

Technical Merit Award

Bruce Crockett wood piece "Wenge Bowl"

Sponsor Awards

Clearwater Escape, artist, Tina Hunter, "Secret Garden", Mosaic
The Last Tangle, artist Norman Thomas, "Hollywood Night", Blown Glass
WWW Book Club, artist Kira Nelson, "Mice", Silkscreen

Chelatchie Prairie Trail Project Update

Information from the desk of Troy Pierce, Project Manager for Clark County.

The Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail project remains on schedule for construction of the first trail segment in spring 2011. An important milestone should be reached in June of this year when 90 percent preliminary construction plans are completed and more detailed discussions begin with adjoining property owners.

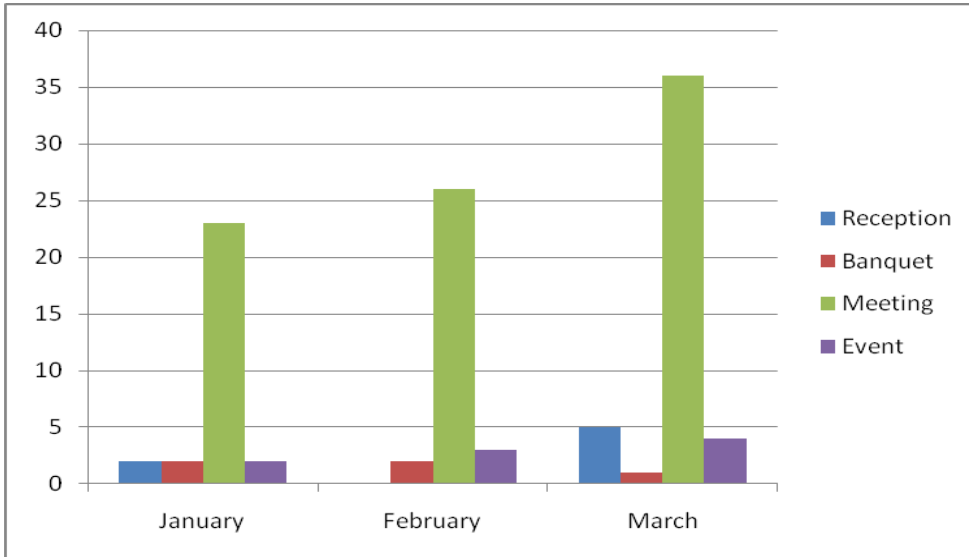
AN UNLIKELY SKATEPARK VISITOR!

On Tuesday morning, March 30th, Public Works staff found a huge beaver in one of the skatepark bowls. It apparently had lost its way and ended up stranded in one of the bowls overnight. Staff was able to lift it out using a long plank. Once out it made its way back to where it came from.



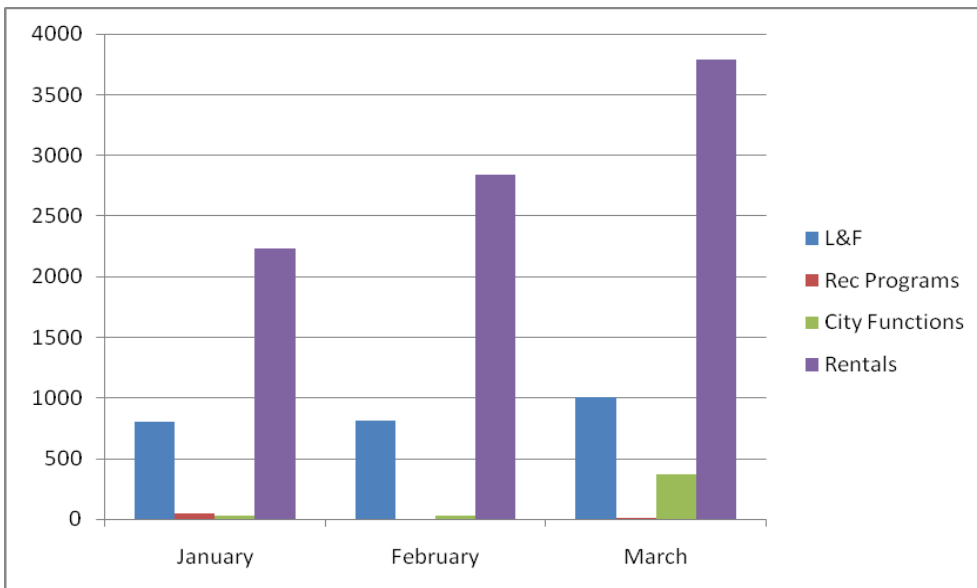
BGCC Rentals 2010

Month	Reception	Banquet	Meeting	Event	Totals
January	2	2	23	2	29
February	0	2	26	3	31
March	5	1	36	4	46



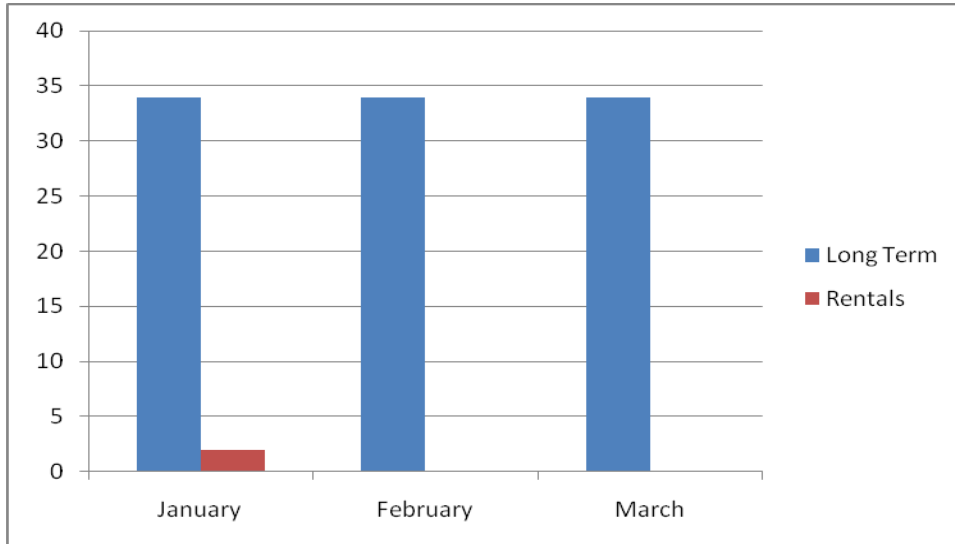
BGCC Attendance 2010

Month	L&F	Rec Programs	City Functions	Rentals	Totals
January	806	48	32	2231	3117
February	816	0	29	2836	3681
March	1009	14	373	3791	5187



Senior Center Rentals 2010

Month	Long Term	Rentals	Totals
January	34	2	36
February	34	0	34
March	34	0	34



Senior Center Attendance 2010

Month	Long Term	Rec Programs	Rentals	Totals
January	577	158	110	845
February	577	177	0	754
March	577	165	0	742

