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2016-17

# annual report



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT

## Your Community, Your District

Thank you for taking a look at this annual report about your park and recreation district. We are proud to provide you with an exceptional park system, one that adds beauty to our community and enhances people's lives.

We prioritize taking care of what we have. This includes maintaining, repairing and renovating parks, trails and facilities and continuing to provide high-quality recreation services. Your park system includes:

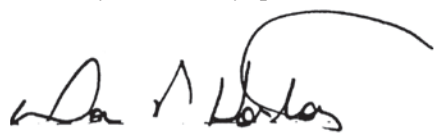
- More than 80 parks accessible for everyone in the community;
- 65 miles of trails that connect the community and provide multimodal walking, running and biking experiences;
- Indoor recreation facilities, including Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, Bend Senior Center, The Pavilion and the Art Station; and
- More than 1,000 recreation programs.

The District is committed to providing access and opportunities to everyone regardless of income or abilities. We have developed a wide range of services that reduce barriers to joining in the play.

Over the past couple years, the District has increased capacity for community recreation opportunities and added several new offerings for residents. Also, we boosted outreach programs, services and free events, including: Latino Outreach Services, fitness programs and instruction, Let's Picnic and Days of Play summer events, family nights at Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, and partnerships with health insurance companies that reach Medicaid-eligible customers.

Most importantly, the District has been able to provide these free services using its current revenues without reducing services in other areas. Beyond introducing these programs and events, the District has planned for a sustainable continuation into the future. We know that we have a great responsibility as a steward of tax dollars and we make every effort to spend the resources wisely on parks and recreation services that best meet the needs of our community.

Should you have any questions or need more clarity, please give me a call directly at (541) 706-6101.



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## BEND PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT FACTS

# a snapshot

### IT'S YOUR DISTRICT

#### Vision:

To be a leader in building a community connected to nature, active lifestyles and one another.

#### Mission:

To strengthen community vitality and foster healthy, enriched lifestyles by providing exceptional park and recreation services.

### play for life

It is about living in the moment,  
but also about creating a legacy for the future.

We embrace the obvious! We believe that play holds the key to happy and healthy lives in our community - here and now, as well as 50 years ahead.

How do we do it?

Through play, BPRD engineers a joyous mixture of exploration and discovery - and plants the seed for amazing experiences. We offer opportunities and places to grow and to thrive.

Play for Life brings possibility to all ages  
in our community, from 1 to 100.

Don't get us wrong.

We take our playful role seriously. We are instigators, planners and stewards, encouraging our community to Play for Life and Live to Play.

#### WHAT IS THE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT?

The Bend Park & Recreation District was established in 1974 by a vote of citizens for the sole purpose of providing park and recreation services to our community.

The District is a special tax district, a stand-alone government agency, led by an elected Board of Directors. The District is not a part of the City of Bend.

Use of your taxes collected for parks and recreation is limited by statutory authority (ORS Ch. 266) and cannot be used for other community services such as roads, housing, emergency services or utility services.

#### DISTRICT FACILITIES:

- Juniper Swim & Fitness Center
- Bend Senior Center
- The Pavilion
- Art Station
- District office
- Park Services offices and shop

#### DISTRICT PROPERTIES:

- Total acres: 2,712
- 81 developed parks and natural areas
- 13 undeveloped park lands
- 65 miles of trails

#### EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS:

- 107 full-time employees (May 2017)
- 356 part-time employees (May 2017)
- 1,800+ volunteers (2016)

#### WHERE FUNDING COMES FROM:

**Your Property Taxes** - The District's permanent property tax rate is \$1.461 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For example, a home assessed at \$200,000 pays \$326.80 annually to the District. Statutory authority (ORS Ch. 266) restricts the use of these taxes to the delivery of park and recreation services such as care and maintenance of the park and trail system.

**User Fees & Charges** - Fees charged for participating in recreation programs and facilities.

**System Development Charges (SDC)** - SDC funds can only be used on park and trail projects that are needed as a result of population growth. Most neighborhood parks exist as a result of SDC funds. SDC funds cannot be used for operation costs or indoor recreation, administrative or maintenance facilities.

**Contributions & Grants** - In 2016-7, the District received \$270,000 in grants and contributions.

**General Obligation Bond** - In 2012, voters passed a 20-year General Obligation Bond for specific projects. The cost to taxpayers is .173 per \$1,000 assessed value or \$34.60 annually for a home with an assessed value of \$200,000.





# your future of play

## ten-year comprehensive plan

The Bend Park and Recreation District is underway with an important project. The end result will be the community's plan for the next 10 years of new parks, extended trails and new places to workout, play and socialize. The new plan will ultimately help the District prioritize future facility and program investments.

Thank you to all of the people who took time to share their thoughts with us about the future of parks, trails and recreation facilities in Bend!

- 1,457 people who shared over 12,000 comments through Mapita, an interactive online questionnaire.
- 532 households who took time to complete the statistically valid survey
- 65 people who gave input at focus group meetings
- 38 people who participated in the community meeting
- Dozens of folks who shared their thoughts with us at First Friday
- 6 neighborhood associations who provided feedback

This fall, residents will see questionnaires, presentations, pop-up activities and workshops offered around Bend as staff works with the public to further prioritize the community's needs.

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan as well as to sign up for updates on the plan's progress, visit our website and click on "Current Projects."



# GET CONNECTED

### Visit our website.

Where: [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org)

What: Park and trail information, recreation programs, facility hours and fees, class schedules, project updates, employment opportunities and 300-plus pages of much, much more.

### Follow us on social media.

Where:  Twitter: BendParks



Facebook: Look for Bend Park & Recreation District, Art Station, Bend Senior Center, The Pavilion, Juniper Swim & Fitness Center and Bend Whitewater Park.

What: The latest updates and happenings in parks, on trails, in BPRD facilities and in programs.

### Attend a board meeting.

When: Normally the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. Work sessions can also occur at 5:30 pm.

Where: BPRD Office, 799 SW Columbia Street

What: Agenda and minutes available online at [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org)







# annual financial report

Fiscal Year: July 2016 - June 2017

The annual report is a welcomed opportunity to share financial information that goes well beyond revenues and expenditures. The figures tell stories about District patrons and hundreds of employees and their families. Like a household, the District saves money over time for big purchases and makes choices about how and where to prioritize our resources.

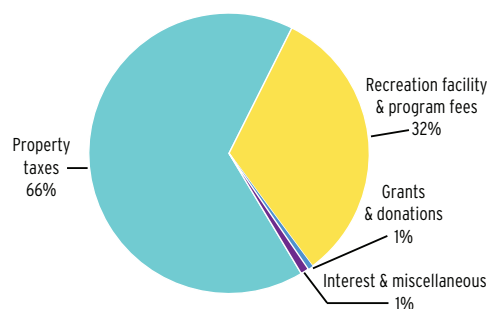
Bend continues to grow, and long-time residents and newcomers expect high levels of service in parks, trails and all forms of recreation. The District has added several new services, such as Latino Outreach Services and the Art Station, and is planning for development of future parks and trails.

The Bend Park & Recreation District is not a department of the City of Bend. As a separate special tax district, it adopts its own budget every fiscal year. To view the 2017-18 budget, visit [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org).

We know that being financially responsible is vital for our community. The District prioritizes long-term financial stability, so that our resources can enhance the quality of life for Bend residents now and for future generations. Management decisions and conservative fiscal policies over many years have ensured a sustainable financial future for the District.

## 2016-17 OPERATIONS

### OPERATIONS SOURCES OF FUNDS \$22,424,000



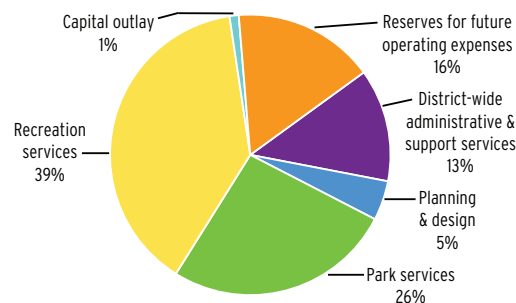
### Where the Money Comes From

**Property taxes** account for 66% of the funding for the District's operations.

**Recreation facility and program fees** (32%) are collected from recreation programs and facility use.

**Grants and donations** (1%) are funds received to support programs and scholarships for community residents.

### OPERATIONS SPENDING \$22,424,000



### Where the Money Goes

**Recreation services** (39%) operate all recreation programs and facilities including the Bend Senior Center, Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, The Pavilion, Art Station, Aspen Hall and Hollinshead Barn.

**Recreation services are funded 83% through fees and 17% through property taxes.**

**Park services** (26%) manage and maintain parks, trails, natural resources, vehicles, equipment and facilities, and also provide stewardship services for the users of these spaces.

**Reserves for future operating expenses** (16%) are monies set aside for future growth in operation needs.

**District-wide administrative & support services** (13%) manage organization-wide services including executive director's office, finance, risk and contract management, technology, community relations, marketing, human resources, volunteers and special projects.

**Planning & design** (5%) provide long-range, strategic and current planning, and design and development/construction for parks, trails, natural areas and facilities.

## DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT: EMPLOYEE COSTS

People make up a big portion of the District’s financial picture. As employee expenses, such as health insurance, retirement contributions and wages, have increased in recent years at a rate faster than property tax revenues, the District has made some important financial decisions that set it apart from other employers.

In recent years, the District enacted a fairly uncommon policy change to require its PERS-eligible employees – those who are included in the state’s retirement plan – to pay his or her 6% employee contribution, while the District pays the required employer contribution. This approach, of having employees pay their share towards their future retirement, is more similar to many private sector employers.

The District also offers an employee health insurance plan with a self-insured high-deductible program that results in significant savings for the organization. This year, the District had a 5% reduction in health insurance costs while many other organizations had increases.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED: WHAT ARE SDCs AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

As Bend grows, the level of service and opportunities the District provides for the community must keep pace. System development charges (SDCs) are fees paid by developers on new residential construction and hotel rooms to help fund new parks and trails. These fees help ensure that new residents get the same recreational opportunities, or level of service, as long-time residents of Bend.

In a place like Bend that grows quickly, keeping up with growth is important. Without SDCs, funds would not be available to build new parks or trails. Existing parks and trails could become over-crowded and some parks and amenities like Al Moody, Discovery, Rockridge, Canal Row and Pine Nursery parks, and the South Canyon pedestrian bridge, wouldn’t exist today.

SDCs are based on park and trail land purchase and construction costs. In most cases, the District must purchase land at fair market value so there is a direct link between increasing land costs in Bend, SDCs and our overall ability to build new parks and trails.

An important distinction of SDCs is that the funds can only be used for new parks, trails or park expansions. They cannot be used to cover operations or maintenance costs, (think mowing or restroom servicing at your favorite park) nor can they be used to repair or replace an existing park or park feature. The Board of Directors will discuss the District’s SDC fees in the next couple years to make sure our approach to addressing growth and providing service continues to be on the mark in offering all residents the Bend life.

## WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO

If you live in Bend, the total property taxes you pay go to the following government organizations:

BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS	41%
CITY OF BEND AND URBAN RENEWAL	22%
BEND PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT	11%
DESCHUTES COUNTY & FAIRGROUNDS	9%
DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF & 911	9%
CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	5%
DESCHUTES PUBLIC LIBRARY	3%

## WHAT YOU PAY IN PROPERTY TAXES TO BPRD

The District’s permanent property tax rate is \$1.461 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The 2012 bond is \$0.173 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Example: A home assessed at \$200,000 pays \$326.80 annually to the District for park and recreation services in Bend.

## HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT AT BPRD

Example: \$200,000 assessed value home’s \$326.80 annual property taxes.

Park & facility maintenance	\$112.63	34.46%
Asset management & other capital projects	\$80.62	24.67%
District-wide administrative & support services	\$47.98	14.68%
Debt service for 2013 GO Bond	\$34.60	10.59%
Recreation facilities, programs & assistance	\$25.12	7.69%
Planning, design & development	\$16.17	4.95%
Debt service for Juniper Swim & Fitness Center expansion	\$9.68	2.96%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$326.80</b>	<b>100%</b>



"It is not in the stars  
to hold our destiny  
but in ourselves."  
~ William Shakespeare

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coming to a neighborhood near you

# capital projects

In order to serve a growing community, the Bend Park & Recreation District must continually plan for development and improvement of public parks, trails and recreation facilities. District staff are currently working together to plan, design and construct these capital projects to accommodate the needs of the community. Included in these projects are those funded by the 2012 bond. As required, those monies have all been spent and those projects completed or nearing completion very soon.

Additional information, locations and maps available at [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org).

## COMPLETED



### BOND PROJECT: ▲ McKay Park

Total funding: \$1,080,000

Completed: Fall 2016

Funding sources are the bond, System Development Charges (SDCs) and an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant.

To accommodate recreation associated with the Deschutes River and the Bend Whitewater Park, enhancements to McKay Park include an accessible beach, parking and loading areas, changing facility with restrooms, plazas for river viewing, trail improvements and riparian habitat restoration.

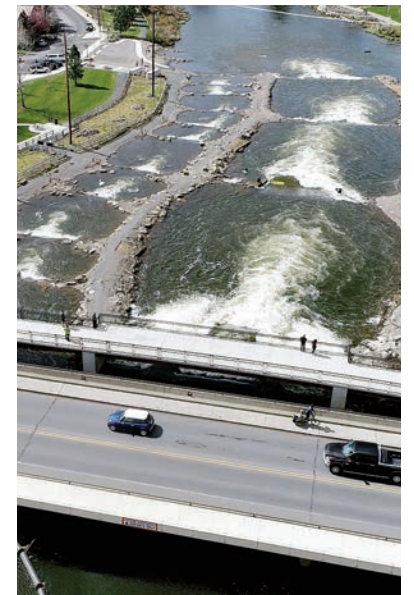
### BOND PROJECT: ▼ Bend Whitewater Park

Total Funding: \$10,125,000

Completed: Spring 2017

Funding sources are the bond, property taxes and a \$1.13 million contribution from Bend Paddle Trail Alliance.

The project involved construction of a new pedestrian bridge over the Deschutes River and river channel improvements to create a fish ladder and reduce hazards and improve recreational opportunities for the 150,000+ river users annually.







### BOND PROJECT: ▲ Farewell Bend Pedestrian Bridge

Total funding: \$860,000

Completed: Summer 2016

Funding source was the bond.

In 2015, a structural condition assessment of the Farewell Bend Bridge determined it needed to be replaced. The bridge is a key bicycle and pedestrian connection of the Deschutes River Trail, linking Farewell Bend and Riverbend Parks. The bridge has been heavily used by locals and visitors since reopening in summer of 2016.



### BOND PROJECT: ▲ The Pavilion

Total Funding: \$11,655,000

Completed: December 2015

Funding sources were the bond and property taxes.

The Pavilion is a covered, open air recreation facility with a full-size ice rink in winter and multi-purpose recreation and sport courts in the summer. Support amenities include a lobby, viewing area, restrooms, changing rooms, concessions, outdoor plaza with fire pits and parking.

### Canal Row Park ▼

Total funding: \$1,284,550

Completed: Fall 2016

Funding source was SDCs. Total funding includes land acquisition costs.

Canal Row Park is a neighborhood park that primarily serves nearby residents with picnic and play areas. The park includes a water-play area and a small boardwalk over the historic alignment of the Old Pilot Butte Canal.



### Tennis Courts at Summit and Sylvan Parks

Total funding: \$331,250

Completed: Fall 2016

Funding source was property taxes.

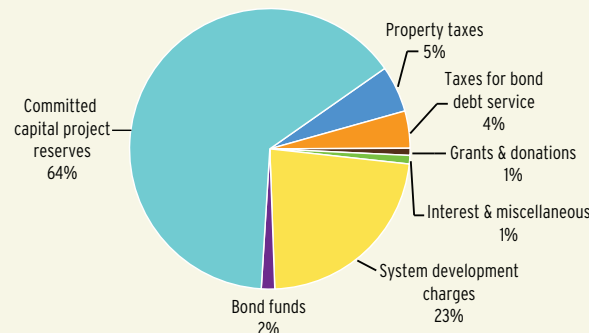
Maintaining the community's investments in parks is important to the District. As such, the District replaced the tennis courts at Sylvan and Summit Parks which had exceeded their expected lifespan. The projects also included accessibility improvements from the parking lots to the tennis courts in both parks.

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For more on BPRD  
projects, visit  
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and click on  
"Current Projects."

## 2016-17 CAPITAL PROJECTS

### CAPITAL PROJECT SOURCES OF FUNDS \$42,185,000



### Where the Money Comes From

**Committed capital project reserves** (64%) are funds set aside for planned projects not yet started or complete.

**System Development Charges** (23%) are collected from new residential building permits to be used for new parks and trails to support community growth.

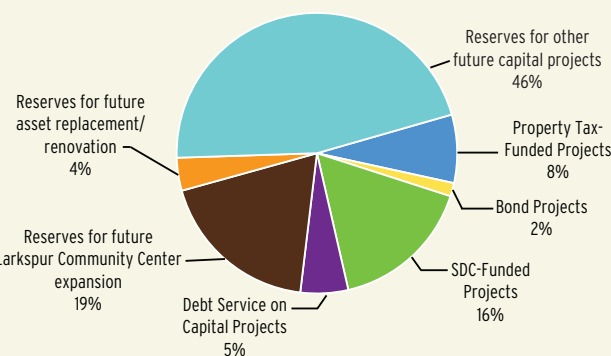
**Bond funds** (2%) are the unspent monies from the 2012 bond that will be spent on the bond projects.

**Property taxes** (5%) are used for some capital projects.

**Taxes for bond debt service** (4%) are required to repay the bond debt.

**Grants and donations** (1%) are funds received to support capital development and land acquisition.

### CAPITAL PROJECT SPENDING \$42,185,000



### Where the Money Goes

**Bond projects** (2%) are those projects the District promised the community with the 2012 bond measure.

**Property tax-funded projects** (8%) are mostly projects that take care of what we have - renovation, improvement and expansion of current parks, trails and indoor facilities.

**SDC-funded projects** (16%) are land purchases and development of parks and trails to support new growth in Bend.

**Debt service on capital projects** (5%) is for repayment of the 2012 bond and the Juniper Swim & Fitness Center expansion debt.

**Reserves** (46%) are funds set aside for planned projects not yet started or completed.

**Reserves for future Larkspur Community Center expansion** (19%)

**Reserves for future asset replacement/renovation** (4%)

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION



### BOND PROJECT: ▲ Riley Ranch Nature Reserve

Total funding: \$9,361,000

To be completed: Winter 2017

Funding sources are the bond, SDC funds, an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant and community fundraising for an overlook. Total funding includes land acquisition costs.

Designed to preserve its unique natural features and wildlife habitat, the site will be a 184-acre nature reserve with visitor facilities including trails, overlooks, interpretive displays and parking. Dogs and bikes will not be allowed at Riley Ranch Nature Reserve in order to limit impacts to this special place. Current status: Riley Ranch Nature Reserve is under construction and expected to open in Winter of 2017/18.



### BOND PROJECT: Deschutes River Trail

Total funding: \$5,373,500

Funding sources are the bond and SDCs.

Planning and design for portions of the Deschutes River Trail are underway, including the segment between Miller's Landing Park and Galveston Avenue. The segment through downtown Bend is being completed in conjunction with the Mirror Pond bank restoration project.

Current status: The Colorado Avenue undercrossing and trail connections to Miller's Landing Park and the Old Mill District are complete.

### Eagle Park ◀

Total funding: \$2,083,300

To be completed: Fall 2017

Funding source is SDCs. Total funding includes land acquisition costs.

Eagle Park is a 4-acre park located in the Mirada subdivision in northeast Bend. The park will include a lawn area, picnic facilities, inclusive and nature-based play opportunities, paved and soft surface trails and a natural area.

Current status: Eagle Park is currently under construction and is anticipated to open this fall.

### Hillside Park

Total funding: \$1,564,461

To be completed: Fall 2017

Funding sources are property taxes, SDCs and a City of Bend contribution for sidewalk improvements.

In 2015 the District completed a new master plan for Hillside Park and the off-leash area. Improvements include fencing, a new parking area, playground improvements, a picnic shelter and new trails and sidewalk connections.

Current status: Construction at Hillside Park is underway and is anticipated to be finished this fall.

### Rockridge Park

Total funding: \$3,610,460

To be completed: Fall 2017

Funding source is SDCs.

Rockridge Park is a 36-acre park located in northeast Bend adjacent to Lava Ridge Elementary School. The park includes paved and soft-surface trails, a play structure, nature play area, disc golf, a skatepark, bike skills courses and street improvements along Egypt Drive.

Current status: Rockridge Park is under construction and is expected to open this fall.

### Stone Creek Park

Total funding: \$1,840,851

To be completed: Fall 2017

Funding source is SDCs. Total funding includes land acquisition costs.

The District completed a master plan for this 7+ acre neighborhood park with the developer of the new Stone Creek subdivision in southeast Bend. The park will include a picnic area, traditional and natural play areas, skate spots, a bike pump track and natural trails.

Current status: Construction is underway at Stone Creek Park and is expected to open this fall.



## IN DESIGN

### BOND PROJECT: ▲ Alpenglow Community Park

(Formerly known as Southeast Bend Community Park)

Total funding: \$12,439,000

To be completed: 2019

Funding sources are the bond and SDCs. Total funding includes land acquisition costs.

Adjacent to 15th Street in southeast Bend, this new 37-acre community park will offer amenities to an area of town that was previously deficient in park land. Last spring, the District sought initial community input on design elements such as play areas, trails and picnic space. This information is being used to help guide a community planning process to develop a master plan for construction starting this fall.

Current status: The District is in the process of hiring a designer to prepare a park master plan with the community that will guide park development.



## Larkspur Community Center

(Home of the Bend Senior Center)

Total funding: \$21,400,000

To be completed: 2020

Funding sources are property taxes, SDCs and debt financing.

This project will add approximately 35,150 square feet to the existing Bend Senior Center. The Larkspur Community Center will include new fitness facilities, group exercise rooms, a multi-purpose warm water pool, indoor walk/jog track, outdoor activity spaces, parking and Larkspur Park improvements.

Current status: The Larkspur Center is currently in the design phase with an expected completion in 2020.



## Shevlin Park

Total funding: \$862,928

To be completed: 2018

Funding source is SDC reimbursements and an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant.

The District is creating new interpretive, wayfinding and regulatory signs, improving trail accessibility and replacing a bridge over Tumalo Creek. This year's addition of 329 acres to the park was made possible by a federal grant from the U.S. Forest Service Community Forest Program and a generous matching donation from The Tree Farm, LLC.

Current status: Sign design is underway and design of accessibility improvements and the bridge replacement will begin soon.



## Big Sky Park Expansion

Total funding: \$2,960,000

To be completed: 2019

Funding sources are property taxes, SDCs and community sponsorships.

In February, the District's Board of Directors approved a new master plan for Big Sky Park which includes new areas designated for cyclocross and a bike park with such amenities as a pump track, flow track, jumps and skills course. Also included are a proposed Hamby Road entrance, parking and circulation areas, an expanded BMX area, a naturehood area, radio-controlled car track and lighting.

Current status: Planning and design is underway; construction is expected to begin in 2018.

## Larkspur Trail - Pilot Butte Gap

Total funding: \$150,000

To be completed: 2018

Funding source is SDCs.

The District is working with Oregon State Parks to build a new section of the Larkspur Trail that would connect to the existing trail in Pilot Butte State Park. This section will help reduce conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. A raised crosswalk at the park's entrance at Linnea Drive will help calm vehicular traffic and provide a seamless trail across the road.

Current status: Construction is expected to begin in fall 2017.

## Mirror Pond Bank Restoration

Total funding: \$1,300,000

To be completed: To be determined

Funding sources are SDCs and potential grant funding.

The District is working to improve the banks of the Deschutes River at Drake Park and Pacific Park, which have deteriorated over time resulting in safety and environmental issues.

Current status: The District anticipates a preliminary design with cost estimate in December 2017.

## Simpson Site Cleanup

Total funding: \$365,000

To be completed: 2018

Funding sources are property taxes and SDCs.

This project will include hardscape repairs, re-striping, sidewalk repair, ADA access and new turf grass in the area across from The Pavilion that has been used for construction staging for the previous three years.

Current status: Construction is underway.

## Pioneer Park Renovations

Total funding: \$250,000

To be completed: 2018

Funding source is property taxes.

The existing restroom, parking areas, paths and other park amenities are being renovated to provide improved access for all park users.

Current status: Construction is planned to start in 2018.



## Juniper Park Improvements

Total funding: \$1,950,450

To be completed: 2018

Funding sources are property taxes and SDCs.

Juniper Park is being reviewed for accessibility improvements in existing parking areas, restroom facilities, paths and play areas. New amenities such as a disc golf course, group picnic areas, an updated playground, a new restroom facility and upgraded trails have been incorporated into the master plan.

Current status: Design is anticipated to start this fall, and construction is planned to begin in 2018.

For more on BPRD projects, visit [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org) and click on "Current Projects."





## bike share comes to parks

This summer the Board of Directors approved the placement of bike share stations on District property as a community-wide Bike Share program expands. OSU-Cascades started the program as a way for students, faculty and staff to have a convenient alternative to traveling in and around campus. The program is now expanded to residents and visitors to travel around Bend, thanks to partnerships with the City of Bend, Old Mill District, Visit Bend and others in the community.

Bike Share is located at a District parking lot on Simpson Ave. and may be added in Drake Park in partnership with Visit Bend.

## reducing energy, changing habits

The District is learning how to reduce energy as part of a program by the Energy Trust of Oregon. Through Strategic Energy Management (SEM), the District will gain tools, experience and know-how to save energy in facilities and parks. First up has been tracking and monitoring energy use and performance to establish goals for short-term and long-term changes. Dozens of Oregon organizations and businesses have paved the way in the program and benefited from mechanical system and behavioral changes. Stay tuned for results and updates as the program continues.



## SUSTAINABILITY IN YOUR PARKS

# Learning WATER-WISE GARDENING AT HOLLINSHEAD Laboratory

Xeriscape gardening in the High Desert is challenging for even the most experienced gardeners. Now there's a new learning opportunity with Bend's first water-wise demonstration garden.

Hollinshead Community Garden, 1235 Jones Road, has a new water-wise demonstration area thanks to a partnership with Central Oregon Master Gardener Association, OSU Extension Service, the City of Bend and the Bend Park & Recreation District. For the District, this is the first completed project that is part of a community sponsored project initiative to allow for project submissions from community members.

The water-wise demonstration garden provides examples and educates about plant selection and maintenance, effective and efficient irrigation options, and water-conserving gardening techniques.

The Central Oregon Master Gardeners have managed plant demonstration beds at Hollinshead Park for many years. These beds demonstrated perennials, grasses, annuals, herbs and pollinators that grow well in Central Oregon. Transitioning to focus on water conservation in home landscaping was proposed by OSU Master Gardener™ volunteers through the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association.

OSU Extension Service approved the project in 2015 and a community sponsored project proposal was submitted to the District in 2016. The project was approved and work began in 2017. The City of Bend joined the partnership in 2017 providing the important component of water conserving irrigation.

OSU Master Gardener volunteers will conduct classes and demonstrations and maintain the area.



# 2016 PLAY BY PLAY: recreation report and trends

## OVER 1.1 MILLION VISITS TO RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The District recorded 1.12 million participant visits in 2016 to its three recreation facilities and diverse array of recreation programs. That's a lot of opportunities for fun, fitness, skill development and friendships. This represents an estimated 5% increase over 2015. Check out where all these visits are taking place!

### PLAY FOR ALL

The District is committed to making play accessible for all in our community regardless of ability level, background and financial resources.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – The District's Needs-Based Assistance program provided \$240,000 in scholarships to over 800 children and families to ensure they could participate in recreation programs.

**INCLUSION SERVICES** – The District provided \$237,000 and over 11,000 hours in inclusion support so that individuals with special needs could participate along with others in recreation programs. The District also provided \$77,000 to subsidize therapeutic recreation programs for adults and children with specialized needs.

Facility/Program Area	2016 Visits
Juniper Swim & Fitness Center	488,130
Sports Leagues & Programs	219,433
Before and Afterschool Care	194,946
Bend Senior Center	96,092
The Pavilion	86,851
Youth Enrichment Programs	18,601
Therapeutic Recreation	4,174
Outdoor Recreation Programs	3,511

**LATINO OUTREACH** – The District's three-year-old Latino outreach program has facilitated the participation of over 250 families by increasing awareness of programs and reducing barriers to participation.

**FREE ACTIVITIES** – The District provided over 100 different free recreation activities ranging from Days of Play summer playground program to adult fitness clinics to senior social activities to family and community events such as the July 4th Pet Parade and Old Fashioned Festival and Let's Picnic evening concert series. These programs and events do more than provide access to all, they help build community.

Inclusion is a core value of the District. We are proud that we use resources wisely to help ensure everyone can play for life.

