



Happy New Year!



Board Update: With the Request for Proposal (RFP) currently open until January 31, we are in a “holding pattern” until February. Then we are busy reviewing proposals with staff and the Parks Advisory Committee, and seeking contract approval by City Council at their February 13 meeting. To view the RFP, please visit:

http://www.ci.sutherlin.or.us/residents/bids_and_proposals/index.php.



The mandatory pre-proposal meeting fell between rain events, offering the only dry day in almost a 2-week period. Unfortunately, neither Tye Mountain nor The Callahans were visible during the site visit, and we could only slog around half the pond, but the property still showed its potential. A day later, it was raining buckets again. Could have been worse, it could have been snowing!

Preparing for the RFP was made possible with the assistance of two volunteers. Roseburg resident John Rosenberger, a retired USFS Landscape Architect, helped us with the Scope of Services portion of the RFP and is providing assistance during the firm selection process. Sutherlin resident Scott Shaver spent time with us at Ford’s Pond sharing his insight and suggestions for the park design. We are fortunate and thankful to have these two local individuals donating their time.

We would like to thank Jay Walters and David & Carolyn Simmons for remembering the Friends of Ford’s Pond in their year-end donations. And we would like to thank those who told us they logged into Amazon through Amazon Smile and selected our organization. Amazon will be donating 0.5% of their qualifying sales to the FOFP.

Please consider the Friends of Ford’s Pond in your charitable giving. As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, your donations are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to Friends of Ford’s Pond and mailed to: PO Box 99, Sutherlin, OR, 97479. Donations may also be made on our website www.fordspond.org via PayPal (we pay the processing fee).