



Our website is now live! Visit www.fordspond.org for information about our organization and updates. We will be phasing out this AOL address. Please add our new email friends@fordspond.org to your address book.

Our new brochure is attached and soon will be available at the Sutherlin Visitor's Information Center and at other locations around Douglas County. **Thank you** to Hugh and Margie Creacey for obtaining a Thrivent Financial grant and making this first printing possible.

Board Update: Sadly, we said goodbye to Michelle Harding-Olson, who moved away from Sutherlin in early October. Michelle was here from the start with guidance and assistance on all the policies and formalities, which must be accomplished when creating a new non-profit.

The Board continues to meet monthly. If you are interested in serving on the Board or attending a meeting, contact Beth at 541.680.7906. Our priorities for the coming year include expanding our organization, holding events at Ford's Pond, and to continuing to work with the City of Sutherlin to plan and obtain funding for future recreational uses.

The Board is maintaining the trash can, donated by the City, at the Church Rd. entrance. We are now providing doggie poop bags for those owners who forget. Unfortunately, our waterproof log book was taken by someone who "kindly" tore out and left the used pages, so we were able to record all the visitor entries. We miss all your comments/observations; feel free to post on our Facebook page.

The City of Sutherlin will allow Ford's Pond to fill naturally until the wastewater treatment plant is in operation. The City repaired/upgraded the culvert between Woodruff and Ford's Ponds and placed gravel on the north side for worker access during the mud season. Dyer Partnership, working on the pre-design of the treatment plant, presented an update at a September City Council meeting. We learned that borrow will be taken from the west hillside this spring, used to compact the soil at the new plant location, and then returned to the site.

We close out this year with a **thank you** to everyone who took the time to attend one of our board meetings, send comments or photos via our Facebook page, call with offers of support or questions, pick up trash on the trail, spread our message, and visit/enjoy Ford's Pond. And a special thank you to the City of Sutherlin for their support (and mowing!).

Your donations make it possible for us to maintain our PO Box, file tax forms/reports, apply for grants, and hold events. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your donations are tax-deductible. Please consider the Friends of Ford's Pond for your year-end giving. Donations may be made on our website, thru PayPal, or by using the form attached to the brochure.