



Ford's Pond is now at "full pool" level.
We hear the canoeing is great!



Board Update: We have been busy! The Executive Board attended non-profit board training in January and came back energized with lots of great ideas. We are fortunate to have new Sutherlin resident Joan Herrmann volunteering her professional grant writing services. Our first task is to obtain a resolution from the City (owners of the Ford's Pond property) needed to apply for a grant to develop the Master Plan. In February, we received support from the Parks Advisory Committee to present to City Council. This will be an opportunity to hear how the grant process works and what it will accomplish. We will notify when we are on the agenda.

Our Fishery Enhancement committee (headed by Board Member Colin Murphy with Wayne Spicer/Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers) is coordinating with ODFW and the City to determine the feasibility of fish stocking. The study must take into account the unique situation of daily inflows of treated wastewater during the summer months.

Founder, and initial board member, Josh Waechter unfortunately had to step down from the board due to time constraints. Josh was instrumental in helping the FOP grow from an idea to a functioning non-profit and we wish him and his family all the best.

The Friends of Ford's Pond was featured in the inaugural edition of [Sutherlin Magazine!](#)

Have you seen our **new logo sticker**? **Thank you** to our first donors, who received a complimentary sticker (list through February 29, 2016):

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Thank you to Greg Henderson for sharing his budgeting expertise.

And kudos to Wendi Stinnett, who spent a morning kayaking Ford's Pond and removing trash.

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