



Centennial Viewpoint Project Update: April 28, 2022

Rotary trail volunteers, city crews complete trail resurfacing, begin park entry upgrades ahead of Saturday, June 11 trail opening day

Over the past 6 weeks, City of Anacortes work crews took the lead and volunteers from Anacortes Rotary and the community kept the workflow moving. The result – the Anacortes Rotary Centennial Viewpoint Trail saw completion of phase 1, a new gravel surface and related improvements.

Ron Litzinger organized the teams and the volunteers put in 192 hours of effort so far. A complete list of club and community volunteers is attached at the end of this newsletter.



Rotarians and community volunteers worked Saturday, April 22 near the summit segment of the Rotary Viewpoint Trail at Cap Sante. Pictured are Mike McClintock, Tim Garrison, Nancy Wong, Will McClintock, Chris Hansen and David Hansen. You will find the complete list of volunteers at the end of this newsletter.



City of Anacortes maintenance supervisor Steve Phillips loads the power wheelbarrow as volunteers Chris Hansen and Tom Haug help out.

Most of the trail rehab project is nearing completion through the close collaboration between the City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department and Anacortes Rotary. Club members and Parks and Rec staff mapped out improvements to the existing path from the lower parking area in Rotary Park to the crest of Cap Sante. The Parks and Rec Department is responsible for overseeing the enhancements and major renovations.

Anacortes Rotary is funding the purchase of gravel, topsoil, native plants and other trail enhancements. Other big changes are being added to the Rotary Park entry with new stairs, a gentler entry path, parking area cleanup and striping and new garbage bins.

Additional trail work will include directional signs throughout the parks with interpretive signs to come later. Renovation of the paved path along the shore of Cap Sante Marina leading to the gazebo and picnic is also planned. Conceptual planning for an additional summit viewpoint looking to the east at Mt. Baker also is underway.



Another volunteer work group hit the trail on Saturday April 16 to rehab the pathway. From left are Marty Moehl, Mike McClintock, David Hansen, Stuart Currie, Angela Currie, Tim Garrison and Tom Decker. In the front row is Max Moehl with his special shovel.

In this initial stage of the project, funding for the kiosks and trail head signs is being provided by multiple sources—the club, a Rotary District 5050 grant and lodging tax money from the City of Anacortes. Kiosk design assistance was provided by Angela and Stuart Currie of Currie Design Group in Anacortes.

Special thanks to Ron Litzinger, Bob Vaux and Steve Phillips. Ron served as Trail Boss. He also worked with the city to design water diversion structures integrated into the trail.

Bob, Assistant Parks Director for the City of Anacortes, has been our lead on the overall trail effort, spearheading the progress to date. Steve, who handles maintenance for Parks and Rec along with the Anacortes Community Forest Lands, is the critical link in managing day to day rehab on the trails and related park areas.

When you see any of these three individuals, please remind them of our gratitude for all their hard work. Over the next few weeks, we will have more work to do. If you would like to help out, please contact Tom Griffin (griffin301@comcast.net) or Tom Decker (tomkdecker@gmail.com).



Youngest trail volunteer Max Moehl high fives his father Marty Moehl during a recent trail work party. Looking on are Rotarian Mike McClintock and community supporter David Hansen.

Trail Opening Day is Saturday June 11, 10 a.m. at Rotary Park. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the opening day events for the trail. Activities will include a trail dedication ceremony, trail walks, and a “recreation fest” featuring groups such as Friends of the Forest, OARS, Senior Activity Center, Fidalgo Pool, Shearwater University and the disc golf community and other groups.

Our Youngest Volunteer

I met Max Moehl and his father Marty when they hiked past our work party early one Saturday morning. To make conversation, I said we would be happy to have them join the volunteer trail effort. To my surprise, they were back on the scene within 30 minutes, dad in his work attire, Max with his own special shovel.

Marty said he was pleased to show his son how to give back to the community. Max had his own work ethic. He made certain that our volunteer crew did not leave the park until we had moved every last bit of the gravel pile hauled out of the parking area and onto the trail tread. Thanks Max.





Initial Trail Project goals

Enhance path accessibility, safety and use on main park trails

Establish better connections between the two Cap Sante parks and downtown, marinas and other public areas of the city

Deter use of other informal pathways that are often unsuitable for use due to steep terrain or erosion. Rotary and city Parks and Rec will cooperate on restoration of these natural areas

Pictured, City staff from left, Myles Farrell, Steve Phillips, Brayden Krueger, at Rotary Park entry

Rotary Trail Volunteer Roster:

Duane Clark

Marta McClintock

Dan Worra

Dave Cortelyou

Mike McClintock

Bill Harris

Jack Darnton

Skip Peters

Mark Lascelles

Tom Decker

Jim Renfro

Melisa Turnage

Tim Garrison

Rick Star

Ron Litzinger

Tom Griffin

Melisa Turnage

Rotary Kiosk Builders: Tom Kuhn, Jim MacDonald, Mark Lascelles, Tom Decker

Community Volunteer Roster

Angela Currie

David Hansen

Chris Hansen

Stuart Currie

Mary McEathron

Marty Moehl

Tom Haug

Mark McEathron

Max Moehl

Michelle Oschmann

Jim Oschmann

John Wilkinson

If I missed your name, or if you want to help with upcoming volunteer work parties, please let me know. Tom Decker (tomkdecker@gmail.com)