

Friends of Tubbs Hill

Summer 2010 Newsletter



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IN WITH THE NEW...OUT WITH THE OLD!

By Jennifer Johnson, Board Member

It can generally be said that "change" is highly resisted! But let me suggest that most of you are going to embrace this change that is about to occur.

Tubbs (specifically the Tubbs Hill Foundation) is taking a giant leap forward into the magic of electronic connections. The Foundation Board (that group of non-elected, private citizens who advise the city on matters pertaining to Tubbs Hill for the benefit of our citizens) is in the throes of creating a website so that you can stay up to date on "what's happening on the Hill."

What you can look forward to? First of all, our twice a year newsletter will now be delivered directly to your email inbox...as long as you give us your email address! For those of you who maintain a steadfast and diligent commitment to avoiding the trap of electronic enticement...you won't be left out in the cold. We will honor your love of the Hill and send you the newsletter the old fashion way...with your postman. By taking advantage of email, though, we will be managing your Friends of Tubbs Hill Membership dollars more responsibly. Postage is our biggest ex-

pense in getting the newsletter to you. If we can cut down on that expense without sacrificing our commitment to the community, then we are serving you well. The other advantage is that, through the website, we can keep everyone well informed and current about events and activities taking place on the Hill. A newsletter sent twice a year is almost out of date the moment it is printed!

Some of the pages we are considering for the website may include a Photo Gallery (including aerial views), a Map and Trails section, a Facts and History tab, Current Events and Activities and a Friends of Tubbs area. You will be able to learn about the Native Species Restoration Project scheduled for the north side of the Hill. If you want to come out for free Starbucks coffee in the 3rd Street parking lot for the Annual Tubbs Fall Clean Up, you can find the date on the website. Maybe you would like to become a "Friend of Tubbs." Sign up on the website! It's only \$15/year. Maybe you just won the giant lottery and you want to share your bounty for the benefit of the Hill! DO IT ON THE WEBSITE! Are you getting as excited

as I am? Probably not! But that's okay. You can still stay informed about the Heartbeat of Coeur d'Alene...Tubbs Hill!

Maybe you're a regular on the Hill and you have a great idea but don't know where to send it. GO TO THE WEBSITE AND CLICK ON "CONTACT US!" It will give you a place to share and you don't even have to leave home or make a phone call. Maybe you are a first time visitor and would like to comment about your experience on the Hill...GO TO THE WEBSITE! This is just getting better and better! I could go on, but you're probably getting the idea.

Do you ever use Tubbs Hill during the winter? Didn't think you could? Just check out the website season to season for encouragement to traverse the trails year round. You might want to pick up a pair of spikes for added traction...and then head out to enjoy a spectacular winter jaunt. The lake in winter is still and clear and magical. It restores the soul.

Change? Sometimes it's better than good. This time it's GREAT!

COMING SOON! Watch for it at www.tubbshill.org

Friends of Tubbs Hill

Yes, Tubbs Hill Foundation is going electronic, but our Mission Statement remains the same — ***Tubbs Hill Inc. is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of Tubbs Hill City Park as a unique and natural lakeshore forest park typical of North Idaho, while providing for compatible public use of this special place. We act as advocates for the park, advise city administration on issues pertaining to the park and support volunteer efforts, fund raising, community relations and tasks as needed to achieve this goal.***

Currently the foundation is working with the City and the Urban Forestry Committee on restoring native habitat on Tubbs Hill. This is a several-step process which includes fuel reduction, removal of non-native trees as they prohibit the growth of native species and planting treated areas with a mixture of native trees and shrubs. Over the past several years, the foundation, in conjunction with the city, has

planted approximately 200 native Ponderosa Pine trees, and with the completion of this restoration program, Ponderosa Pine, Western White Pine (Idaho's state tree), Western Larch and a variety of native shrubs will be planted on the hill. A more complete description of this project can be found at www.tubbshill.org.

Foundation members participate with the city in several other areas. The foundation has been asked by the city to have a member participate on the City's Natural Open Space Committee as they address several new open space areas, including several acres on south shore of Fernan Lake. A foundation member at the City's request also participates in the Park and Recreation Committee's monthly study session. Two foundation members attend and participate in the city's monthly Urban Forestry Committee meetings. Recently a foundation member was appointed to the committee developing recommendations to the city council on possible improve-

ments to McEuen Field which abuts Tubbs Hill. Members are also active in updating the city's Tubbs Hill Management Plan and conducting an annual clean-up, scheduled for October 9th from 9 a.m. to noon. Visitors to Tubbs Hill this summer will notice some contract work being done for the project to restore native habitat. Also, please be careful to not remove any of the flags by small trees that we have planted in previous years. They help us to keep track of the survival rate. We invite you to visit our booth at Art in the Park...during Art On the Green weekend..

We trust that the new electronic system will provide each Friend of Tubbs Hill current information on what is occurring on Tubbs Hill.

The Tubbs Hill Foundation meets the second Thursday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Iron Horse. All are welcome to attend!

~Tubbs Hill President, Peter Luttrupp

The Huckleberry Gang...

By Gang Member Tom Collier

... as elusive now as a butterfly, flitting blissfully from blossom to blossom. It is difficult to pin down the group's beginning, as time has a way of quietly slipping away. Just how long ago did a group of retired men join together due to their common admiration of the huckleberries hidden away in the hills of North Idaho? The exact "when" is unknown, but suffice to say, Art Manley brought the group together, including Tom Collier, Bob Eachon, Earl Hansen, George Lyman, Mike Mihelich, Fred Swan, Bob Thomas and Al Watzke. Others, like Edward Johnson, drifted in for a time and then back out.

Edward, now 94, picked with the gang until ATVs became popular. He then "sort of broke away (from the Huckleberry Gang) to get to (previously) inaccessible spots." He remembers, with amusement, the long days they put in and how Art would always say they'd leave for home at a certain time. Then invariably, when the hour arrived, Art would have just found a great spot, and he would say, "Oh, I can't leave these berries!" As Ed recounts with



The huckleberry gang
Members pictures L-R Earl Hansen, Al Watzke, Art Manley, Tom Collier and Bob Eachon.

a smile, "We'd be there for another hour."

Tom, 92, writes the following short note to relate the activities of the Huckleberry Gang on Tubbs Hill:

Our gang was not large, but we did any number of things that pertained to public service. We were not looking for praise nor money, but we did kind of like to hear good words about our activities. Most of the time, we were fully staffed at nine active members, depending on who was available. Our name came from our delight of picking huckleberries. Up at six in the morning and back at eight.

We stayed in good physical shape so if Tubbs Hill needed some attention and the weather was a little off for berries, we could do a little trail work on the hill. We did many other things also, like picking up trash along a stretch of highway, etc., but

the work on the hill was more of a permanent nature and called for more muscle. Some was heavy work, like swinging an eight pound hammer to break a protruding rock in the trail and sometimes wrestling with a windfall across the trail. Art Manley was the guiding hand, in a mild manner.

There is one incident I recall when we worked a little fun into our activities. We were working together on a Tubbs' trail, as described above. A young lady came up the trail from the east, and we didn't let her get by quickly. No problem.

We had some short conversation, and she said, "You men should be commended for doing this work voluntarily."

Somehow, the devil made me do it, and I said, "Oh, we don't mind. It's better than sitting in a cell all day."

"Oh," she said, "Could you let me by, please?" She scooted by with some energy and was gone.

Art asked, "Why did you do that?"

"Well, it brought some laughter, didn't it?"

That's the way it was with the Huckleberry Gang...

We hope that because of our efforts you'll enjoy the hill a little more and never know the difference.

The Huckleberry Gang

Have Your Name or Company Logo Engraved On One of the Tubbs Hill Monuments

Tubbs Hill is comprised of 120 acres of publicly owned land, and has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails. Tubbs Hill is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and everyone is encouraged to use and enjoy its magnificent splendor.

To become a member or have a name engraved on one of the monuments, fill out the form below, attach a check or money order for your choice of membership or \$150 for each line of engraving and mail to Tubbs Hill, Inc., PO Box 3061, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-3061.

If you would like to engrave your company's logo on a separate corporate monument, the cost is \$500, plus the engraving charge. The maximum logo size is 4" x 4".

For more information please contact the City Parks Department, 208-769-2252.

Tubbs Hill Foundation Annual Membership & Engraving Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Membership

(Both include upcoming newsletters)

_____ Individual Membership, \$15 _____ Family Membership, \$25

Engraving

The monuments are located at the Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill and at the East Tubbs Hill Park. Please designate which location you prefer:

_____ Third Street Entrance _____ East Tubbs Hill Park _____ Corporate Rock

Please print the name as you would like it to appear below. Spaces count as one letter. Total cannot exceed 22 spaces. Please note IN MEMORY OF inscriptions may require two lines for a total cost of \$300.

Please mail all memberships and applications to: Tubbs Hill, Inc., PO Box 3061, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-3061.

THANK YOU for your generous support. Your contribution to the Tubbs Hill Foundation is tax-deductible as permitted by federal law for nonprofit foundations.

My Experience on Tubbs Hill

Hiking Tubbs Hill was a wonderful experience. We went there to celebrate the end of the year and to learn about plants and rocks. Some went to enjoy the beauty of it. I found an interesting flower that was round and fluffy. Almost like a snowflake. Also we found huge rocks and odd plants that I've never seen before. I also found a single pink flower that was beautiful. What I enjoyed the most about hiking Tubbs Hill was looking at the scenery and beauty. Also I enjoyed hiking with my friends and looking at the different plants and flowers. ~Sienna

My purpose on going to Tubbs Hill was for our fifth grade graduation and to learn about the wilderness. I thought the beach was interesting because there were lots of cool rocks. I found one quartz rock and one edible plant. I think Tubbs Hill was one of the best field trips we ever had. ~Vaughn



Editor's Note:

On June 7th, 5th grade teachers Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Higgs from Fernan Elementary School, took their classes for a field trip of Tubbs Hill to celebrate their upcoming graduation. Students greatly enjoyed the trip and later wrote some brief notes about the experience; see below.

Terrific trees

Under the sky

Big rocks

Boulders everywhere

Super fun

Hill that is big

Interactive

Long trail

Laughed a lot

~by Matt

Terrific trees

Under the sky

Beyond beauty

Beautiful views

Sweet smelling

Happy times

Incredibly huge rocks

Lovely luscious trees

Large lake

~by Kelly

Do you know these people?
See story on back page.



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Our Sincere Thanks To Our Recent Contributors:

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Our sincere apologies if we have failed to include your name. Please let Editor Evalyn Adams know at 765-5535. We will be sure to print your name in the upcoming newsletter.

Do you know them? Unfortunately we didn't get the name of this group (on the previous page lower-right corner), but as you can see they helped out on one of the last clean up efforts. If you know who they are, please be the first to call Editor Evalyn Adams at 765-5535 and she'll give you a Tubbs Hill bumper sticker.

Be sure to save Saturday, October 9th on your calendar for our next clean up on Tubbs Hill from 9 am - Noon.

Brochures & Maps

Tubbs Hill brochures and maps are available at the Coeur d'Alene Parks Department, 710 E. Mullan Avenue and at the Visitor's Center located next to the Museum of North Idaho, downtown Coeur d'Alene.

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Tubbs Hill Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 a.m., at the Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

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