

Hello Friend of Maddax Woods,

Ah, July - the harbinger of summer heat ahead - how are you spending the warm days? Marla sends a report on a warm day 'in the woods' - the grounds are dry, the shade is welcome and the woods are a great place to take a moment to 'sit a spell' and enjoy the sights and sounds. Although the rookery on Goat Island is relatively quiet now, a few heron fledglings are lingering around the park, high in the surrounding fir trees. Now that the nesting season is over, the intrepid ivy warrior, Steve Misen led a group of volunteers onto Goat Island to clear ivy from the cottonwoods near the nesting area. Osprey calls are frequent and loud and the lucky visitor might catch a bald eagle passing overhead. But, if you take a quiet moment at Roger's Point or the grassy overlook area, you will most certainly be treated to the chatter of Dark-eyed juncos, Black-capped Chickadees and Steller Jays. Though among the smallest of the park residents, the Beckwick's Wren is among the most vocal. Spotted Towhee and Song Sparrows chime in at random. Sunrise and Sunset on the Willamette River are a visual treat and can be viewed from the comfort of the newly installed bench at the viewing area - in memory of Elaine Mahoney, a charter member of the Friends of Maddax Woods.

New on the horizon is the closure of Burns Street from Hwy 43 to the entry of Cascade. Access in and out of Maddax Woods will be down Holly Street and left on River Street. The dates of this closure are yet to be announced. So, when you plan a visit to the Woods, plan ahead and watch carefully for the added complexity of traffic patterns.

Stay Well and Cool,

Friends of Maddax Woods

\*Work Party - Saturday, July 20 - 9:00am-noon

\*Board Meeting - Thursday, July 25 - 3:30pm-5:30 - WL Library