

32nd Annual Great Blue Heron Week
Celebrating Green Infrastructure
Wednesday, May 30th through Sunday, June 10th

Wednesday, May 30th, 9:45 am, Great Blue Heron Proclamation, Portland City Council. Proclamation and celebrating the city's commitment to employing natural and built Green Infrastructure for herons, salmon and people. The proclamation will kick off a week-long series of field trips to visit heron colonies throughout The Intertwine, the region's system of parks, trails, and natural areas.

Thursday, May 31st, 4:45 pm to 6:16 pm, Public Lecture, **Dr. Tim Beatley**, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, University of Virginia & Director, International Biophilic Cities Program, Shattuck Hall Annex, Portland State University. Everyone loves herons and the diverse flora and fauna of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. That love of nature is actually "hard-wired" in us, an innate trait referred to as Biophilia. Dr. Beatley will share the work he and colleagues at the international Biophilic Cities to encourage greater access to nature in cities to improve human psychological and physical health as well as creating more ecologically sustainable urban ecosystems. The lecture is open and free to the public. Meet at 4:45 pm at the Shattuck Hall Annex at Portland State University at SW Broadway and SW Hall Street. The Annex is at the northeast corner of Shattuck Hall. Sponsors: PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Urban Greenspaces Institute, and Moda Health.

Friday, June 1st, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Oaks Bottom Nature Walk and Restoration Update. Leaders: **Mike Houck**, Urban Greenspaces Institute, **Emily Roth**, Portland Parks and Recreation, and **Sean Bistoff**, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services. An opportunity to do some birding and learn about the city's restoration plans for salmon and wildlife at Oaks Bottom and summertime closure of Springwater on the Willamette Trail. Meet at Sellwood Park parking lot, north end of Sellwood Park at SE 7th Avenue and SE Sellwood Boulevard (do not meet at parking lot off SE Milwaukie Blvd!).

Saturday, June 2, 9 am to 2 pm Ride on the Wildside: Westmoreland Park to Leach Botanical Garden and Zenger Farm. This 15-mile ride will start and end at the newly restored stream corridor and wetland at Westmoreland Park and ride the Springwater Corridor trail to Foster Floodplain Wetlands, Zenger Farm Wetlands, and Leach Botanical Garden. A trip highlight will be learning about Leach Garden's forest canopy walk and garden re-design. Leaders: **Mike Houck** and **Leach Garden** staff. Bring your bicycle and helmet (mandatory), water and lunch, and binoculars. Pre-registration is required by contacting mike at mikehouck@urbangreenspaces.org. Meeting place and other details will be sent to registrants.

Sunday, June 3rd, 10 am to 1 pm, Paddle The Willamette South Reach, Milwaukie to Sellwood Bridge. Leaders **Mike Houck**, Urban Greenspaces Institute; **Bob Sallinger**, Audubon Society of Portland; and **Jeff Caudill**, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; This paddle will explore Elk Rock island and nearby cliffs, home to Peregrine Falcons and unique flora. We will paddle downriver to explore both banks of the Willamette River which will be the subject of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability "River Plan/South Reach" planning process. Meet at Willamette Park boat ramp no later than 9:30 am to get your craft into the water to launch at 10 am sharp!

Monday, June 4th 7 pm to 8 pm. Herons at South Waterfront. Leader **Mike Houck** will set up a spotting scope to get great views of adult and young Great Blue Herons who will be about ready to fledge from their nests on the downstream tip of Ross Island. Other highlights will be Bald Eagles, Osprey and Red-tailed Hawks. Bring binoculars and your own spotting scope if you have one. Meeting place: Go to the eastern end of SW Curry Street to the Greenway and walk south (upstream) on the Greenway to an overlook where Mike will have his scope set up.

Tuesday, June 5th, Exploring the Willamette River South Reach. An interpreted boat trip led by **Bob Sallinger**, Audubon Society of Portland and **Mike Houck**, Urban Greenspaces Institute. **BOB SALLINGER TO PROVIDE DETAILS!** BPS, BES, and Parks are all cordially invited and if they wish to be co-leaders please indicate.

Wednesday, June 6th, 8 am to 11 am, Birding Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. Meet leader **Mike Houck** at Sellwood Park parking lot, north end of Sellwood Park at SE 7th Avenue and SE Sellwood Boulevard (do not meet at parking lot off SE Milwaukie Blvd!). Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

Thursday, June 7th, 6 to 8 pm, Explore the Willamette River's South Reach. Meet at Willamette Park picnic tables south of boat ramp for a walk/roll with City staff along the Willamette Greenway Trail to the Sellwood Bridge and back. This is an opportunity to learn about the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's River Plan/South Reach work that is underway, and to provide staff with your input. The planning effort is an update to the Willamette Green Plan that will address environmental protection and restoration, recreation, residential, and other topics. Entrance to Willamette Park is at SW Macadam Avenue and SW Nebraska Street. If you drive be sure to pay for parking and park in a car stall, not boat trailer or you will be ticketed! Leaders: **Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff.**

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Saturday June 9th, Saturday June 9th, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, City of Portland River Plan / South Reach Visioning Workshop. The public is invited to dream about and share their ideas for the Willamette River South Reach's future with community members and City staff. The project area stretches south from the Ross Island Bridge (excluding South Waterfront) to and including the Dunthorpe neighborhood. **Location: Llewellyn Elementary School Cafeteria, 6301 SE 14th Avenue.** For more information contact: **Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability** at 503-823-7700.

Sunday, June 10th, 10 am to 1 pm, Ross Island Paddle. Leader: **Mike Houck**. An opportunity to enjoy a morning on the Willamette River, paddling through the no wake zone on the Holgate Channel, into the Ross Island lagoon, around Ross Island and back to Willamette Park. This is the perfect time to circumnavigate the four island archipelago (Ross, Hardtack, East and Toe) which will be redolent with bird song, including the eerie melody of Swainson's Thrushes. We might even see a river otter or two! We will be looking and listening for Black-headed Grosbeaks, Purple Martins, and other migratory songbirds, Spotted Sandpipers, Peregrine Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, and Wood Ducks. In the Ross Island lagoon we'll see nesting Bald Eagles that took over what had been a large Great Blue Heron nesting colony. The paddle is a leisurely 2 ½ hours and is suitable for beginning paddlers and families. You must provide your own life jackets and kayak or canoe.

Meet no later than 9:30 am at Willamette Park Boat Ramp to unload your canoe or kayak and get into the water by 10 am. Willamette Park entrance is at SW Macadam Avenue and SW Nebraska Street. If you are renting a canoe or kayak from the nearby Portland Kayak Company make sure you leave plenty of time to get your craft and be at Willamette Park at 9:30 am sharp to put in. Portland Kayak Company, 503-459-4050; www.portlandkayak.com.

After unloading your craft at the boat ramp be sure to park in a CAR parking space. You will be ticketed if you park in a trailer space. Be sure to pay for parking. There are two parking pass machines near the restroom at the south end of the main parking lot.



— PUBLIC LECTURE —
*Part of the 32nd Annual Great Blue Heron Week**

Designing Cities That Embrace Nature

Thursday, May 31, 2018 | 5:00 pm

Shattuck Hall Annex, Portland State University
SW Broadway and SW Hall Street



Dr. Tim Beatley, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, University of Virginia, will describe what cities in the Biophilic Cities Network are doing to adopt policies that reflect and contribute to a better understanding of urban residents' innate love of nature. "Biophilic Urbanism" assumes that contact with nature and the natural world is absolutely essential to modern urban life. Scientific evidence is mounting that we are more resilient, creative, and healthier physically and psychologically when we live, work, and recreate in the presence of nature. The concept of Biophilia holds that love of nature is "hard-wired" in us, an inborn trait. Dr. Beatley will share the work he and colleagues are engaged in to encourage greater access to nature in cities.

Doors open at 4:45 pm at the Shattuck Hall Annex at Portland State University at SW Broadway and SW Hall Street. Program 5 pm to 6:15 pm.

Timothy Beatley is author or co-author of more than fifteen books, including *Green Urbanism: Learning from European Cities*, *Native to Nowhere: Sustaining Home and Community in a Global Age*, *Biophilic Cities: Integrating Nature Into Urban Design and Planning*. Beatley founded and directs the Biophilic Cities Project at UVA (<http://biophiliccities.org/>). He holds a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MA in Political Science from UNC, a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Oregon, and a Bachelors of City Planning from UVA.

* For details of other events and trips for the **32nd Annual Great Blue Heron Week** go to: www.audubonportland.org or www.theintertwine.org

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Spirit of Place

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forward and become suddenly a life
lifted from the dawn to the rain. It is
the wilderness come back again, a lagoon
with our city reflected in its eye.
We live by faith in such presences.
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— William Stafford

200 Poets to City Bird,
The Great Blue Heron

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Whereas

Whereas, the Great Blue Heron is a majestic symbol of the City of Portland's efforts to restore, protect, and sustain ecologically healthy habitats for fish and wildlife and for the enjoyment of people across the region; and

Whereas, Portland Parks & Recreation is the proud owner of 50 acres of Ross Island and are conducting ecological restoration on the island; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Environmental Services adopted its new ten-year Strategic Plan, continuing their commitment to watershed health and green infrastructure; and

Whereas, the City has launched a major restoration effort in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve fish and wildlife habitat at the 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, the City has adopted innovative wildlife strategies including a new eco roof mandate and bird safe building requirements for the Central City, and will continue to build upon these efforts by developing a light pollution ordinance; and

Whereas, the City's Central Reach River Plan expands the Willamette River Greenway to 50 feet, sets ambitious targets for riverbank restoration, and

Whereas, the City will update its floodplain management program to comply with new federal requirements to protect salmon, to improve the ecological benefits of the river, and to increase resiliency in the face of climate change; and

Whereas, the South Reach of the Willamette River planning by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will set a renewed vision and strengthen connections to the river;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim May 30th through June 12th to be

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in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this week.

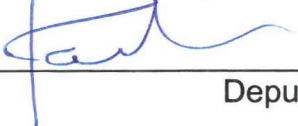


Proclaim May 30-June 12 to be 32nd Annual Great Blue Heron Week
(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

MAY 30 2018
ACCEPTED

Filed MAY 22 2018

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 
Deputy

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	✓	