



Trail-building on Badger Mt, March 2010

Hello friends, This newsletter finds us entering the second week of June, and it's finally starting to feel like spring! As always, you can [check our Web site](#) for more information about Friends of Badger Mountain. In this issue:

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1. **Monday, June 21, 5th Anniversary Celebration!** Can you believe it's been 5 years since FOBM raised the funds to acquire the 574 acres that became the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve! Come celebrate with us and thank the people who were critical to the success of this amazing effort. Music and speakers, starting at Trailhead Park @ 6:00 PM. Then, to welcome the first day of summer, hike the mountain on the Canyon Trail, our first trail created in fall 2005, or the Sagebrush, our newest trail created spring 2010. Start your hike whenever you want. The Summer Solstice sun sets at 8:53 PM.

2. **Amon Creek Acquisition** FOBM is a strong supporter of the effort by Tapteal Greenway to protect the Amon Basin area. Tapteal is asking for letters to the Richland City Council and/or the Tri-City Herald in support of their effort to obtain a grant from the WA State Recreational and Conservation Office (RCO) to purchase an additional 100 acres of Amon land. Competition for RCO grants is fierce and letters of support from our community, including the City of Richland, can be critical. If you agree that protection of this area will benefit our community and align with FOBM's purpose, please write a letter. The basic message is "Amon Basin is important, here is what it means to me and to our community. I want the City Council to support acquisition of this new parcel." **A sample letter of support is attached**, which is more than is really needed, but might offer an idea or two for your own letter. *Short but mailed is better than long but still sitting in the typewriter.*

For more information go to <http://www.tapteal.org/pages/centralpark.html>. The Council needs to get your letter by June 11, 2010. Send to citycouncil@ci.richland.wa.us.

3. **Job Opening: FOBM Membership Coordinator.** Join our volunteer team in this job that's easy and fun! For a job description, contact carla@friendsofbadger.org.

4. **Become a Member for 2010.** Friends of Badger Mountain is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(C)3 organization. Your support helps us build and maintain trails and mount projects that increase enjoyment of the trails. We also raise the money to preserve special ridge land and have adopted the role of stewards for any land we preserve. You can [go to our membership page](#) to learn more about the benefits of becoming a member and how to sign up.

5. **Calling All Musicians and Performers.** Friends of Badger Mountain puts on different events that we want to make more exciting by having music (flutes, guitars, saxophones, drums) and performers (singing, dancing, juggling, acrobats) or any talent, like photography, that you would like to contribute. Contact sharon@friendsofbadger.org.

6. **Wanted: Trailmaster Jim needs a gasoline powered winch.** This fall, the Friends of Badger Mountain will be completing the rock lining along the Canyon Trail. We will be building a cart to haul the rocks up the steps, the Badger Buggy is too unstable for this. We will need a winch to pull the cart, 5 hp or larger. If anyone knows of one we can use or if they have an old piece of machinery we can use for parts such as a riding lawn mower, please contact Jim at trailmaster@friendsofbadger.org or 943-3992.

7. **An electronic pedometer was found on the Sagebrush Trail in late May.** Contact Russ at 627-3895.

Finally, thanks very much for helping us expand, make more user-friendly, and in all ways take care of our beautiful Badger Mountain! If you have any questions, comments, or items for the next newsletter, please [drop me an e-mail](#).

Sharon Grant, President, FOBM
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