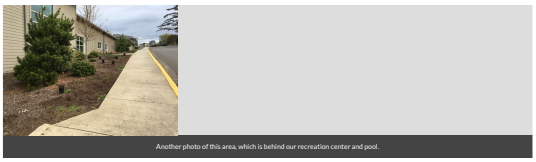
Bee City USA - Newport

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Newport maintained and re-seeded the Pollinator Bed that was installed in 2020 at Ann and Don Davis Park. This raised bed is in a very popular park near beach access and our popular Nye Beach neighborhood. This is the location of our first Pollinator Habitat sign. Across from City Hall we cleared out and seeded annual pollinator plants in the parking lot island beds with California Poppy, Douglas Meadowfoam, Self-heal and native Yarrow. This was especially appropriate as this is where we have our Farmer's Market, from April until October. The newest project is a large area that is being weeded, planted, and seeded with annual and perennial plants that will provide pollen and habitat from Spring to late Fall. This is an on-going project – photos show the first phase. Once it is established we will put another Pollinator Habitat sign here. We also maintained our Surfrider Raingarden which is planted with native Redcurrant shrubs, Mahonia, Douglas Spirea and Asters.

Planting an assortment of Heathers, while not native they are wonderful bee plants.



Another photo of this area, which is behind our recreation center and pool.

Surfrider Volunteers at the raingarden clean-up event.

Education & Outreach

The City of Newport participated in a Bioblitz campaign. This was an educational and community outreach program in affiliation with the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Assoc.) and supported by iNaturalist. The Bioblitz was a month-long event to identify and observe native plants and pollinators. PRESS RELEASE Contact: Anita Albrecht 541.270.4967 Pursuing Pollinators Thanks to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation, The City of Newport Parks and Recreation is hosting a BioBlitz during the month of September, in support of the Parks for Pollinators campaign. What's a BioBlitz? The Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz is an event where community members work with park staff to observe and identify pollinators and pollinator plants in our environment in and around Newport. It doesn't have to be in a Newport park, but if you want do your observations in one of Newport's parks, you can find a list here https://newportoregon.gov/dept/par/parks.asp locate maps here https://newportoregon.gov/dept/par/parks-map.asp Just what is a pollinator or pollinator plant? It's not just bees! Many different animals can be pollinators. In our area, ants, beetles, butterflies, moths, flies, bats, bees, hummingbirds, even slugs can be pollinators. For pollinator plants, any plant that does not spread pollen on the wind can be a pollinator plant. For example, conifers spread pollen on the wind, flowering plants need pollinators. How is a BioBlitz accomplished? The event

uses an app called iNaturalist to take pictures of plants, insects, and animals to see what wildlife is present in the area. The event runs the month of September to provide people plenty of time to get out and make observations. The data will be used to provide information about pollinators, which are essential to our ecosystem and can help us understand how we can better protect pollinators and other important wildlife in our community. There will be an introductory event at the Rec Center on September 3rd from 9am to 1pm with information about the project as well as plants and animals you may find on your observations. If you have questions about how to participate, contact Anita at A.Albrecht@NewportOregon.gov Keep an eye on the City of Newport Parks and Recreation Facebook page for more information.

Penny Royal Mint, Bioblitz observation

Policies & Practices

We are in the process of drafting an IPM program.

Integrated Pest Management Plan: Newport IPM Plan_DRAFT-3.pdf

Recommended Native Plant List: NewportTreeManual_Full[2].pdf

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:
sevenoaksnativenursery.com

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https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/par/bees.asp
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