

CHARLESTOWN HILLCLIMB

By Judith Yarrow, co-chair, Friends of Charlestown Hillclimb, MBCC Parks and Open Spaces Committee

Friends of Charlestown Hillclimb (FCH) spring into action...

FCH kicked off the Hillclimb maintenance with the first weeding party of the year on Saturday March 24. The FCH steering committee coordinates the monthly weeding parties on the 4th Saturday of every month from March through October.

If you're interested in helping keep the Hillclimb tidy and easy to use, join the weeding crew from 10:00 - 12:00, at the top of the Hillclimb at 37th S. and S. Charlestown. Especially if you use the Hillclimb, we encourage you to join us for some or all of the time. More hands make the work more fun, and it's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. (Please bring your own tools.)

For more information about helping with maintenance, contact Hilary MacGregor at 206-719-5056, hilmacg@hotmail.com

Other Hillclimb News: This spring, Seattle Department of Transportation will be installing the first phase of a stairway on the Hillclimb. They expect to complete the installation sometime in June.

FCH is seeking funds to complete the stairway and to landscape the Hillclimb with drought-tolerant and native plants. In March, FCH submitted an application for a Small & Simple grant for landscape planning funds. The grant requires a community match, and we welcome donations of cash, labor, and services from neighbors and businesses. MBCC is the fiscal sponsor supporting FCH, and all donations made for the Hillclimb are tax deductible. Your checks can be made out to MBCC, and if you write "Friends of Charlestown Hillclimb" in the comments your donation will be directed to FCH.

If you'd like to get involved in or contribute to this project, please contact Judith Yarrow at 206-721-0480, jayarrow@gmail.com

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Neighbors visited while they weeded the blueberries at the Charlestown Hillclimb. Photographer: Judith Yarrow



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