

Work is progressing on the refurbishing of Newport's Mombetsu Sister City Park, located on Neff Way just west of South Coast Highway.

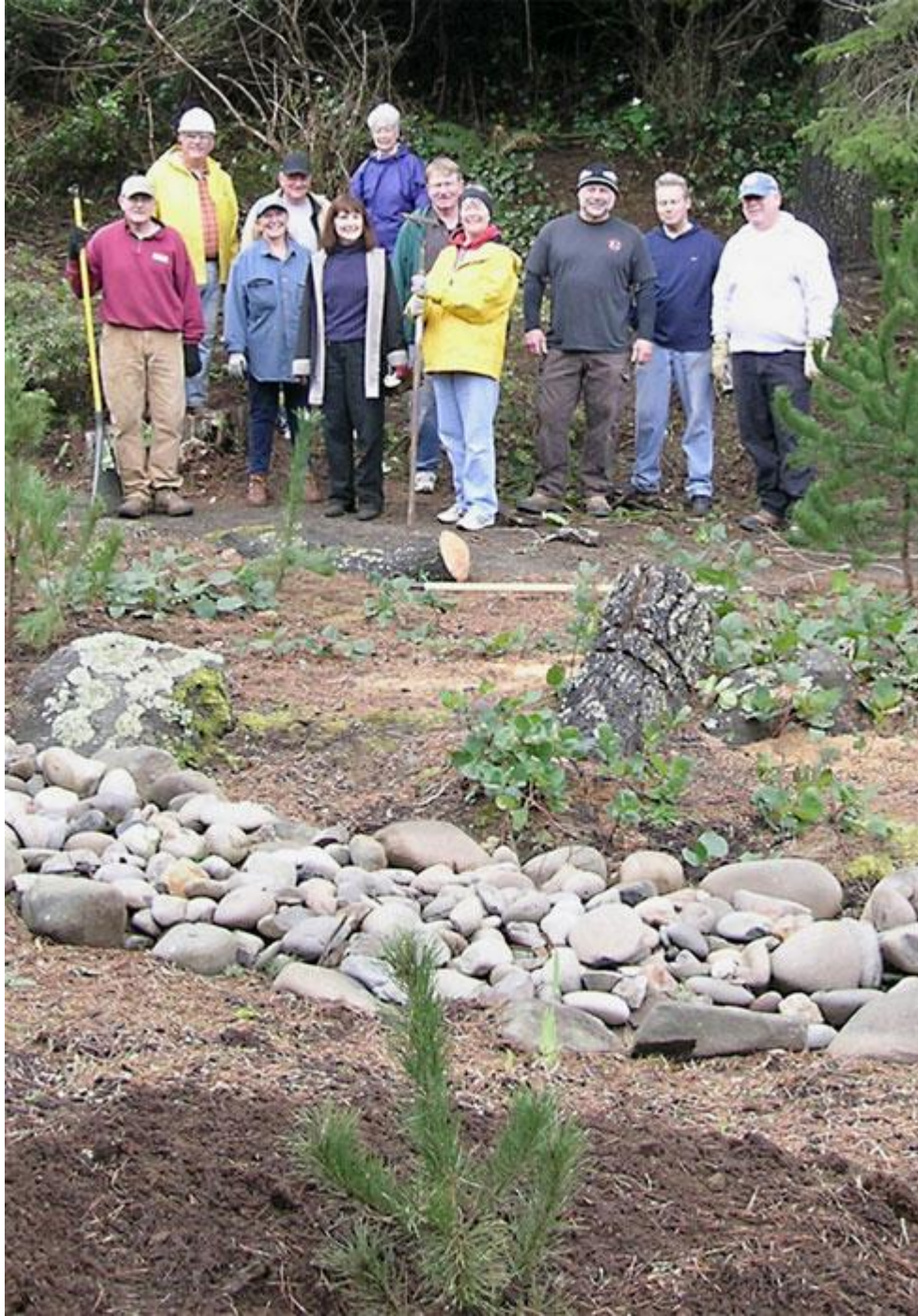
The park, originally built by the Rotary Club of Newport in 1976 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Mombetsu, Japan and Newport, is being redesigned and enhanced by the Rotarians.

The recent storms damaged several of the trees in the park and new trees have been planted; the park will also receive a new entry arch on its east end and a wooden footbridge will be installed that will cross a dry creek bed, also a new enhancement.

The Rotary Club of Newport has built or improved several parks in Newport; the Literacy Park adjacent to the city library is a Rotary project, built in 2005 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the local club and the Centennial of Rotary International.

These projects are possible not only because of the volunteer labor of the Rotarians but also by the generosity of local people and businesses that have donated funds, labor and materials to support these projects.

Those interested in helping the club by donating to the project can reach them at The Rotary Club of Newport, Oregon; P.O. Box 235, Newport, OR 97365.



**Photo caption:**

A work party was held Saturday, March 31 at Sister City Park. Pictured are, from left, Mark McConnell, Bill Bain, Bernice Barnett, Bruce Gainer, Signe Grimstad, Linda Kilbride, Steve Driver, Carol Ruggeri, Mark Hanrahan, Randy Getman and Mark Miranda. This list include Rotarians and helpful spouses and they all wielded shovels, rakes, weed eaters, and a variety of implements to continue work on revitalizing the park.