



Message from PCI Pres. Arlyne Reichert:

Bridge Balusters Near Completion

We have good news to savor during these challenging times. Thanks to your generous support, the balusters across the Bridge deck are 90% complete! Contractor Dave Kuglin agreed to proceed as far as our budget allowed. He and his team of talented local craftsmen nearly made it to the finish line with **\$359,000** that we'd raised from donations and grants. An unforeseen issue with the deck resulted in a 10% cost overrun. We are currently scrambling to raise **\$36,000** to complete this project during the Spring of 2021. We hope Bridge supporters will once again rally to the cause. PCI is an all-volunteer non-profit 501c-3 organization, so every donated dollar directly benefits the Bridge.

The long-awaited 100th Birthday party for our Historic 10th Street Bridge had to be postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Once we get the all-clear, we are going to have a joyous celebration to launch the Bridge's next 100 years as a pedestrian parkway. To show off her new balusters, our friends at River's Edge Trail are also planning a community-wide Luminaria Event on the Historic Bridge when Covid restrictions are lifted.

Annual Meeting Postponed

For the past 25 years one of the highlights of the Historic Tenth Street Bridge Project has been our Preservation Cascade ANNUAL MEETING. This is the first time we have been forced to postpone this gathering where we share new developments about our project, socialize with PCI members, consume tasty treats and enjoy historic vignettes.

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be rescheduled as soon as conditions permit. We'll advertise the event by phone calls to members, email, TV, radio & social media.

Please check out the Bridge's very own Facebook page for announcements and Bridge lightings.

**Follow us on Facebook:
Great Falls Historic Tenth Street Bridge**



Bridge Lighting \$100

Light the Bridge in memory or honor of individuals or events. Several days advance notice required. 406-452-5492

**Stay tuned...
Bridge's post-COVID Birthday Bash
to be announced.**



It Takes a Team of Volunteers

Bridge aficionados will be interested to take a peak behind the scenes at what it has taken to keep the Bridge lights burning for more than a decade. PCI Board members Dave Baker, Bill Hunter, and Dan Agnew (above, left to right) periodically launch a boat to replace burned out bulbs. *Bridge Lady* Arlyne Reichert takes phone calls, collects funds, and sends receipts to folks who donate \$100 to light the Bridge in memory or in honor of an individual or event. She also makes sure PCI pays the monthly NorthWestern Energy lighting bill. Under the watchful eye of Arlyne, retired electric engineer Greg Reichert manually programs each honorary lighting event by accessing the locked control box at the base of the north Bridge abutment. The hands-on nature of this process by Greg and Arlyne have made for some hazardous treks and frozen fingers in the middle of winter blizzards!

Because the Great Falls Tribune no longer lists the lightings, PCI has ramped up its presence on Facebook. Board member Meghan Horn interrupts her already busy life as a young mother in order to post each lighting, along with a featured Bridge photo on Facebook. Webmaster Steve Bankhead (recruited by his wife, Board member Bernadette) collates this information for annual posting on the Bridge’s website. International lighting designer Robert Daniels continues to lend his expertise to the project from afar.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

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Checks payable to: Preservation Cascade Inc.**

This is the ONLY notice you’ll receive for 2021 dues. Pay by check or online at our website. Donations in ANY amount are appreciated.

**Suggested dues: \$35/person
or \$50/family.**

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President Arlyne Reichert, Vice Pres. Bill Hunter, Secretary Margaret Onstad, Treasurer Susan Colvin

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