



Raleigh Park Voice

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Hundreds Attend Another Successful Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic in Raleigh Park

Once again, we can report that our annual picnic was a huge success! In its 6th year, the picnic brought friends, neighbors, and local businesses together to celebrate and support our neighborhood association. The food this year went well with the warm weather. Dinner guests enjoyed Silver Dollar pizza and salad, with desserts and plenty of cold drinks provided by New Seasons Market and Zupan's Market. Thanks to Lexus of Portland and our volunteer audio production expert Tom Holland, we were once again treated to the cool sounds of the Jazztones. And Treehouse Toys sponsored the ever-popular children's raffle and yo-yo giveaway. Children of all ages crowded around the Creature Features staging area to enjoy (and touch!) many exotic creatures, including an albino python. And squeals of delight were heard as children raced through the water sprinkler and into the Joy Jump. Face painters and juggling rounded out the children's events. Special guests included our Washington County Sheriff's Motorcycle and Bicycle Patrols, Beaverton Police, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Station #65. In addition to touring a real fire truck, more than one kid was seen perched on a motorcycle grinning from ear to ear.

For the second year, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough helped us to promote safety in the neighborhood through the sales and fitting of bicycle helmets and safety lights. But the biggest crowds could be found mingling around the Silent Auction tables, where neighbors used their best strategies to outwit the competition, bidding on a wide variety of offerings including: hotel accommodations, recreation, restaurant certificates, health and beauty items, gift baskets, dental care, acupuncture, pet supplies and services, jewelry, tools, and other gift items donated by over 100 local businesses and neighbors.

The picnic raised net proceeds of \$4,851.91 for the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association. Funds are used for expenses such as this newsletter, support of neighborhood initiatives and projects, and operating funds for the coming year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and groups who contributed to our success this year. A picnic of this size could not be accomplished without the help of volunteers, the generous donations from our local businesses, and the participation of our county sheriff, fire department, and local police.



Neighborhood Association Chair Debra Conrad and Janet Holland at the Raleigh Park Picnic. The picnic was a fund raiser which netted \$4850 to support Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association activities.

The mission of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) is to promote neighborhood unity and safety, and to preserve neighborhood integrity and livability for all residents.

The Raleigh Park Voice is published quarterly by the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association through generous contributions from the friends and neighbors of Raleigh Park.

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Special Thanks to Treehouse Toys for their contribution to Picnic in the Park

Special thanks to picnic contributor Treehouse Toys for their continued support, inspiration and community spirit. For the third year running, Treehouse Toys has sponsored our children's raffle at the annual picnic, donating a variety of wonderful prizes as well as water balloon yo-yo giveaways, a special treat for raffle purchasers. But the contributions don't stop there. Owner Kathleen Holley Floistad believes in strong family values and community involvement, and this year her entire family attended the picnic and helped out at the children's raffle.

Kathleen opened Treehouse Toys in July 1999. She was married a year later to Mark Floistad, combining their families into a household of nine. Six of their seven children are teenagers living at home! The business is a true family affair, and Kathleen enjoys having the kids work in the store with her between soccer games. It's all about family, she says, even her logo.

The logo comes from the original artwork of her grandmother, Mary Holley, who created this portrait of her three children (Kathleen's father, uncle, and aunt) in 1932. Using it as her logo is a source of pride and inspiration to Kathleen.

Treehouse Toys provides a unique specialty line of toys for infants to teens. And if the picnic is any indication, they are truly successful in bringing sparkling smiles to the faces of children of all ages. Treehouse Toys is located at the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer

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Thank you again Treehouse Toys for your contributions to our picnic and neighborhood!



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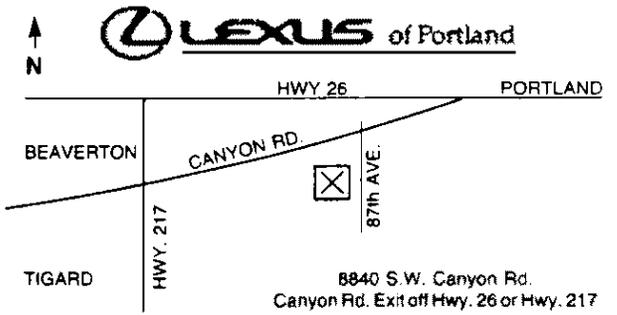
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Tom Holland for providing and operating the sound system
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Trauma Nurses Talk Tough for their helmet booth and volunteer training



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Raleigh Park
Neighborhood Association
Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2001
Valley Community Church, 7 pm

Agenda

Introduction & Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Officers' Reports:
· Washington County Sheriff
· Beaverton PD
· TVF&R Station 65
Traffic Calming Update from
Washington County Staff :
· Diverter on 86th & Birchwood
· 91st Street
· Fairway Avenue
· White Pine Lane
Beaverton Streets Update :
Traffic Calming on Laurelwood-Birchwood-87th
Oleson Road Improvements Update
Announcements
Neighborhood Concerns & Guest Forum

Meetings Planned for Beaverton Streets Traffic Calming

A plan for traffic calming on 87th-Birchwood-Laurelwood Avenues is being developed through the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program of the City of Beaverton. After these streets were annexed into the City of Beaverton, the residents of these streets submitted a request for traffic calming. The City has developed a seven-step process to reduce the negative impacts of traffic on neighborhood streets and to improve safety. The 87th-Birchwood-Laurelwood project has already passed through the first three steps (Request, Eligibility, and Funding) and is currently in the Plan Development Phase.

During this phase, a series of public meetings are held, and participants will work with City staff and emergency services agencies to come up with a specific proposed plan for traffic calming. The first of these meetings was held on October 17th at Jesuit High School to present the process to the public and to determine whether a need exists to formulate a specific traffic calming plan for the 87th-Birchwood-Laurelwood corridor. Those in attendance voted to continue meeting and to develop such a plan.

Additional public meetings will now be held to create the plan.

Any interested individuals, including residents, business owners, and property owners are invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Meetings will probably be held monthly for as long as it takes to develop a plan (usually 4-8 months). Notice for these meetings will be posted along the 87th-Birchwood-Laurelwood corridor, and we will post them on the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association website (<http://rpnac.homestead.com>). Following selection of a plan, a public open house will be scheduled to provide additional public review and comment.

A survey will then be conducted by the City to determine support for the plan. The survey area will be based on the selected plan. If survey results indicate support from at least 67% of identified property owners, households, and business owners in the survey area, then the Traffic Commission will hold a noticed public hearing to take testimony to determine its recommendation on implementation of the selected plan.

The next public meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2001 at 7 pm at Raleigh Park Elementary School.



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A message from the Chair...

Clarification of NAC status

A number of you have contacted the Neighborhood Association Board and/or the City of Beaverton regarding a recent mailing of the West Slope NAC newsletter. Two concerns have been expressed. First, why Raleigh Hills is being included in the mailing, and second, concerning the statement that the Raleigh Park NAC has been disbanded and absorbed into the West Slope NAC. Let me attempt to answer these questions for everyone and clarify the state of your neighborhood association.

To reduce costs and labor for newsletter mailings in the City of Beaverton's NAC program, newsletters are addressed to "Postal Patron Local" which means that all individuals in a specific zip code are included in the mailing. Because some of the West Slope Association residents live in the 97225 zip code, all postal patrons of this zip code receive the newsletter, whether they are members of the West Slope Association or not.

Secondly, let me assure you that your Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association is alive and well. The information about disbanding that was printed in the West Slope Newsletter was a bit misleading. "NAC" is an acronym for "Neighborhood Association Committee" and refers to associations within the City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Program. When the City of Beaverton withdrew financial support of our neighborhood association last spring, we dropped the acronym "NAC" from our name and became simply: The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association. Three streets in our neighborhood--Laurelwood, Birchwood, and 87th--are technically within the city limits of Beaverton and are therefore entitled to representation by the City's NAC program. Only those three streets have been officially included in the West Slope NAC.

The City of Beaverton has apologized for the confusion, and we hope that this explanation adequately addresses your concerns. Thank you all for your continued support!

--Debbie Conrad, RPNA Chair