

Raleigh Park Voice

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General Meeting for May 10th

At the next General Meeting, we will hear from two candidates that are running in the upcoming primary for Secretary of State of Oregon. Both Fred Granum (R) and Betsy Close (R) will discuss their reasons for running for the Secretary position.

Raleigh Park Picnic for August 6th, 2004

We are looking forward to planning another picnic this year. We will again need volunteers for the usual duties of setting up, cleaning up, and helping at the picnic. Please contact Jim Coppa at 503-296-9405 or email him from our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>. The "Silent Auction" is returning this year so volunteers are needed for this part of the picnic. If you are interested in helping with this auction, contact us soon.

Community Garden

Raleigh Park Elementary School is planning to put a school garden on the site where the portables currently reside (between the library and the school). If all goes as scheduled, the portables will be removed this summer and the garden will be developed during the next school year. A committee of teachers, parents and neighbors have been meeting for several months to plan, with input from the students this spring. The garden will be called "Raleigh Park Community Garden" and members of the community will be able to enjoy it. The students will learn to design, plant, grow and nourish an organic garden.

The first fund raiser is a Plant Sale on April 29 and 30 from 2-6 p.m. at Raleigh Park Elementary. There will be bedding plants, hanging baskets and tomato plants for sale. All the neighbors are welcome! For more information or questions, you can contact Julie Corpron at (503) 297-7172 or by email at corpron@comcast.net.

Donate Those Old Bikes

On June 5th from 1 to 5 PM bring your used bike(s), regardless of condition, to the West Slope Espresso at 8805 SW Canyon Lane. They will be collected for the Community Cycling Center (CCC), a non-profit organization that refurbishes bikes for low income kids and adults (<http://www.communitycyclingcenter.org/>). Kids who qualify and go through a bike safety and repair training course, receive a bicycle, a helmet and a bike lock. Tax donation receipts will be provided from CCC. The bike collection is being coordinated by Soulburst, a faith community which meets Saturday evenings at West Slope Espresso.

Neighborhood Donates to Schools and Church

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) made donations of \$150 dollars each to Beaverton High School, Whitford Middle School and Raleigh Park Elementary School as well as Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Neighborhood Projects Needed

Do you have an idea for a neighborhood project? We would like to hear about your proposal. One recent neighborhood project funded was the doggy stations in the Raleigh Park. Please contact Jim Coppa at 503-296-9405 or by using our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>.

Raleighwood Marsh

The Raleighwood Marsh has become a restoration project of the ongoing Fanno Creek Watershed Plan (FCWP) adopted by Clean Water Services of Washington County in 1997. The Raleighwood Marsh project, currently in the second phase of the study, seeks to improve water quality, manage sediment loading in

the stream, and floodwater conveyance in Sylvan Creek. Two main benefits for our neighborhood are to mitigate flooding of properties in the upper reaches of the marsh as well as maintain areas of marsh for wildlife. Raleighwood Marsh forms the lower reaches of Sylvan Creek in Raleighwood Park that drains into Fanno Creek near the junction of Olsen Road and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Raleighwood Park starts behind the Raleigh Hills Pub, north of Scholls Ferry, and extends toward Bancroft Way.

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During phase I, selected portions of the upper reaches of Sylvan Creek were rehabilitated to stabilize the banks and bottoms of the creek to reduce erosion and transport of sediment into the marsh and finally into Fanno Creek. Fanno Creek and its tributaries have been identified as a "301" stream in Oregon. A "301" stream fails to meet one or more of the standards for water quality established by the Oregon Department Environment Quality. In the case of Fanno Creek, it fails to meet the standards of turbidity (a measurement of the amount sediment carried by the stream). Clean Water Services (formerly Unified Sewerage Agency) is the lead agency is restoring and maintaining the health of Fanno Creek and its tributaries.

For phase 2, a community meeting was held on Monday March 29th to review the project status with property owners and interested neighbors. Permit applications for the phase 2 plan have been submitted by Clean Water Services to the various regulatory agencies. The goals of this phase are to use the natural flow of the creek to decrease the build-up of sediment in the marsh as well as to re-establish a more natural course and flow to the creek. If approved as submitted, the plan calls for removal of the existing rock and debris dam followed by installation of an adjustable weir structure at the south end of Raleighwood Marsh. The new structure will be in place for at least 3 years to control the flow of water and sediment while allowing for fish passage. Large scale construction, sediment removal and terrain modification are not part of the plan.

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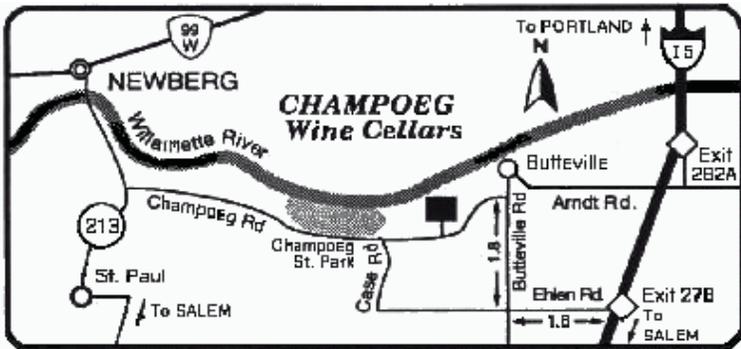
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This phase will include 3 years of monitoring and study before any additional phases will be implemented to restore the Sylvan Creek watershed. Permit approval is expected in 30 to 60 days. After a 30 day contractor bidding process, construction is planned for this summer. Please contact Jeanna Cernazanu the Clean Water Services Public Involvement Coordinator by email at cernazanuj@cleanwaterservices.org for more information or questions.

Concert in the Raleigh Park

Join the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District as we celebrate parks and summertime with a free Concert in the Park on June 22nd, 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chair

and loved ones and have a splendid evening set amidst beautiful Raleigh Park. Details at www.thprd.org. Contact Terri O'Brien the Volunteer & Special Activities Coordinator of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District by Phone: 503-645-6433 (ext 298) or by email at tobrien@thprd.org for more information or questions.



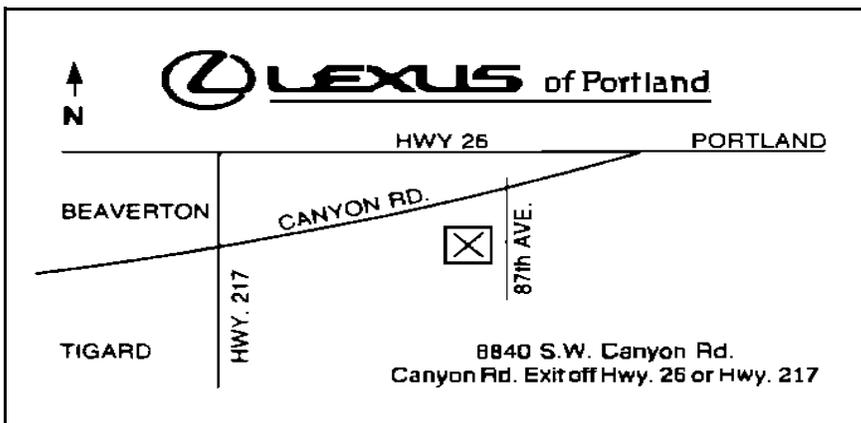
Raleigh Park Neighborhood

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood consists of some 1600 homes and businesses from Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway on the south to Canyon Drive on the north, SW White Pine Lane on the west, and Scholls Ferry Road on the east. All neighbors are welcome to attend meetings, including our local businesses and residents who own or rent their homes within the neighborhood. The General meetings of the RPNA are held each second Monday

of alternating months starting January 2004 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (SW 8060 Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The Board meetings of the RPNA are held at 6 PM to 7 PM before the General meeting. On months when no General Meetings are held, the Board meetings are held on the second Monday from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

Update: Cellar Antennas of T-Mobile/Voice Stream Wireless

T-Mobile/Voice Stream Wireless has approached the West Slope Water District (WSWD) about placing two antennas on the green water tower located north of the intersection at Canyon Drive and Ridgewood Avenue in our neighborhood. On March 17, a Board Meeting was held by West Slope Water District where the representatives from T-Mobile were on the agenda to report on the permitting process and progress



for cell antennas at the green water tank. The representative(s) from T-Mobile did not show for the meeting, but they did drop off the "final" plans for the placement of the antennas on the water tank. Jerry Arnold, the WSWD manager, indicated that T-Mobile had missed the deadline for submitting their final plans for the antennas and that they had to start the process all over again. T-mobile had submitted what they thought were completed plans already but the county found several problems with the plans in the initial stages. The first step for T-Mobile is to have the WSWD approve the

plans. After that, there are at least 3 public comment meetings that need to be held prior to the final

approval by Washington County. Jim Coppa and Jason Wissmiller, RPNA Board members, attended the meeting along with 4 Raleigh Park residents. Three residents spoke on various issues ranging from health risks to noise issues. One resident even came prepared with a copy of a video tape for each of the board members. The video is an hour long and educates the viewer with respect to the health risks of cellular transmissions. The board assured the audience that they would take sufficient time to look over the final plans, gather the facts, and make a decision based on the greatest good for the greatest number of WSWD customers which total approximately 3,100 residents (1,400 of which are RPNA residents). No additional details of the plans were made available at the meeting. The WSWD board and T-Mobile have not even discussed the proposed lease price yet.

If you have any additional questions or concerns for this land use proposal you can contact Jerry Arnold with West Slope Water District. He can be reached at 503-292-2777.

Be a Friend of Raleigh Park

“Help us preserve our neighborhood and promote unity”

MISSION STATEMENT: Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote neighborhood unity and safety, and to preserve and maintain livability and integrity for all residents.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE: To educate and inform through meetings, newsletters, and other activities, issues that affect the livability, safety, and integrity of the neighborhood. We try to create avenues of communication between members and the public and private entities serving our area. We hope to bring about maximum exposure of ideas and plans that are being proposed in our area, such as development applications, and to provide opportunities for our members to influence the outcomes. We strive to encourage, preserve, and enhance the safety, aesthetics, cultural values, and diversity of the neighborhood. We promote individual and group efforts to improve the general welfare of the community, and we encourage all to participate.

WHAT WE DO: 1) Conduct bi-monthly general neighborhood meetings the second Monday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November; 2) Organize the annual picnic in the park; 3) Prepare and distribute the quarterly newsletter; 4) Provide a forum for the Washington County Sheriff and TV Fire and Rescue to communicate directly with the neighborhood; 5) Donate money to the local schools and organizations such as Raleigh Park Elementary, Whitford Middle, Beaverton High, Friends of the Library (West Slope), Valley Community Church; and 6) Fund neighborhood projects such as the doggy stations in the park

Your tax deductible donations go to support the RPNA and the activities we promote in the neighborhood. All donations will get recognized in the RPNA newsletter.

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