



Raleigh Park Voice

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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.

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General Meeting for November 14th

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday November 14th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program will be one of the main topics to be discussed at this general meeting. Teaching citizens to help themselves and their neighbors in time of an emergency is vital. Those interested in CERT training for our neighborhood should attend this meeting,

The 2nd Annual Concert in the Park

The 2nd Annual Concert in the Park at Raleigh Park Picnic was again a success with some 500 people in attendance. Our Neighborhood Association was the main sponsor for the "Concert in the Park." "Concert in the Park" was held in place of the Annual Picnic this year.

We are looking forward to planning the annual picnic next year. We need to begin assembling committees to organize the picnic and the "Silent Auction." In addition, we will again need volunteers for the usual duties of setting up, cleaning up, and helping for the picnic next year. Please contact Josh Field at 503-297-4176 or email him from our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>. If you are interested in helping with the "Silent Auction," contact us soon.

A Note from Our Citizen Participation Organization 3

Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) 3 represents all citizens in the Garden Home, Raleigh Hills, and West Slope communities. It is officially recognized by Washington County as the organization which represents the opinions and concerns of the citizens in these areas. Other CPOs represent other areas throughout the county. It is led exclusively by volunteers from the various communities. CPO 3 meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Garden Home Recreation Center.

CPO 3 is developing a list of topics to be presented and discussed for the upcoming year (September through June). If you have any topics you would like presented, such as disaster preparedness in your community, annexation, status of construction projects (current and future), etc., please call Charlie Conrad, CPO 3 Secretary, 503-292-2182.

West Slope Water District

The West Slope Water District finished the two project that were undertaken to replace the water mains on Cedar Street and on Raleighwood Lane this summer.

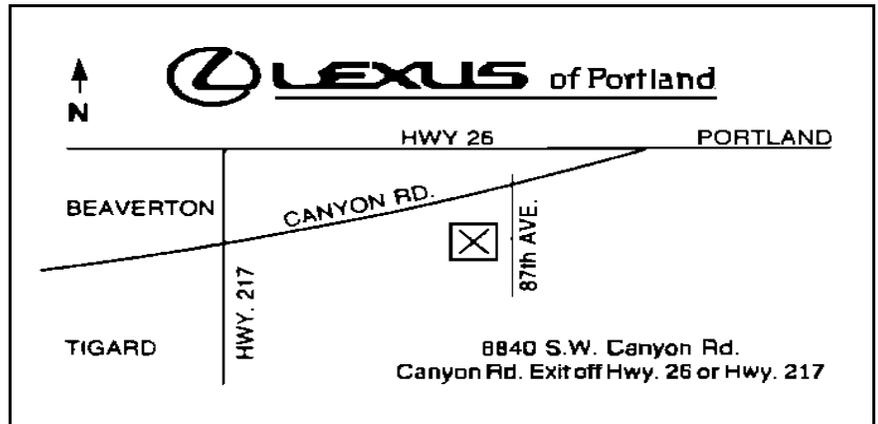
Raleigh Park Neighborhood

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** 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 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 6:30 PM to 7 PM on the second Monday followed by the General meeting and on alternating months, the Board meetings are held from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Donation by Recent Friends of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood

Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association would like to thank: ***Ajay and Diane Malhotra*** and ***Jean Armstrong*** for their donation.

If you are interested in becoming a friend of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association, please contact us. In addition, RiverMark Credit Union became a sponsor of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association by contributing \$500 toward the publication of the newspaper and they are donating \$5 for every new account that was opened from our neighborhood during their 1st year anniversary celebration in September. RiverMark Credit Union is located across from Fred Meyer on the East.



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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 seeks to improve water quality, manage sediment loading in the stream, and

improve floodwater conveyance in Sylvan Creek. Clean Water Services has removed the rock weir to reestablish the main channel and has developed a Fall schedule to remove several invasive species in the marsh. Clean Water Services hopes to remove English ivy from the marsh and will remove ivy from adjacent properties provided consent is granted by the property owners. English ivy kills and topples large trees, displaces native herbaceous species, degrades wildlife habitat, and creates a costly and time consuming maintenance problem throughout the metropolitan area. English Hawthorn and English Holly will be removed by a "hack and squirt" technique that involves making several cuts at the base of a tree and applying herbicide directly into the cuts. A minimal amount of herbicide is used and the tree is left standing to provide snag habitat for birds. Much like the ivy, these species are spreading aggressively throughout our region at the expense of native species. In addition, crews will spot spray any resprouting blackberry in the marsh and will seed with two native grasses to prevent erosion and the establishment of weeds. Finally, crews will recut the Reed canary grass in the marsh depending on the weather and the rate of regrowth of the Reed canary grass in the wetland area, and they may return to cut the grass one more time before winter. This will further suppress the Reed canary grass and will facilitate planting next spring by reducing the amount of thatch on the ground. Future plans of Clean Water Services will be covered in upcoming newsletters.

Laber Development

A housing development has begun on Laber and 66th in our neighborhood along Scholls Ferry Road south of the Patton Road signal light. This portion of our neighborhood lies within the Multnomah County and the City of Portland. Other prior land-use development for this area had been denied by the City.

Update for All-Weather Track at Raleigh Park Elementary School

The All-Weather Track was installed this summer at the Raleigh Park Elementary School. Thanks to all volunteers and donors that made the track happen. The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) donated \$1,000 towards the funding of the track. The track consists of a 200-meter, 3-lane, all-weather oval track that was built next to the north side of the school building . The track is open to the public. Children of Raleigh Park Elementary School will be able to run in safety at recess and become active participants in the school's Mileage Club.

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.

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