

Raleigh Park Voice

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General Meeting for May 9th

The annual elections will be held for Board members at the next General Meeting on Monday May 9th at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Jim Coppa, the present Chair, will be leaving the Board. Thanks, Jim for all your help! In addition, other Board members will also be leaving the Board after serving two year terms. Anyone wishing to be a Board member can attend this General Meeting or contact Jim Coppa before the meeting at 503-296-9405, or email him from our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>. One of the main issues for our neighborhood will be the proposed annexation into the City of Beaverton.

Concert in the Park

“Concert in the Park” will be held in place of the Annual Picnic this year. We were unable to assemble enough volunteers and several Board members were unavailable to help organize the picnic. However, our Neighborhood Association will be one of the main sponsors for the “Concert in the Park.” Join us and the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District as we celebrate parks and summertime with a free Concert in the Park on Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chair and loved ones and have a splendid evening set amidst beautiful Raleigh Park. Contact Terri O'Brien, Coordinator of Volunteer Services & Special Events for the Park District of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District by Phone: 503-645-6433 (ext 1621) or by email at tobrien@thprd.org for more information or questions.

Update on US Bank property

US Bank held a neighborhood meeting on April 27, 2005 to propose changes to its property at Laurelwood Avenue and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. US Bank has purchased the adjacent property north of its property along Laurelwood Avenue. Currently, a house exists on this lot; however, the lot has been already zoned for commercial development. US Bank plans to remove this house so it can add about 10 more spaces for parking and add about 700 square feet to the present building. In

addition, the present entrance to the bank would be moved to the north end of this newly purchased lot, further from Beaverton–Hillsdale Highway. The right–turn lane would be extended further north along Laurelwood Avenue. The residents attending this meeting expressed concerns over increased lighting from the overhead lights of the parking lot and loss of privacy due to removal of existing fencing on the newly purchased lot.

Neighborhood Donates to Schools and Church

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) made donations of \$150 dollars to Raleigh Park Elementary School and to Valley Community Presbyterian Church, which is where all our neighborhood meetings are held.

Update for Raleighwood Marsh

Clean Water Services of Washington County held a visioning workshop on April 28, 2005. At this workshop, Clean Water Services presented a draft of the conceptual master plan for the marsh and the surrounding Raleighwood Park. In addition, Clean Water Services provide a schedule of enhancement activities for the Summer of 2005. The schedule calls for removal of all nutria (a large rodent that is



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damaging the marsh), cutting and mowing of reed canarygrass to prepare the site for a Fall planting, removal of blackberry and ivy from surrounding hillsides within the park boundary (may use goats for this task), installing some large wood and snags if possible, and maintaining a main channel with wood and vegetation management.

Clean Water Services also proposed organizing a community event to plant native species in order to



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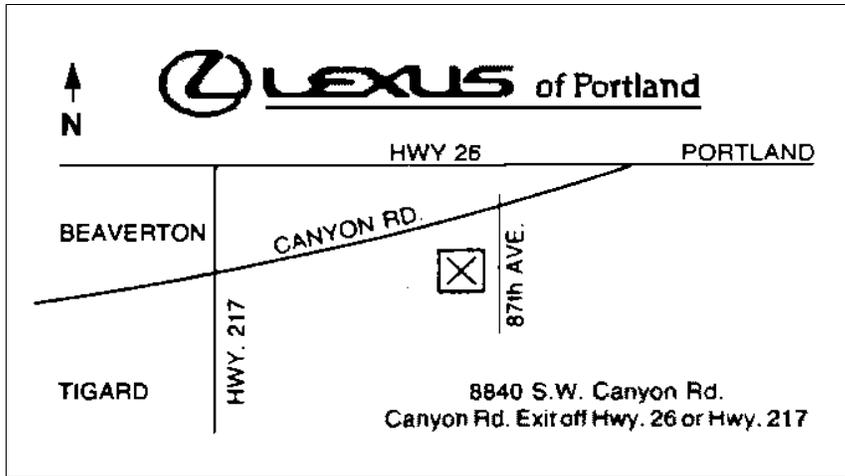
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enhance the recovery of the marsh, installing bird/bat boxes for living sites, and continuing maintenance of the main channel for the Fall – Winter 2005 schedule.

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. 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. Please contact Jeanna Cernazanu the Clean Water Services Public Involvement Coordinator by email at cernazanuj@cleanwaterservices.org for more information or questions.



Update Annexation

The City of Beaverton, with the cooperation of Washington County, plans to annex the Raleigh Park Neighborhood within the next ten years. At this time, the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association has not been contacted by the City of Beaverton about annexing our neighborhood nor has Washington County discussed its plans

about annexing to Beaverton. The City of Beaverton recently reversed its annexation policy and began annexing islands of unincorporated land. Several annexation stories have recently appeared in local newspapers describing the Beaverton annexation issue. Beaverton and Washington County have agreed on a short-term 10-year boundary that has Beaverton primarily annexing these islands of unincorporated land south of Highway 26 and north of the City of Tigard. These unincorporated areas include the Cedar Hills, West Slope, Raleigh Hills, and Garden Home neighborhoods (includes our neighborhood). Property taxes could increase by \$2.72 per \$1,000 assessment; however, certain Washington County levies would be dropped from property tax bills. These county levies would

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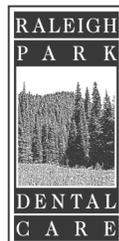
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include street lighting, urban road maintenance, and the special-enhanced police levy. Mayor Drake of Beaverton has insisted these unincorporated areas would get better services from the City than the County. One improvement could be an increase of 0.5 police officers for every 1,000 residents.

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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 2005 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (SW 8060 Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The RPNA Board meetings are at 6 to 7 PM before the General meeting. On months when no General Meeting is held, the Board meets on the second Monday from 7 to 8:30 PM also at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

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“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

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