



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 March 13th

All residents are invited to attend the March Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting! Join us Monday, March 13th, 7PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church. The meeting will feature two special guest speakers. Tobias Read and Mike Bohan are candidates for our District 27 State Representative position. This is your chance to get to know your future representative and to ask questions in person. Mark Hass is not running for re-election. The March meeting agenda also includes the 2006 Concert in the Park, "Silent Auction" plans and more. Candidates for the upcoming Oregon elections will speak at the next General Meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Each candidate will address several of the main issues facing our neighborhood.

The Annual Picnic in the Park and Concert in the Park

The "Concert in the Park" will be held in conjunction with the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association's Annual Picnic this year. 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 18th at 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Just as last year, a puppet show will be held before the concert - which is great entertainment for the kids. Bring your family and lawn chairs and enjoy a splendid evening set amidst beautiful Raleigh Park. The band has not been chosen at the time this newsletter was written. Bottled water and pizza will be sold by Papa Murphy's Pizza. At this time, the RPNA is planning to hold a "Silent Auction" at the event to help with fund raising for the association. We will need several volunteers to help with the following duties - parking lot direction, set up, clean up, etc. As always, we could use donations to help fund this event and also help fund other RPNA needs. The RPNA relies on donations in order to fund its service to the neighborhood - ie. newsletters, donations to schools, special projects, etc. For more information or questions regarding the "Concert in the Park" contact Terri O'Brien, Coordinator of Volunteer Services and Special Events for the Park

District of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District by phone: 503-645-6433 at ext 1621 or by email at tobrien@thprd.org.

You can also contact any of the RPNA Board Members to talk about donation or volunteer opportunities. 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 immediately.

Update on Raleigh Park Emergency Team

Are you interested in becoming part of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Emergency Team (RPNET)? This group will help Raleigh Park plan for (and recover from) a natural or man-made disaster. No special skills needed to join; however, residents who have been through CERT or NET training programs and/or have backgrounds in crisis management, medicine, heavy equipment, construction, or amateur radio are

especially needed. For more information, please email: rparknet@gmail.com or call 503.866.2464.

Update on US Bank property

US Bank has begun changes to its property at Laurelwood Avenue and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. US Bank plans to add about 10 more spaces for parking. 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.

Update for 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. In terms of the enhancement efforts in Raleighwood Marsh for this year, Clean Water Services is continuing the process of removing invasive species and replanting to inhibit growth of reed canary grass. Clean Water Services has proposed a tentative schedule: 1) Crews will be working to remove more ivy (while it's not raining); 2) In the next few weeks, about 7,000 trees and shrubs will be planted in the sloped areas around the marsh to re-establish a forest canopy. Plants will include fir, alder, vine maple, big leaf maple, Oregon grape and other shrubs; 3) The wetland area will be planted with additional dogwood, willows and other species as the soil dries out.

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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 Multnomah County and the City of Portland. A land-use development meeting is scheduled for March 29th at 9:00 am. A tree violation will be discussed that concerns the removal of 23 additional trees and the replanting of 31 trees on this development property. You can contact City of Portland Planner Kevin Kilduff for more information at 503-823-0669 (some information is posted for Land-use LU 06-101649 on the web for the City of Portland at <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=64310>).

Development in Raleigh Park

For development in Washington County, the County maintains a web site that shows several types of information such as building permits, tax lot information including assessed value and other items, and much more. There are two methods to obtain information about a particular tax lot in Washington County. The starting page for all this information can be reached at the following link:

http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/gis/intermap/map_land.htm. By clicking on the word “Intermap,” a basic search method is used where an address is input into a web form and then the information is returned in a set of web pages that include a map and a set of pages containing building permits and other important information. Clicking on map to the left of the word “Intermap” is the second method where the resident navigates by using an interactive map to select a particular tax lot. The latter method is best when the resident does not know the specific address, but the resident has a general knowledge of the location of the specific tax lot.

Update for All-Weather Track at Raleigh Park Elementary School

The All-Weather Track is open to the public, but it is closed during school hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm). A “Fun Run” is being planned for this Spring to raise money for the Raleigh Park PTO and the Neighborhood Association. More information should be available in the Spring on the Raleigh Park web site (http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/raleigh_park/). In addition, a Community Garden is being developed along the south side of the building.

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.

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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