



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 July 10th

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday July 10th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The main topic of this meeting will be to plan for the All-Comers Track and Field Meet at Raleigh Park Elementary School this August (see below for more details).

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association Silent Auction and 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 18th at 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

During the concert, the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) will be holding a Silent Auction as our annual fund raiser. The RPNA is a volunteer organization that donates money to local schools, libraries and community projects. We also publish a quarterly newsletter to keep the neighborhood informed of current events. So be sure to pack along your checkbook or plenty of cash when you come to the "Concert In The Park" on July 18th. Items donated so far include pet food, gift certificates, jewelry, paint, services, and more. Bidding on the items for the Silent Auction will be held in one of the enclosed tennis courts of Raleigh Park from 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm during the concert. To date, the following local businesses have donated items for the Silent

Auction:

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| Western Pet Supply | New Seasons | Parr Lumber |
| Champoeg Wines | Rivermark Credit Union | Artists Repratory Theatre |
| Country Club Cleaners | Raccoon Lodge | Beard's Framing |
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| Miller Paint | Fred Meyer | Snow Owl Designs |
| Big Foot Lacrosse | Golf, Inc | Pacific Rim Publications |
| Tulen Center for Martial Arts | Small Talk Learning | |

Just as last year, a puppet show will be held before the concert at 5:30 pm - which is great entertainment for the kids. At 6:00 pm, the band Chicas Marimba will begin playing music so let the dancing begin. During intermission at 7:00 pm, the

Children's poster contest winner will be announced. Children from our Raleigh Park area have submitted posters that represented the themes of this year's "Concert in the Park." Immediately after this announcement, the Silent Auction will close and the winning bids will be announced. Bring your family and lawn chairs and enjoy a splendid evening set amidst beautiful Raleigh Park. Food will be available for purchase from Papa Murphy's Pizza.

We will need several volunteers to help with the following duties – parking lot direction, set up, clean up, etc. For more information or questions regarding the "Concert in the Park" contact Debra Fife, Coordinator of Volunteer Services and Special Events for the Park District of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District by phone: 503-645-6433 or by email at dfife@thprd.com.

You can also contact any of the RPNA Board Members to talk about donations 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 for All-Weather Track at Raleigh Park Elementary School

The track dedication at Raleigh Park Elementary was a huge success on May 24th. Teachers, students, neighbors and parents all enjoyed watching the children celebrate the many uses of our new track, including hurdle and relay races, 100m dash, javelin throw and more.

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association will be hosting its first Neighborhood All-Comers Track and Field Meet at Raleigh Park Elementary School this August! We are honored to have post-Collegiate and Olympic Track and Field Athletes assisting with event participation. They will be available to talk with the

kids.

Most events will be geared towards kids ages 3-12. Food and ice-cream will be available for purchase. In support of the Neighborhood Association, a suggested donation of 1\$ per person or \$5.00+ per family would be very appreciated. Watch for further details or email Megan Talalemotu with questions or any interest in volunteering (megantala@comcast.net).

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Join the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Emergency Network (RPNET)

Geologic research predicts that Portland will be hit by a major earthquake. When it does, the damage will be severe and city residents will be on their own for days, maybe weeks. The goal of RPNET is to keep residents informed about disaster planning by distributing information issued by local emergency managers from TVF&R and the Portland Office of Emergency Management. Information like the following:

How to build a disaster kit? What to do during an earthquake? Where to get basic training (e.g., CERT and NET)? How to turn off your utilities? If you'd like to be part of the network, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to: rparknet@gmail.com. Your e-mail address will be used to send you news about emergency preparedness. It will not be used for any other purpose.

Raleigh Park Garden at the School

The Raleigh Park Garden offers a variety of unique outdoor educational opportunities. Located on the south side of the Raleigh Park Elementary School property, this project is the result of the hard work of many organizers and volunteers and generous donations from local families and businesses. Over 60 volunteers have worked on the garden that was designed by Raleigh Park parents. The PTO of Raleigh Park provided \$25,000 in funding for this special project. Local businesses have donated landscaping services, decorative rock, architect services, and pizzas.

The Raleigh Park Garden will contain many diverse areas of little gardens within the large garden. Plants from countries including Japan, China, Mexico and Australia will be grown. The garden will have a pioneer garden, a native garden, a bird garden, a butterfly garden, and an herb garden. There will be 10 raised beds, a composting area and an amphitheater where classes can gather to watch performances, listen to a speaker or have discussions. To learn more about the Garden, make a donation or volunteer your time, contact Raleigh Park Elementary (503) 259-7453 or visit: www.beavton.k12.or.us/raleigh_park/garden/garden.html

Laber Development (Laurian Grove)

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. A portion of Labor Road that connects Scholls Ferry Road and SW 66th Avenue has been rebuilt along with an access road for the new housing lots. The developer, Shelburne Development, plans to build on lots that range in size from 12,000 to 18,000 sq. ft. Laurian Grove will consist of a 7 lot subdivision (see the following from the developer web site for more information http://www.shelburnehomes.com/laurian_grove.html).

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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