



Raleigh Park Voice

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Winter 2007

General Meeting for March 12th

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday March 12th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The proposed Brentwood Sanitary Sewer Trunk Upgrade will be one of the main topics to be discussed at this general meeting. Tom Lawler, the project manager for Clean Water Services, will discuss the impact to our neighborhood of this project (see below for more information).

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association Silent Auction and Concert in the Park

The Concert in the Park was again a success this past summer. The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District with the help from the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) held the free Concert. In addition, a Silent Auction was held by the RPNA during the concert to help fund projects in our neighborhood. 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. Items that were donated included pet food, gift certificates, jewelry, paint, services, and more. The following local businesses donated items for the Silent Auction:

Western Pet Supply	New Seasons	Parr Lumber
Champoeg Wines	Rivermark Credit Union	Artists Reparatory Theatre
Country Club Cleaners	Raccoon Lodge	Beard's Framing
Vino - Wine Tasting	Pepper Tree Restaurant	Amazing Spaces
McCormick and Schmick's	Camera World	Ski Chalet
Miller Paint	Fred Meyer	Snow Owl Designs
Big Foot Lacrosse	Golf, Inc	Pacific Rim Publications
Tulen Center for Martial Arts	Small Talk Learning	

A puppet show was great entertainment for the kids before the start of the concert. The band, Chicas Marimba, provided excellent dancing music. During intermission, the Children's poster contest winner was announced. Children from our Raleigh Park area submitted posters that represented the themes of this year's "Concert in the Park." Food was provided by Papa Murphy's Pizza.

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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We would like to thank the many volunteers that helped with the event – fund raising, 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 for this 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.

Neighborhood All-Comers Track and Field Meet at Raleigh Park Elementary School

The Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association held its first Neighborhood All-Comers Track and Field Meet at Raleigh Park Elementary School last August! We had post-Collegiate and Olympic Track and Field Athletes assisting with event participation. Most events will be geared towards kids ages 3-12. Free ice-cream was provided by RPNA. Watch for future track events.

Proposed Brentwood Sanitary Sewer Trunk Upgrade

Clean Water Services (District) is planning to upgrade the Brentwood sanitary sewer trunk line in our neighborhood in 2007. The existing sewer needs rehabilitation and more capacity to avoid potential sewer over flows and impacts to the sensitive stream corridor. The proposed area of construction includes the east side of SW Fairway Drive between SW 87th and 94th Avenues where approximately 3,300 feet of sewer will be rehabilitated or constructed, plus the related connections to homes. Some sections may be upgraded and some are proposed to be abandoned and reestablished farther from the sensitive stream and wetlands. The proposed pipe realignment and associated construction activities may impact residential properties. For some properties, the District will need to acquire permanent easements or temporary access agreements for construction. Temporary traffic and construction impacts also will occur. A meeting was held on December 7 to discuss these issues. For those residents that did not attend,

Project Manager Tom Lawler at 503-861-4426 or

lawlert@cleanwaterservices.org will address your questions and concerns.

Grant Proposal Submitted for Raleigh Park Stream Restoration

This January, a group of neighborhood individuals submitted an application to the Metro Nature in Neighborhoods



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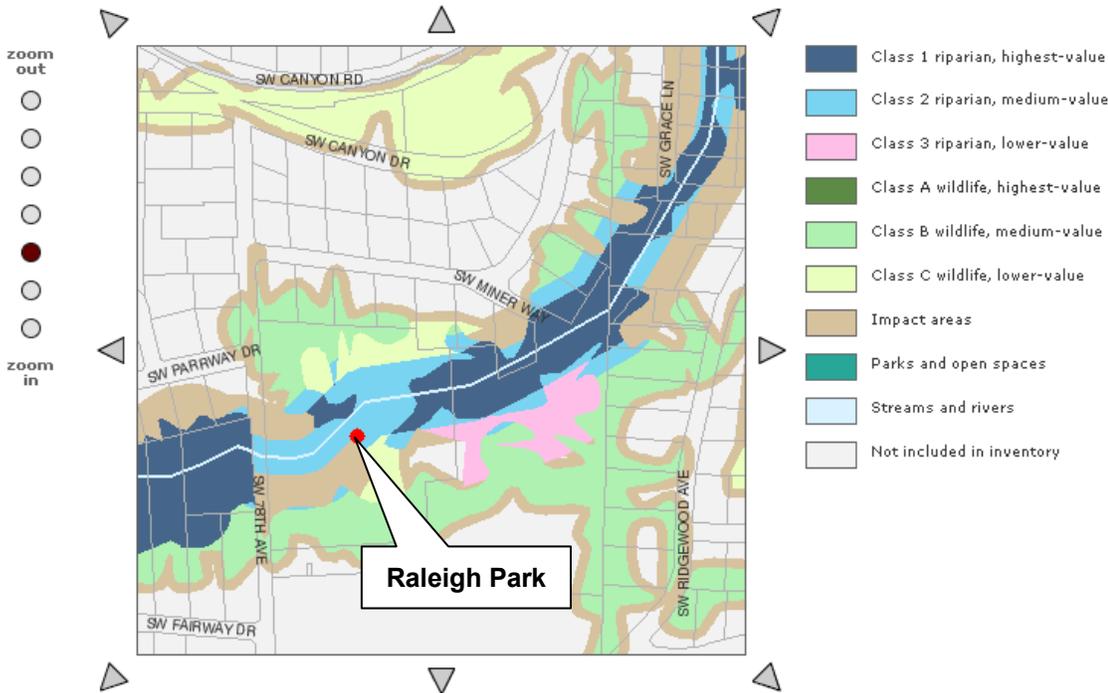
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program. Funds were requested to support restoration of sections of the stream bank that meanders through Raleigh Park.

The proposal requests funding to restore two stream segments with native plantings. One area is at the downstream end, where a 100-foot-long exposed segment enters a culvert that flows under the swimming facility and SW 78th Avenue. The second area is a 150-foot-long segment where the creek nears and parallels the paved trail. Proposed plantings would be native species typical of local natural areas. The vision is a healthy stream of improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and natural aesthetics without compromising the many current park uses.

The proposed stream restoration would involve community residents, adults and children from Raleigh Park School Parent Teacher Organization, Girl Scout Troop 1983, the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA), The Fir Grove Garden Club (which takes care of the library landscape), and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District.

Inventory of regionally significant habitat
3500 SW 78TH AV, PORTLAND



These organizations would provide the informational and educational connections to the community, as well as the recruitment routes for volunteers. Site plan and assessment would be provided in-kind by a professional environmental consultant with experience in stream restoration. An

interpretive sign, outlining the benefits of healthy habitats and clean watersheds will be provided by THPRD to support the community educational opportunity.

It is our hope that the project will inspire the eventual renovation of the entire creek, and develop a broader awareness in our neighborhood of the importance of watershed and habitat stewardship. If granted, it will be an opportunity for neighbors of all ages to contribute to the enhancement to our

neighborhood and environment. We expect to hear from Metro by the end of February as to whether our grant application will be considered for funding.

Enjoy Springtime Beauty on the Raleigh Park Garden Tour May 19th

Have you ever been curious about what grows behind a local hedge or fence? If so, the Garden Tour is your chance to see neighborhood landscapes. The May 19th tour will feature several Raleigh Park and West Slope private gardens. The gardens present a wide variety of size and style, from tiny to spacious, formal to natural. The new Raleigh Park Elementary School Garden and the West Slope Community Library garden will be featured.

The tour begins when you pick up directions and garden details at the school's front porch. Garden items and plants for sale, a coffee cart, and raffle prizes will add to the fun. Vern Nelson, the "Hungry Gardener" columnist from *The Oregonian* will be on hand to offer advice about edible landscaping. A Master Gardener will join us to answer your horticultural questions.

Mark your calendars now, invite your friends, and enjoy a spring day in neighborhood gardens! Tour hours will be from 10 AM to 3PM.

Advance tickets are \$15 per person, and entitle you to a chance to win great raffle prizes.

Tickets will be \$17 on the day of the tour. Reserved tickets will be available after April 15 through Raleigh Park Elementary School, or may be ordered now, until May 14, using the form below. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, contact Laura Baldschun at (503) 292-5057, or laurab83@aol.com

Sponsors of the garden tour are the Fir Grove Garden Club and Raleigh Park Elementary School. Proceeds will benefit the school learning garden and the maintenance of the West Slope Community Library landscape. Neither the library landscape nor the school garden receive public funding, and are completely supported by volunteers.

Your entry packet(s) will be held under your name at the tour table at Raleigh Park School on the day of the tour. Please come to the school's front porch to pick up your packet(s) with garden guide and maps.

Send in this form and your check to Connie Morgan, 8450 SW Homewood St. Portland, OR 97225. Make checks payable to Fir Grove Garden Club.

Raleigh Park Garden Tour Ticket Order

Name_____

Telephone No. _____e-mail address_____

Number of tickets_____@ \$15 each =_____