

# *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 May 14<sup>th</sup>

All residents are invited to attend the May Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting! Join us Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The May meeting agenda includes the 2007 Concert in the Park, "Silent Auction" plans and more.

## The Annual Picnic in the Park and Concert in the Park Returns for 2007!

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 10th at 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Musical entertainment will be provided by *Reggie Houston's Box of Chocolates*. More than just a master vocalist and saxophone player, Reggie Houston is an entertainer of the highest order. He has the charm and charisma of a modern day Louis Armstrong mingled with the pure and irresistible joy of a child. Reggie's music can transport any listener to a Bourbon Street revelry and in the very next song draw tears from the eyes of the most stoic.

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](mailto:dfife@thprd.com).

The free event is open to all families in the Raleigh Park and Raleighwood neighborhood. Bring a family picnic or purchase pizza and beverages on site.

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.

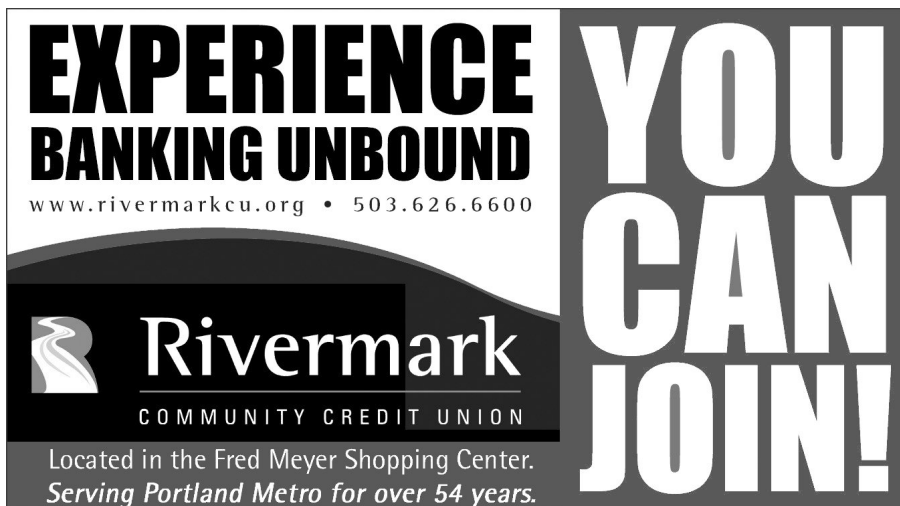
## Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association Silent Auction

During the July 10th 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 bring along your checkbook or plenty of cash when you come to the "Concert In The Park" on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Grant Proposal Submitted for Raleigh Park Stream Restoration

This January, a group of neighborhood individuals submitted an application to the Metro Nature in Neighborhoods program. Funds were requested to support restoration of sections of the stream bank that meanders through Raleigh Park.



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Metro accepted our neighborhood association first round grant proposal for stream enhancement in Raleigh Park, inviting us to submit a more detailed stage-two application. That second level application was developed by a volunteer committee and submitted on April 5 to Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program. The project, if funded, will be a cooperative effort by the Raleigh Park

Neighborhood Association, Raleigh Park Elementary School, Tualatin Valley Park and Recreation District and SOLV. The grant amount requested was \$7400 to cover the cost of native plants and materials to line exposed stream banks, plus educational signage and volunteer support.

Metro will be making grant awards sometime in May. If the RPNA proposal is chosen to be funded, work will begin almost immediately to prepare the designated areas for a fall planting session.

If we receive the grant, many volunteers will be needed to prepare, plant and care for our restoration areas.

## 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 87<sup>th</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lawlert@cleanwaterservices.org) will address your questions and concerns. A copy of the map of the construction is on display at our West Slope Library.

### 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.

### Summer Reading at the West Slope Library

The theme for summer reading this year will be Get a Clue @ Your Library. There will be a program for both pre-readers and independent readers. The independent reader program helps students maintain or improve their reading level over the summer break, while the read-to-me program helps pre-readers build important early literacy skills.

We will also have a Teen Summer Reading Program, whose theme will be You Never Know (YNK) @ Your Library. Both themes are focused on mysteries.

West Slope Library will host several programs this summer; please call the library, 503-292-6416, for program location.

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Wed., July 18, 3 pm -- Victor Johnson and Friends - High energy interactive acoustic music for all ages.

Wed., July 25, 3 pm -- Angel Ocasio - Humorous clowning around, physical comedy, and magic.

Tues., July 31, 3 pm -- Jason Ropp and Dragon Theater Puppets Presents "The Clueless Detective," a humorous interactive mystery puppet show.

## Raleigh Park Garden Tour is May 19

Get your advance tickets now for the Raleigh Park Garden Tour on May 19, 10 am – 3 pm. The tour will feature seven Raleigh Park and West Slope private gardens, plus hosts to show and explain the Raleigh Park Elementary School and West Slope Library gardens. The gardens present a wide variety of size and style, from tiny to spacious, formal to natural.

The tour begins when you pick up directions and garden details at the school front porch.

There will be garden items and plants for sale, and raffle prizes for ticket holders, including a large, beautifully planted decorative pot. Vern Nelson, “Hungry Gardener” columnist from the *Oregonian* will be on hand to offer advice about edible landscaping along with a Master Gardener to answer your horticultural questions.

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.

**Come, bring your friends, and enjoy a spring day visiting neighborhood gardens!**

**Volunteers are needed to help host at the gardens. If you would like to join in, please contact Laura Baldschun, (503) 292-5057 or, [laurab83@aol.com](mailto:laurab83@aol.com)**

Tour hours are from 10 AM to 3PM.

Advance tickets are \$15 per person, and entitle you to a chance to win the top raffle prize.

Tickets will be \$17 on the day of the tour.

Reserved tickets may be ordered 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](mailto:laurab83@aol.com)

Raleigh Park Garden Tour Ticket Order

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_e-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets\_\_\_\_\_@ \$15 each =\_\_\_\_\_

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 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 the Fir Grove Garden Club.