



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 9th

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday July 9th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Those residents interested in helping the Raleigh Park Community can apply for vacant positions on the Board of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association at this meeting. It is a great time to get involved!

Annual Picnic and Concert in the Park on July 10th

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 6:00 pm to 8:00 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.

The free event is open to all families in the Raleigh Park and Raleighwood neighborhood. The Rec Mobile of the Park District of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District will provide special activities for children (ages 5 to 12) at the concert from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. The music will start thereafter so join us. Bring a family picnic or purchase pizza and beverages on site.

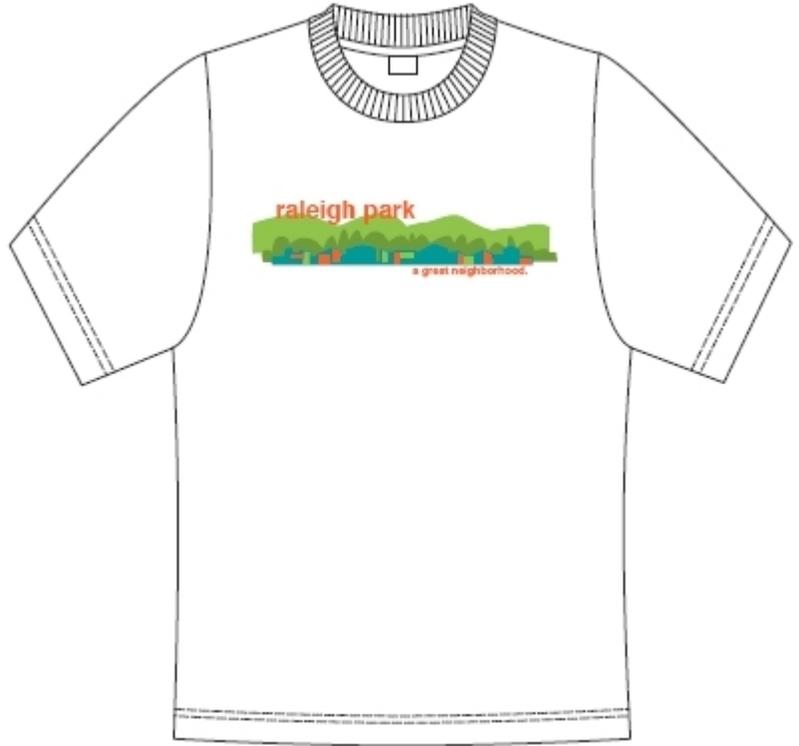
Raleigh Park T-Shirts

As always, we could use donations to help fund this event and also help fund other RPNA needs. You will receive a limited edition Raleigh Park T-shirts when you donate

\$15 or more to the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association. Please stop at our table during the concert and check out one of these fine T-shirts.

Raleigh Park Garden Tour

The Raleigh Park Garden Tour that was held on May 19, 10 am – 3 pm was a great success with some 225 tickets sold. The tour went to seven Raleigh Park and West Slope private gardens that presented a wide variety of size and style, from tiny to spacious, formal to natural. Sponsors of the garden tour, the Fir Grove Garden Club and Raleigh Park Elementary School, raised nearly \$4700 for the West Slope Library and Raleigh Park School gardens (\$2500 for the school and \$2200 for the library). Neither the library



landscape nor the school garden receive public funding, and are completely supported by volunteers. Over 30 volunteers helped with the tour – these included neighbors, parents, teachers, garden club members, friends, master gardeners and local garden celebrities (Barbara Ashman and Vern Nelson), and several local businesses contributed goods and services. The tour was so successful that plans are already being discussed to do another one in a year or two!

An Invitation to the Raleigh Park School Garden

Very close to your home is a pleasant garden stroll. A whole world fits in what used to be a grass lawn, next to the Raleigh Park Elementary School: a place featuring plants from Australia to Japan. View the bulb, herb and butterfly gardens and the raised beds sprouting flowers and vegetable crops. It probably has the only miniature amphitheater in town with purple seats, where students can gather for lessons outdoors. The newest addition is a pergola supporting the kiwis. A community of involvement has created this garden, where students of all ages can learn and enjoy from nature's lessons.

Two-legged visitors are invited to visit and enjoy during non-school hours. Visit the web-site for pictures and more information, and ask about becoming an active supporter of the garden. Wheel barrow pushers, crafts persons for future projects, and students wanting community service are all invited to become part of this inspiring project. www.beavton.k12.us/raleigh_park or call Julie Corpron at 503-297-7172 or email Julie at: corpron@comcast.net

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.

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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.

Update on Raleigh Park Neighborhood Emergency Network (RPNET)

Raleigh Park residents interested in emergency preparedness should check out:

<http://www.pdxprepared.net/>. The site, created by the Portland Office of Emergency Management, allows people to download emergency preparedness information, register for emergency training classes, sign up to have volunteers speak at events, and sign up to facilitate "block preparedness meetings" through the new Know Your Neighborhood project. Residents can also receive emergency preparedness information by sending their email address to: rparknet@gmail.com

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 6:30 to 7 PM before the General meeting. On months when no General Meeting is held, the Board meets on the second Monday from 6:30 to 8 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.

I want to be a Friend of Raleigh Park

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

Make my donation anonymous () Anonymous donations will be listed without names in the newsletter

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