



# *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 10<sup>th</sup>

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Proposed sidewalks will be one of the main topics to be discussed at this general meeting. Washington County engineer Mike Mills will be a guest speaker and will discuss the overall project, design plans and steps needed. Plus Raleigh Park T-shirts are available for purchase at the General Meeting.

## Sidewalks in Raleigh Park? You help decide

Washington County is considering initial plans for street improvements and sidewalk projects for many neighborhoods in 2008 and 2009. A sidewalk along SW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue is one project being proposed! The Raleigh Park Elementary School, Raleigh Park, and West Hills Library are all located along the east side of SW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

If you would like to be part of the planning process please attend the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association meeting this Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Input from neighbors along 78<sup>th</sup> will be critical as we consider placement, design and funding options for a sidewalk. Our neighbor Kristie LaChance has been coordinating with Washington County on the potential project for a sidewalk on 78<sup>th</sup>. She will be on hand to collect your input and coordinate our neighborhood efforts.

## The 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. Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District is planning a series of 9 neighborhood concerts in parks throughout the district. Our own Raleigh Park has again been selected to host one of these very special events! Mark your calendar for Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM. Debra Fife of THPRD will be a guest speaker at the March 10<sup>th</sup> RPNA general meeting. Please join her as she shares the preliminary plans and ways for you to get involved in the concert.

We would like to thank the many volunteers that helped with the past event - fund raising, parking lot direction, set up, clean up, etc. For more information or questions

regarding the "Concert in the Park" come the next General Meeting or 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>.

"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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