



Raleigh Park Voice

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Summer 2008

General Meeting for July 14th

All residents are invited to attend the July Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting. Join us Monday, July 14th, at 7:00 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The July meeting agenda includes the final planning for the Concert in the Park and initial planning for the Raleigh Park Vegetation Cleanup Day on July 26th for the "Safe Routes to School" Program.

The Annual Concert in the Park on July 15th!

Bring your family, a lawn chair or a blanket, and meet your neighbors and friends for a summer evening of fun and music on July 15th from 5:30 to 8 pm. Rock the evening away at Raleigh Park with The Sugar Beets, playing their own style of high-energy acoustic music. Food and beverages are available for purchase, or bring your own picnic. For those that come early at 5:30, the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District will have their Rec Mobile, a mobile recreation unit that will provide face painting, balloons, games, and activities for kids.

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 or go to their Concert Series web site at <http://www.thprd.org/events/concert4.cfm>.

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.

Safe Routes to School Grant Moving Forward

A Raleigh Park neighborhood committee along with Washington County is applying for a grant from the federal government through a program called "Safe Routes to Schools" to fund a widened shoulder for 78th Avenue. This expanded shoulder would be on the west side of 78th Ave and would run from Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway to Raleigh Park School. The decision to utilize the west side of 78th was based on

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neighborhood input and research done by Washington County which will be responsible for the design, planning, community outreach and contractor oversight.

One of the reasons in applying for this grant is that the schoolchildren who live on the west side of 78th Ave (the side opposite to Raleigh Park School) must take the bus to Raleigh Park School, because the school has deemed 78th Ave not ideal as a walkway.

The plan is to have a widened (approx 4–7 feet wide) asphalt shoulder, on 78th Ave. Reflector buttons and paint stripes would be used to separate the street from the widened asphalt.



Raleigh Park Vegetation Cleanup Day for July 26th

As a part of the planned application for a Safe Routes to School grant for a widened shoulder along SW 78th Ave, the neighborhood must address some vegetation issues. Washington County has offered to assist property owners with trimming and hauling away the debris. The only trimmings that will be

hailed away by the county are those that have be marked for removal along the street frontage. Please no back yard trimmings or garbage. Volunteers are needed from our neighborhood to help assist during the cleanup day.

Areas that require trimming will be marked with white paint and/or pink ribbons by Washington County approximately 2 weeks before the cleanup date set for July 26th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition, the County will notify each owner with a card. There are several locations where the vegetation is obstructing the corner sight distance, obstructing traffic signs and/or encroaching onto the roadway and may require fairly extensive trimming. In some cases the vegetation could completely hide a child from a driver's view. Other areas will require only very minor trimming and are more of a "lets trim before it becomes an issue".

After trimming has been completed on your property, please bring your tools and gather at the school parking lot to find a neighbor in need of help. Since we will be working on or near the roadway we recommend that only older children assist with the cleanup. A representative from Washington County will be in the area all day to answer questions and check for compliance with existing vegetation clearance standards. To volunteer or more information please contact: Josh Field at 503–297–4176 or email him from our web site at <http://www.raleighpark.org>.

Raleigh Park Needed Board Members

Any resident interested participating in issues concerning our neighborhood should contact the Raleigh Park Association Board. There are openings for Board members at this time.

Proposed Brentwood Sanitary Sewer Trunk Upgrade

Clean Water Services has started construction on the Brentwood sanitary sewer trunk line in the Raleigh Park Neighbor. The construction area includes portions of SW Fairway Drive, SW 87th Avenue, the wetlands between SW 87th Avenue and 91st Avenue, 91st Avenue and off site work between 91st Avenue and 94th Avenue. Approximately 3,300 feet of sewer will be rehabilitated or newly constructed, including associated house service connections. The existing sewer needs rehabilitation and more capacity to avoid potential sewer over flows and impacts to the sensitive stream corridor.

The District has contracted with NW Kodiak Construction to complete the project which will occur mostly in the street right-of-ways and the wetlands located on private property. Construction will continue through the summer and is scheduled for completion by late September.

During the project construction, temporary traffic delays and impacts will occur on SW 87th and SW 91st Avenues as well as Fairway Drive. The contractor will develop a traffic management plan to maintain access to residences and ensure access by essential services and public safety vehicles.

For more information about the project, please contact: Tom Lawler, Project Manager at (503) 861-4426 or lawlert@cleanwaterservices.org and Jeanna Cernazanu, Public Involvement Coordinator at (503)-681-3619 or cernazanuj@cleanwaterservices.org.

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

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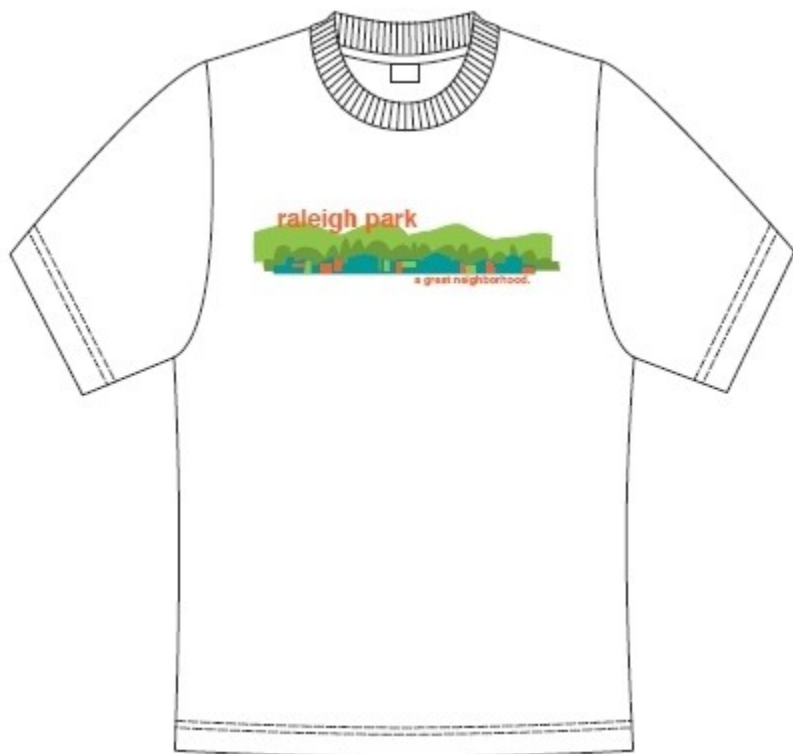
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local businesses and residents who own or rent their homes within the neighborhood. The General meetings of the RPNA are held each second Monday of alternating months starting January 2008 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (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.

Foreign Exchange Students Seeking Host Families

Has your family ever thought about hosting a foreign exchange student? The Council on International Educational Exchange, CIEE, www.ciee.org, is seeking great host families for incoming 2008-09 high school exchange students.

Come meet with your neighbor and Local CIEE Coordinator Dory Hobbs on July 14th at the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association meeting. This is a great chance to learn more about hosting options and opportunities.



Feel free to contact: Dory any time at 503-292-4212 or dorianne.hyatthobbs@gmail.com to ask questions or set up an in-home informational gathering.

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.

All donations will get recognized in the RPNA newsletter.

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