



Raleigh Park Voice

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Spring 2009

General Meeting for May 11th

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday May 11th, at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). Planning for the annual Concert-in-the-park event will be one of the main topics to be discussed at this general meeting.

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 27th from 6 to 8 PM.

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>.

Raleigh Park Garden Tour is May 16

The Fir Grove Garden Club and the Raleigh Park School Garden are sponsoring a spring garden tour on Saturday, May 16, 2009. Seven beautiful and diverse privately owned gardens, located in the established Raleigh Park neighborhood, will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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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The gardens are a potpourri of sizes and styles, reflecting the varied interests of their owners. Ranging from an Asian-inspired new landscape to a front yard edibles garden that is both aesthetically pleasing and produces fresh fruits and vegetables, there is something for everyone, novice and diehard gardener alike. Author Barbara Ashmun's garden will be one of the highlights of the tour with the Raleigh Park Elementary School Garden and the West Slope Community Library Garden also on display.

Garden gifts and plants for sale, refreshments, and a raffle prize will add to the fun. Vern Nelson, "Hungry Gardener" columnist from the Oregonian will offer advice about edible landscaping. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer horticultural questions.

The ticket price is \$17, which includes admittance to all seven gardens. Tickets ordered by Wednesday, May 13, receive a \$2 discount. Ticket forms are available at the West Slope Community Library or on-line at the Raleigh Park Elementary School's garden web site:

www.beavton.k12.or.us/raleigh_park/garden/pdfs/tour.pdf. For advance tickets, mail a check for \$15 per person, made payable to the Fir Grove Garden Club, to C. Morgan, 8450 SW Homewood Street, Portland, Oregon 97225, or drop off at Gift and Mail Solutions, located at 4745 SW 77th Avenue, Portland, or the Raleigh Park Elementary School Office. Include name, phone number, email address and the number of tickets being purchased. Entry packets, which include the garden guide and map, will be held under the ticket holder's name on the day of the tour at the Raleigh Park Elementary School, located at 3670 SW 78th Avenue in Portland.

Proceeds from the Fir Grove Garden Club's tour will benefit the Raleigh Park Elementary School's learning garden and maintenance of the West Slope Community Library landscape.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, contact Mary Sherman, 503-297-0580, andyandbaxter@msn.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.

Scholls Ferry Road

Multnomah County Transportation has been awarded a Transportation and Growth Management grant to create a Conceptual Road Design Plan which will identify bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Scholls Ferry corridor from Sunset Highway (Highway 26) through the City of Portland to the Washington County line. This project will identify ways to improve Scholls Ferry, which is constrained by steep slopes. It will explore the potential for widening the roadway to accommodate bike lanes/sidewalks and consider opportunities or constraints to providing alternative bike and/or pedestrian facilities on a parallel street network in the study area. Furthermore the project will identify treatments to address stormwater runoff that results from increased impervious surface, and develop a concept-level design for improvements, which will be the basis for preliminary engineering and construction of improvements. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been created. The TAC includes technical staff from Multnomah County Transportation Engineering, ODOT, TriMet, Metro, Clean Water Services, the City of Portland Bike and Pedestrian Programs and Multnomah County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The TAC will meet four times over the next five months and will provide County staff and the consultant, Parametrix, with valuable information and project direction. Additional information can be found at .If you wish to contact Multnomah County with your concerns, please ask for Jane McFarland, Principal Planner, at (503)988-5050 x29397 or jane.mcfarland@co.multnomah.or.us. [More information can be found on the Multnomah web site: www.co.multnomah.or.us/schollsferry.](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/schollsferry)

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**, including our local businesses and residents who own or rent their homes within the neighborhood, **are welcome to attend** the neighborhood association meetings. The General meetings of the Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association (RPNA) are held each second Monday of alternating months from 7 to 8:30 PM at Valley Community Presbyterian Church (SW 8060 Brentwood Street, Portland, OR 97225). The next General Meeting is March 14th. 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.

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

Mail To: Raleigh Park Neighborhood Association PO Box 25704 Portland, OR 97298