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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

August 4, 2008

6:00 p.m. Executive Session; 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

HMT Recreation Complex, Peg Ogilbee Dryland Meeting Room

15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton

### AGENDA

- 6:00 PM 1. Executive Session\*
- A. Legal
  - B. Land
- 7:00 PM 2. Call Regular Meeting to Order
- 7:05 PM 3. Action Resulting from Executive Session
- 7:10 PM 4. Audience Time\*\*
- 7:15 PM 5. Board Time
- 7:25 PM 6. Consent Agenda\*\*\*
- A. Approve: June 23, 2008 Regular Meeting
  - B. Approve: Monthly Bills
  - C. Approve: Monthly Financial Statement
  - D. Appoint: Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee Member
  - E. Approve: Resolution Authorizing the Use of an Energy Savings Performance Contract
- 7:30 PM 7. Unfinished Business
- A. Approve: Resolution to Place the Bond Levy on the November 2008 Ballot
  - B. Adopt: Urbanization Forum Position Paper
  - C. Approve: West Parc SDC Credit Project at Bethany Village
  - D. Information: General Manager's Report
- 8:15 PM 8. New Business
- A. Update: Elections Guidelines for Elected Officials & Public Employees
- 8:30 PM 9. Adjourn

**\*Executive Session:** Executive Sessions are permitted under the authority of ORS 192.660. Copies of the statute are available at the offices of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. **\*\* Audience Time:** If you wish to be heard on an item not on the agenda you may be heard under Audience Time with a 3-minute time limit. If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please wait until it is before the Board. Note: Agenda items may not be considered in the order listed. **\*\*\*Consent Agenda:** Consent Agenda items will be approved without discussion unless there is a request to discuss a particular consent agenda item. The issue separately discussed will be voted on separately. In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), this material, in an alternate format, or special accommodations for the meeting, will be made available by calling 503-645-6433 at least two business days prior to the meeting.

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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT



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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 29, 2008  
**TO:** The Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Doug Menke, General Manager

**RE:** **Information Regarding the August 4, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Agenda Item #6 – Consent Agenda**

Attached please find Consent Agenda items #6A-E for your review and approval.

**Action Requested: Approve Consent Agenda Items #6A-E as submitted:**

- A. Approve: Minutes of June 23, 2008 Regular Meeting**
- B. Approve: Monthly Bills**
- C. Approve: Monthly Financial Statement**
- D. Appoint: Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee Member**
- E. Approve: Resolution Authorizing the Use of an Energy Savings Performance Contract**

### **Agenda Item #7 – Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Resolution to Place the Bond Levy on the November 2008 Ballot**

Attached please find a memo from Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, regarding the enclosed resolution to submit a \$100 Million General Obligation Bond Levy request to the Park District voters on the November 4, 2008 ballot, as well as the proposed ballot title and explanatory statement to be used. Keith, along with Pam Beery, Park District Legal Counsel, and Josh Alpert, Northwest Conservation Services Director for The Trust for Public Land (TPL), will be at your meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

**Action Requested: Board of Directors approval of the Resolution calling for an election in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District on November 4, 2008 to submit a General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness Measure to District voters.**

#### **B. Urbanization Forum Position Paper**

Attached please find a memo from myself regarding the enclosed position paper for consideration of adoption by the Board of Directors outlining the Park District's view of the present urban service situation in Washington County and presenting suggestions regarding resolving issues related to long-term urban service provision in Washington County.

**Action requested: Board of Directors authorize staff to submit the attached Position Paper on behalf of the Park District to Urbanization Forum participants in advance of the next public meeting in September.**

**C. West Parc SDC Credit Project at Bethany Village**

Attached please find a memo from Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, reporting that Central Bethany Development will be making their second presentation to the Board of Directors regarding a proposed SDC credit project on their West Parc at Bethany Village property that would provide a north-south Waterhouse Community Trail connection with a bridge and boardwalk crossing. Hal, along with Jeff Oberst, Project Manager of Central Bethany Development, will be at your meeting to provide an overview of the memo and to answer any questions the Board may have.

**Action Requested: Board of Directors approval for the following:**

- 1. Approval of the SDC credit project and for the General Manager or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that includes the SDC credits and trail improvement cost estimates as described; and**
- 2. Authorization for staff to prepare a letter to Washington County outlining the approved SDC credit package parameters as described and submit the letter to Washington County for their records and implementation.**

**D. General Manager's Report**

Attached please find the General Manager's Report for the August 4, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

**Agenda Item #8 – New Business**

**A. Elections Guidelines for Elected Officials & Public Employees**

Attached please find a memo from myself reporting that Park District Legal Counsel, Pam Beery, will be in attendance at your August 4, 2008 Regular Board meeting to provide a review of the enclosed memo outlining elections guidelines for elected officials and public employees.

**Action Requested: No action requested – informational report only.**

***Other Packet Enclosures***

- Management Report to the Board
- Monthly Capital Report
- System Development Charge Report
- Newspaper Articles



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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT <sup>[6A]</sup>

## Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors was held at the Elsie Stuhr Center, Manzanita Room, 5550 SW Hall Boulevard, Beaverton, on Monday, June 23, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Joseph Blowers	President/Director
Larry Pelatt	Secretary/Director
Bob Scott	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
John Griffiths	Director
William Kanable (via telephone)	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

**Agenda Item #1 – Call Regular Meeting to Order**

President, Joe Blowers, called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2008-09**

President, Joe Blowers, stated that he would open the floor to nominations for Board officers for Fiscal Year 2008-09, taking effect on July 1, 2008.

**Bill Kanable nominated Larry Pelatt to serve as President of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Bob Scott seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:**

John Griffiths	Yes
Larry Pelatt	Yes
Bob Scott	Yes
Bill Kanable	Yes
Joe Blowers	Yes

**The nomination to elect Larry Pelatt to serve as President for Fiscal Year 2008-09 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Larry Pelatt nominated Bob Scott to serve as Secretary of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Joe Blowers seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:**

Bob Scott	Yes
John Griffiths	Yes
Larry Pelatt	Yes
Bill Kanable	Yes
Joe Blowers	Yes

**The nomination to elect Bob Scott to serve as Secretary for Fiscal Year 2008-09 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Bob Scott nominated Bill Kanable to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Larry Pelatt seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:**

<b>Bill Kanable</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Griffiths</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Larry Pelatt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bob Scott</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joe Blowers</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The nomination to elect Bill Kanable to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore for Fiscal Year 2008-09 was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Agenda Item #3 – Adopt Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget**

**A. Open Hearing**

President, Joe Blowers, opened the Budget Hearing.

**B. Staff Report**

Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, provided a brief overview of the memo included within the Board of Directors information packet, noting that Board of Directors approval is requested this evening of the resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget as adjusted, make appropriations, and levy ad valorem taxes. Keith noted that staff is recommending three adjustments to the Approved Budget to be included in the Adopted Budget. The three adjustments are related to the appropriation of grant funds awarded that were not reflected in the Approved Budget.

**D. Board Discussion** *(taken out of order)*

Bob Scott asked whether the grant for fiber optics was awarded to the Park District because patrons would benefit from the service or rather for the benefit of the District.

- ✓ Keith replied both, noting that the grant was awarded through a program for local government agencies to benefit their internal systems as well as public outreach to their constituents.

President, Joe Blowers, stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the recommended adjustments to the Approved Budget.

**Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors adjust the Budget as outlined by staff; \$5,525 for the Jenkins Estate; \$10,000 for natural resources; and, \$85,000 for fiber line installation to the District's wide area network. Larry Pelatt seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:**

<b>John Griffiths</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bill Kanable</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Larry Pelatt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bob Scott</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joe Blowers</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**C. Public Comment** *(taken out of order)*

*There was no public comment.*

**E. Close Hearing**

President, Joe Blowers, closed the Budget Hearing.

**F. Board Action**

**Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors approve the resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget as adjusted, make appropriations, and levy ad valorem taxes. Bill Kanable seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:**

<b>Larry Pelatt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bill Kanable</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Griffiths</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bob Scott</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joe Blowers</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Bob Scott thanked Spence Benfield for his efforts as Chair of the Budget Committee, as well as the individual members of the Budget Committee.

**Agenda Item #4 – Audience Time**

*There was no testimony during Audience Time.*

**Agenda Item #5 – Consent Agenda**

**Larry Pelatt moved the Board of Directors approve Consent Agenda items (A) Minutes of June 2, 2008 Regular Meeting, and (B) Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Grant Application Resolution. John Griffiths seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:**

<b>Bob Scott</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bill Kanable</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Griffiths</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Larry Pelatt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joe Blowers</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Agenda Item #6 – Unfinished Business**

**A. Future Funding Measure Recommendation**

Doug Menke, General Manager, noted that to date, a number of important steps have been taken in evaluating the feasibility of, and seeking public input regarding, a funding measure for the Park District. Doug introduced Don Goldberg, Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land (TPL), who is in attendance this evening to present the results of the second survey, as well as TPL's recommendation regarding a November 2008 Park District bond measure.

A detailed PowerPoint presentation was given that included the following topics pertaining to a November 2008 bond measure. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was entered into the record.

- Rationale for a Bond Measure
  - Doug provided a brief overview of why the Park District is considering a bond measure, noting that it would be the first such measure for the District since 1994 and that the District has grown substantially in population since then.

- Bond Measure Proposal Public Outreach Program
  - Bob Wayt, Director of Communications & Development, provided a detailed overview of the Public Outreach Program that has occurred to date regarding a potential funding measure, including outreach efforts such as open houses, informal surveys, the establishment of a Bond Measure Task Force, and various information distributions via the Park District's website, facilities, and the media.
- The Trust for Public Land Support
  - Don Goldberg, Project Manager for TPL, provided a detailed overview of the results of the second statistically valid survey regarding a November 2008 bond measure for the Park District, noting that 63% of voters continue to show support for a \$100 million bond measure. However, when presented information regarding a community center to be funded via the bond measure, overall bond measure support decreased to 50%.
  - Don explained that consistent with prior research, the new research suggests that a bond measure funding land preservation and recreational projects in line with Park District voter priorities stands a strong possibility of passing.

Larry Pelatt referenced the survey results stating that close to 90% of respondents had a favorable view of the Park District and asked whether this is an unusually high result. He questioned whether such a high level of support could skew the survey results.

- ✓ Don confirmed that it is a high result, but believes it is merely reflecting that residents are happy with the efforts of the Park District and doubts that it would skew the results.

Bob Scott asked what favorability rating is more common.

- ✓ Don replied that he does not believe there is a typical result, noting that it depends on the community being surveyed. He stated that the local competing funding measures do not poll nearly as well as the Park District's. Another indicator that the District is doing a good job is that these high support levels are being seen during an economic downturn.

President, Joe Blowers, stated that it appears the Park District's residents realize they are receiving value for their tax dollars to the District and that is a good indicator for a bond measure.

Larry referenced a previous comment by Don that respondents who are undecided in surveys usually vote in favor of the funding measure once the informational and campaigning efforts take place. Larry asked that given this trend, would not a bond measure including a community center still have a good probability of passing since the current support of 55% plus the support of just half of the 15% of the currently undecided would equal a total support of 62%?

- ✓ Doug noted that a follow up question during the survey provided more information regarding the community center component and the results were even less favorable toward the overall bond measure with support dropping to 50%.

Larry expressed that with a margin of error of 4.9% and the undecided voters potentially voting favorably, a bond measure including a community center could still pass.

- ✓ Bill Kanable commented that it depends on whether the Park District wants to take a risk and include a community center within the bond package at the jeopardy of the entire measure, or have a successful bond measure and explore other ways to fund a center.

Larry elaborated that he is not willing to sacrifice the entire bond measure for the community center component, but a community center is expensive to fund and the Park District does not have the opportunity for substantial blocks of funding very often. He stated that he wants to be convinced that the District should not include a community center in the bond package.

- ✓ Don Goldberg replied that support for the bond measure overall went from 63% to 50% when respondents were asked about a community center. He stated that although TPL could not guarantee that the bond measure would not pass if it included a community center, including a center would make TPL uncomfortable in moving forward.

Joe expressed that another way to view the survey is that the results reflect what the public wants from the Park District. A question to ask is not just whether a bond measure including a community center would pass, but whether the District would be giving the public enough of the components that they said they wanted.

- ✓ Bill noted that there are other options available to the Park District to fund a community center other than a bond measure. Although he understands Larry's comments, the pollsters are providing the information and the Board of Directors needs to make the best decision for the District.

The PowerPoint presentation continued with the following topics:

- Proposed Bond Measure Package
  - Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning; Jim McElhinny, Director of Park & Recreational Services; and Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, provided a detailed overview of the projects proposed to be included within a bond measure as noted within the Board of Directors information packet. Two packages were presented, one totaling \$86,270,000 and the other totaling \$99,670,000. An overview of the bond measure projects in five categories was provided: parks, trails, recreational facilities, natural resources, and athletic facilities. In addition, a map showing all of the proposed bond measure projects throughout the Park District was provided as a handout, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Financial Impact
  - Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities, provided a brief overview of the financial impacts a successful bond measure would have on the Park District and taxpayers, including the operational impact and the annual property tax per household.

Joe asked for confirmation that staff is recommending the level tax rate structure.

- ✓ Keith confirmed this.

Joe referenced the scenario presented regarding a successful bond measure's effect on the general fund and replacement backlog and asked whether a scenario was run that included the impact a community center would have.

- ✓ Keith confirmed that such a scenario was run, noting that it resulted in a much longer payoff of the deferred replacement backlog due to the additional operational costs, but that even with the community center, the Park District reached a sustainable point eventually. However, in 2017 there was still some level of backlog in the range of \$2-3 million.

The PowerPoint presentation continued with the following topics:

- Proposed Bond Information Program
  - Bob Wayt, Director of Communications & Development, provided a brief overview of the information program that would commence for a November 2008 bond measure, including hiring a consultant experienced in creating such programs.

- Action Requested
  - Doug noted that the action requested of the Board of Directors this evening is as follows:
    1. Approval of a November 2008 bond measure package and amount,
    2. Authorization to work with Park District legal counsel and The Trust for Public Land to take the appropriate legal steps and prepare the appropriate documents in placing a bond measure on the November 2008 ballot, and
    3. Authorization to move forward with a bond measure information program.
  - Doug stated that staff will return to the Board of Directors at the August 4, 2008 Regular Board meeting to present the proposed ballot title, question, and summary statement for adoption.

President, Joe Blowers, opened the floor to public testimony.

Greg Cody, 13955 SW Barlow Place, Beaverton, is before the Board of Directors this evening regarding a community center being included within the bond package. He expressed his opinion that the question of the community center was phrased negatively within the survey, noting that if another component of the bond measure, such as acquiring natural areas, was called out within the survey in such detail, he questions whether the survey would have had the same response. He encouraged the Board to consider including a community center within the bond measure package.

President, Joe Blowers, opened the floor for Board of Directors discussion.

Bill Kanable stated that although he understands the public testimony, due to the survey information received, he is inclined to agree with the staff recommendation. He believes the Park District has a strong chance of a successful measure using the proposed package and that other options should be explored for funding a community center.

Bob Scott stated that he was initially concerned with having a bond measure in the amount of \$100 million due to the psychological impact of such a number, but after reviewing the staff recommendation regarding the types of projects and distribution throughout the District, as well as the survey results indicating that there was very little difference between that amount and a lesser amount, he is supportive of a \$100 million package without a community center.

✓ President, Joe Blowers, asked Bob whether he supports the recommendation to purchase land with this potential bond measure funding for the site of a future community center. Bob confirmed this and described Hillsboro School District's efforts in acquiring land for future growth, noting that due to today's environment, he believes such strategy is a good use of public tax dollars and would benefit the Park District greatly in the future.

John Griffiths expressed concern regarding the decline in support for the measure reflected within the survey due to the inclusion of a community center. In addition, he expressed concern with the strategy of partially funding a community center via the bond measure, noting that this would not provide a guarantee to the public that a facility would actually be constructed. He described the potential for cost overruns, noting that the Park District is not very experienced in such large construction projects. He described the importance of a successful bond measure for the District, stating that he believes that if the District offers what the public has expressed support for, there is a good chance that the measure will be successful.

John noted that while he understands the need for seismic upgrades, especially for the Park District's older facilities such as Cedar Hills and Garden Home Recreation Centers, he also believes that the District needs to have a strategy in place for the eventual replacement or whole scale upgrade of such facilities. He questions whether the District should use the bond measure funds for seismic upgrades, or whether that funding should be set aside for something greater.

John referenced the \$5 million proposed to acquire land for a future community center, noting that this land should present multiple possibilities for development should the Park District go in another direction due to the upgrade of existing facilities or in the event that the community center concept become obsolete.

President, Joe Blowers, asked for additional information regarding the seismic upgrades needed at various Park District facilities.

- ✓ Doug Menke, General Manager, noted that at facilities other than Sunset Swim Center, the seismic issues were centered around key elements dealing with egress issues. Beaverton School District has included seismic oriented funds to complete the same basic work in their aging schools within their last three bond measures. Since replacement of Cedar Hills or Garden Home Recreation Centers is not forecasted for the near future, an investment of some range of funds seems relatively prudent, especially considering that a new community center is not proposed for the bond package. Maintaining reasonable integrity and safety within the current facilities will be money well spent and is a relatively small portion of the entire bond amount.
- ✓ Keith added that Park District staff is also currently completing the performance contracting study on mechanical systems within these facilities so the upgrades would be both structural and mechanical through two different means: structural through the bond and mechanical through the performance contracting (or energy efficiency). Leveraging both at the same time will realize some economy of scale. In addition, investing the seismic funds in the facilities will result in at least a 20-year life. The only issue that would make the facilities obsolete would be a change in the way the facility is used and by design the facility could not meet such needs. Also, the structural upgrades being discussed would likely be a prerequisite to doing any type of future renovation or expansion of the facilities.

John stated that he is not opposed to the funds for the seismic upgrades, only commenting that the facilities are old and that it requires funding to keep them up to date and that at some point, for various reasons, such facilities become too costly to operate and obsolete in terms of the Park District's needs. He believes the District needs a plan in place for a future community center, along with an outline regarding when the public can expect the older facilities to be replaced with newer ones, taking into account how long the seismic upgrades will prolong their lifespan.

- ✓ Joe replied that his understanding is that evaluations have been completed on such facilities and that some information has been provided in order to create such a path.
- ✓ Keith noted that a more detailed structural evaluation would be completed that would outline where the seismic upgrades would go, but that staff is also exploring more detailed studies, beginning with Garden Home Recreation Center.

Bill expressed agreement that a replacement plan is needed in order to help the Park District and Board of Directors with long-range planning.

Joe noted that there has been past discussion regarding an expansion at Garden Home Recreation Center, but one of the reasons it is not included within the bond package is because the long-term future of Garden Home Recreation Center is unclear.

- ✓ Doug confirmed this, noting that first the initial seismic-oriented study needs to be completed, and then a more detailed comprehensive study similar to what John has described that would create a road map for the future.

John agreed, noting that he believes Beaverton, Sunset, Harman, and Aloha Swim Centers need to be evaluated along with Cedar Hills and Garden Home Recreation Centers.

Larry commented that the phrasing of the bond is important in that he does not want to tie the Park District to improvements as specific as seismic upgrades. He noted that staff will be required to return to the Board for approval of such studies, as they are not inexpensive. The terms “facility upgrades” or “renovation” are broad enough to accommodate a variety of improvements that may come as a result of the studies. He stated that he is still concerned about not including a community center within the bond package only because it could be some time before the District receives another large sum of funding, although he does not disagree with any of the other Board members’ comments regarding why it should not be included.

Larry questioned whether \$5 million would be enough to purchase land for a new community center and suggested reducing some of the funding proposed for neighborhood park acquisition in order to ensure that the land purchased as a site for a new community center is versatile and a large enough footprint to include adequate parking. Or perhaps such funding does not need to be identified so specifically and can be included within the general terms of land acquisition.

- ✓ Bill commented that there are other funding sources the Park District could explore in the purchase of a site for a new community center and expressed the need to be cautious in moving funding from other areas of the bond measure.

Larry expressed concern that the Park District would be restricted to allocating only \$5 million of bond funds to acquire land for a community center.

- ✓ Joe asked for confirmation that such aspects of the bond package are opportunity driven, noting that some items in the bond package may cost less than expected or not happen at all, making such funding available for other land purchases.
- ✓ Doug confirmed this, noting that the key broad category will be land acquisition and that the audit or steering committee will be monitoring the allocation of bond funds. He agreed with Bill’s comment that the Board has access to other funds in order to offset projects if need be.

Larry noted that the District has been, at times in the past, a little dogmatically driven and he wants the bond package to be as focused on what the voters say they want and driven by the survey, while allowing opportunity to capitalize as well.

- ✓ John commented that the Board will be able to have a more intelligent discussion regarding a future community center once the capital study is available, as it will outline when certain facilities will come off-line and what is planned to replace them.

Larry agreed that the capital study will be very critical in how the Park District plans to move forward over the next ten to twenty years.

✓ John agreed, noting that a future bond measure could address the results of such a study. Joe noted that the Park District would also be able to begin building a case to the public that some of the facilities are wearing out and need to be replaced. He does not believe the District currently has the information necessary in order to make such a case right now and that may be part of the reason the support for the bond measure falls when including a community center.

John described Metro's 1995 bond measure, noting that Metro identified regional target areas and that the public was able to identify a target area near them. He described the need to be able to display to the public how well the bond package is distributed throughout the Park District, noting that there are improvements identified in every quadrant. He described that another successful aspect of Metro's 1995 bond measure was that Metro pledged to purchase 6,000 acres of land, but ultimately purchased 8,000 acres, so when the constituents were asked to vote on a new Metro bond measure in 2006, the trust had already been established and it passed. To the extent that the District can provide the public with what was asked for and over deliver, the District will be in a good position for the next bond measure.

President, Joe Blowers, stated that he understands the public testimony received this evening, noting that each Board member was excited about the possibility of a new community center. However, the survey numbers fell to a point where a community center could result in the failure of the entire bond measure. He stated that the Park District needs to be able to show the public that it will provide what they say is important, more than the District needs a new community center. It does not mean that the need for a new community center does not exist; it just means that the District needs to do more research and return to the public in the future with more evidence regarding why a new community center is needed.

Joe referenced the seismic upgrades proposed, noting that he understands that these upgrades are not about making the building survive, but that they are about getting patrons out during a large earthquake. He stated that he fully supports such seismic upgrades.

Joe commended the Bond Measure Task Force and Park District staff, stating that the proposed bond package mirrors what the public expressed. He expressed support for the \$100 million bond package as proposed, without a community center.

**Bob Scott moved the Board of Directors approve the November 2008 bond measure package of \$100 million, direct staff to work with the Park District's legal counsel and The Trust for Public Land to take the appropriate legal steps and prepare the appropriate documents in placing a bond measure on the November 2008 ballot, and direct staff to move forward with a bond measure information program as outlined. Larry Pelatt seconded the motion.**

Doug Menke, General Manager, requested that a designation of the package "as presented" be added to the motion on the floor.

**Bob Scott amended his motion to include Board of Directors approval of the November 2008 bond measure package of \$100 million as presented. Larry Pelatt seconded the amended motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:**

<b>Bill Kanable</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>John Griffiths</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Larry Pelatt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bob Scott</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Joe Blowers</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**Agenda Item #7 – Board Time**

*There was no discussion during Board Time.*

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Joe Blowers, President

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Larry Pelatt, Secretary

Recording Secretary,  
Jessica Collins

Tualatin Hills  
Park & Rec.

Accounts Payable  
Over \$1,000.00

May 30, 2008  
Summary

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
228188	5/6/2008	Community Newspapers Inc.	1,124.91
228192	5/6/2008	Oregonian Publishing Company	1,361.28
		<b>Advertising</b>	<b>2,486.19</b>
228442	5/15/2008	Northwest Door & Supply, Inc.	5,612.44
228581	5/23/2008	Solarc Architecture & Engineer	1,275.94
		<b>Capital Outlay - Building Replacements</b>	<b>6,888.38</b>
228431	5/15/2008	Life Fitness	5,902.77
228530	5/23/2008	Allied Electric Co.	7,329.48
228637	5/30/2008	NAGL Floor Covering	5,840.06
		<b>Capital Outlay - Carryover Projects</b>	<b>19,072.31</b>
228098	5/5/2008	Crosscut Hardwoods	1,238.33
		<b>Capital Outlay - Challenge Grants</b>	<b>1,238.33</b>
228070	5/1/2008	Lovett Excavating	1,500.00
228074	5/1/2008	Recreation Resource, Inc.	1,291.00
228146	5/5/2008	Pacific Fence & Wire Co.	6,480.00
228341	5/13/2008	Adrian's Quality Fencing & Dec	2,375.00
228557	5/23/2008	Coast Pavement Services, Inc.	29,996.00
		<b>Capital Outlay - Park &amp; Trail Replacements</b>	<b>41,642.00</b>
228112	5/5/2008	Grindline Skateparks, Inc.	41,092.00
228122	5/5/2008	KJM & Associates	3,108.00
228412	5/15/2008	Ford Graphics	1,770.67
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		<b>Capital Outlay-SDC-Park Development/Improvements</b>	<b>74,181.87</b>
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		<b>Electricity</b>	<b>33,669.61</b>
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		<b>Employee Benefit</b>	<b>292,546.68</b>
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	<b>Employee Deductions</b>	<u>79,091.55</u>
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	<b>Foundation Support</b>	<u>1,750.00</u>
228172	5/5/2008 Tualatin Valley Water District	2,851.67
	<b>Gas &amp; Oil (Vehicles)</b>	<u>2,851.67</u>
228202	5/7/2008 NW Natural	26,695.14
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228398	5/15/2008 Dell Marketing L.P.	1,685.00
	<b>Information Service - Capital</b>	<u>1,685.00</u>
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228181	5/5/2008 Wilbur-Ellis Company	1,715.00
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	<b>Maintenance Supplies</b>	<u>47,464.47</u>
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	<b>Maintenance Services</b>	<u>2,953.96</u>
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	<b>Misc Income</b>	<u>6,155.30</u>
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	<b>Misc. Other Services</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>
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	<b>Office Supplies</b>	<u>7,986.09</u>

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	<b>Postage</b>	<u>2,400.00</u>
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	<b>Professional Services</b>	<u>28,471.39</u>
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	<b>Refuse Services</b>	<u>6,903.12</u>
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	<b>Rental Equipment</b>	<u>1,541.39</u>
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228564	5/23/2008 Fred Shearer & Sons	5,350.00
	<b>Rental Facility</b>	<u>23,021.02</u>
228102	5/5/2008 Endeavor Tree Service	1,560.00
228121	5/5/2008 KD Kanopy, Inc.	3,457.74
228141	5/5/2008 Obsidian Technologies	4,995.00
228456	5/15/2008 Peterson Structural Engineers	3,121.00
228560	5/23/2008 Criminal Information Services,	1,212.00
	<b>Technical Services</b>	<u>14,345.74</u>
228363	5/13/2008 Speer Hoyt PC	2,000.00
	<b>Technical Training</b>	<u>2,000.00</u>
228371	5/13/2008 Nextel Communications	2,147.49
228375	5/13/2008 Verizon Northwest, Inc.	7,599.71
	<b>Telecommunication</b>	<u>9,747.20</u>
228185	5/6/2008 Beaverton Honda	1,382.75
	<b>Vehicle Equipment Services</b>	<u>1,382.75</u>
228370	5/13/2008 City of Beaverton	5,620.71
228590	5/27/2008 Tualatin Valley Water District	2,314.28
	<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<u>7,934.99</u>

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		<b>Capital Outlay-Building Improvements</b>	<b>10,449.75</b>
228691	06/05/08	Building Material	1,596.00
229234	06/25/08	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.	1,581.25
228990	06/16/08	Alliant Systems, LLC	22,000.00
229063	06/16/08	NorthWest Masonry Restoration	22,480.00
229082	06/16/08	Reitmeier Mechanical	7,264.93
229073	06/16/08	Paulson's Floor Coverings	3,150.00
229206	06/25/08	Grainger	2,611.61
		<b>Capital Outlay-Building Replacements</b>	<b>60,683.79</b>
228699	06/05/08	Comfort Interiors, Inc.	1,995.20
		<b>Capital Outlay-Park &amp; Trail Improvements</b>	<b>1,995.20</b>
228739	06/05/08	Kompan, Inc.	31,730.00
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229005	06/16/08	Cassery Landscape, Inc.	7,500.00
229108	06/16/08	United Pipe & Supply Co., Inc.	6,498.12
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229048	06/16/08	KJM & Associates	2,502.00
229125	06/19/08	Grindline Skateparks, Inc.	116,228.00
229240	06/25/08	United Pipe & Supply Co., Inc.	2,703.97
		<b>Capital Outlay-SDC-Park Improvements/Development</b>	<b>135,435.47</b>
228753	06/05/08	Metro	4,345.00
229144	06/20/08	Catherine Brucker Conferences	1,656.89
			<b>6,001.89</b>
229197	06/25/08	Cycle Oregon Dues & memberships	1,000.00
			<b>1,000.00</b>
228671	06/05/08	PGE	38,452.91
228969	06/16/08	PGE	4,298.27
229179	06/25/08	PGE	32,710.37
		<b>Electricity</b>	<b>75,461.55</b>
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			<b>116,146.38</b>
228974	06/16/08	Aetna / ING Life Insurance	5,904.16
228978	06/16/08	Manley Services	5,896.05
228983	06/16/08	Standard Insurance Company	21,793.54
228984	06/16/08	Standard Insurance Company	2,595.66
229257	06/30/08	Aetna / ING Life Insurance	5,904.16
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229264	06/30/08	Standard Insurance Company	21,500.40
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229267	06/30/08	THPRD - Employee Assn. Employee Deductions	6,299.63
			<b>79,345.26</b>
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228798	06/05/08	Tualatin Valley Water District	20,460.38
229129	06/19/08	Marc Nelson Oil Products, Inc. Gas & Oil (Vehicles)	1,892.18
			<b>23,368.41</b>
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229178	06/25/08	NW Natural Heat	18,181.69
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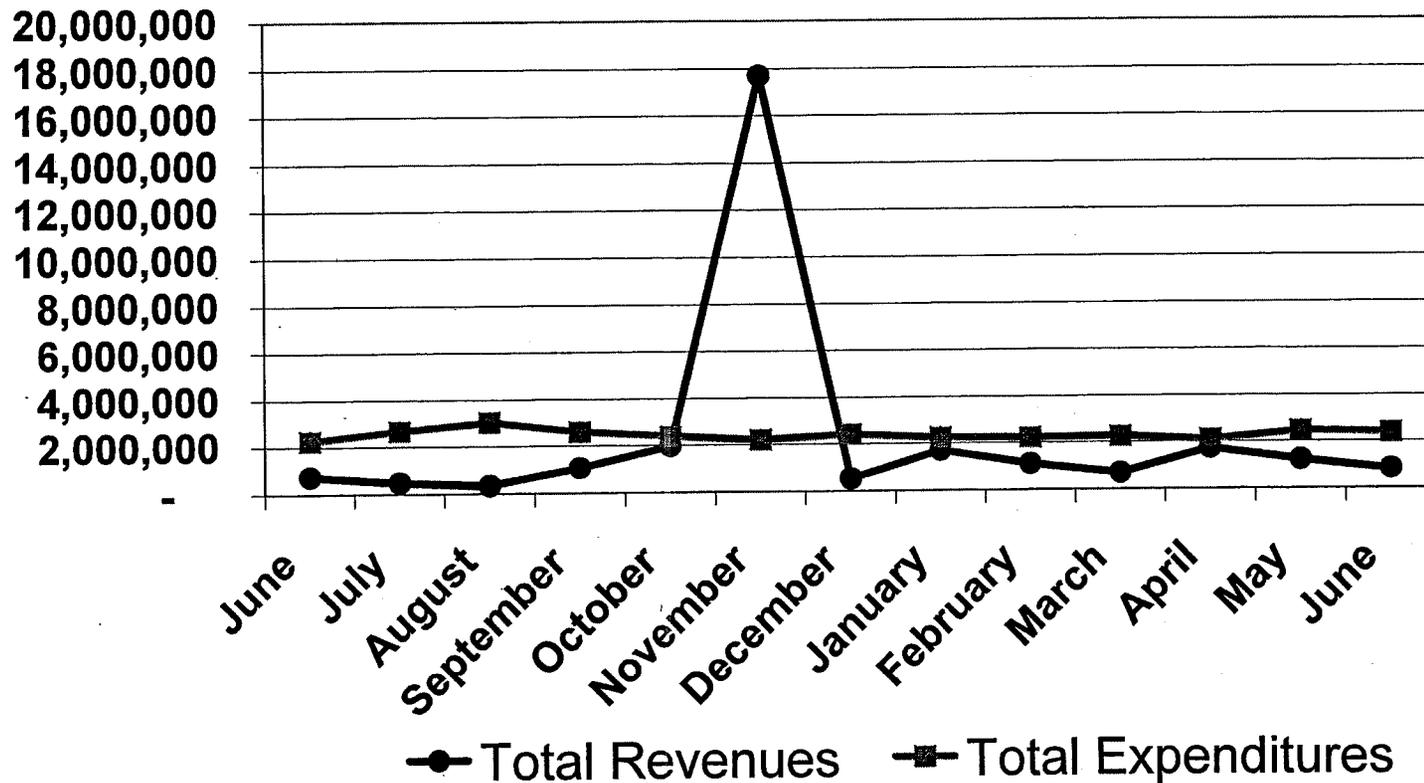
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229208	06/25/08	Rick Harrison	2,000.00
		<b>Information Services-Capital</b>	<b>13,794.20</b>
228662	06/03/08	NSAOUA	7,426.00
229162	06/24/08	NSAOUA	8,186.00
		<b>Instructional Services</b>	<b>15,612.00</b>
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228991	06/16/08	Allied Electric Co.	1,200.00
229051	06/16/08	Labor Ready Northwest, Inc.	1,920.24
229090	06/16/08	Saxton Bradley, Inc.	1,420.00
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		<b>Maintenance Services</b>	<b>16,052.66</b>
228675	06/05/08	Airgas Nor Pac, Inc.	3,162.06
228698	06/05/08	Coastwide Laboratories	3,298.40
228703	06/05/08	Crescent Electric Supply Co.	1,253.66
228706	06/05/08	CSI Geosynthetics	1,381.00
228790	06/05/08	Sunset Farm & Nursery	6,479.65
228802	06/05/08	United Pipe & Supply Co., Inc.	1,368.39
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228811	06/05/08	Wilbur-Ellis Company	7,050.00
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229004	06/16/08	BSN Sports	1,368.87
229009	06/16/08	Coastwide Laboratories	2,650.37
229026	06/16/08	Fazio Bros.	7,576.68
229039	06/16/08	Home Depot Credit Services	2,742.06
229044	06/16/08	J.F. Shelton Company	2,374.00
229088	06/16/08	Ross Recreation Equipment	1,276.10
229114	06/16/08	Western Equipment Distr., Inc.	2,189.99
229115	06/16/08	Wilbur-Ellis Company	3,840.00
229192	06/25/08	Ernest	1,063.98
229243	06/25/08	Woodco	1,964.00
		<b>Maintenance Supplies</b>	<b>60,671.42</b>
228797	06/05/08	Andy S. Traverso	2,000.00
		<b>Misc. Other Services</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
228939	06/10/08	THP Foundation	2,040.00
228940	06/10/08	THP Foundation	1,423.35
229100	06/16/08	THP Foundation	3,560.00
229170	06/24/08	THP Foundation	3,720.00
		<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>10,743.35</b>
228743	06/05/08	Lazerquick	1,032.38
228763	06/05/08	OfficeMax - A Boise Company	3,177.48
228772	06/05/08	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	1,368.96
228778	06/05/08	Ricoh Americas Corporation	2,827.66
229067	06/16/08	OfficeMax - A Boise Company	1,396.08
229083	06/16/08	Ricoh Americas Corporation	2,726.62
		<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>12,529.18</b>
228668	06/03/08	United States Postal Service	1,200.00
228965	06/12/08	United States Postal Service	2,400.00
229171	06/24/08	United States Postal Service	2,000.00
229172	06/24/08	US Postmaster	1,003.45
		<b>Postage</b>	<b>6,603.45</b>
228695	06/05/08	Caswell/Hertel Surveyors, Inc.	5,698.00
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229059	06/16/08	Melanie Moon-Land	1,382.94
229076	06/16/08	Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.	9,746.00
229099	06/16/08	Tarlow Naito & Summers, LLP	1,954.00
229188	06/25/08	BOORA, Inc.	4,099.00
		<b>Professional Services</b>	<b>39,148.69</b>
228681	06/05/08	Baden Sports, Inc.	1,243.00
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228726	06/05/08	HSBC Business Solutions	2,400.49
228764	06/05/08	Oliver Knitting Company	1,757.97
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229042	06/16/08	Insight Public Sector	2,379.08
229053	06/16/08	Lazerquick	1,105.45
229196	06/25/08	Crown Trophy	1,069.00
229215	06/25/08	McKenzie Athletic	3,605.50
229220	06/25/08	NW Sleevewear, Inc.	1,041.52
		<b>Program Supplies</b>	<b>21,056.53</b>
228808	06/05/08	Waste Management of Oregon	2,953.10
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		<b>Refuse Services</b>	<b>6,451.77</b>
228765	06/05/08	OR Dept of Administrative Srvc	1,560.29
228803	06/05/08	United Rentals, Inc.	1,107.44
229075	06/16/08	Peter Corvallis Prod., Inc.	3,910.00
		<b>Rental Equipment</b>	<b>6,577.73</b>
229119	06/19/08	Beaverton Sch. District #48	9,633.44
229205	06/25/08	Fred Shearer & Sons	5,350.00
		<b>Rental Facility</b>	<b>14,983.44</b>
228688	06/05/08	Beighley & Associates, Inc.	1,498.75
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228760	06/05/08	Novacoast, Inc.	11,210.24
228998	06/16/08	Ash Creek Forest Mgt.	2,180.00
229011	06/16/08	Command Prompt, Inc.	5,645.00
229018	06/16/08	Edwards Enterprises	2,581.74
229037	06/16/08	Hawk Enterprises	1,425.00
229092	06/16/08	Springbrook Software, Inc.	3,200.00
229120	06/19/08	Thad V. Beuckman	1,000.00
229130	06/19/08	Casey Neil	1,500.00
229142	06/19/08	Wellness 2000	4,260.00
229224	06/25/08	PTL Tree Service, Inc.	1,900.00
		<b>Technical Services</b>	<b>37,455.73</b>
228966	06/16/08	AT&T Mobility	1,389.00
228968	06/16/08	Nextel Communications	2,012.51
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		<b>Telecommunications</b>	<b>11,169.85</b>
228672	06/05/08	Tualatin Valley Water District	8,632.42
228967	06/16/08	City of Beaverton	6,842.63
228971	06/16/08	Tualatin Valley Water District	2,321.50
229177	06/25/08	Clean Water Services	1,664.89
		<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>19,461.44</b>
		<b>Report Total:</b>	<b>890,382.15</b>

**TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**General Fund Financial Summary**  
**June, 2008**  
**Preliminary Statement**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	PRORATED BUDGET 6/30/2008	% YTD TO PRORATED BUDGET	FULL FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
<b>BEGINNING CASH ON HAND</b>		\$ 4,337,121	\$ 3,689,400	117.6%	\$ 3,689,400
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property Taxes	83,246	20,856,137	20,633,443	101.1%	20,633,443
Program Income	647,793	7,398,499	6,686,313	110.7%	6,686,313
Other Income	73,246	900,868	930,000	96.9%	930,000
Grants and Loan Proceeds	3,375	13,155	239,750	5.5%	239,750
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 807,660</b>	<b>\$ 29,168,659</b>	<b>\$ 28,489,506</b>	<b>102.4%</b>	<b>\$ 28,489,506</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Contingency	-	-	-	0.0%	1,402,500
Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes	1,678,008	20,257,551	20,361,404	99.5%	20,361,404
Material & Services	456,347	6,099,762	6,831,209	89.3%	6,831,209
Debt Service	-	785,654	889,392	88.3%	889,392
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,134,355</b>	<b>\$ 27,142,967</b>	<b>\$ 28,082,005</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>\$ 29,484,505</b>
Capital Expenditures	240,994	1,725,844	2,694,401	64.1%	2,694,401
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,375,349</b>	<b>\$ 28,868,811</b>	<b>\$ 30,776,406</b>	<b>93.8%</b>	<b>\$ 32,178,906</b>
<b>REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ (1,567,689)</b>	<b>\$ 299,848</b>	<b>\$ (2,286,900)</b>	<b>113.1%</b>	<b>\$ (3,689,400)</b>
<b>ENDING CASH (CASH DEFICIT)</b>		<b>\$ 4,636,969</b>	<b>\$ 1,402,500</b>	<b>330.6%</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

# Tualatin Hills Park and Rec. District June 2007 - June 2008





# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 25, 2008  
**TO:** Doug Menke, General Manager  
**FROM:** Jim McElhinny, Director of Park & Recreational Services

**RE:** Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee Member

### Summary

Staff requests Board of Directors approval of one Committee member appointment to the Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee.

### Background

The Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee recommends Board of Directors approval to appoint Scott Heaston to fill a vacant position.

Please note that the Advisory Committee member's application is attached along with the Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee's current roster.

### Action Requested

Board of Directors approval to appoint the requested individual to the Cedar Hills Recreation Center Advisory Committee.



## Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District CEDAR HILLS RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER

Last Updated: May 1, 2008

<i>Committee Member</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Member Since</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Ginny Kinsley		January 2008					January 2010
Mildred Hoelscher		November 2002					February 2009
Paul Chastain Chair		June 2003					November 2007
Aimee Lobo-Berg		November 2003					January 2009
Phillip Rifenburg		April 2007					May 2009
Zorahgail Balino		September 2007					September 2009
<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>	<i>Representing</i>		<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
Eric Owens Superintendent of Recreation	Staff THPRD		15707 SW Walker Road Beaverton, OR 97006	503-645-6433	503-629-6301	cowens@thprd.org	N/A
Deb Schoen Center Supervisor	Staff THPRD		11640 SW Park Way Portland, OR 97225	503-629-6340	503-629-6345	dschoen@thprd.org	N/A



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

<b>Name:</b> Scott Heaston	<b>Date:</b> 7/11/2008

Advisory Committee you are applying for (you must reside within the Park District boundaries):

Cedar Hills Recreation Center  Garden Home Recreation Center  Stuhr Center  Jenkins Estate  Aquatics   
Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center  Tualatin Hills Nature Park  Athletic Center  Trails

1. Please explain your interest in serving on the Advisory Committee: To contribute the perspective of a family that utilizes the facility and also give feedback received from other members.
2. How long have you lived in the community? Five years
3. Have you served on other volunteer committees? YES  NO  If yes, please explain where, when, and what your responsibilities were: \_
4. Have you or your family participated in any Center or other Recreation District activities?  
What: Fitness Challenge (preschool, daycare, weight room, cardio room)  
When: 2007 (2003-present)  
Where: Cedar Hills Recreation Center
5. Please describe any work experience or areas of expertise that you feel would benefit the Advisory Committee: I have worked with budgets as a program coordinator for a non profit organization. 20 years of experience in weight lifting. Have been serving the community as a real estate broker for the past seven years.

# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT



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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 25, 2008  
**TO:** Doug Menke, General Manager  
**FROM:** Keith Hobson, Director of Business and Facilities

**RE:** Resolution Authorizing the Use of an Energy Savings Performance Contract

### Summary

Staff is requesting a special procurement exemption to allow for the use of an alternative competitive process. This exemption would allow for public improvement projects through a contract with an energy services company (ESCO) for an energy savings performance contract (ESPC) to upgrade mechanical systems, lighting fixtures, controls, and insulation of the building envelope (roofing and window replacement) for the Park District facilities.

### Background

In April 2008 the District engaged McKinstry Co. to perform an energy audit of District facilities. The audit was funded by the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO), and the only obligation of the District was to implement at least one energy saving recommendation from the audit. Based on the results of the audit, however, there appear to be a number of energy savings upgrades that can be made to District facilities.

OAR 137-049-0600 to 137-049-0690 are intended to provide guidance to Contracting Agencies regarding the use of Alternative Contracting Methods for Public Improvement Contracts, as may be directed by the Board of Directors under ORS 279C.335. Alternative Contracting Methods include, among others, Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC). In order to use the ESPC method, the Board may direct its use by exception to the prescribed public contracting practices and its use must be justified in accordance with public contracting codes. ESPC projects still require a competitive selection process for materials and labor and the ESCO selection must be based on a combination of costs and qualifications.

The resulting contract from the alternative procurement process will be treated as a public contract for public improvement as defined by the public contracting code and will be subject to all requirements for public improvement contracts, including but not limited to hours of labor, retainage and payment, subcontractors, bonds, as well as prevailing wage requirements.

### Proposal Request

In order to enter into an ESPC the Board must accept, through resolution, the use of the alternative procurement method as allowed under ORS 279C.335

### **Benefits of Proposal**

Use of the ESPC method will not diminish competition for the public improvement contract, and it will result in significant cost savings through energy efficiencies, energy credits and energy incentives. Performance is guaranteed, thus limiting risk and the potential for change orders. And with the guaranteed energy savings, the project will remain bottom-line neutral by covering any required debt payments.

The ESPC exemption will promote competition among qualified vendors, but will allow the District to select the energy services company (ESCO) whose specialized expertise best suits the technical complexity of the project. The ESPC provides a single point of accountability, requiring a more cohesive team approach and resulting in a more streamlined project with a shorter timeline. Since the ESCO is responsible for everything from analysis and identification of individual cost effective projects to their design, construction, and management, the contract will be awarded based on a set of weighted criteria that will best serve the interest of the District as laid out in the Request for Proposals.

### **Potential Downside of Proposal**

Entering into an ESPC will obligate the District to make capital improvements that result in guaranteed energy savings. Such capital improvements will need to be funded through the acquisition of new debt. The projects in the contract will however remain bottom-line neutral by applying the guaranteed utility cost savings to the debt repayment.

### **Action Required**

Board of Directors approval of the resolution authorizing the use of an Alternative Contracting Method for Public Improvement Contracts under ORS 279C.335 for an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUALATIN HILLS PARK  
AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Trust of Oregon (“ETO”) provides funds for organizations to perform energy audits of existing facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the ETO audits are conducted to determine whether practical upgrades can increase the energy efficiency of existing facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (the “District”) hired McKinstry Co. (the “Contractor”) to perform an energy audit;

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor has recommended certain upgrades and improvements to existing THPRD facilities;

**WHEREAS**, the District wishes to increase its energy efficiency while prudently managing its limited financial resources through an energy savings performance contract (“ESPC”); and

**WHEREAS**, under OAR 137-049-0680, an ESPC is not subject to competitive bidding if the proposed improvements are to existing facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT:**

**Section 1.** District staff is authorized to negotiate an ESPC with Contractor, and to bring the ESPC back to the Board for contract award at a future Board meeting.

**Section 2.** The resulting ESPC must contain the required contract terms described in OAR 137-049-0680.

**Section 3.** This resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approved by the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board of Directors on this 4th day of August, 2008.

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**Larry Pelatt, President**

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**Bob Scott, Secretary**

ATTEST:

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**Doug Menke, General Manager**

# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT



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[7A]

## MEMO

**DATE:** July 17, 2008  
**TO:** Doug Menke, General Manager  
**FROM:** Keith Hobson, Director of Business and Facilities

**RE:** Resolution to Place the Bond Levy on the November 2008 Ballot

### Summary

The attached resolution submits a \$100 Million General Obligation Bond Levy request to the Park District voters on the November 4, 2008 ballot, and provides the ballot title and explanatory statement to be used for this request.

### Background

At the June 23, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved the package of projects to be funded by a \$100 million general obligation bond, and authorized staff to work with the Park District's legal counsel and The Trust for Public Land to take the appropriate legal steps and prepare the proper documents to place a bond measure on the November 2008 ballot.

Under Oregon Revised Statutes, the District Board of Directors must adopt a resolution to place a question on the ballot for the voters of the District to decide. The District must file the Notice of Measure Election with the County Elections Official no later than the 61<sup>st</sup> day before the election. For the November 4, 2008 General Election, the notice must be filed no later than September 4, 2008.

The Notice of Measure Election must include the Ballot Title consisting of the following three parts:

1. A caption, not exceeding 10 words, that reasonably identifies the subject of the deferral.
2. A question, not exceeding 20 words, which must plainly phrase the chief purpose of the referral so that an affirmative response corresponds to a yes vote on the referral.
3. A summary of the referral, not exceeding 175 words, which shall be concise and impartial and summarize the referral and its major effect.

The District must also submit an impartial explanatory statement, not exceeding 500 words, to be included in the County Voters Pamphlet.

### Proposal Request

The attached resolution, which has been drafted by Park District legal counsel, provides the necessary authorization for the placement of a \$100 million general obligation bond request on the November 4, 2008 ballot. The resolution also includes authorization of the Ballot Title and explanatory statement.

Staff has worked with Park District legal counsel (three attorneys, including one specializing in elections), Park District bond counsel, and The Trust for Public Land to draft the language for the Ballot Title and explanatory statement.

Assuming approval of the Resolution by the Board of Directors, the Notice of Measure Election can be filed with the County Elections Official immediately. Upon receipt of the Notice of Measure Election, the County Elections Official must publish a Notice of Election in the next available edition of a newspaper of general circulation.

**Benefits of Proposal**

Approval of this resolution provides proper authorization to place the General Obligation Bond Measure to District voters at the November 4, 2008 general election.

**Potential Downside of Proposal**

There is no identifiable downside to this proposal.

**Action Requested**

**Board of Directors approval of the Resolution calling for an election in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District on November 4, 2008 to submit a General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness Measure to District voters.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-08

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE TUALATIN HILLS  
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008 TO SUBMIT A  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED INDEBTEDNESS MEASURE TO  
DISTRICT VOTERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (District) has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to finance capital construction and improvements to District facilities (Projects); and

WHEREAS, ORS 266.512 authorizes the District to issue general obligation bonds to carry into effect the powers granted by ORS 266.410, if approved by District voters; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such Projects is estimated to be not less than \$100 million, including the cost of issuance of bonds to finance the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the District will call an election to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds to finance the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to reimburse itself for capital expenditures related to the Projects and to pay the cost of bond issuance with the proceeds of the general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 sets forth certain requirements that must be complied with for the reimbursement with proceeds of bonds to qualify as an expenditure of bond proceeds.

Now, therefore, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. An election is called for the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Washington County, Oregon to submit to District voters a general obligation bond measure of up to \$100 million to finance the Projects. The bonds will mature over a period of not more than 21 years from date of issuance.

2. The election will be held on November 4, 2008.

3. The election will be conducted by the Washington County Elections Department. The precincts for this election will include all territory within the boundaries of the District.

4. The General Manager, or his designee, will timely submit to the Washington County Elections Department a Notice of Measure Election in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A with any changes approved by the Board President. The Board President will sign the Notice of Measure Election.

5. Washington County Elections officials will post and publish the Notice of Measure Election and sample ballot in accordance with state law.

6. The Board President is authorized to sign and the General Manager, or his designee, is authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Washington County voters' pamphlet on behalf of the District.

7. If the bonds are approved by the voters, the District will annually levy a direct ad valorem tax upon all of the taxable property within the District sufficient to pay promptly the principal and interest on the bonds as they become due and payable. Under ORS 310.145, the District classifies the tax levy as taxes imposed to pay the principal and interest on exempt bonded indebtedness. These taxes are not subject to the limits of section 11 or 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

8. The District intends to reimburse itself for the capital expenditures associated with the Projects and to pay the cost of bond issuance with the proceeds of the bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$100 million. This declaration of official intent is given under United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

9. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

APPROVED and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Pelatt, Board President

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Scott, Board Secretary

## **EXHIBIT A**

***Caption:*** (10 words)

Bonds to preserve natural areas, water, improve parks, create trails

***Question:*** (20 words)

Shall Park District protect local natural areas and water quality; improve parks; create trails; issue \$100 million general obligation bonds?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

***Summary:*** (175 words)

This measure directs Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to buy and restore natural areas for the protection of water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, improve existing parks and facilities and purchase and develop new parks. Proceeds would be used to purchase land for new trails and trail connections. It would establish a citizen oversight committee and require a yearly independent financial audit. Bonds would mature up to 21 years from date of issuance and could be issued in more than one series. Approval of the measure would provide funds for the District to:

- Preserve local natural areas
- Preserve and restore lands near creeks and streams for the protection of local water quality and fish and wildlife habitat
- Build new trail connections and purchase land to create new local trails
- Improve existing local neighborhood and community parks, including sports fields and play equipment
- Purchase and develop land for new local neighborhood and community parks
- Improve, expand, and renovate certain existing local facilities, including safety and seismic structural upgrades
- Create ADA improvements

*Explanatory Statement:* (500 words)

**\$100 Million General Obligation Bond Measure to Fund Protection of Local Natural Areas and Water Quality, Improve and Create Local Parks, and Create New Local Trails**

With passage of the Bond Measure, voters would direct Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District to protect local natural areas and lands near creeks and streams throughout the District, safeguard water quality and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Approval of the measure would also allow the District to improve and create local neighborhood and community parks, and new local trails and trail connections.

The \$100 million general obligation bond measure would fund:

- Natural area preservation through land acquisition and restoration work on wetlands, woods, and greenways throughout the District.
- Water quality protection through land acquisition and restoration work on wetlands, woods, and greenways throughout the District, protecting water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.
- New linear park and trail development and land acquisition throughout the District.
- New neighborhood and community park development throughout the District, including: land acquisition for new park sites, new play equipment, picnic areas, pathways, drinking fountains, benches, open grass areas, outdoor sport courts, and multipurpose sports fields.
- Existing neighborhood and community park renovation and redevelopment throughout the District, including: relocation or replacement of play equipment, ADA-specific upgrades, renovation of existing picnic and shelter areas, addition or relocation of pathways, renovation or addition of outdoor sport courts or multipurpose sports fields, renovation or relocation of parking, and the addition of community gardens.
- Multi-field/multi-purpose synthetic athletic field and youth athletic field development throughout the District.
- Park facility replacements throughout the District, including play equipment, bridges and boardwalks, irrigation systems, pedestrian pathways and trails, and permeable parking lots.
- Existing facility safety and seismic structural upgrades to facilities throughout the District for the mitigation of structural and seismic risks.

- Existing facility expansion and improvements to the Elsie Stuhr Center for fitness room and parking expansion; the Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center for classroom, locker room, parking expansion and the addition of a splash pad; the Aloha Swim Center, for the creation of ADA/family dressing rooms; and the HMT Recreation Complex for ADA/family dressing rooms in the aquatic center and HVAC improvements in the athletic center.
- ADA/access improvements to the HMT Recreation Complex for parking and drop-off zones at the aquatic and athletic centers, as well as park sites throughout the District.
- Creation of outdoor splash pad at Cedar Hills Park.
- Acquire land for a future community center in the southwest quadrant of the District.
- The creation of a citizen advisory committee and yearly independent financial audits.

If this Measure is approved the estimated additional cost to property owners would be an average of 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation per year over the life of the bonds. For the average homeowner, the additional monthly cost would be about \$5.86 per month.



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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

[7B]

## MEMO

**DATE:** July 28, 2008  
**TO:** The Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Doug Menke, General Manager  
**RE:** Urbanization Forum Position Paper

### Urbanization Forum Purpose

The leaders of the cities and service districts within Washington County joined with Washington County leadership to form an Urbanization Forum in April 2008. The goal of the forum is to address two broad issues:

- What is the best way to accommodate and plan for the tremendous growth anticipated for Washington County?
- What are the appropriate roles for cities, service districts and the county government in delivering services to the residents of urban, unincorporated Washington County?

The forum sets the stage for a public dialogue about how communities in Washington County will handle dramatic growth in population. The public discussion will focus on the best way to provide and finance urban services in unincorporated but developing areas of the county and the best choices for extending urban services to undeveloped areas (urban reserves) outside of the cities but on the edge of Metro's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

The group is comprised of elected and appointed leaders from these public bodies:

**Governments:** Cities of Banks; Beaverton; Cornelius; Forest Grove; Hillsboro; King City; North Plains; Sherwood; Tigard and Tualatin. Washington County, Washington County Sheriff, and Metro.

**Service Districts:** Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue; Clean Water Services; Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District; Tualatin Valley Water.

### Urbanization Forum Background

During the past five decades, Washington County has become one of the fastest growing regions in the state. The City of Hillsboro, in particular, along with other cities working with Washington County have developed the economic engine of the Portland metropolitan area and, as a result, the County has become a popular place to live and work.

In 1950, Washington County was home to slightly less than 10 percent (61,269 persons) of the population of the tri-county (Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington) region. By 2005, nearly one-third (31.7 percent) of the tri-county population, or 692,835 persons, lived in Washington County.

Currently cities provide traditional municipal services to their residents, although no two cities provide services in the same manner. Some cities within Washington County rely on service districts for the delivery of most services, while others use service districts for only some services, and a few don't use them at all. The unincorporated areas within Washington County receive services from a combination of the County, the Sheriff and the service districts.

The next 50 years will bring another population boom, changing the face of the community. At the center of the debate are the future roles of the County, cities and service districts in delivering urban services to the unincorporated communities and future urban areas of the County.

Just a few of the questions posed to forum members at an April 24, 2008 public meeting include:

- What is working and not working in terms of governments and service districts meeting the needs of urban Washington County residents?
- What are the options and policies for delivering these services?
- Does the city-delivered or district-delivered service vary depending on community preferences?

#### **Recent and Upcoming Meetings**

A public session of the Washington County Urbanization Forum was held on June 19. The session focused on the question of governance for future urban areas outside the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The discussion was framed as to: (a) whether all future development outside the current UGB must occur through an appropriate city, and (b) how such a policy if approved will be implemented. (The framing of this issue did not imply that there would not or could not be a role for service districts and the county.)

Board President Joe Blowers and I attended and participated in the June 19 meeting. Planning Director Hal Bergsma also attended. Although there was much discussion of the main topic as well as service provision in the existing urban unincorporated area, there was no resolution of the issue. In the end it was agreed that a working group should be appointed to prepare a recommendation on governance for future urban areas for discussion at the next public session in September. Members of the working group, including Hal Bergsma, have been appointed by the project Steering Committee and directions for the group have been drafted. The working group will meet for the first time on August 6<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Steering Committee meets.

#### **Purpose of the Urbanization Forum Position Paper**

Staff has drafted the attached Position Paper with input from many individuals, including individual members of the Board. It is intended to contribute to Urbanization Forum dialogue by succinctly stating the Park District's view of the present urban service situation in Washington County and suggesting steps that could be taken to resolve issues related to long-term urban service provision in Washington County. It is our hope that the Position Paper will contribute to Urbanization Forum participants finding common ground.

#### **Action Requested**

Authorize staff to submit the attached Position Paper on behalf of the Park District to Urbanization Forum participants in advance of the next public meeting in September.

# TUALATIN HILLS PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

## URBANIZATION FORUM

### Position Paper

#### Introduction

Much of the discussion about governance and the provision of urban services for existing and future urban development has focused on whether the long-term objective should be the inclusion of all urban areas in cities or a continuation of the present situation of governance and urban service provision by both the cities and Washington County administrative and governmental organization (the “County”), County-owned service districts, and special service districts. The purpose of this position paper is to set forth the case for service districts having a major role in future urban service provision in the County regardless of the long-term roles of the cities and the County. Suggestions for resolving the city versus County issue are also included.

#### Background

The following is a review of the history of urban service provision in Washington County and key issues relating to efforts to change the way services are provided in the future.

**The Role of Service Districts.** County service districts and special service districts have played and continue to play a major role in the provision of services to the urban areas within Washington County.<sup>1</sup> This is especially true of the northeastern part of the county, where significant development has occurred outside of any city, but it also is true of other parts of the county where some services, especially fire protection and sewage conveyance and treatment, are provided by service districts rather than a city.

Some service districts -- notably the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD), Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) and Clean Water Services (CWS) -- have grown to provide service at a scale and quality that probably cannot be matched by the cities or the County. THPRD has been recognized by Beaverton as its primary provider of parks and recreation services and the County relies on THPRD to serve a large part of the urban unincorporated area. All cities in eastern Washington County

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<sup>1</sup> County service districts are those such as Clean Water Services, the Enhanced Sheriff’s Patrol District, and the Urban Road Maintenance District that are governed by the Board of County Commissioners. Special service districts are those such as THPRD, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Tualatin Valley Water District that have their own elected governing board.

have annexed to TVF&R for fire and rescue services, recognizing that they are unable to provide those services at the same or at a better level. CWS (formerly known as the Unified Sewerage Agency) was established in the late 1960s because smaller sewage treatment districts were unable to meet discharge permit requirements and handle the demands of growth. CWS is now responsible for all sewage treatment in the county, handling collection systems in the urban unincorporated area, and coordinating stormwater management for the entire urban area. TVWD is the largest water provider in the county, serving large parts of Beaverton and the urban unincorporated area. It is hard to imagine that any city could, now or in the future, offer services currently provided by these districts at an equivalent or better level of quality or cost effectiveness.

**County 2000: Vision and Reality.** In the mid 1980s Washington County adopted the first County 2000 document setting an objective of gradually placing all urban unincorporated areas within cities, either through annexation or incorporation. It was recognized that this would not happen quickly and that, in the interim, there was a need for the County to provide certain services, such as sheriff patrol and local road maintenance, at an enhanced level. Within a few years the voters approved the establishment and funding of two County service districts to meet this need, the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) and the Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD). These districts were intended to serve only urban unincorporated areas until those areas were incorporated. The County established these entities with sunset clauses requiring periodic renewal. Once established, however, they have become popular with the residents of urban unincorporated areas as they offer a generally adequate level of service at a reasonable cost. Since their inception there has been no public discussion of terminating them or reducing their coverage areas. As a consequence, there has been little motivation for urban unincorporated area residents and property owners to consider annexation or incorporation in order to obtain better police protection or road maintenance services.

## **Issues**

**Impediments to Annexation Generally.** It has never been easy to annex urban unincorporated areas to cities or special service districts. For cities, the option of pursuing island annexations was further restricted as a result of the City of Beaverton's initiative in 2004-2005. For cities and special service districts the option of performing annexations via the adoption and implementation of annexation plans pursuant to the ORS Chapter 195 provisions relating to urban service agreements was made significantly more difficult by changes to those statutes requiring the approval of a majority of the voters in the annexing jurisdiction as well as in the area to be annexed, thereby eliminating the former ability to count the total of the combined vote of both areas.

**Impediments to THPRD Annexations.** Until recent adoption by the County and the City of Beaverton of ordinances requiring annexation to THPRD as a condition of development approval, for many years development occurred in large areas without such annexation. For the most part these areas remain outside District boundaries today although the District has had limited success in recent years in persuading individual property owners to voluntarily annex in order to benefit from in-District resident rates for program fees and early

registration. Nevertheless, there is no indication that the bulk of these areas will be annexed in the foreseeable future.

Resistance to annexation to THPRD, initially by developers and later by residents of their developments, may reflect an inadequate appreciation of the need for park and recreation services in urban areas. Additionally, there are of course households that do not participate in District programs and are satisfied with the recreational facilities in the area most of which are THPRD owned and operated, which they can access for free (e.g., hiking on trails within parks) or for a somewhat higher rate (e.g., swimming classes) than in-District residents.

Finally, special districts are limited in the annexation methods they can use. Unlike cities, they cannot conduct island annexations.

**Lack of Definition of Necessary Service Levels.** Although there has been general agreement among local governments about the suite of services that should be provided to urban areas, there has been no agreement on the level of service that is appropriate for each type of service. This is especially important for services substantially funded through property tax revenues, such as police protection, fire protection and parks. Differences between service levels (e.g., ESPD versus the City of Beaverton for police protection) contribute to significant differences in property tax rates. Where higher service levels are not seen as a clear advantage, unincorporated residents seem unwilling to pay the higher property taxes associated with them. There is also a significant disparity between the quality of park and recreation services available in different parts of the urban area, again contributing to substantial differences in property tax rates. For example, in parts of the Bethany, Reedville and Bull Mountain areas no park and recreation services are provided, meaning that residents of those areas pay over a dollar less per thousand dollars of assessed property value in property taxes than residents of THPRD. In other areas, such as in Tigard, parks are provided but recreation facilities and programs are limited compared to those offered by THPRD.

**Adequacy of Future Funding.** Of general concern to all service providers in Washington County that rely heavily on property tax revenues is the limitation on increases in assessed value due to Measure 50 restrictions and the limitation on the use of property taxes for operations due to Measure 5 restrictions. Measure 50, which limits year-to-year increases in assessed value for individual properties to 3%, could result in revenue shortfalls if inflationary increases in operating costs exceed that level. Recent dramatic increases in fuel and other material costs are contributing to inflationary pressures. Measure 5 limits combined property tax rates for municipal services (non-capital) to \$10 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. Combined rates exceeding that level must be proportionally reduced through “compression” to stay within that rate. THPRD is now seeing compression of tax rates within its jurisdictional boundaries.

**Equity of County Spending.** Cities in the county have long had a concern about whether County government spends its revenues in a manner that reflects revenue sources. This is

especially true of property tax revenues. The recent service incidence study<sup>2</sup> was supposed to address this issue, but city and special district representatives have disputed some study findings and assumptions.

**Fragmentation of Governance.** Urban development in Washington County began in multiple small, independent communities that desired to locally control their service systems. Although there has been a gradual consolidation of services as these communities have grown, and although local governments in Washington County are well known for their collaborative and cooperative approach to resolving common issues, (as evidenced by the Urbanization Forum) the multiplicity of service providers in the county can result in public confusion about which service provider to contact when they have a service problem.

### **Suggested Next Steps**

Resolution of the urban service provision issues in Washington County will require agreement on realistic goals and an implementation strategy by all local governments. THPRD will remain neutral on the issue of whether only cities or both cities and the County should have future governance responsibility in the urban area. We do, however, recommend the following:

1. All local governments in the county, including the county, should adopt a common goal relating to urban service provision. We suggest the goal should be that *high quality urban services should consistently be provided at a reasonable cost throughout the county's urban area.*
2. All local governments in the county should agree to and adopt a policy defining necessary urban services and minimum levels of those services as well as address resolution to service boundaries where necessary. The policy should guide all future urban development decisions.
3. For success to be achieved in orderly and internally consistent city and THPRD expansions an effort should be made at the State-level to modify the annexation laws for cities and special districts including:
  - a. For special districts and cities, allow for a delay in the effective date of annexations for up to 20 years from the date of approval, rather than the present 10-year limitation. Individual property owners in areas that have committed to a delayed annexation might be allowed to voluntarily accelerate the date of annexation.
  - b. Allow for a phase in of property tax rates for both cities and special districts of up to 20 years. Property tax phase in is now limited to cities for up to 10 years.

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<sup>2</sup> Service Incidence Study: Analysis of the Geographic Distribution of Washington County Expenditures and Revenues prepared for the Washington County Auditor by Public Knowledge LLC, Final Draft November 15, 2006.

- c. Allow special districts to annex island areas within district boundaries, as cities are now allowed to.
  - d. Allow cities to annex non-contiguous territory within their agreed urban service area (e.g., SB122), as special districts are now allowed to.
4. A task force should be established to explore other sources of funding for municipal services that could reduce the need for further increases in property tax rates, thereby avoiding compression. For example, as noted by County Board Chair Tom Brian at the June 19 Urbanization Forum meeting, State law now precludes urban unincorporated areas from levying franchise fees or receiving a share of State gas tax revenues dedicated to cities, causing the County to lose millions of dollars of potential revenues every year. Changing State law to allow for receipt of these or other types of revenues may be worth exploring.
5. Local governments in the county should be encouraged to explore ways of reducing their operating costs by entering into intergovernmental agreements for shared operations of services where deemed appropriate. Additionally, cities should give consideration to turning provision of additional services over to special districts that have expertise beyond what cities can offer. THPRD, for example, is willing to consider selectively expanding its service area beyond its present boundaries (generally the boundaries of the Beaverton School District) to serve larger parts of Washington County.
6. To address continuing concerns about the equity of County spending, another service incidence study should be conducted that is overseen by a committee that represents all stakeholders on the issue.
7. Finally, methods of reducing the current fragmentation in decision-making related to service provision (e.g., seven separate governing bodies for municipal services provided in the Beaverton area, including four for water service) should be explored. Consideration should be given to:
  - Establishing a task force to address and explore ways of improving the public's understanding of how services are provided or could be provided.
  - Studying the incorporation of a part of the urban unincorporated area, creating a new city that could take over some urban services now provided by the County and service districts with the understanding that some services may continue to be provided by special or County service districts.

In the spirit of positively contributing to the success of the Urbanization Forum process, all these recommendations are made by THPRD to further the resolution of issues related to long-term urban service provision in Washington County.

# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT



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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 21, 2008  
**TO:** Doug Menke, General Manager  
**FROM:** Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning

**RE:** West Parc SDC Credit Project at Bethany Village

### Summary

Central Bethany Development is proposing an SDC fee/credit project on Tract 'C' of their West Parc property at Bethany Village that would provide trail improvements by constructing a north-south section of the Waterhouse Community Trail. The proposed trail connection through the site would consist of paved sections, a bridge, boardwalk crossings, and would complete a gap between two existing Park District trail sections on either end of the project.

### Background

The 10.09 acre Tract 'C' property was identified as a potential acquisition property in the 2004 Board of Director's Land Tour. It is currently listed in the monthly Land Report as a Level III acquisition priority and is listed as a potential SDC credit project or donation.

In August of 2007, Central Bethany Development submitted documentation to Washington County to obtain a building permit for a 202,809 square foot senior assisted living facility on their property. In accordance with the SDC Administrative Procedures Guide, pursuant to an Alternative SDC Rate request staff determined that the number of employees associated with Central Bethany's Development of the proposed senior assisted living facility would be 36. Using the 2007 non-residential SDC rate per employee of \$112, the total SDC fees that would be generated from this facility would be \$4,032.

Staff met with representatives from Central Bethany Development and they expressed a strong desire to develop an SDC fee/credit package for the entire remainder of their project and the Tract 'C' property. Mr. Jeff Oberst, Project Manager of Central Bethany Development, joined staff in making the first presentation to the Board regarding the proposed SDC fee/credit package for the remainder of their property at the June 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

### Proposal Request

Central Bethany Development will be requesting Board approval on the alternate SDC rate for their senior assisted living facility based on the previously discussed items above.

As mentioned previously, Tract 'C' consists of 10.09 acres. Central Bethany Development previously sold a portion of their property to Arbor Homes, which is currently in the process of developing that portion as a residential subdivision. Arbor Homes had to install some resource mitigation plantings relating to their residential project and this mitigation work was completed on Central Bethany's Development Tract 'C'. The size of this mitigation area has been

determined to be 0.64 acres. Since 0.64 acres of Tract 'C' is already mitigated (and nothing can be done with that acreage in the future) that acreage will be deducted from the 10.09 acres.

As part of Arbor Homes' Condition of Approval from Washington County, they were conditioned to construct a bicycle/pedestrian accessway (trail) from their residential project into Tract 'C'. Arbor Homes installed a portion of a soft, wood chipped trail in Tract 'C' that ended at the base of a retaining wall with a fence at the western edge of their residential project. This soft trail does not completely provide direct access into Tract 'C' from their development and in staff's opinion does not provide bicycle access as stated in Washington County's Condition of Approval. Staff has met with both Washington County (once) and Arbor Homes (twice) to try and help resolve the trail issue to make the appropriate connection that was conditioned in Washington County's Condition of Approval. Since this issue is between Washington County and Arbor Homes and the conditioned trail is not shown on the Park District's Trails Plan, staff has elected at this point in time to take a secondary role in resolving the issue. We have, however, offered assistance to both parties if it is requested. Assuming the West Parc SDC credit project at Bethany Village is approved by the Board and the Park District acquires ownership of Tract 'C', the Park District may need to work with Arbor Homes in the future to resolve their trail issue in relation to Washington County's Condition of Approval.

The SDC 'overcapacity' calculation for the remaining proposed development of the Central Bethany Development property equates to an additional 0.70 acres. The 'overcapacity' acreage (0.70 acres) will be deducted from the 10.09 acres. Additionally, Central Bethany Development intends to dedicate a portion of the Tract 'C' acreage to the Park District for a trail corridor to satisfy Washington County's Conditions of Approval for their project. The trail corridor is estimated to be 25 feet wide by 900 foot long or approximately 0.51 acres in size. The proposed dedicated acreage (0.51 acres) will be deducted from the 10.09 acres as well.

The total remaining size of the Tract 'C' property after the above referenced portions have been deducted equals 8.24 acres. Central Bethany Development proposes to sell the remaining 8.24 acres in Tract 'C' to the Park District in exchange for SDC credits. Staff has met with representatives of Central Bethany Development to discuss and negotiate the value of the remaining property in Tract 'C'. The final value of the 8.24 acres of remaining property in Tract 'C' has been negotiated at \$61,800 (or \$7,500 per acre).

As part of the proposed SDC fee/credit package, Central Bethany Development also proposes to construct an 8 foot wide, ADA accessible trail to connect the gap in the existing Waterhouse Community Trail from the north to the south. Construction of a 10 foot wide by 28 feet long wooden bridge and 40 feet of boardwalk will also be included to cross a perennial stream and wetland area. Central Bethany Development would hire a consultant to coordinate the design, permitting and construction of the trail improvements and work with staff to ensure Park District standards and needs are met.

The total SDC fee for the Central Bethany Development property is estimated to be \$550,097 (this amount includes the alternative SDC rate adjustment for the senior assisted living facility). The proposed trail improvement costs (including soft costs, contingency and escalation for one year) is currently estimated at \$217,500. If the negotiated land value cost of \$61,800 is added to the trail improvement cost estimate of \$217,500, the total cost estimate for the entire proposed SDC credit package is \$279,300. Mr. Jeff Oberst, Project Manager of Central Bethany

Development, will be at the August 4, 2008 Regular Board Meeting to make the second presentation to the Board regarding a proposed SDC credit package for Tract 'C' of the West Parc property.

**Benefits of Proposal**

The proposed trail project would close a gap in the existing Waterhouse Community Trail and will provide a continuous 1.6-mile trail segment from NW Springville Road south to NW Joscelyn Street. Access to this trail will provide park patrons with a unique experience as they cross through a wooded wetland environment on a bridge and boardwalk system.

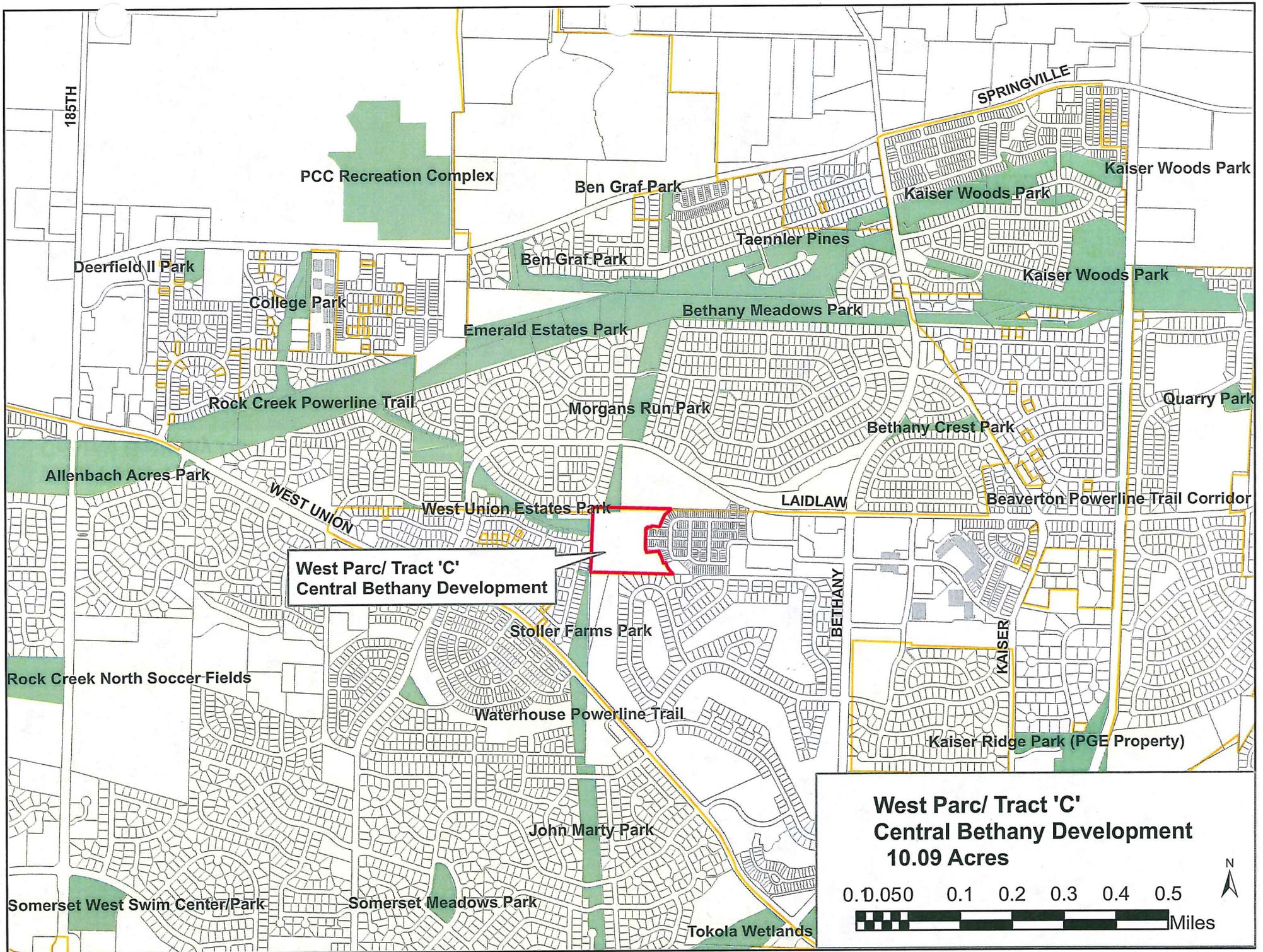
**Potential Downside of the Proposal**

The proposed trail project would create additional park maintenance responsibilities, although the impact would be nominal. The Maintenance Department has completed a Maintenance Impact Statement for the estimated maintenance fees associated with the proposed trail project that equates to \$1,725 per year.

**Action Requested**

Board of Directors approval for the following:

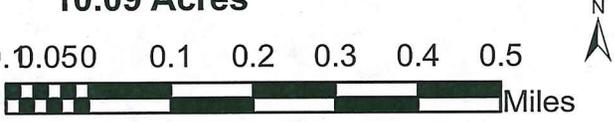
1. Approval of the SDC credit project and for the General Manager or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding that includes the SDC credits and trail improvement cost estimates as described above; and
2. Authorization for staff to prepare a letter to Washington County outlining the approved SDC credit package parameters as described above and submit the letter to Washington County for their records and implementation.



**West Parc/ Tract 'C'  
Central Bethany Development**

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Central Bethany Development  
10.09 Acres**

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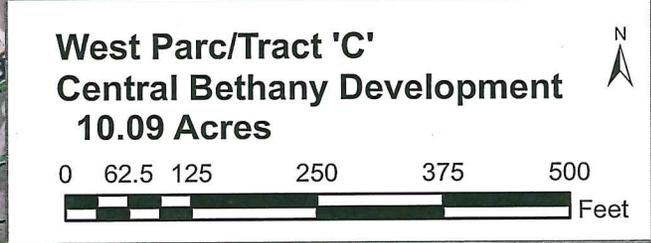
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# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT



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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 22, 2008  
**TO:** The Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Doug Menke, General Manager

**RE:** General Manager's Report for August 4, 2008

### **November 2008 Bond Measure Information Program**

Bob Wayt, Director of Communications & Development, will provide a brief status report on the bond measure information program. Topics will include current and future activities. He will also give an update on contract negotiations with the proposed program consultant, Mark Wiener.

### **Beaverton Urban Renewal Charter Amendment Task Force**

I have selected Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning, to represent the District on the subject task force, which was formed by Mayor Drake to consider how the City Charter might be amended to reduce or remove restrictions on the use of urban renewal by the City. In 1980, City voters approved a citizen proposed charter amendment that required approval by a majority of all the registered voters in the city to create an urban renewal agency or approve an urban renewal plan or project. Given that it is difficult to get a majority of registered voters to vote in an election, getting a majority of registered voters to vote in favor of anything is next to impossible. Therefore, if the City wants to have a reasonable opportunity to use urban renewal, as allowed by State law, this Charter provision must be amended or removed.

Tax increment financing usually funds urban renewal projects. After an urban renewal district is established, the assessed value of properties in the district is frozen for general property tax purposes. Revenue from any increase in assessed value is received by the urban renewal agency other than revenue needed to repay capital bonds sold by another agency after the urban renewal district is established. Bonds are sold by the urban renewal agency to pay for capital improvements in the urban renewal district and repaid over time from the increment in property tax revenues due to increases in assessed value over the frozen base, including inflationary increases (up to 3% annually) allowed under Ballot Measure 50. This means that until the urban renewal district is dissolved property tax revenues received for operations by the various local governments levying property taxes in the district, including THPRD, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R), the School District and the County, as well as the City, will gradually diminish in real value. After the increased assessed value goes back on the tax rolls this will gradually be made up, but urban renewal districts are usually in effect for 30 years or more.

The Task Force has met twice as of the date of this memo and will meet once more before your August 4 meeting. Hal informs me that the discussions have been productive but that there has been no consensus on how to amend the Charter other than agreement that the present super-majority requirement must be removed. Hal has taken the position, with my approval, that it may

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be appropriate to use urban renewal in some situations and if properly administered, but that taxing agencies other than the City should be involved in overseeing the operations of an urban renewal agency through membership on the agency's Board of Directors. (Hal noted at the last Task Force meeting that of the overall property tax rate levied in Beaverton (approximately \$17.00 per thousand dollars of assessed value) the City levies only about a quarter or \$4.25.) The Chamber of Commerce representative, Lorraine Clarno, and the TVF&R representative, Alec Jensen, supported Hal's position. No task force member has opposed Hal's position, although it was noted that it would be difficult to have representation on an urban renewal agency board for every local government that levies property taxes in the city. The Task Force discussed alternatives for assuring adequate oversight of urban renewal activities in Beaverton by affected local governments as well as citizens, including new Charter provisions or City Council referral of an ordinance to the voters, but there was not majority support for any one approach.

The City will be conducting a survey of its voters to determine their attitudes about amending the present Charter provisions on urban renewal. It was agreed by the members that the results of that survey would help the Task Force determine which approach to Charter amendment to recommend to the City Council.

#### **Legislative Update**

Board Members John Griffiths and Bob Scott, myself, and Jim McElhinny, Director of Park & Recreational Services, had the pleasure of meeting with State Senator Suzanne Bonamici on Wednesday, June 18. We provided the Senator with an overview of the services the Park District offers and also joined the Senator in a discussion of current issues affecting the Park District. We found the Senator to be engaged and interested in Park District issues and activities.

We also had appointments set with State Representatives Jeff Barker and Tobias Read, however, they were forced to cancel their visits due to scheduling conflicts. We will be rescheduling appointments with each of our delegation for August and September.

#### **Board Member, Joe Blowers**

I would like to recognize Board member, Joe Blower's service as Chair of the Board of Directors for the past fiscal year. This past year has served as a time of great progress for the Park District and Joe's efforts as Chair assisted that progress.

#### **September Board of Directors Meeting**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September Board of Directors meeting cannot occur on the first Monday of the month. Although past practice for the September meeting has been to hold the meeting on the second Monday of the month for this reason, a conflict exists this year in that the 2008 Special Park Districts Forum (a national event that the Board has been registered to attend) is taking place September 8-10. The recommendation is to hold the September Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008.

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## MEMO

**DATE:** July 21, 2008  
**TO:** The Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Doug Menke, General Manager

**RE:** Elections Guidelines for Elected Officials & Public Employees

Park District Legal Counsel, Pam Beery, will be in attendance at your August 4, 2008 Regular Board meeting to provide a review of the attached memo outlining elections guidelines for elected officials and public employees.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, Department Managers and Senior Staff

FROM: Beery, Elsner & Hammond, General Counsel's Office

SUBJECT: Elections, Public Employees and Elected Officials

DATE: July 1, 2008

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**1. Introduction**

Since 2008 is an election year, public officials and employees again need information about participation in political campaigns. This memo provides an overview of state election law. That law governs the conduct of public employees on the job and restricts use of public resources in the political process. The basic principles are that public employees may not promote or oppose measures or candidates while on the job, elected officials may personally promote or oppose, and neither employees nor officials may use district assets or resources for political purposes. Any information or written material prepared by public employees or officials using public resources must meet a high standard of fairness and impartiality.

**2. Restrictions on political campaigning by public employees and elected officials****a. Political activities of public employees:**

i) ORS 260.432(1) and (2) prohibit public employees from promoting or opposing any initiative referendum or recall petition, ballot measure or candidate "while on the job during working hours." This prohibition does not apply to elected public officials. Preparation of materials to support or oppose a candidate or measure, and the distribution of such materials during working hours is prohibited.

ii) A public employer or elected official may not ask or direct public employees to prepare or distribute information that supports or opposes a candidate or measure. Public employees may not collect funds or distribute

written materials for political action committees on their work time. Public employees may be involved in campaign activities during off-duty hours, such as evenings and weekends, and during lunch hours and breaks. If public employees prepare written materials or provide information about a ballot measure or candidate during work hours or in their "official capacity", they must make sure the information is factual and neutral in tone and not advocacy.

iii) Public employees have legal rights of expression as long as they do not interfere with their job duties. Public employees who are required to wear uniforms in the performance of their duties and others whose duties require them to interact face to face with members of the public may be restricted from wearing political buttons. The main considerations are interference with job duties and appearance of representing the college political positions rather than individual expression.

iv) Public employees may decorate their work spaces with campaign materials if they are considered "private" rather than public work spaces. That is, if an employee is permitted to put up pictures and other personal material that employee is permitted to put up political material; no "discrimination" based on legal unregulated content. Material posted on district property in public areas or areas visited by the public may be restricted. For example, political banners (or other non-district material) may not be posted in plain view of a public reception area. Such a posting gives the appearance that the view expressed is that of the district and not an individual's.

v) Public employees are free to engage in political activities including distribution materials in their off-duty periods. Depending on circumstances such as work schedule, location and duties this may include break periods. Both the deliverer and receiver should be off-duty. An off-duty employee may leave political material for an on-duty employee in an in-box or other mail receptacle if that location is used for other non- district business.

**b. Concerns about written material relating to measures:**

Written material prepared or distributed by public employees in the course of their employment and on behalf of the district must be impartial. "Impartial" means equitable, fair, unbiased and dispassionate. The material needs to contain a balance of information. Written material cannot lead voters to support or oppose a candidate or measure by selective use of factual material, even if the material does not expressly urge a particular result. The material is considered advocacy if,

taken as a whole, it seems clearly intended to generate votes for or against a candidate or measure. If public employees provide services that support a candidate or measure, they may violate ORS 260.432. Some of the major factors considered in determining if material is advocacy include the following:

- i) Timing;
- ii) Balance of facts;
- iii) Overall impression;
- iv) Favorable or unfavorable statements of effects, dispassionate rather than enthusiastic;
- v) Positive or negative headings;
- vi) Favorable or unfavorable quotes;
- vii) Contact information for supporting or opposing PAC; and
- viii) Urge a yes or no vote.

**3. Case history – *Burt v. Blumenauer*, 290 Or 55 (1985)**

There is one leading case relating to government participation in local elections. It established the following principles:

- Local officials may spend public resources to “lobby” other levels of government to promote policy objectives;
- Local officials may not spend public funds to “advocate” any action by the local electorate;
- Elected officials have constitutional protection to speak out on public issues to develop, implement and garner support for their positions; and
- Governments may spend funds to analyze the effects of proposed laws on the government and may report those effects internally to their highest officials. Such reports are public records that campaign officials may obtain, duplicate and circulate to the electorate. The expenditure of public funds on publication of advocacy speech constitutes “government propaganda” and violates ORS 294.100. Governments may not ask voters to vote “yes” or “no”.

**4. Undue influence to affect registration, voting, candidacy; solicitation of money or other benefits (ORS 260.665)**

- “(1) As used in this section, “undue influence” means force, violence, restraint or the threat of it, inflicting injury, damage, harm, loss of employment or other loss or

the threat of it, or giving or promising to give money, employment or other thing of value.

“(2) A person, acting either alone or with or through any other person, may not directly or indirectly subject any person to undue influence with the intent to induce any person to:

“(c) Register or vote in any particular manner;

“(f) Render or refrain from rendering services to any candidate, political party or political committee;

**5. Public official expending money in excess of amount or for different purpose than provided by law unlawful; civil liability (ORS 294.100)**

“(1) It is unlawful for any public official to expend any moneys in excess of the amounts provided by law, or for any other or different purpose than provided by law.

“(2) Any public official who expends any public moneys in excess of the amounts or for any other or different purpose than authorized by law shall be civilly liable...”

**6. Conclusion**

The rules governing district employee and elected official conduct relating to political campaigns are not difficult to state. However, they are often difficult to apply to specific situations. The attached Quick Reference from the Secretary of State may assist with the application of these rules to the conduct of a district employee or elected official. If you have questions, please contact the General Counsel’s Office for advice.

Enclosure

A public employee, on their **own, off duty time**, may send letters to the editor that advocate a political position and may participate in any other lawful political activity.

It is advised that a salaried public employee keep records when appropriate in order to verify any such political activity that occurs while off duty.

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## Prohibited and Allowable Activities for Elected Officials\*

*\*includes a person appointed to fill a vacancy in an elective public office*

### Elected officials **may**:

- advocate a political position at any time. Elected officials are not considered a “public employee” for purposes of ORS 260.432. ORS 260.432(4)(a).
- vote with the other elected officials of a governing body (such as a school board, city council or county commission) to support or oppose a measure, and publicly discuss such a vote—but must not use the public employee staff time to assist in this, except for ministerial functions
- perform campaign activity at any time, however must take caution not to involve any public employee’s work time to do so

### Elected officials **may not**:

- in the role of a supervisor, request a public employee—whether the public employee is on or off duty—to perform any political activity  
*A request made by a person in a position of supervisor or superior is viewed as a command for purposes of this election law.*
- have an opinion piece or letter advocating a political position published in a jurisdiction’s newsletter or other publication produced or distributed by public employees

## ORS 260.432 Quick Reference— Restrictions on Political Campaigning for Public Employees

Generally, ORS 260.432 states that a public employee\* may not, while on the job during working hours, promote or oppose election petitions, candidates, political committee or ballot measures. Additionally, no person (including elected officials) may require a public employee (at any time) to do so.

*\*A “public employee” includes public officials who are not elected, whether they are paid or unpaid (including appointed boards and commissions).*

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## As used in this Quick Reference

We use the phrase “advocate(s) a political position” to mean— promote or oppose an initiative, referendum or recall petition, candidate, political committee or ballot measure.

The term “impartial” means equitable, fair, unbiased and dispassionate.

*See the Secretary of State’s detailed memo on ORS 260.432 for specific factors to assist in ensuring impartiality in communications about ballot measures. It is posted on the website under Publications.*



For more detailed information about ORS 260.432 and information about other election laws, contact:

### Secretary of State, Elections Division

John Lindback, Director	<b>phone</b>	503 986 1518
State Capitol Building Room 141	<b>fax</b>	503 373 7414
Salem OR 97310-0722	<b>tty</b>	503 986 1521
	<b>web</b>	<a href="http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections">www.sos.state.or.us/elections</a>

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## Prohibited Activities

A public employee, while on the job during work hours **may not**:

- prepare or distribute written material, post website information, transmit emails or make a presentation that advocates a political position
- collect funds, prepare filing forms or correspondence on behalf of candidates or political committees
- produce or distribute a news release or letter announcing an elected official's political position
- make outgoing calls to schedule or organize campaign events or other political activity on behalf of an elected official or political committee
- grant unequal access to public facilities to candidates or political committees
- direct other public employees to participate in political activities, when in the role of a supervisor
- draft, type, format or edit a governing body's resolution that advocates a political position (except to conform the resolution to a standard format)
- prepare or give recommendations to the governing body urging which way to vote on such a resolution
- sign such a resolution, except if the signature is only ministerial and clearly included to attest the board took the vote
- announce the governing body's position on such a resolution to the media
- include the governing body's position or vote on such a resolution in a jurisdiction's newsletter or other publication

*A public employee who provides voter registration assistance under the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) must not, when performing voter registration services, influence a client's political choices. This means no display of political preferences, including a restriction that no political buttons may be worn. ORS 247.208(3)*

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## Allowable Activities

A public employee, while on the job during working hours **may**:

- prepare and distribute **impartial** written material or make an **impartial** presentation that discusses election subjects (using the guidelines provided in the Secretary of State's detailed memo on ORS 260.432 and obtaining review from the jurisdiction's legal counsel, as available.) The Secretary of State's Elections Division is also available for an advisory review of draft material about ballot measures produced by government agencies.
- perform standard job duties, such as taking minutes at a public meeting, maintaining public records, opening mail, inserting a proposed resolution into a board agenda packet
- impartially advise employees about possible effects of a measure, but not threaten them with financial loss to vote a particular way
- address election-related issues while on the job, in a factual and impartial manner, if such activity is legitimately within scope of employee's normal duties
- as staff of an elected official, handle incoming calls about the official's availability for political events
- prepare neutral, factual information for a governing body to use in determining what position to take on an issue (planning stage of a governing body's proposed issue before certified as a measure to a ballot is not subject to ORS 260.432)
- in a clerical manner, incorporate amendments into a finalized version of a governing body's resolution on an issue
- respond to public records request for information, even if the material advocates a political position
- wear political buttons subject to applicable employer policies\*
- express personal political views subject to applicable employer policies\*

*\*and unless the public employee is providing voter registration services under NVRA, where additional restrictions apply - see note on previous page about ORS 247.208(3).*



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## Management Report to the Board August 4, 2008

### Administration

*Hal Bergsma, Director of Planning*

*Jessica Collins, Executive Assistant*

*Keith Hobson, Director of Business & Facilities*

*Jim McElhinny, Director of Park & Recreational Services*

*Bob Wayt, Director of Communications & Development*

1. THPRD's Fall 2008 Activities Guide has been produced and is now at the printer. It is scheduled to arrive in more than 100,000 homes within Park District boundaries by mid-August. The General Manager's message on the inside front cover focuses on rationale for the bond measure and page 1 carries a fact sheet about the measure. The back cover uses photos and graphics to direct readers to those pages.
2. Staff used some new tools this year to expand awareness of Party in the Park. About 20 commercials were run on KGW-TV (Channel 8) and another 20 spots were done on KUIK radio, which serves Washington County. In addition, kgw.com was hired to send an e-mail about the event to 6,000 subscribers within THPRD zip codes. Print advertising included a full-page ad in *The Oregonian's* Washington County Weekly July 17 and a two-page, direct-mail flier to 10,000 homes around the HMT Recreation Complex. All of these activities were part of the event's promotional budget; staff also took advantage of numerous free tools to promote Party in the Park.
3. Work continues on implementation of THPRD's new Public Awareness Program. A representative of JD White, THPRD's consultant on the program, conducted a focus group session with staff and Advisory Committee members of the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center regarding proposed changes in the Park District's Activities Guide. Response was positive and the revamped guide is scheduled to be rolled out to patrons late this year. In addition, JD White has created a proposed redesign of the Park District's web site, which was reviewed and discussed at a Park District meeting of Directors, Superintendents and Managers. Comments were shared with the consultant for possible inclusion in the final design, also due for public rollout late this year.
4. In 2007, the Washington County Vision Action Network (VAN) commissioned a Sustainability Organization Feasibility Study as a follow up to the outcomes of the Sustainability Conference they sponsored with other community organizations. The purpose of the study is to research relevant data and background materials on existing sustainability organizations; identify important issues and opportunities surrounding sustainability; assess the need for, and interest in, creating a structure to coordinate sustainability efforts within Washington County; and provide guidance on alternatives to local decision-structure, funding and metrics of a sustainability entity.

The study showed strong support for an independent sustainability organization to provide coordination and meta-services for Washington County cities, agencies, and businesses. This

organization is titled, Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC). It is still in Vision Action Network's hands at present, because they have yet to staff a coordinator position. A number of cities and special districts have signed on as funding partners. This looks to be a very positive and collaborative opportunity for THPRD and as such the Intergovernmental Agreement will be before the Board of Directors for consideration at the September Regular Board meeting.

### Aquatics

*Sharon Hoffmeister, Superintendent of Aquatic Program Services*

1. Aqua-Camp at the Aquatic Center is going very well. Each week of camp has been full with 40 children per week. Sunset Swim Center will be offering the Last Chance Summer Camp Blast and Aqua-Camp during the last week of summer. Each of these one-day camps is full.
2. Harman Swim Center, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, and the Aquatic Center will all be closed for maintenance projects at various times during the month of September. Somerset West and Raleigh Swim Centers will remain open on special program schedules throughout the duration of the pool closures.
3. We are starting our Junior Swim Instructor program this summer. Classes are being offered at Beaverton and Harman Swim Centers. This program is a spin-off from our very successful Junior Lifeguard Program. The intent of the program is to teach the Junior Swim Instructor class participants how to teach the basic level swimming skills of our Learn To Swim program. Once they have successfully completed the course, they will have the opportunity to volunteer at the pools as Junior Swim Instructors, aiding our experienced, certified staff.
4. In preparation for fall season, the Aquatic Center, Conestoga, Harman and Beaverton are each offering Lifeguard Training in late summer. All classes are full except for Beaverton, where a few spaces are left. This is a great opportunity to get new candidates trained who are looking for employment during the school year.

### Maintenance

*Dave Chrisman, Superintendent of Maintenance Operations*

1. Summer Concerts in the Park are underway and Maintenance staff are supporting weekly set ups and breakdowns. Staff recently put into service our special events utility trailer, which is used to transport and store all concert support equipment. The trailer was purchased in the 2008/09 Capital Budget and has already proven to be a timesaver.
2. At Sunset Swim Center, staff recently met with our structural engineer to review temporary bracing plans for the HVAC tunnel surrounding the pool deck. Staff has installed wooden 2x4 bracing in the tunnel to bolster the walls until full repairs can be made in the spring.
3. Work is now underway at the East Annex to utilize our expanded storage capacity. An additional 9,500 square feet of storage is now available to support park inspection teams, mowing and athletic field crews, and archival storage.

## **Natural Resources & Trails Management**

*Bruce Barbarasch, Superintendent of Natural Resources & Trails Management*

1. Greenway Park Enhancement. Clean Water Services contractors have begun excavation on a new channel for Fanno Creek. The new channel will reduce erosion and improve water quality.
2. Trail Map Grant. A \$10,000 grant was received from the Washington County Visitors Association to create District-wide trail maps. We anticipate publishing the maps spring 2009.
3. Spyglass Pond Enhancement. A water quality enhancement project at Spyglass Pond is currently underway. Clean Water Services is working with staff to clean pollutants from stormwater before it enters the pond using natural filtration (swales).
4. Volunteer Summary. Six hundred sixty-five volunteers worked in 13 different parks since mid-May, including Hyland Forest, Jenkins Estate, Morrison Woods, Bauman, Greenway, Rosa and Tualatin Hills Nature Parks. They removed approximately 224 cubic yards of weeds, participated in the Nature Park Advisory Committee projects, Nature Park Summer Camp Program, SOLV Down by the Riverside, Eagle Scouts, and AmeriCorps LINKS intern projects. Together our volunteers contributed approximately 3,128 hours of time, valued at \$56,500.

## **Planning & Development**

*Steve Gulgren, Superintendent of Planning & Development*

1. Westside Trail: Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) opened the six bids received for the Westside Trail on April 24. The lowest bid received for the project was \$1,087,484. This bid was \$142,000 less than the consulting engineer's estimate. Construction for the trail project is tentatively scheduled to begin August 1. The project has been delayed slightly due to ODOT's misinterpretation of the USDA Federal Migratory Bird Act of 1918. ODOT is the project liaison and a project manager. Staff was led to believe that the Park District had completed the necessary steps and documentation for the project to proceed. However, ODOT's conclusion was incorrect and additional steps have been necessary to accommodate this Act. Therefore, there has been a slight delay in the beginning of the project's construction which may also lead to a change order in the project's cost from the contractor.
2. Autumn Ridge Play Equipment: Staff from the Planning and Maintenance Departments worked collaboratively to complete the redesign and installation of new play equipment at Autumn Ridge Park. The new play equipment is from the manufacturer Kompan, which offers a unique style of play equipment that is quite different from the Park District's typical style. The new style was proposed and approved at a neighborhood meeting and has been well received by the neighbors and park patrons.
3. Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Award: Staff has been notified that the Park District has been awarded a LWCF grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for \$40,000 to replace the existing shelter at Schiffler Park with a larger picnic pavilion. The Park District's local match is \$50,000, for a total project value of \$90,000.
4. Staff continues to participate in the West Bull Mountain Planning Process on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Committee, along with a Stakeholder Work Group (SWG),

has been meeting over the last few months to consider information on the area gathered by consultants working under contract for Washington County and to consider alternative development concepts. A key consideration has been park needs in the area and responsibility for park provision. The consultants suggested basing the park need analysis on a hybrid of the THPRD and City of Tigard park standards. The TAC recommended using the Tigard standards, which call for more park acreage than the THPRD standards per thousand people, but the SWG could not agree on standards. At a recent joint meeting of the committees, several alternative locations in the study area were considered for neighborhood parks and a community park. As the planning process progresses, it is likely that staff will be requesting Board direction on the possibility of Park District provision of park services to part or all of the study area.

### **Programs & Special Activities**

*Lisa Novak, Superintendent of Programs & Special Activities*

1. The Jenkins Estate Advisory Committee hosted an information booth at Party in the Park and sold commemorative bricks as part of their annual fund-raising efforts.
2. The Inclusion Program at the Stuhr Center has been busy with requests for children that want to participate in summer camps and programs. The Inclusion Program provides personal aides for individuals with a variety of disabilities, and enables them to participate in programs throughout the Park District.
3. The Tennis Center's new outdoor video surveillance cameras have been installed. Two indoor cameras will be installed when the air structures are in place this fall.
4. Concerts in the Park have been tremendously successful this year with high attendance at all concerts. Attendance figures to date: Garden Home Park (1,000); Hazeldale Park (650); Center Street Park (750); and Raleigh Park (750).

### **Recreation**

*Eric Owens, Superintendent of Recreation*

1. All three Recreation Centers are having outstanding enrollment in their summer camp programs. Almost every camp for each week is full with waiting lists. One particular area that has been successful this year is camps for middle school aged children. All three sites have camps for this age group with enrollment anywhere from 25-35 participants.
2. Fifty-seven Safety Town volunteers were selected for the three full sessions of Safety Town offered this summer at Cedar Hills Recreation Center. Approximately 190 children are registered for the comprehensive safety program with visits from local police, fire and safety service providers.
3. The Rec Mobile is visiting two new sites this year, 5th Street Park and Hazeldale Elementary School. Average attendance each week is 200+ with some seeing up to 60 children per day.

## **Security Operations**

*Mike Janin, Superintendent of Security Operations*

1. Park Patrol completed a refresher training course for bicycle patrol and operations courtesy of the Beaverton Police Bicycle Team. Bicycle patrols are being utilized Thursday through Sunday throughout the Park District. Recently, Park Patrol spent one shift riding bicycles in parks with two deputies of Washington County's Sheriff's Office Bicycle Team as a part of their training experience.
2. Security Operations has been attending all of the Concerts in the Park. The Park Patrol car is displayed along with Park Patrol employees riding bicycles. Besides handing out Park Patrol junior badge stickers, we answer many questions from patrons regarding the general safety of our parks.
3. Security Operations recently completed 11 orientation training sessions for seasonal/summer help. General safety and security of the Park District facilities were discussed along with the role of Park Patrol.
4. Security Operations was asked to teach at the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Camp this year at Cedar Hills Recreation Center. Not only did we teach 18 campers how to identify and record the description of a suspect involved in a crime, the young detectives learned how to identify the different patterns of fingerprints.

## **Sports**

*Scott Brucker, Superintendent of Sports*

1. Beaverton School District: The second phase of the Beaverton School District capital bond projects is underway. The one major impact to Park District affiliated programs for the coming fall season will be at Hiteon Elementary School. Projects affecting the Park District include:
  - Hiteon Elementary School expansion: permanent loss of four fields, temporary loss of remaining fields for two years.
  - Kinnaman Elementary School expansion: loss of field use for one year.
  - McKinley Elementary School expansion: loss of field use for one year.
  - Bruegger Elementary School: under construction.
2. Summer Softball: Overall, the program has four more teams than in 2007 and will end the season the week of August 4. The week of August 25 will be the beginning of Fall softball.
3. The Athletic Center hosted the second Disc Golf Tournament at Greenway Park on June 28. Forty-three participants played and a handful of spectators watched the athletes toss in five age and ability categories.
  - 10 years and under: 4 players (all received a prize)
  - 11-18 years: 8 players
  - 19 years and up (Intermediate/Beginners): 20 players
  - 19 years and up (Advanced/Expert): 6 players
  - Women: 5 players

## **Business Services**

*Cathy Brucker, Finance Manager*

*Mark Hokkanen, Risk and Contract Manager*

*Phil Young, Information Services Manager*

*Nancy Hartman-Noye, Human Resources Manager*

*Ann Mackiernan, Operations Analysis Manager*

1. Staff is making the final edits to the first draft of the revised employee handbook. Staff is revising the handbook to bring it in line with changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and federal/state law. The revised handbook will be distributed to staff after Park District attorney review.
2. Finance is now in the process of closing the 2007/08 Fiscal Year, and will be preparing all schedules and financial statements for auditor review. Field work for the audit will begin in late October, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be completed by December.
3. This summer, Information Services staff has worked with the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation to simplify the registration process for the Hike and Bike and The Classic. Participants were able to register online with a credit card.
4. Comcast has started construction on the new data lines that will connect all facilities. Construction will continue through August, with the new data lines going into service in late September. These new data lines will significantly improve the speed and reliability of our network.
5. The Aquatics Department has completed the SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) for the third-year in a row. With ALL facilities achieving SHARP status, Risk and Safety will be coordinating with OR-OSHA (Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration) to complete the SHARP review process during a single time period, instead of three times per year. SHARP status provides exemption to the Park District from routine OSHA inspections. After maintaining this status for five consecutive years, the Park District would be considered a graduate of the program.

## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings & Events

<b>August</b>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> USSSA W Coast Boys Nationals Baseball Tour. PCC 500 ppl	<b>2</b> Community Fun Run @ Greenway Park. USSSA W Coast Boys Nationals Baseball Tour. PCC 500 ppl
<b>3</b> Concert in the Park Kaiser Woods Park. 6pm USSSA W Coast Boys Nationals Baseball Tour. PCC 500 ppl	<b>4</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>5</b> Summer Celebration Concert @ Jenkins Estate 5pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Concert in the Park Cedar Mill Park 6pm	<b>8</b> USTA Adult Tournament Tennis Center 750 ppl	<b>9</b> USTA Adult Tournament Tennis Center 750 ppl  Bow Wow Bash @ Garden Home 11am-3pm
<b>10</b> USTA Adult Tournament Tennis Center 750 ppl	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Concert in the Park Carolwood Park 6pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Big Truck Day @ Conestoga 10am-2pm USSSA Adult Softball Athletic Center 500 ppl Summer Splash @ Aquatic Center 500 ppl
<b>17</b> USSSA Adult Softball Athletic Center 500 ppl	<b>18</b> GPTC Jr. and THPRD Jr. Tennis Center 500 ppl	<b>19</b> GPTC Jr. and THPRD Jr. Tennis Center 500 ppl	<b>20</b> GPTC Jr. and THPRD Jr. Tennis Center 500 ppl	<b>21</b> GPTC Jr. and THPRD Jr. Tennis Center 500 ppl	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bug Fest @ Nature Park 12pm-4pm
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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<b>September</b>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Harvest Bazaar @ Stuhr Center 8am-4pm	<b>6</b> Harvest Bazaar @ Stuhr Center 10am-2pm  In-District Registration Begins
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> (date may change)  Metro's Special Park Districts Forum - Portland  Carlin Gable XC Meet Athletic Center 500 ppl	<b>9</b> Metro's Special Park Districts Forum - Portland	<b>10</b> Metro's Special Park Districts Forum - Portland	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Out-of-District Registration Begins	<b>13</b> NSA Adult Softball Athletic Center 500 ppl
<b>14</b> NSA Adult Softball Athletic Center 500 ppl	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fall Girl's Fastpitch Tourn. Athletic Center 500 ppl
<b>21</b> Annual ORPA Conference  Fall Girl's Fastpitch Tourn. Athletic Center 500 ppl	<b>22</b> Annual ORPA Conference	<b>23</b> Annual ORPA Conference	<b>24</b> Annual ORPA Conference	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BOARD MEETING	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Annual NRPA Conference	<b>15</b> Annual NRPA Conference	<b>16</b> Annual NRPA Conference	<b>17</b> Annual NRPA Conference	<b>18</b> Annual NRPA Conference Fall Festival @ Cedar Hills 12-4pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6A XC District Meet Athletic Center 2000 ppl	<b>23</b> Catlin Gable XC Meet Athletic Center 1000 ppl	<b>24</b> Moon Festival @ Garden Home 5-10pm	<b>25</b> Spooktacular @ Jenkins Estate 11am-4pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1+3)	(2+3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(4+5+6)	(5+6)		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>													
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY DIVISION</b>													
<b>CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS</b>													
Land Acquisition/Jenkins Est ROW	90,000	90,000	-	90,000	90,000	-	-	90,000	Budget	90,000	90,000	-	-
Restoration of John Quincy Adams Young House (JQAY)	100,000	93,000	-	100,000	93,000	34,394	48,893	16,713	Budget	100,000	65,606	-	27,394
Stuhr Center Bequest Foundation Project	75,000	63,000	-	75,000	63,000	6,443	-	63,000	Budget	69,443	63,000	5,557	-
GIS Development	37,000	25,000	-	37,000	25,000	-	-	25,000	Budget	25,000	25,000	12,000	-
HMT Complex Direct Bury Electrical Service	54,700	40,000	-	54,700	40,000	8,200	32,497	-	Complete	40,697	32,497	14,003	7,503
Aloha Park Field Restoration & Lights	20,000	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	18,824	-	Complete	18,824	18,824	1,176	1,176
Board/Conference Room Audio	8,000	7,000	-	8,000	7,000	1,073	-	6,927	Budget	8,000	6,927	-	73
Software Upgrades	20,000	10,000	-	20,000	10,000	6,420	-	10,000	Budget	16,420	10,000	3,580	-
Challenge Grant Competitive Fund	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-	9,694	20,306	Budget	30,000	30,000	-	-
John Marty Park Community Garden	14,750	11,400	-	14,750	11,400	9,039	-	-	Complete	9,039	-	5,711	11,400
Athletic Center HVAC Platforms Safety Mesh	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	4,000	-	Complete	4,000	4,000	1,000	(4,000)
<b>TOTAL CARRYOVER PROJECTS</b>	<b>454,450</b>	<b>389,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454,450</b>	<b>389,400</b>	<b>65,569</b>	<b>113,908</b>	<b>231,946</b>		<b>411,423</b>	<b>345,854</b>	<b>43,027</b>	<b>43,546</b>
<b>ATHLETIC FACILITY REPLACEMENT</b>													
Resurface Tennis Courts (3 sites)			53,044	53,044	53,044	-	49,950	-	Complete	49,950	49,950	3,094	3,094
Bball Pad Asphalt Lift (2 sites)			8,893	8,893	8,893	-	18,522	-	Complete	18,522	18,522	(9,629)	(9,629)
Long Jump Runway (2 sites)			2,800	2,800	2,800	-	1,373	-	Complete	1,373	1,373	1,427	1,427
Basketball Court Resurfacing			7,500	7,500	7,500	-	-	7,500	Budget	7,500	7,500	-	-
Backstop Replacements (2 sites)			12,362	12,362	12,362	-	11,351	-	Complete	11,351	11,351	1,011	1,011
Tennis Court Drainage			2,500	2,500	2,500	-	2,251	-	Complete	2,251	2,251	249	249
Sunset Park Asphalt Replacement			4,000	4,000	4,000	-	6,592	-	Complete	6,592	6,592	(2,592)	(2,592)
Install Bleacher Backs & Rails			6,600	6,600	6,600	-	6,604	-	Complete	6,604	6,604	(4)	(4)
Barnes School Field Restoration & Replacement			10,000	10,000	10,000	-	-	10,000	Budget	10,000	10,000	-	-
Aloha Park Lights			200,000	200,000	200,000	-	-	200,000	Budget	200,000	200,000	-	-
Scoreboards			8,000	8,000	8,000	-	7,973	-	Complete	7,973	7,973	27	27
<b>TOTAL ATHLETIC FACILITY REPLACEMENT</b>			<b>315,699</b>	<b>315,699</b>	<b>315,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,616</b>	<b>217,500</b>		<b>322,116</b>	<b>322,116</b>	<b>(6,417)</b>	<b>(6,417)</b>
<b>ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT</b>													
Progressive Release Safety Bases			30,000	30,000	30,000	-	7,654	-	Complete	7,654	7,654	22,346	22,346
Tennis Court Asphalt Entrances			12,000	12,000	12,000	-	8,716	-	Complete	8,716	8,716	3,284	3,284
Chainlink Fence behind Goal Install			1,300	1,300	1,300	-	706	-	Complete	706	706	594	594
Bocce Courts Installation			8,500	8,500	8,500	-	8,228	-	Complete	8,228	8,228	272	272
<b>TOTAL ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT</b>			<b>51,800</b>	<b>51,800</b>	<b>51,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,304</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>25,304</b>	<b>25,304</b>	<b>26,496</b>	<b>26,496</b>
<b>PARK AND TRAIL REPLACEMENTS</b>													
Autumn Ridge Park Play Equipment			35,000	35,000	35,000	-	37,953	5,512	Award	43,465	43,465	(8,465)	(8,465)
HMT Parking (Lot C)			50,000	50,000	50,000	-	48,434	-	Complete	48,434	48,434	1,566	1,566
Asphalt Path Replacements (12 sites)			131,222	131,222	131,222	-	130,579	-	Complete	130,579	130,579	643	643
Foothills Park Concrete Sidewalk Repair			30,000	30,000	30,000	-	20,419	-	Complete	20,419	20,419	9,581	9,581
Brookhaven Park Bridge/Boardwalk Repair			35,000	35,000	35,000	-	-	27,675	Award	27,675	27,675	7,325	7,325
Rock Creek Landing Fence Replacement			15,000	15,000	15,000	-	14,546	-	Complete	14,546	14,546	454	454
HMT Southside Irrigation Repair/Replacement			10,000	10,000	10,000	-	16,721	-	Complete	16,721	16,721	(6,721)	(6,721)
Raleigh Park Irrigation System Repair/Replacement			12,000	12,000	12,000	-	16,266	-	Complete	16,266	16,266	(4,266)	(4,266)
Maxi-com Irrigation Connection			8,000	8,000	8,000	-	2,425	5,575	Budget	8,000	8,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL PARK AND TRAIL REPLACEMENTS</b>			<b>326,222</b>	<b>326,222</b>	<b>326,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,343</b>	<b>38,762</b>		<b>326,105</b>	<b>326,105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS</b>													
Memorial Benches			8,000	8,000	8,000	-	5,037	2,963	Budget	8,000	8,000	-	-
Local Govt. Grant Program (Novice Skate Park)			175,000	175,000	175,000	-	175,000	-	Complete	175,000	175,000	-	-
Jenkins Estate Sign lighting/Farmington Road			4,000	4,000	4,000	-	3,790	-	Complete	3,790	3,790	210	210
New Off Leash Dog Park Const.			15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-	5,875	Award	5,875	5,875	9,125	9,125
Fanno Creek Trail Realignment			7,000	7,000	7,000	-	6,950	-	Complete	6,950	6,950	50	50
Center St. Park Playground			-	-	-	-	6,621	-	Complete	6,621	6,621	(6,621)	(6,621)
Valley West Park Paving			-	-	-	-	1,912	-	Complete	1,912	1,912	(1,912)	(1,912)
Community Garden Fencing (2 sites)			-	-	-	-	12,960	-	Complete	12,960	12,960	(12,960)	(12,960)
Tilbury Fence Installation			-	-	-	-	1,550	-	Complete	1,550	1,550	(1,550)	(1,550)
<b>TOTAL PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS</b>			<b>209,000</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>213,820</b>	<b>8,838</b>		<b>222,658</b>	<b>222,658</b>	<b>(13,658)</b>	<b>(13,658)</b>

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<b>CHALLENGE GRANTS</b>													
Challenge Grants			75,000	75,000	75,000	-	50,569	24,431	Budget	75,000	75,000	-	-
TOTAL CHALLENGE GRANTS			75,000	75,000	75,000	-	50,569	24,431		75,000	75,000	-	-
<b>BUILDING REPLACEMENTS</b>													
Doors & Windows Replacements			22,500	22,500	22,500	-	8,313	14,187	Budget	22,500	22,500	-	-
Raleigh Pool Tank Water Pipe			22,000	22,000	22,000	-	23,260	-	Complete	23,260	23,260	(1,260)	(1,260)
Dive Stands			7,000	7,000	7,000	-	6,995	-	Complete	6,995	6,995	5	5
Aquatic Center Chlorine Scale			2,000	2,000	2,000	-	1,455	-	Complete	1,455	1,455	545	545
Aquatic Center Flow Meter			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	1,513	-	Complete	1,513	1,513	1,487	1,487
50 meter Pool Heat Exchanger			83,400	83,400	83,400	-	119,539	-	Complete	119,539	119,539	(36,139)	(36,139)
Raleigh Chemtrol Unit			5,100	5,100	5,100	-	4,258	-	Complete	4,258	4,258	842	842
50 Mtr Pool Circ. Pump Impellor			4,200	4,200	4,200	-	-	4,200	Award	4,200	4,200	-	-
CRA Resurface of Leisure Pool Tank			25,000	25,000	25,000	-	22,500	-	Complete	22,500	22,500	2,500	2,500
Sunset Pool Furnace			35,000	35,000	35,000	-	34,200	-	Complete	34,200	34,200	800	800
Raleigh Pool Solar Heating			35,000	35,000	35,000	-	5,901	29,099	Budget	35,000	35,000	-	-
Dryland Roof Seal Coat ( Section C)			6,000	6,000	6,000	-	5,960	-	Complete	5,960	5,960	40	40
AC Roof Flashing Ridge & Seal			23,000	23,000	23,000	-	22,737	-	Complete	22,737	22,737	263	263
Tennis Center Partial Metal Roof			18,000	18,000	18,000	-	18,538	-	Complete	18,538	18,538	(538)	(538)
Aquatic Center Security Lights/Breezeway			6,000	6,000	6,000	-	3,816	2,700	Award	6,516	6,516	(516)	(516)
CRA Aquatic Stucco Repair			25,000	25,000	25,000	-	27,450	-	Complete	27,450	27,450	(2,450)	(2,450)
CRA Ext Painting/Anti Graffiti Coating			11,000	11,000	11,000	-	7,800	-	Complete	7,800	7,800	3,200	3,200
Bvtn Pool Spectator Blinds			7,500	7,500	7,500	-	6,000	-	Complete	6,000	6,000	1,500	1,500
Garden Home Stove/Oven			2,250	2,250	2,250	-	1,664	-	Complete	1,664	1,664	586	586
Roof Exhaust Fans (3 sites)			9,500	9,500	9,500	-	9,592	-	Complete	9,592	9,592	(92)	(92)
GHRC Window AC Units (4 rms)			7,000	7,000	7,000	-	8,858	-	Complete	8,858	8,858	(1,858)	(1,858)
GHRC Heat Coils (4 locations)			14,000	14,000	14,000	-	14,000	-	Complete	14,000	14,000	-	-
GHRC Air Compressor			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	2,598	-	Complete	2,598	2,598	402	402
GHRC Supply Fan Motor(2 sites)			4,000	4,000	4,000	-	1,522	-	Complete	1,522	1,522	2,478	2,478
HVAC Control System (2 sites)			26,000	26,000	26,000	-	-	26,000	Budget	26,000	26,000	-	-
Stuhr Ctr HVAC Air Cooler			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	2,072	-	Complete	2,072	2,072	928	928
GHRC Tile (Room 4)			21,500	21,500	21,500	-	13,722	-	Complete	13,722	13,722	7,778	7,778
Jenkins Main House Floor Cvrgrs			4,600	4,600	4,600	-	3,150	-	Complete	3,150	3,150	1,450	1,450
AC Daycare Room Carpet			2,800	2,800	2,800	-	1,893	-	Complete	1,893	1,893	907	907
CRA Mechanical Room Floor Seal			1,500	1,500	1,500	-	1,450	-	Complete	1,450	1,450	50	50
Upgrade/Replace Sonitrol Alarm System			5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	5,000	Budget	5,000	5,000	-	-
CHRC Basketball Backboard Safety Strap			2,000	2,000	2,000	-	1,947	-	Complete	1,947	1,947	53	53
AC Drinking Fountain Replacement			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	1,330	-	Complete	1,330	1,330	1,670	1,670
Raleigh SC Winter Pool Cover			9,000	9,000	9,000	-	4,447	-	Complete	4,447	4,447	4,553	4,553
CRA Boiler Repairs & Replacement			72,500	72,500	72,500	-	59,044	-	Complete	59,044	59,044	13,456	13,456
TOTAL BUILDING REPLACEMENTS			531,350	531,350	531,350	-	447,524	81,186		528,710	528,710	2,640	2,640
<b>BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS</b>													
UV Sanitation System (BSC&50 Mtr)			79,430	79,430	79,430	-	79,056	-	Complete	79,056	79,056	374	374
CHRC/Floor Sink in Kitchen			2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	2,211	Award	2,211	2,211	(211)	(211)
NP Native Plant Display Garden			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	2,934	-	Complete	2,934	2,934	66	66
Aquatic Center Family Dressing Room Design			5,000	5,000	5,000	-	4,826	-	Complete	4,826	4,826	174	174
ASC Family Dressing Rm Design			5,000	5,000	5,000	-	4,804	-	Complete	4,804	4,804	196	196
HMT Landscape Upgrades			3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	3,000	Budget	3,000	3,000	-	-
HMT/Admin Office Remodel			30,000	30,000	30,000	-	28,887	-	Complete	28,887	28,887	1,113	1,113
PCC Concession Stand			-	-	-	-	4,504	-	Complete	4,504	4,504	(4,504)	(4,504)
TOTAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS			127,430	127,430	127,430	-	125,011	5,211		130,222	130,222	(2,792)	(2,792)
<b>ADA PROJECTS</b>													
Stuhr Ctr Bathroom Remodel			50,000	50,000	50,000	-	4,811	45,189	Budget	50,000	50,000	-	-
HSC ADA Bus Turn Out/Ramp			15,000	15,000	15,000	-	10,864	-	Complete	10,864	10,864	4,136	4,136
HSC ADA Picnic Table & Pad			8,000	8,000	8,000	-	5,052	-	Complete	5,052	5,052	2,948	2,948
TOTAL ADA PROJECTS			73,000	73,000	73,000	-	20,727	45,189		65,916	65,916	7,084	7,084
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY DIVISION</b>	<b>454,450</b>	<b>389,400</b>	<b>1,709,501</b>	<b>2,163,951</b>	<b>2,098,901</b>	<b>65,569</b>	<b>1,388,822</b>	<b>653,063</b>		<b>2,107,454</b>	<b>2,041,885</b>	<b>56,497</b>	<b>57,016</b>

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1+3)	(2+3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(4+5+6)	(5+6)		
<b>INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT</b>													
System/workstn Replcmnt			70,000	70,000	70,000	-	68,053	1,947	Budget	70,000	70,000	-	-
Server Rplcmnt (4)			35,000	35,000	35,000	-	32,099	2,901	Budget	35,000	35,000	-	-
LAN/WAN Replcmnt			9,000	9,000	9,000	-	851	8,149	Budget	9,000	9,000	-	-
PDA's/Notebooks			5,000	5,000	5,000	-	4,145	855	Budget	5,000	5,000	-	-
Misc. Application Software			20,000	20,000	20,000	-	3,377	16,623	Budget	20,000	20,000	-	-
New Workstations (3 sites)			7,350	7,350	7,350	-	13,283	-	Complete	13,283	13,283	(5,933)	(5,933)
Center Kiosks			5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	Complete	5,000	5,000	-	-
GIS Development			15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-	15,000	Budget	15,000	15,000	-	-
PCC Workstation/Telephone			15,250	15,250	15,250	-	3,162	12,088	Budget	15,250	15,250	-	-
IP Alarm System			9,200	9,200	9,200	-	-	9,200	Budget	9,200	9,200	-	-
Jenkins Comcast Cable Modem			18,100	18,100	18,100	-	-	18,100	Budget	18,100	18,100	-	-
<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS</b>			<b>208,900</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,970</b>	<b>84,863</b>		<b>214,833</b>	<b>214,833</b>	<b>(5,933)</b>	<b>(5,933)</b>
<b>TOTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>208,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,970</b>	<b>84,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>214,833</b>	<b>214,833</b>	<b>(5,933)</b>	<b>(5,933)</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT</b>													
<u>BUILDING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT</u>													
Stuhr Center Buffer/Burnisher			3,500	3,500	3,500	-	3,580	-	Complete	3,580	3,580	(80)	(80)
Tennis Center Court Sweeper			9,000	9,000	9,000	-	8,774	-	Complete	8,774	8,774	226	226
<b>TOTAL BUILDING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT</b>			<b>12,500</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,354</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>12,354</b>	<b>12,354</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>146</b>
<u>FLEET REPLACEMENTS</u>													
Step Van			28,000	28,000	28,000	-	20,823	-	Complete	20,823	20,823	7,177	7,177
Flatbed Truck			28,000	28,000	28,000	-	35,615	-	Complete	35,615	35,615	(7,615)	(7,615)
Full Size Pickups (4)			75,000	75,000	75,000	-	72,041	-	Complete	72,041	72,041	2,959	2,959
Fullsize Pickup & Trailer			24,000	24,000	24,000	-	23,293	-	Complete	23,293	23,293	707	707
Dump Truck (5 Yd)			58,000	58,000	58,000	-	61,802	-	Complete	61,802	61,802	(3,802)	(3,802)
Dump Truck (2 Yd)			24,000	24,000	24,000	-	22,998	-	Complete	22,998	22,998	1,002	1,002
Ty Crop Top Dresser			23,000	23,000	23,000	-	21,644	-	Complete	21,644	21,644	1,356	1,356
Tractor			28,500	28,500	28,500	-	28,195	-	Complete	28,195	28,195	305	305
Stump Grinder			29,000	29,000	29,000	-	29,910	-	Complete	29,910	29,910	(910)	(910)
Infield Rake			10,000	10,000	10,000	-	10,598	-	Complete	10,598	10,598	(598)	(598)
Light Weight Pickup Trucks (2)			28,000	28,000	28,000	-	26,215	-	Complete	26,215	26,215	1,785	1,785
Walk Behind Aerator			6,200	6,200	6,200	-	6,437	-	Complete	6,437	6,437	(237)	(237)
Scan Tool Fleet			6,200	6,200	6,200	-	4,000	-	Complete	4,000	4,000	2,200	2,200
Skid Mounted Sprayer for Gator			3,500	3,500	3,500	-	3,427	-	Complete	3,427	3,427	73	73
Synthetic Groomer			2,700	2,700	2,700	-	2,700	-	Complete	2,700	2,700	-	-
<b>TOTAL FLEET REPLACEMENTS</b>			<b>374,100</b>	<b>374,100</b>	<b>374,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>369,698</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>369,698</b>	<b>369,698</b>	<b>4,402</b>	<b>4,402</b>
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>386,600</b>	<b>386,600</b>	<b>386,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>382,052</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>382,052</b>	<b>382,052</b>	<b>4,548</b>	<b>4,548</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>454,450</b>	<b>389,400</b>	<b>2,305,001</b>	<b>2,759,451</b>	<b>2,694,401</b>	<b>65,569</b>	<b>1,900,844</b>	<b>737,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,704,339</b>	<b>2,638,770</b>	<b>55,112</b>	<b>55,631</b>

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1+3)	(2+3)	(4)	(5)	(6)		(4+5+6)	(5+6)		
<b>SDC FUND</b>													
<u>LAND ACQUISITION</u>													
Land Acquisition (FY 06)	3,400,000	1,218,512	(1,218,512)	2,181,488	-	2,218,341	-	-	Budget	2,218,341	-	(36,853)	-
Land Acquisition (FY 07)	500,000	488,288	(488,288)	11,712	-	11,987	-	-	Budget	11,987	-	(275)	-
Land Acquisition (FY 08)	-	-	55,515	55,515	55,515	-	22,637	32,878	Budget	55,515	55,515	-	-
Brady Property Acquisition	-	-	859,000	859,000	859,000	-	859,000	-	Complete	859,000	859,000	-	-
Rystadt Property Acquisition	-	-	88,002	88,002	88,002	-	88,002	-	Complete	88,002	88,002	-	-
March Property Acquisition	-	-	935,370	935,370	935,370	-	935,370	-	Complete	935,370	935,370	-	-
Nopper/Turner Property Acquisitions	-	-	268,913	268,913	268,913	-	268,913	-	Complete	268,913	268,913	-	-
<b>TOTAL LAND ACQUISITION</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>1,706,800</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>4,400,000</b>	<b>2,206,800</b>	<b>2,230,328</b>	<b>2,173,922</b>	<b>32,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,437,128</b>	<b>2,206,800</b>	<b>(37,128)</b>	<b>-</b>
<u>IMPROVEMENT/DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS</u>													
Kaiser Woods Park Development - Phase 2 and 3	695,598	-	-	695,598	-	812,978	10,869	-	Complete	823,847	10,869	(128,249)	(10,869)
Beaverton Powerline Trail Segments 7-11	802,500	593,000	439,324	1,241,824	1,032,324	141,133	929,582	105,540	Budget	1,176,255	1,035,122	65,569	(2,798)
Synthetic Turf Field	800,000	600,000	-	800,000	600,000	200,000	-	600,000	Budget	800,000	600,000	-	-
PCC Rock Creek Recreation Complex Construction	10,140,372	1,169,200	-	10,140,372	1,169,200	8,486,599	314,383	854,817	Award	9,655,799	1,169,200	484,573	-
Lowami Hartwoods Development Phase I	100,000	42,000	-	100,000	42,000	43,141	5,288	34,300	Award	82,729	39,588	17,271	2,412
Novice Skate Park	150,000	135,000	40,000	190,000	175,000	29,998	108,604	68,594	Award	207,196	177,198	(17,196)	(2,198)
Fanno Creek Trail	640,000	566,450	745,500	1,385,500	1,311,950	67,539	51,196	1,260,754	Budget	1,379,489	1,311,950	6,011	-
SW Community Park Planning/Design	200,000	200,000	-	200,000	200,000	-	-	200,000	Budget	200,000	200,000	-	-
Garden Home Parking Lot Improvements	225,000	188,740	12,902	237,902	201,642	40,697	228,243	42,848	Award	311,788	271,091	(73,886)	(69,449)
Old Wagon Trail Replacement Design	73,000	60,000	-	73,000	60,000	26,920	6,907	53,093	Budget	86,920	60,000	(13,920)	-
MTIP Grant Match for Westside Trail	-	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	-	40,000	Budget	40,000	40,000	-	-
Undesignated Projects	-	-	765,361	765,361	765,361	-	-	-	Budget	-	-	765,361	765,361
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>	<b>13,826,470</b>	<b>3,554,390</b>	<b>2,083,087</b>	<b>15,909,557</b>	<b>5,637,477</b>	<b>9,849,005</b>	<b>1,655,072</b>	<b>3,259,946</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,764,023</b>	<b>4,915,018</b>	<b>1,105,534</b>	<b>682,459</b>
<b>Total - SDC Fund</b>	<b>17,726,470</b>	<b>5,261,190</b>	<b>2,583,087</b>	<b>20,309,557</b>	<b>7,844,277</b>	<b>12,079,333</b>	<b>3,828,994</b>	<b>3,292,824</b>		<b>19,201,151</b>	<b>7,121,818</b>	<b>1,068,406</b>	<b>682,459</b>

**KEY**  
 Budget Estimate based on original budget - not started and/or no basis for change  
 Reallocated Project Scope has been reduced to provide funding for another project  
 Award Estimate based on Contract Award amount or quote price estimates  
 Complete Project completed - no additional estimated costs to complete.



# TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

## MEMORANDUM

Date: July 17, 2008  
 To: Board of Directors  
 From: Keith Hobson, Director of Business and Facilities  
 Re: **System Development Charge Report for May 2008**

Below please find the various categories for System Development Charges, i.e., Single Family, Multiple Family, Manufactured Housing Unit, and Non-residential Development. Also listed are the collection amounts for both the City of Beaverton and Washington County, and the 1.6% handling fee for collections through May 2008.

Type of Dwelling Unit	Current SDC per Type of Dwelling Unit
Single Family	\$6,783.00 with 1.6% discount = \$6,674.47
Multi-Family	\$5,071.00 with 1.6% discount = \$4,989.86
Manufactured	\$2,521.00 with 1.6% discount = \$2,480.66
Non-residential	\$176.00 with 1.6% discount = \$173.18

<u>City of Beaverton Collection of SDCs</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Collection Fee</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
2,345	Single Family Units	\$5,652,793.84	\$173,748.16	\$5,826,542.00
15	Single Family Units at \$489.09	\$7,336.35	\$221.45	\$7,557.80
1,165	Multi-family Units	\$2,048,178.28	\$63,345.72	\$2,111,524.00
0	Less Multi-family credits	(\$7,957.55)	(\$229.36)	(\$8,186.91)
165	Non-residential	\$333,660.25	\$9,919.70	\$343,579.95
<b><u>3,690</u></b>		<b><u>\$8,034,011.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$247,005.67</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,281,016.85</u></b>

<u>Washington County Collection of SDCs</u>		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Collection Fee</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
5,566	Single Family Units	\$12,929,054.29	\$394,984.71	\$13,324,039.00
-300	Less Credits	(\$623,548.98)	(\$19,285.02)	(\$642,834.00)
1,777	Multi-family Units	\$3,573,717.41	\$108,558.45	\$3,682,275.86
-24	Less Credits	(\$47,323.24)	(\$1,463.61)	(\$48,786.85)
0	Manufactured Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
System Develop	Non-residential	\$178,907.03	\$5,294.05	\$184,201.08
<b><u>7,019</u></b>		<b><u>\$16,010,806.51</u></b>	<b><u>\$488,088.58</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,498,895.09</u></b>

<u>Recap by Agency</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Collection Fee</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
3,690	City of Beaverton	33.42%	\$8,034,011.17	\$247,005.67	\$8,281,016.85
7,019	Washington County	66.58%	\$16,010,806.51	\$488,088.58	\$16,498,895.09
<b><u>10,709</u></b>		<b><u>100.00%</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,044,817.68</u></b>	<b><u>\$735,094.25</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,779,911.94</u></b>

<u>Recap by Dwelling</u>	<u>Mfg</u>	<u>Single Family</u>	<u>Multi-Family</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of Beaverton	0	2,360	1,165	165	3,690
Washington County	<u>0</u>	<u>5,266</u>	<u>1,753</u>	<u>2008, Page 2 of 2</u>	<u>7,019</u>
	<b>0</b>	<b>7,626</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>10,709</b>

**Total Receipts to Date** **\$24,044,817.68**

**Total Payments to Date**

Refunds	(\$1,579,356.86)
Administrative Costs	(\$18.65)
Project Costs -- Development	(\$15,076,849.28)
<u>Project Costs -- Land Acquisition</u>	<u>(\$5,754,168.10)</u>
	<b><u>\$1,634,424.79</u></b>

<u>Recap by Month, FY 2007-08</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>SDC Fund Total</u>
through June 2007 (1)	\$21,917,260.69	(\$17,567,681.05)	\$1,717,249.26	\$6,066,828.90
July	\$246,119.26	(\$725,507.66)	\$22,110.41	(\$457,277.99)
August	\$190,079.77	(\$1,295,424.15)	\$23,323.07	(\$1,082,021.31)
September	\$144,281.28	(\$1,231,758.29)	\$17,366.72	(\$1,070,110.29)
October	\$191,766.09	(\$436,834.18)	\$12,750.30	(\$232,317.79)
November	\$92,674.77	(\$51,430.66)	\$12,189.96	\$53,434.07
December	\$102,499.90	\$16,551.14	\$12,238.25	\$131,289.29
January	\$179,655.13	(\$377,978.73)	\$12,159.72	(\$186,163.88)
February	\$167,359.96	(\$470,827.96)	\$9,056.30	(\$294,411.70)
March	\$192,819.62	(\$187,993.60)	\$7,950.31	\$12,776.33
April	\$190,296.28	\$1,385.24	\$6,864.12	\$198,545.64
May	\$430,004.93	(\$82,892.99)	\$7,621.61	\$354,733.55
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b><u>\$24,044,817.68</u></b>	<b><u>(\$22,410,392.89)</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,860,880.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,495,304.82</u></b>

(1) Net of \$667,828.98 of SDC Credits awarded for park development projects.

Projected SDC receipts through June 30, 2007 per the budget were \$21,239,021. Actual receipts were \$21,917,261. This fiscal year's projected total receipts per the budget are \$3,082,460.

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

Systems Development Charge - Monthly Accounting, Year-to-Date FY 2007-08

City of Beaverton Collection of S.D.C.'s

	Unit Rate	Revenue	Collection Fee	Total
607 Single Family Units	1,891.50	1,147,194.75	35,480.25	1,182,675.00
138 Single Family Units	2,102.96	290,208.48	8,975.52	299,184.00
327 Single Family Units	2,203.84	720,655.68	22,288.32	742,944.00
15 Single Family Units	489.09	7,336.35	221.45	7,557.80
331 Single Family Units	2,327.03	770,250.47	23,818.53	794,069.00
205 Single Family Units	2,457.01	503,687.05	15,577.95	519,265.00
281 Single Family Units	2,638.40	741,390.40	22,929.60	764,320.00
304 Single Family Units	2,891.57	879,037.28	27,186.72	906,224.00
152 Single Family Units	3,466.78	526,950.56	16,297.44	543,248.00
Single Family Units	6,674.47	73,419.17	1,193.83	74,613.00
464 Multi-family Units	1,454.03	674,669.92	20,866.08	695,536.00
0 Multi-family Units	1,616.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
0 Less Credits		(7,957.55)	(229.36)	(8,186.91)
110 Multi-family Units	1,694.59	186,404.90	5,765.10	192,170.00
74 Multi-family Units	1,789.65	132,434.10	4,095.90	136,530.00
245 Multi-family Units	1,889.56	462,942.20	14,317.80	477,260.00
68 Multi-family Units	2,029.24	137,988.32	4,267.68	142,256.00
204 Multi-family Units	2,224.21	453,738.84	14,033.16	467,772.00
0 Multi-family Units	2,445.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
0 Multi-family Units	2,666.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
0 Multi-family Units	4,989.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
165 Non-residential	Various	333,660.25	9,919.70	343,579.95
<b>3,690</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,034,011.17</b>	<b>247,005.67</b>	<b>8,281,016.85</b>

Improvement Fee (1)	Reimbursement Fee (1)	Collection/ Admin Fee (1)	Total SDC Fee
1,048,032.00	27,292.50	107,350.50	1,182,675.00
265,123.05	6,904.25	27,156.70	299,184.00
658,362.68	17,144.86	67,436.46	742,944.00
6,697.37	174.41	686.02	7,557.80
703,667.30	18,324.67	72,077.03	794,069.00
460,148.68	11,983.04	47,133.28	519,265.00
677,305.11	17,638.15	69,376.74	764,320.00
803,053.88	20,912.90	82,257.22	906,224.00
481,401.29	12,536.72	49,309.98	543,248.00
66,118.60	1,721.88	6,772.53	74,613.00
545,663.32	86,768.81	63,103.87	695,536.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(6,422.81)	(1,021.33)	(742.77)	(8,186.91)
150,761.60	23,973.40	17,435.00	192,170.00
107,110.79	17,032.25	12,386.96	136,530.00
374,420.99	59,538.66	43,300.36	477,260.00
111,602.97	17,746.58	12,906.45	142,256.00
366,977.17	58,355.03	42,439.65	467,772.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
312,348.54	0.00	31,231.41	343,579.95
<b>7,132,372.53</b>	<b>397,026.78</b>	<b>751,617.39</b>	<b>8,281,016.85</b>

Washington County Collection of S.D.C.'s Revenue

	Unit Rate	Revenue	Collection Fee	Total
1,916 Single Family Units	1,891.50	3,624,114.00	112,086.00	3,736,200.00
(91) Less SFR Credits	1,891.50	(172,126.50)	(5,323.50)	(177,450.00)
351 Single Family Units	2,102.96	738,138.96	22,829.04	760,968.00
(91) Less SFR Credits	2,102.96	(191,369.36)	(5,918.64)	(197,288.00)
741 Single Family Units	2,203.84	1,633,036.71	50,515.29	1,683,552.00
(118) Less SFR Credits	2,203.84	(260,053.12)	(8,042.88)	(268,096.00)
714 Single Family Units	2,327.03	1,661,582.84	51,294.16	1,712,877.00
666 Single Family Units	2,457.01	1,636,368.66	50,609.34	1,686,978.00
523 Single Family Units	2,638.40	1,379,883.20	42,676.80	1,422,560.00
299 Single Family Units	2,891.57	864,579.43	26,739.57	891,319.00
307 Single Family Units	3,466.78	1,064,301.46	32,916.54	1,097,218.00
49 Single Family Units	6,674.47	327,049.03	5,317.97	332,367.00
117 Multi-family Units	1,454.03	169,830.51	5,552.49	175,383.00
41 Multi-family Units	1,616.99	66,296.59	2,050.41	68,347.00
68 Multi-family Units	1,694.59	115,232.12	3,563.88	118,796.00
194 Multi-family Units	1,789.65	347,192.10	10,737.90	357,930.00
(24) Less MFR Credits	1,789.65	(47,323.24)	(1,463.61)	(48,786.85)
508 Multi-family Units	1,889.56	959,896.48	29,687.52	989,584.00
563 Multi-family Units	2,029.24	1,142,101.28	35,322.58	1,177,423.86
139 Multi-family Units	2,224.21	309,165.19	9,561.81	318,727.00
116 Multi-family Units	2,666.53	309,317.48	9,566.52	318,884.00
31 Multi-family Units	4,989.86	154,685.66	2,515.34	157,201.00
0 Manufactured Housing	1,483.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
0 Manufactured Housing	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
0 Manufactured Housing	2,445.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
ort, May 2008, Page 2 of 2 Non-residential	Various	178,907.03	5,294.05	184,201.08
<b>7,019</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,010,806.51</b>	<b>488,088.58</b>	<b>16,498,895.09</b>

Improvement Fee (1)	Reimbursement Fee (1)	Collection/ Admin Fee (1)	Total SDC Fee
3,310,848.00	86,220.00	339,132.00	3,736,200.00
(177,450.00)	0.00	0.00	(177,450.00)
674,334.72	17,560.80	69,072.48	760,968.00
(174,827.52)	(4,552.80)	(17,907.68)	(197,288.00)
1,491,886.08	38,851.20	152,814.72	1,683,552.00
(234,574.30)	(6,186.83)	(24,334.87)	(268,096.00)
1,517,872.54	39,527.93	155,476.53	1,712,877.00
1,494,922.04	38,930.26	153,125.70	1,686,978.00
1,260,607.02	32,828.31	129,124.67	1,422,560.00
789,845.75	20,568.91	80,904.32	891,319.00
972,303.96	25,320.79	99,593.26	1,097,218.00
294,528.30	7,670.18	30,168.51	332,367.00
137,591.83	21,879.20	15,911.97	175,383.00
53,619.73	8,526.36	6,200.91	68,347.00
93,198.08	14,819.92	10,778.00	118,796.00
280,803.97	44,652.13	32,473.90	357,930.00
(38,274.36)	(6,086.21)	(4,426.28)	(48,786.85)
76,350.46	123,451.60	89,781.94	989,584.00
923,714.97	146,884.81	106,819.67	1,177,423.86
250,048.34	39,761.51	28,917.11	318,727.00
250,171.19	39,781.10	28,931.39	318,884.00
123,327.33	19,610.97	14,262.38	157,201.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
167,457.20	0.00	16,743.88	184,201.08
<b>14,235,305.33</b>	<b>750,020.14</b>	<b>1,513,564.51</b>	<b>16,498,895.09</b>

Recap by Agency

	Revenue	Collection Fee	Total	Percent
City of Beaverton	8,034,011.17	247,005.67	8,281,016.85	33.42%
Washington County	16,010,806.51	488,088.58	16,498,895.09	66.58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,044,817.68</b>	<b>735,094.25</b>	<b>24,779,911.94</b>	

Improvement Fee (1)	Reimbursement Fee (1)	Collection/ Admin Fee (1)	Total SDC Fee
7,132,372.53	397,026.78	751,617.39	8,281,016.84
14,235,305.33	750,020.14	1,513,564.51	16,498,895.09
<b>21,367,677.86</b>	<b>1,147,046.92</b>	<b>2,265,181.90</b>	<b>24,779,911.93</b>

<b>Add</b>	Allocation of interest earned	1,860,880.03	1,455,756.89	163,484.25	241,638.73	1,860,880.04
	Grant rec'd (Wa Cty) & Coparanis pledge	24,000.00				24,000.00
<b>Less</b>	SDC Credits for Land Donation Paid in Cash	(1,215,149.84)	(736,652.08)	0.00	(478,497.76)	(1,215,149.84)
	Refunds of SFR Fees Collected in Error	(364,207.02)	(305,148.23)	2,727.21	(61,786.00)	(364,207.02)
	Administrative Costs Paid	(18.65)	0.00	0.00	(18.65)	(18.65)
	Collection Fees paid to City and County	(735,094.26)	0.00	0.00	(735,094.26)	(735,094.26)
						0.00
						0.00
						0.00
<b>Project Costs</b>						
	Inger Land Acquisition	(690,517.55)	(690,517.55)	0.00	0.00	(690,517.55)
	Husen Land Acquisition	(448,254.93)	(448,254.93)	0.00	0.00	(448,254.93)
	Fanno Trail Matching	(152,042.34)	(152,042.34)	0.00	0.00	(152,042.34)
	Stover/JQAY Acquisition	(164,160.04)	(164,160.04)	0.00	0.00	(164,160.04)
	PGE Land Acquisition	(3,500.00)	(3,500.00)	0.00	0.00	(3,500.00)
	Rock Creek/Bethany	(775,329.38)	(775,329.38)	0.00	0.00	(775,329.38)
	Camp Rivendale	(628,794.95)	(628,794.95)	0.00	0.00	(628,794.95)
	Conestoga Play Structure	(27,951.70)	(27,951.70)	0.00	0.00	(27,951.70)
	Synthetic Turf Project	(315,242.42)	(315,242.42)	0.00	0.00	(315,242.42)
	Stuhr Building Expansion	(148,261.65)	(148,261.65)	0.00	0.00	(148,261.65)
	Bluffs Park Development	(107,645.65)	(107,645.65)	0.00	0.00	(107,645.65)
	Foege Park Development	(130,871.23)	(130,871.23)	0.00	0.00	(130,871.23)
	Kelvin Land Acquisition	(46,448.00)	(46,448.00)	0.00	0.00	(46,448.00)
	Beaverton Pwrln Trail	(236,938.43)	(236,938.43)	0.00	0.00	(236,938.43)
	Kaiser Woods	(1,016,829.86)	(1,016,829.86)	0.00	0.00	(1,016,829.86)
	PCC Athletic Fields MP & Construction	(9,396,559.57)	(9,396,559.57)	0.00	0.00	(9,396,559.57)
	Synthetic Turf Field 2	(531,551.57)	(531,551.57)	0.00	0.00	(531,551.57)
	Winkelman Land Acquisition	(27,000.00)	(27,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(27,000.00)
	BSD Synth Turf Field Matching Funds	(200,000.00)	(200,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(200,000.00)
	Nature Park Infrastructure	(98,362.62)	(98,362.62)	0.00	0.00	(98,362.62)
	HMT Play Structure Phase II	(135,277.74)	(135,277.74)	0.00	0.00	(135,277.74)
	Other Land Acquisition (thru FY07)	(627,196.85)	(627,196.85)	0.00	0.00	(627,196.85)
	Novice Skate Park	(91,532.14)	(91,532.14)	0.00	0.00	(91,532.14)
	CRA Backyard Master Plan	(103,987.26)	(103,987.26)	0.00	0.00	(103,987.26)
	Mt. Williams Land Acquisition	(1,600,220.00)	(1,600,220.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,600,220.00)
	Tennis Air Structure	(528,651.17)	(528,651.17)	0.00	0.00	(528,651.17)
	Lowami Hart Woods Phase I	(48,429.63)	(48,429.63)	0.00	0.00	(48,429.63)
	Garden Home Parking Lot Expansion	(262,430.42)	(262,430.42)	0.00	0.00	(262,430.42)
	Aloha Park School Fields Restoration	(107,196.50)	(107,196.50)	0.00	0.00	(107,196.50)
	Old Wagon Trail Rplcmnt Design	(32,963.05)	(32,963.05)	0.00	0.00	(32,963.05)
	Land Acquisition (thru FY08)	(30,735.80)	(30,735.80)	0.00	0.00	(30,735.80)
	Rystadt Property Acquisition	(88,001.85)	(88,001.85)	0.00	0.00	(88,001.85)
	March Property Acquisition	(932,569.52)	(932,569.52)	0.00	0.00	(932,569.52)
	Brady Property Acquisition	(850,650.19)	(850,650.19)	0.00	0.00	(850,650.19)
	Nopper/Turner Property Acquisition	(268,913.37)	(268,913.37)	0.00	0.00	(268,913.37)

Total SDC Fund Cash Increase (Decrease) **3,495,304.82**

**926,617.06** **1,313,258.38** **1,231,423.96** **3,495,304.82**

# Indoors and out, it is camp season

**Play time** | Fitness opportunities abound, promising kids a memorable summer

By **JOE FITZGIBBON**  
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

If you have any doubt that June has arrived, check out your children's smiles and their newfound energy. A month known for weddings, Father's Day and the longest day of the year is also the kickoff of summer camp season.

Recreation planners are ready with scores of programs that offer exercise, adventures, fun and friendships for all ages. Here are local samples that promise to make this summer memorable.

- Boys and girls age 7 through 11 who would like to exercise their minds and bodies can join Sensei Marilyn Mays for a week of karate, yoga, drama and enrichment at **Cultural Martial Arts Camp**.

"I know it's summer, but I'd like them to learn some important things, especially that martial arts is not just kicking and punching," Mays said. "We'll do the physical stuff, of course, but I want them to understand the cultures, too."

**Cedar Hills Recreation Center**, 11640 S.W. Park Way. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 16-20 or Aug. 18-22. \$92 for residents of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District; nonresidents pay an additional \$52 quarterly fee. 503-629-6340 or [www.thprd.com](http://www.thprd.com)

- Adventurous teens ages 13 to 15 who want to make friends, camp out around the state and learn to raft, swim and play a variety of sports can check out **Disco Odyssey Camp**.

"It doesn't have anything to do with the '70s dance craze, but rather 'disco' is short for 'discovery,' which is what we want to do with teens," said Spencer Chase, program director.

**Garden Home Recreation Center**, 7475 S.W. Oleson Road. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 16-Aug. 28. \$155 to \$170 weekly for Tualatin Hills Park district resi-



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**Roller hockey camp at Indoor Goals** gives kids the chance to strap on pads and helmets, grab a stick and hit the rink.

dents; others pay an additional \$52. 503-629-6341 or [www.thprd.com](http://www.thprd.com)

- Kids of all ages can slip into pads and helmets, grab pint-sized hockey sticks and find out why **roller hockey** is fast becoming popular. "Most beginners who come in can't stand up on skates and by the end of the week we have them racing down the rink backward," said Todd Griswold, owner of Indoor Goals, 16340 N.W. Bethany Court, Beaverton.

Activities include developing balance and coordination, scoring and playing defense, and age-appropriate scrimmages.

1 to 3 p.m. June 16-20. \$80. 503-629-9500 or [www.indoor-goals.com](http://www.indoor-goals.com)

- **Camp Rivendale** welcomes children and young adults with physical, emotional or developmental disabilities for two to eight weeks of sports, aquatics, dance, music, field trips and arts.

"We want all children to be successful and have a variety of experiences," said Crystal Risch, Wilderness Group director. "It's most important that they all have fun."

**Jenkins Estate**, 8005 S.W. Grabhorn Road, Aloha. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 23-Aug. 15. \$138 for Tualatin Hills Park district residents; others pay \$230 plus

\$52 quarterly fee. 503-629-6355 [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org)

- How about dozens of sports, games and outings with breakfast, lunch and a snack thrown in? The **Beaverton Police Activities League**, 12500 S.W. Allen Blvd., will offer weekly themed programs for boys and girls ages 8 to 18, mostly coached by high school and college students.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16-Aug. 15. \$25 initiation fee plus \$50 per week. 503-469-9137 or [www.nodds.org/pal](http://www.nodds.org/pal)

- Imagine learning to fence from Olympic-trained instructors with the **Oregon Fencing Alliance**. Sessions are open to 6- through 14-year-olds with little or no experience, but lots of energy and willingness to concentrate.

"We teach the basic footwork — how to attack and parry — then kids get to put on the mask, jacket and compete against each other with sabers," said Cathy Zagunis, spokeswoman for the alliance.

9 a.m. to noon June 23-26; July 7-11; July 14-18. **Conestoga Middle School**, 12250 S.W. Conestoga Drive, Beaverton. \$130 per week. 503-880-3512 and [www.oregonfencing.org](http://www.oregonfencing.org)

Joe Fitzgibbon: 503-223-0725; [fitzgibbon@integra.net](mailto:fitzgibbon@integra.net)

## Get outside and hike 'n bike this Saturday

The weather may not say June, but the calendar does, which means only one thing for the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District: It's time for summer events.

It starts Saturday with Hike 'n Bike, a fundraiser for the district's Family Assistance Program and other community

groups. Participants can choose 10K or 5K hikes, or 15K or 30K bike rides.

There's even a 1K Hike 'n Bike event.

The starting line is at the park district's Howard Terpenning Athletic Complex, at Southwest 158th and Walker Road.

Sign-in is at 7:30 a.m. and the first event starts at 8 a.m.

All routes include park district powerline trails and pass through nearby neighborhoods.

The 10K hike and both bike rides go through the Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

For more information, go to [www.thpf.org](http://www.thpf.org).

# Parks board will decide on bonds

**Ideas** | The district considers one option focused on parks, the other on a swim center

By RICHARD COLBY  
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

BEAVERTON — The what-if scenarios, opinion polling and open houses have occupied Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District staff since January.

All of those efforts climaxed Monday when the district's five elected directors decide whether to ask voters this fall to pay more taxes to build more sports and recreation facilities for a growing population.

According to a recent telephone survey, public opinion still seems to favor a bond request for up to \$86 million, said Joshua Alpert, Portland-based representative of the nonprofit Trust for Public Land, which oversaw the June 1-4 survey of 400 residents.

Survey results generally matched those of a 400-person survey conducted in January, before the nation's economic numbers nosedived and gasoline prices soared. In the January survey, 65 percent said they were willing to support up to \$100 million in bonds, even if that meant \$85 more per year in property taxes.

Alpert said he couldn't release detailed findings from the June poll because pollsters were still analyzing them. But he said very preliminary results indicated the responses would be within 5 percent of the first poll's answers. Both surveys had a 4.9 percent sampling error.

Doug Menke, the district's general manager, said he also was heartened by 64 percent voter approval last month of the Washington County Sheriff's Office enhanced-patrol levy. Much of the territory covered by the sheriff's levy lies within the 55-square-mile Tualatin Hills district.

On Monday, Menke and his staff will present two bonding alternatives to the board.

The first, about \$51 million, would include \$13 million for buying 23 acres for parks, \$9.5 million for redeveloping parks and \$5 million for expanding recreation centers.

At an estimated 19 cents per \$1,000 of property value, the \$51 million would cost the owner of

**What's next**  
**What:** Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District board will discuss whether to place a bond measure on the November ballot.  
**When:** 6 p.m. Monday  
**Where:** Elsie Stuy Center, Manzanita Room, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd., Beaverton

a home valued at \$300,000 for property tax purposes \$57 a year for the bond's 20-year life.

The second proposal would add \$35 million more in bonds, most of which would build another swim center like the district's Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center on Southwest 125th Avenue in Beaverton.

The combined amounts would cost the owner of the

same home about \$96 per year.

The directors' Monday agenda also includes final action to approve the district's \$47 million budget for 2008-09. The figure is \$408,000 — less than 1 percent — above the budget for the current year, ending June 30.

The new budget includes \$5.4 million capital spending from the district's systems development fees levied on new residential and business construction. That amount, \$2.5 million lower than budgeted in 2007-08, will include extending the district's Westside Trail in Beaverton from Schuepbach Park a mile north to the Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

A new half-mile link in the Fanno Creek Trail also will be built from Southwest Scholls Ferry Road west to the former Greenwood Inn site just east of Oregon 217.

## LETTER

### Reviving Melilah Park

Thanks and commendations to Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District employees for their efforts to revive our neighborhood Melilah Park in Aloha.

During the past year they have been upgrading the park, adding a new play structure and swings, cutting back overgrown brush and shrubs and quickly painting over graffiti left by taggers.

Experts know that erasing graffiti quickly is essential to reclaim public spaces. The park department's diligence has made Melilah safer and more inviting.

On a warm evening, it's not unusual to find 40-50 people enjoying our little four-acre park. What a joy! Thank you!

Nancy Zemirah  
Aloha

# Voters still willing to invest in parks

Despite economic downturn, survey shows majority of residents would support \$100 million bond

By **CHRISTINA LENT**  
Of Times Newspapers

The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District received welcome news Tuesday with the results of a second public survey showing high voter support for a proposed capital bond measure in the November general election.

Park district officials were delighted to learn that even with the challenging economic times, park services, trail connections and preservation of natural areas remain a priority voters are willing to invest in.

"We are feeling very good," said General Manager Doug Menke.

He said the results of the second public



**MENKE**

survey were "refreshing" and "a sign of good news."

"The key for me is that this is a great sign our voters are feeling very good about the park system, and they feel strongly about enhancing it and keeping it going," Menke said.

Joshua Alpert, northwest conservation services director with the Trust for Public Land, presented a

preliminary report and recommendation to park district officials earlier this week.

In his report, Alpert said voters within the park district "are still very supportive of a parks ballot measure."

"While support dipped from our initial survey, that dip is still well within the margin

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## Park bond: With packed ballot, park wins over PCC, fairgrounds

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of error, and is considered to be statistically insignificant," Alpert said.

In the first survey conducted in January, support for a \$100 million bond measure was 66 percent, while opposition was 25 percent.

In the most recent survey conducted at the end of May and early part of June, support for a \$100 million bond measure dropped to 63 percent, while the opposition also dropped to 20 percent.

"The biggest change is in those who self-identified as 'needing more information' — up to 15 percent from 4 percent initially," Alpert reported.

The survey also revealed that voters were equally willing to pay either \$85 per average household per year for the \$100 million bond or \$73 per household per year for the \$85 million bond.

When stacked on a November ballot with a \$374 million Portland Community

College funding measure and a \$39 million Washington County Fairgrounds proposal, voters continued to show support of a potential park district's bond.

"Both measures trailed considerably in support from the proposed THPRD measure — 52 percent support for PCC, 41 percent for the fairground and \$62 percent for THPRD," Alpert said.

Funding priorities showed that protecting open space, natural areas and wildlife areas are the No. 1 concern for funding, followed by creating hiking, biking and walking trails; repairing and improving existing parks; and renovating existing and creating new athletic fields and recreational facilities.

Based on results for both scientific phone surveys, the Trust for Public Land advised the park district to place a \$100 million bond measure on the November general election ballot.

The bonds would be sold

over a 20-year term and should include accountability provisions of a citizen oversight committee and independent audits, according to the recommendation.

A full report of the second public tracking survey will be presented during Monday night's park district board meeting.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Elsie Stuhr Center's Manzanita Room, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd.

During the meeting, board members will decide whether to place the proposal on the November ballot. If they approve, their decision will also include a dollar amount and final project list.

Park district leaders are hoping THPRD's history of providing quality recreation opportunities and its reputation for fiscal responsibility will go a long way in earning community support for its first bond measure request since 1994.



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## **Tualatin Hills Parks & Rec invites advisory committee applicants for four positions**

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

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The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is now accepting applications for four positions on its Jenkins Estate/Fanno Farmhouse Advisory Committee. Each successful candidate will serve a two-year term.

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The Jenkins Estate is a 68-acre facility located on the northwest slope of Cooper Mountain. It is on the National Historic Register and is used for weddings, community events and corporate business meetings. Fanno Farmhouse sits on the edge of Fanno Creek in Beaverton.

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# Bond issue won't include center

**Tualatin Hills** | A pollster finds not enough support for a rec facility could doom the measure for natural areas

By **RICHARD COLBY**  
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

BEAVERTON — Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will ask voters this fall for nearly \$100 million in bonds for new parks, more hiking-biking trails, added natural areas and improvements to existing facilities.

But during a two-hour meeting Monday, the five directors dropped a proposed \$30 million community recrea-

tion center that could have been included in the bond proposal.

A California polling firm found that 62 percent of 400 poll respondents endorsed a \$100 million issue when the cost was explained. But only half the respondents favored the center, which could doom the entire measure, a polling consultant told the board Monday.

The telephone poll, conducted June 1-4, was sponsored for the district by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land. It had a margin of error of 4.9 percentage points, said Don Goldberg, a Trust for Public Land representative.

Even though dropping the center gave him "heartburn," board member

Larry Pelatt said, "I want to see a win more than a rec center."

Although district officials hadn't proposed a particular location for the center within the district's 50 square miles, it would have included swimming pools and closely resembled the Conestoga facility near Southridge High School.

Instead, the \$99.7 million bond package — about \$14 million higher than the tentative maximum proposed last month — includes nearly \$15 million for building trail segments, mostly to connect sections of other trails throughout the district.

With a population of about 214,000

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## Bond issue: Natural areas a priority for those polled

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and growing. Tualatin Hills' territory takes in Beaverton and surrounding unincorporated areas of Washington County. The population growth spurred district officials to begin discussing a bond proposal last year.

The bond issue would provide \$12 million for buying land, including woods and wetlands, for natural preservation, such as the district's 222-acre Tualatin Hills Nature Park.

Those two items were priorities among poll respondents, 48 percent of whom listed "protecting open space, natural areas and wildlife habitat" as their first or second choices. Trails were the next-highest

priority, at 42 percent.

The district also would spend \$5 million on developing 10 new athletic fields for youth soccer and baseball and allocate \$4 million for synthetic turf at Cedar Hills Park and Southwest Community Park.

Among other things, the bonds also would allow the district to spend \$6.5 million to upgrade several older buildings to meet current earthquake standards.

For all of it, district property owners over the next 20 years would annually pay an estimated 38 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, or \$76 on a home assessed at \$200,000, starting in November 2009.

The poll also found that 62 percent of district residents would favor the bond request when it competes on the November ballot with a \$374 million bond measure from Portland Community College and a \$39 million measure for Washington County's Fair Complex expansion.

# A restful summer? Keep your eye on these issues

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ummer in Washington County is anything but slow.

So stay tuned. Major public policy and financial decisions are being made even though the weatherman says it's summertime and your body demands a nap.

One such decision was made Wednesday when the TriMet board of directors approved a 25-cent increase in transit fares to cover the cost of inflation and higher fuel prices. The increase goes into effect Sept. 1.

A large fare increase from TriMet may not be popular at a time when a growing number of people are depending on buses and light-rail trains for their daily transportation. But given the financial pressures at work, TriMet had little choice but to substantially raise rates. This is an agency that in the past five years has cut millions from its operational costs while also receiving state approval to tax employers at a higher rate for their share of public transit.

These increases are driven by rising diesel costs, which have soared from a budgeted \$2.31 a gallon a year ago to nearly \$4 a gallon today.

While the fare hikes may foster grumbling among TriMet riders, it is important to remember that the increases are necessary not only to offset rising costs but also to help maintain equity.

Riders presently pay only about 20 percent of the cost of transit service — down from about 26 to 28 percent a decade ago — with a much larger share coming from local employers who fund the agency through a mandatory payroll tax.

Wednesday's fare increase may not be the last time this year that TriMet has to look at what it charges riders. If fuel prices continue to increase the transit agency may be looking at another round of rate increases in the near future.

Here are three other issues that deserve watching:

- The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will soon decide whether to place a park bond measure on the November general election that could total \$100 million. Polling indicates strong voter and taxpayer support for the measure. But the choice for voters is much more than whether parks are valued or whether a parks bond measure would be supported. Voters will have a very personal choice of deciding how much they can afford to pay in taxes. And whether they will support a crowded ballot with funding measures for Portland Community College the Oregon Zoo, improvements at the Washington County fairgrounds and other likely financial measures.

- In the Tigard-Tualatin School District, the question will be whether voters will choose to support renewal of the district's local option tax measure which funds more than 50 teaching positions. For many voters, saying yes to renew a measure is easier than saying yes to approving a new tax. But in a poor economy, no amount of taxpayer support should be taken for granted.

- The city of Beaverton is trying to collect on more than \$850,000 in past due utility payments owed the city by the management association that operates The Round at Beaverton Central. The past-due utility bills are up to a year old and are one more ugly mark against The Round and dealings involving the project's current owner and developer, Dorn-Platz Properties Commercial Investments and the city of Beaverton. The transit-oriented development's checkered past has cost the city embarrassment and taxpayers' money. The city should not have allowed itself to be placed in the position of being owed almost \$1 million. The city needs to urgently collect these past-due bills and, if necessary, take the matter to court.



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## Happy hoop camper

Westview student Lucas Foley, 20, shares a laugh with Brad Franklin, a Gonzaga student and a Westview graduate, during HoopCamp last week at Tualatin Hills Recreation Complex.



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### ■ STATE GAMES:

The State Games of Oregon will be held July 12-13 at sites throughout the Portland metropolitan area. More than 16,000 Oregonians are expected to compete in the 23rd annual Games, with competition due locally at Tualatin Hills, Alpenrose, Northwest Fencing Center, Sunset Athletic Club, Indoor Goals, Sunset Park and Sunset Swim Center. A complete list of events and schedules are available at [www.stategamesoforegon.org](http://www.stategamesoforegon.org) or by calling 503-520-1319.

### THPRD SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES —

Held at neighborhood parks across the district. ■ June 26, 6 to 8 p.m. Garden Home Park: Thad Beckman Trio playing folk/blues. ■ July 1, 6 to 8 p.m. Hazeldale Park: Casey Neill and the Norway Rats playing Americana indie rock and Celtic. Quality music, fun for all ages, free admission. Food and beverages available for purchase. No alcohol allowed.

# Voters will see \$100 million park measure

By RAY FITZ  
Of Times Newspapers

The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will ask voters to approve a \$100-million bond measure in November.

That 20-year bond would be used for renovating facilities, creating new parks, installing two new synthetic fields, trail development, natural area preservation, land acquisition and more.

On Monday night, the park board unanimously approved approaching voters with the measure that would cost an estimated 38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation or roughly \$80 annually on a house of \$211,500, the median assessed value in Oregon.

Telephone surveys in both January and June showed support for passage of a park district bond measure with 66 percent expressing approval during the

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## Bond: Multi-use rec center up in the air

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earlier survey, a number that dipped to 63 percent in the recent survey. However, opposition to the earlier survey was at 25 percent, a number that dropped to 20 percent in the latest survey.

The surveys have a margin of error of 4.9 percent according to Don Goldberg, project manager for The Trust for Public Land, the non-profit organization which commissioned Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates to conduct the poll.

That 63 percent number only went down to 62 percent when voters were told of the cost of the measure, said Goldberg.

He pointed out that the park district bond had more support than a proposed \$374 million Portland Community College bond measure and a \$39 million Washington County Fairgrounds bond to fund expansion projects.

all measures set for the November general election.

When asked about the three money requests, 62 percent said they still favored the park district bond while only 52 percent were in support of the PCC request and only 41 percent said they'd be inclined to approve the fairgrounds request.

Still, the one question that made for a dicey request was adding a new multi-use recreation/aquatic center in the park district. After being told that 30 percent of the bond money would be used for such a purchase, support for the bond dropped to 55 percent, surveyors found.

"We find the public loves new facilities, but they rarely love to pay for them," said Goldberg.

Results of the poll noted that: "Opponents say that the center is essentially (an) expensive swimming pool that will only be used

by a small percentage of community residents, and money raised from this bond measure would be better spent on parks, trails and other facilities geographically dispersed throughout the district."

Goldberg confirmed that the survey showed district residents rating protection of open space, natural areas and wildlife habitat as top spending priorities.

However, board member Larry Pelatt questioned why the district doesn't push for a recreation/aquatic center, pointing out that if half of the 15 percent that list themselves as undecided voters, decide to support such a center, support for the bond would be back to a little more than 62 percent.

He said if the district doesn't make a request for the center now, he's not sure when it will be built. Still, he said he didn't support "sacrificing the win to get the recreation center."

During public comments, Beaverton resident Greg Cody was the only person to offer testimony, saying he believed the negative feedback for the multi-use center was the result of how pollsters phrased the question.

But Joe Blowers, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board president, said he didn't want the issue of building a recreation center to become a "lead anchor that drags the whole bond issue down."

In the end, the board approved spending up to \$5 million to purchase land in the Southwest quadrant of the district that could be used in the future to site such a recreation facility.

The last successful bond measure took place in 1994, an effort that funded such projects as the Conestoga Recreation and Aquatic Center and Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center.

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## Bott, Farr step up at Jr. tourney

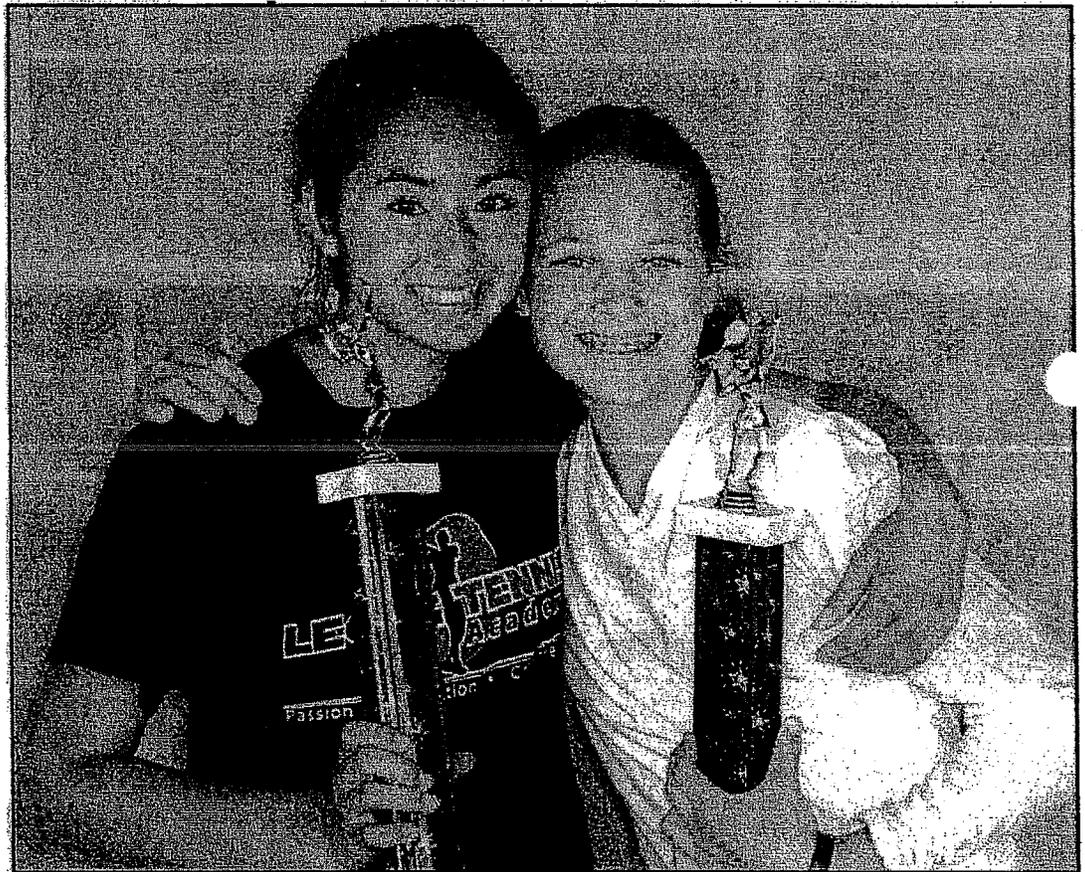
**The two future Southridge High teammates dominate at Tualatin Hills**

BEAVERTON — Two of the Beaverton-area's best young tennis players proved last week that they're just flat-out two of the best around.

Sophia Bott, who will be a freshman at Southridge High School next year, beat Southridge sophomore-to-be Audrionna Farr 6-2, 6-3 to win the girls 16 singles division at the 109th Oregon State Junior Tennis Championships at Tualatin Hills last week.

Bott, with one championship already in hand, then teamed with Farr to win the girls 16 doubles championship, taking out Sasha Carter and Meghan Cassens 6-0, 6-0 in the final.

Bott beat Cassens 6-2, 6-1 in her quarterfinal singles match,



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**CHAMPIONS** — Audrionna Farr (left) and Sophia Bott teamed up to win the doubles title at the Oregon State Junior Tennis Championships at Tualatin Hills last week.

then knocked off Carter 7-6, 6-4 in her semi.

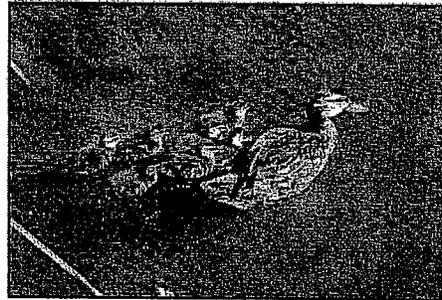
Farr, meanwhile, took out Natalie Allen 7-6, 6-3 in her singles quarterfinal and raced

past Maya Jensen 6-1, 6-1 in her semi.

In the doubles draw, Bott and Farr beat Anna Lambert and Demie Warner 8-5 in their quar-

terfinal, then defeated Belinda Niu (the Class 6A state singles champion for 2008) and partner Katie Edwards 8-4 in their semifinal match.

**LOG ROLLING** — Right, Clean Water Resources Project Manager Peter Guillozet walks on logs that were later used to help shape Fanno Creek channel through Greenway Park.



**CREATURES BIG AND SMALL** — Left, families of ducks, crawdads and other living things make Fanno Creek their home. Below, the sun peaks through the trees Wednesday near Southwest Denney Road.



JAIME VALDEZ / The Times

From a history fraught with pollution and a future framed by challenge, Fanno Creek is on the rebound as a regional treasure.

By **DARRYL SWAN**  
Of Times Newspapers

For the thousands of motorists who traverse the small, unassuming waterway known as Fanno Creek on a daily basis, there is little to inspire more than a passing glance.

The same was true for Eric Lindstrom. Then he got stuck in construction traffic on Allen Boulevard in Beaverton, creating a long enough pause that allowed him



**LINDSTROM**

to ponder the green marker denoting Fanno Creek's passage beneath him.

"The big question was, where does this water come from and where does it go?" Lindstrom recalls.

Over the following year, Lindstrom immersed himself in the nuances of the 15-mile waterway that forms in the Sylvan Hills highlands and spills into the Tualatin River. He attended meetings, introduced himself to activist groups and planners, and dug into Fanno

Creek's geologic context, research that carried him as far back as the Missoula Flood at the end of the last ice age.

"To understand a body of water, you have to understand what's underneath it," he said.

Lindstrom purchased a Rand McNally map, pasted it to cardboard, and used colored pins to mark the places he's visited. He has about 100 places marked so far, dots of green, red, blue and yellow scattered along a blue ribbon that denotes the creek.

Lindstrom, a resident of West Slope, and former educator and professional

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# Fanno: Bacteria levels not as bad as in the 1960s

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photographer, decided in the end that the best way to satiate his curiosity and to fully capture what he was learning about Fanno Creek was to write a book about it.

"I just thought I would learn all I can about this silly little creek," he said, quickly discovering in the course of his research that it's not that silly, and not that little.

## A marked history

Fanno Creek, even for its small girth, at one point in the 1960s was the receiving body for as many as four wastewater treatment plants. Those plants have since been removed, replaced by the \$70 million Durham Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1976, a project that even staunch environmental watchdogs hail as a success.

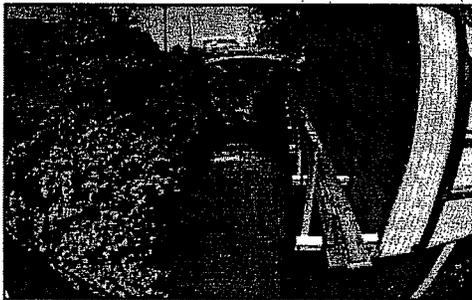
"Fanno Creek improved dramatically, as far as water quality went," said Jan Miller, who works as the water resources program manager for Clean Water Services, the agency that has regulatory oversight of surface waters in Washington County.

In the 1980s, however, the Tualatin River wasn't responding as well as federal regulators believed it should for some pollution parameters, notably phosphorus and ammonia. With added test standards, researchers turned their eye toward the Tualatin's tributaries, including Fanno, discovering that they had their own set of problems.

Fecal bacteria, low levels of dissolved oxygen, high phosphorus and temperatures mixed with low stream flows, especially in the summer months, were prevalent and persistent. In 2001, federal guidelines pushed regulators to further implement programs intended to bring those test parameters in check.

"The bacteria levels are not near as bad as they were in the 1960s, but they're still not good enough that they beat water quality standards," Miller said.

Of the fecal matter, most — 50 percent — originates from waterfowl, she said, with significant contributions from dogs, around 15 percent through Tigard. Less than 1 percent is



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**NATURAL ENEMIES** — Nature meets urban development at this scene in downtown Tigard. Traffic traverses the creek on Pacific Highway in the background. Urban impervious areas are a leading cause of problems for the creek, including high water velocity and water temperature.

human.

A leading cause for the presence of waterfowl fecal matter, research indicates, is that people continue to feed ducks and geese bread. That creates a twofold effect. First, it attracts more waterfowl to the area.

Second, it gives them diarrhea.

Cracked corn is a better substitute. But better yet, Miller said, is if people just left the birds alone.

"What we'd really love to have people do is just watch them, and leave out the feeding part," she said.

While education could be the remedy to cure the creek's bacterial problems, many outstanding dilemmas, especially when examining temperature and water flow, come back to setting.

## Modern challenges

Despite the efforts of surface water planners, Fanno Creek is beset by one inescapable fact — it is surrounded by the most populous region in Oregon.

"It's still an urban creek, and the biggest impact to Fanno Creek is the impervious area," said Brian Wegener, watershed watch coordinator for the Tualatin Riverkeepers.

Impervious areas — parking lots, roads, rooftops — prohibit rainwater from filtering back to groundwater, instead directing it over oily asphalt and into storm drains. If you live in Tigard, all of the 11.7 square-mile city drains directly into Fanno Creek.

Water hits the pavement, makes an all-to-fast beeline to Fanno and the Tualatin rivers, and then it's gone, leaving no chance for groundwater reserves to replenish. The result: flash flooding in winter months and low water flows in the summer.

"It's taken 100 years to get to this situation, and it's going to take a long time to get out of it," Wegener said.

"It's got the most impervious flows in the Tualatin basin," observed Peter Guillozet. Guillozet works as the water resources project manager for Clean Water Services.

Wegener said he is hopeful a redraft of the municipal storm water plan in August will have greater focus on flow and performance standards for the creek than the existing version.

A second, and perhaps more significant, component to stream health seldom broached is the Oregon Department of Water Quality's storm water plan, which historically has had few resources to pursue enforcement against industries that contribute to surface water pollution.

In the upcoming year, Tigard has budgeted \$55,000 to continue work on the regional Healthy Streams Plan, a 2005 Clean Water Services initiative expected to cost \$95 million and take 20 years that is aimed at improving the surface waters in the Tualatin River basin, and, in turn, Fanno Creek.

Carla Staedter, Tigard's surface water quality coordinator, pointed to a rehabilitation effort

along Hiteon Creek, a tributary to Fanno, as progress on the Healthy Streams Plan front.

"If you don't take care of the stuff going into Fanno, Fanno stays dirty," Staedter said.

Where Hiteon Creek flows under Scholls Ferry Road had been bored into deep channels by high-velocity discharges that shoot out in a rush during high rain. The deeper the channel, the less chance for water to escape into the floodplain when necessary, a vicious cycle that further deepens the channels.

"The creek has become isolated from its wetlands," Staedter said. She pointed to a five-pipe outfall further downstream, below which is a channel that looks more fitting for an aquatic amusement park than a small streambed.

By raising the landscape and filtering floodwater through newly planted native tree and foliage species such as grass varieties and hard-stem bulrush, hence eliminating invasive species such as blackberries and garlic mustard that deprive the land of nutrients and root stability, and retrofitting preexisting drainage outfalls, the idea has been to reconnect Hiteon Creek to its floodplain. As the foliage matures, it will create shade, cooling the waters.

Staedter relies largely on cherished volunteers who are too few in number to keep pace with rehabilitation goals.

"This is an example of what we're trying to do to deliver clean water to Fanno," she said.

So far, it's making headway, at least on public lands, the "low-hanging fruit" of the rehabilitation effort, said Guillozet.

The challenge now, he said, is convincing the hundreds of private property owners who control land intersected by Fanno Creek to allow similar projects to proceed.

"That message needs to be packed and presented to the private landowners," he said.

Almost all of the projects to date have played out on public lands. Convincing private property owners to open their land to future projects, and convincing the public to allow public funds, either tax, grant or development fee dollars, to go toward enhancing private land, could prove a major roadblock to upstream improvements.

"That, in a way, is maybe the next frontier for Fanno," Guillozet said. "To succeed, we really need to look at the watershed and what is happening upstream."

## All things to all people

Fanno Creek is a lot of things to a lot of different people. For conservationists, it's an ever-present protection challenge amid increasing demand for commercial and residential space.

Metro, the regional planning agency, is behind a Greenway Trail project that spans five cities, two counties and a host of conservancy and wildlife agencies; all seeking to use the creek as a bridge to link the communities together.

In Beaverton, the Greenway Habitat Plan, a project occurring through the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District in Greenway Park and funded by Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grant, is slated to progress this summer along Fanno Creek's shores to expand on the thousands of tree plantings to date.

For city planners, it's viewed as a centerpiece attraction that could entice commercial developers and visitors to its shores.

Nowhere is this latter concept as prevalent as in Tigard, where a one-mile stretch of Fanno Creek is intended to serve as the natural setting to increase new commercial and residential development along Main and Burnham streets. Metro provided the city with a \$2.5 million grant to build

"green" features into the future street projects. A new porous pavement is planned for some stretches, as cost allows, to decrease the effect of impervious storm water flows.

With development comes increased sensitivity to the health of the creek and nearly three decades of work to bring it back to even a shadow of its pristine self.

Lindstrom meets up as often as possible with the Fans of Fanno Creek, a Portland-based nonprofit that meets at the Fanno Creek Farmhouse — the creek gets its name from the Fanno Family that moved to the area in the 1840s — south of Hall Boulevard, in Heberton. He expects the book to wrap-up within the next year and is hoping it will intrigue prospective readers.

While the presence of submerged shopping carts is nettlesome, to say the least, the creek's passage through encroaching business and commercial centers carries its message.

"Each one of those ludes tells a story," Lindstrom said, comparing the developments as scars that serve as a reminder and excite appreciation for the untouched sections.

When asked what surprised him most about his research into the creek, he said it is the beauty found so easily along its shores.

"I find it all over the place," he said of the beauty.

# Don't underestimate the value of play

**W**e believe there is great value in how people and communities play. Playing well — and not just in terms of wins and losses — should be taken seriously by Washington County and its many communities, the region and local residents. We believe we all should invest in playing better than we play today.

Play defines us as people: Do you strive to improve against great odds, both physical and mental, or do you shirk challenge or responsibility? Do you help others excel through teamwork and shared success? Do you act honorably — even when no one is watching — in life and in sports?



Do you celebrate today's achievements, but seek even greater success tomorrow? Or are you content?

Play equally defines communities. For one, there is pride: Look only to the Trail Blazers, a sports organization that mirrored what was good about Portland for more than two decades before becoming a national embarrassment. Thankfully of late, the team has reclaimed its maturity and civic rudder.

The livability, fitness and passion of a community can be described by how people play: Think running, walking, hiking, biking, kicking, throwing, shooting or catching a ball. Think windsurfing and fishing — or this summer, not fishing.

## Facilities lacking in Portland area

At Community Newspapers, we take play and all forms of sports seriously. Each week in print and every day online, we tell countless stories about how local residents play. This week, in our latest edition of ReThinking Portland, we examine "How We Play." We have found that while there is much to celebrate, Washington County and the region will be challenged to invest in play even more in the future.

This need exists even before the region struggles to accommodate more than 1.6 million additional residents over the next 25 or so years.

Fields, tracks and gyms are in short supply, and many are overused and in need of significant repair. Some communities — such as Sherwood, Tualatin, Beaverton and Hillsboro — are rich in developed park and recreation facilities. Other communities, including Tigard, do not have as many park facilities. Some jurisdictions — the city of Tualatin and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District among them — may soon seek voter support of tax bond measures to fund more recreational facilities.

Beyond facilities, coaching is a spotty problem. Since the adoption of property tax limits in 1990, the coaching of middle school kids has largely been removed from the schools and placed in the hands of volunteer coaches. Most of these coaches are well-meaning parents, but they may not be prepared to coach other kids. In some elite sports leagues, coaches are paid. So if a family can afford the fee, their child gets knowledgeable coaching. But if your family is like most — and cannot afford paid coaches — call in the volunteers.

## Think strategically about sports

We think that recreation, fitness and the benefits of play contribute immensely to Oregon's quality of life. So much so that we think it's time that local governments join with other agencies in the region, as well as park districts, hospitals, health-care nonprofits and schools to make playing a bigger part of the region's strategic plans.

This commitment will take focus and investment. But the rewards can be enjoyed individually and civically.

There are civic models worth inspecting and copying. Beaverton's Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District was honored two years ago as one of the nation's finest by Sports Illustrated magazine. Eugene and the University of Oregon have invested millions of dollars to host this week's U.S. Olympic track and field trials, and in doing so brought the nation to Oregon. Indianapolis has become the Mecca of U.S. amateur sports organizations.

A bit of balance and focus will be required. We should first focus on kids — kids playing well and often. The more children there are at play, the happier and healthier a place Washington County will be.

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## Park and recreation bond is a big deal

The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will ask voters in the November election for \$100 million. Good luck to them with that.

We bought our very modest home in Beaverton nine years ago. In those nine years our property taxes have increased at a nice tidy 40 percent clip.

Funny, our pay has not gone up 40 percent in the last nine years, so we struggle as many folks do to meet our monthly obligations.

I'm sure that the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation

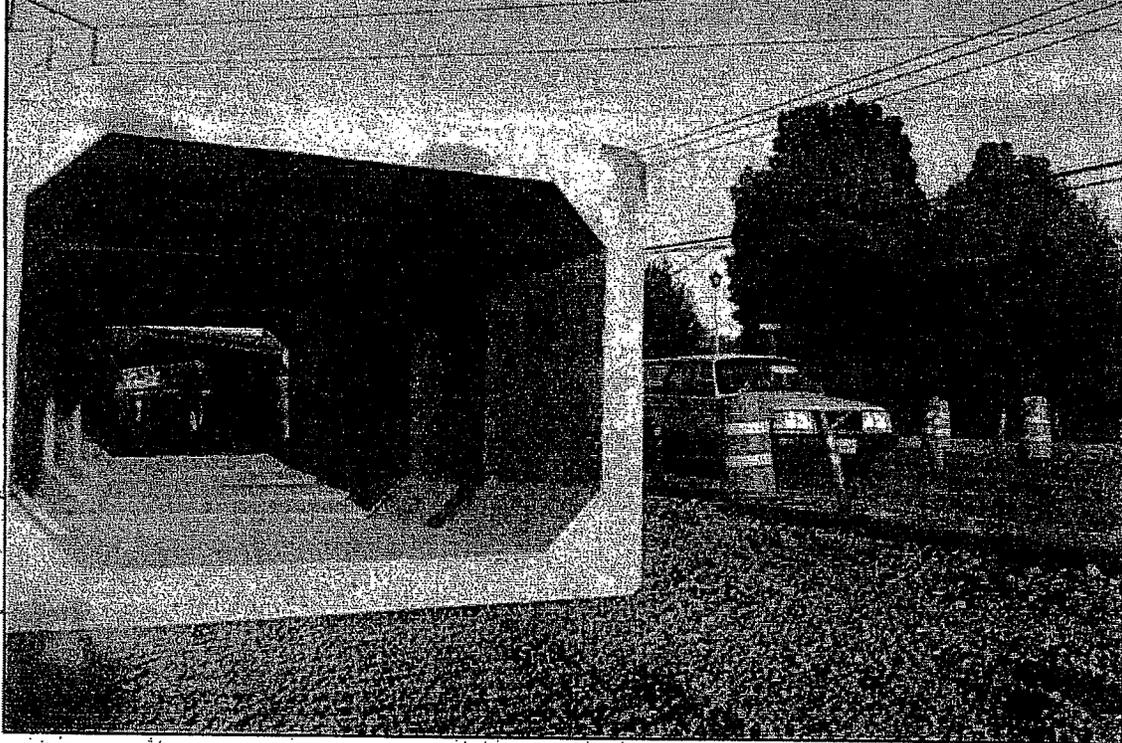
District has a legitimate need for the money they are asking for, but how many times can these bonds get socked to homeowners? In case the district officials have not noticed, gasoline has doubled in price over the last couple of years, and every other service that goes along with being a homeowner has skyrocketed as well. So has natural gas, electricity, water, sewer and garbage service, phone service and so on. How much more can the little guy take until he is forced out of his or her own home?

We are about one more bond away from not being able to stay in our own home, and I am sure many others are in the same boat. These bonds are always presented the same way to the voters like we are a bunch of uneducated dolts. This particular bond, like so many before it, says that it will only cost homeowners 38 cents per each \$1,000 of assessed value, or roughly just another \$80 annually. Just another \$80 — no big deal right? It is a big deal to families that are struggling to pay their monthly mortgage payments, homeowners insurance, and to put gas in their cars so they can get to work to pay for all of that. So, yes, another \$80 is a big deal.

When does it end? We will be voting "no" in the future for any bonds that require us to pony up "just a little bit more" for the cause. If we don't, we'll be homeless and you have to do what you have to do to survive in this day and age.

JAMES MAASS  
Beaverton

**PIPE DREAM** — These 9-foot-by-6-foot concrete culverts were installed June 25 under West Union Road near Deerfield Drive. Plans are to raise the roadway by almost six feet to prevent the wetland flooding that occurs each winter.



RAY PITZ / The Times

## West Union culverts should alleviate seasonal flooding

Road bed is raised five feet and widened to protect nearby wetland area

By **RAY PITZ**  
Of Times Newspapers

Soon motorists using West Union Road won't have to worry about sloshing through torrents of water churning across the roadway between Deerfield and Kahneeta drives.

That's because work has begun on that low-lying portion of the Washington County road with

plans to raise the roadbed, allowing for wetlands water to flow underneath.

Last week, Kerr Contractors' work crews worked all night to install two 9-foot-by-six-foot concrete culvert boxes under West Union to keep water from flooding the road, an event that forced the county to close it numerous times during the rainy season.

Matt Meier, project engineer for the Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation, said there has been a big push from the community to get the road repaired.

"It definitely serves a lot of people," he said of the collector street. "They've been wanting to get that thing fixed for a long time."

Meier said plans are to raise the road bed by five or six feet. The road also will be widened considerably.

"There's going to be a 12-foot travel lane, a 14-foot center lane, and another 12-foot travel lane," he said. Also, sidewalks and road shoulders will be added for the first time, keeping pedestrians out

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## Culvert: Wetlands area drains into Bethany Pond

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of the main thoroughfare between Deerfield and Kahneeta drives.

"Basically we're going to have sidewalks for the entire length (of the project)," said Meier.

That means a new sidewalk will hook up with an old one at the end of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District trail, extending to Deerfield Drive on one side of the road and from Kahneeta Drive to the Mad Greek Deli on the other side.

Meanwhile, large Lego-like concrete blocks are being stacked up to form retaining walls on both sides of the street.

Meier said initial plans were to begin the project last summer

but permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers couldn't be obtained in time. Federal law forbids construction on wetlands areas after Sept. 15, thus delaying the project.

A wetlands area on the north side of West Union drains into a tributary that eventually makes its way into Bethany Pond, located on the west side of 185th Avenue.

"We're looking at probably the first of October for a completion date," Meier said of the road project. "In the next few months we're going to see quite a change out there."

He estimates the project will cost \$2.5 million, all part of Major Streets Transportation Improvement, or MSTIP funds.

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## SUMMER IN THE COUNTY

Getting away to sun and fun  
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# Farmers markets grow families, too

**Fun time** | Shoppers are finding the benefits for their kids can be as good as the produce

By **CANDY PUTERBAUGH**  
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

For Noah and Sarah Rose Bussanich, ages 5 and almost 2, the Beaverton Farmers Market each Saturday is all about the fountain, live music and free samples.

"We always bring the kids," said Troy Bussanich of Sherwood. "It's a friendly environment with healthy produce and a nice family outing. The kids love it."

Farmers markets are a fun way to slip in a lesson about nutrition. While few kids get excited about a trip to the grocery store, they usually like the fun atmosphere of a farmers market.

What's more, the markets are ripe for connecting families as well as consumers and farmers. With the casual atmosphere, friendly vendors, bustling crowds, free samples and fresh air, families are finding that produce and fun can go hand in hand.

The Beaverton Farmers Market started in 1988 as a social gathering place, according to manager Ginger Rapport.

"I'm astonished at how many people I see chatting in groups, reunions of old friends bumping into each other and a huge number of families. The social aspect is still here."

Rapport attributes that social lure to the market's old-fashioned, friendly feel, accessibility and comfort.

"We're a suburban market, not with condos and lofts like an urban one, but with homes and yards," she said. "We sell a ton of plant material — lots of trees. People are looking for vegetable starts, herbs, hanging baskets."

Cindy Westerdahl of Cooper Mountain likes the continuity of shopping every Saturday at the Beaverton Farmers Market. Sometimes her parents come. Daughter Jordan, 6, and niece Katie, 4, both in swimsuits, splash in the fountain before having lunch at the food stalls.

"They do an awesome panini, Vietnamese food and strawberry



Troy and Caryn Bussanich of Sherwood bring their children Noah, 5, and Sarah Rose, almost 2, to the Beaverton Farmers Market every Saturday to buy fruits and vegetables, try samples, listen to live music and play in the fountain.

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SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

## Online

**Oregon Farmers Markets Association:**

[oregonfarmersmarkets.org](http://oregonfarmersmarkets.org)

**Tri-County Farm Fresh Foods Inc.:** [tricountyfarm.org](http://tricountyfarm.org)

**Beaverton Farmers Market:** [beavertonfarmersmarket.com](http://beavertonfarmersmarket.com)

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shortcake here," Westerdahl said. She was buying corn on the cob, blueberries, fresh fruit, gelato and rhubarb for a pie.

As for Jordan: "I like to play in the fountain and like the strawberries and blueberries."

Debbie and George Olsen of Tigard take their grandchildren to the market.

"I like the caramel corn and honey sticks," said granddaughter Morgan, 9, who has been coming for five years. "I like that you can sample things like tea and nuts, and play on the play structure. And I like the man who makes balloon animals."

Ian and Hillary Hampton of Beaverton and son Jude, 1½, were shopping at the market for the first time, having recently moved from San Francisco.

"We're looking for plants and bought a honeysuckle to cover our porch," Ian Hampton said,

pulling the plant in Jude's bright red toy car. "Farmers markets aren't as family-oriented in San Francisco. We'll come back to buy produce weekly."

At the Cedar Mill Farmers Market, arts, crafts and live music attract families. Every Saturday teenage volunteers do free face-painting and make balloon animals for children.

"I love to see parents taking kids around to connect them with the farmers and families growing stuff, such as, 'This is Jason who grew and picked these cherries brought to you today,'" manager Dina Gross said. "One vendor brings beautiful cut flowers and their five kids, from toddlers to teens. The toddlers put together bouquets to sell."

"Kids can put the faces with the food and see the whole family is doing this."

That's true for Chai and Bay Vang of Boring, who are vendors and shoppers at three markets: Boring, Lents and Scappoose. When their five children were younger, they joined their parents at the Scappoose market to help sell products.

Now, "I have two nephews ages 13 and 15 who pick and sell strawberries," Chai Vang said.

"Starting last summer, they didn't want to sell," he said. "So my brother and I started paying them. They earned \$700 each. Now they are part of it, like the adults, and they like it better."

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LETTER

**Simple answer for path**

Simple solutions in life that are so practical, economical and ecological, sometimes become too complex when city planners look at the problem.

That's the case for the city of Beaverton and the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation (District) trying to figure out the pedestrian/bicycle path between the transit center and the Round, around the existing light rail. ("There is no easy path between Transit Center and Round," June 26).

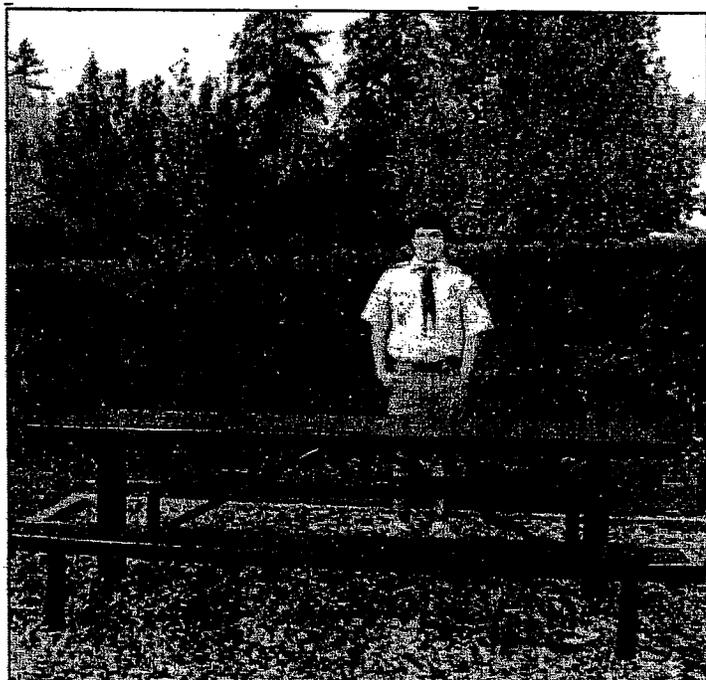
Rather than blowing away three quarters of a million dollars in constructing the footbridge to create a crossing at Hall and Watson streets, create a MAX Fareless Arc like the Portland Downtown Fareless Zone, between the Beaverton Transit Center and the Round at Beaverton Central MAX stations. In

turn, hand over the savings in dollars realized by not constructing the footbridge for TriMet improvements for public safety cameras and other devices to reduce crime and make it community friendly transportation that would enhance livability in Beaverton, a center of Washington County active suburban life.

Pedestrians and bicyclists would take advantage of the Fareless MAX Arc to reach from the Round to the (transit) center without going around the circle of construction and traffic congestion.

Let's think simple eco-friendly solutions and live happily ever after.

Shantu Shah  
Portland



**CEDAR MILL.** | Chris Vennes replaced decaying benches on the sports field at St. Pius X Catholic Church with picnic tables for his Eagle Scout project.

**CEDAR MILL**

**Scout earns Eagle rank with St. Pius project**

When it came time for **Chris Vennes** of Boy Scout Troop 728 to choose a project to earn his Eagle Scout badge, he knew exactly what he wanted to do.

"I really wanted to give back to the St. Pius community," said Vennes, who had attended the church school until sixth grade. The recent Valley Catholic High School graduate also wanted to work outside, and he noticed that benches on the sports field at St. Pius X were getting worn. So he decided to replace them with picnic tables that would benefit everyone in the community.

The job involved coordinating with the business manager at St. Pius X as well as someone at Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, the agency that maintains the fields. As part of his project, Vennes raised \$3,500 to buy the picnic tables and other supplies. He also organized a work party to prepare the site by digging out and leveling three pads, installing wooden frames, pouring cement and spreading wood chips.

Vennes said the most rewarding part of his project is seeing people use it. "I really like going by and seeing a parent sitting at the table reading

a book while her kids play on the playground," he said.

Vennes was officially awarded his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor Ceremony at his high school in May. He plans to attend the University of Portland this fall, where he will major in environmental engineering.



## Tualatin Hills Park & Rec's Party in the Park July 26

Thursday, July 03, 2008

**The Hillsboro Argus**

BEAVERTON - Party in the Park, a daylong festival of free fun for all ages, celebrates its third year on July 26 with a blend of exciting new activities and many crowd pleasers from the past.

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Admission is free. There is a small exhibitor fee for The Classic at T-Hills car, truck and motorcycle show and a participant fee for the Family Triathlon, but viewing the activities is free.

Party in the Park is THPRD's largest community event of the year. It draws several thousand children and adults to the 90-acre HMT Complex, which features facilities for aquatics, tennis, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball and much more.

"Party in the Park has quickly become a major summertime event in the Beaverton area, one that people really look forward to. With even more activities this year, we think it will get even bigger," said Lisa Novak, THPRD superintendent of Programs and Special Activities.

"It's a way for us to emphasize the many sports, activities and facilities we offer throughout the year at the HMT Complex," she said. "But more important, by making this event free, we get to thank the community for helping to make THPRD one of the best park and recreation districts in the nation."

New activities this year include a music and entertainment stage from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring the Beaverton Police K-9 Unit as well as puppet and magic shows. Incorporated into the event is THPRD's popular Concert in the Park series. Between 3:30 and 5 p.m., the Ben Rice Band will perform the blues, followed by Chervona playing neo-folk music.

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# The park and recreation bond is needed to keep providing 'extras'

*(Soapboxes are guest opinions from our readers, and anyone is welcome to write one. Janet Allison is a Beaverton resident and the vice-chairman of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation.)*

I'd like to respond to the letter from James Maass regarding the proposed bond for the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District ("Park and recreation bond is a big deal," Beaverton Valley Times, July 3).

He is right, homeowner and living expenses are rising at an alarming rate. However, he is also right in saying the park district has a legitimate need for the money. Just as in your family budget, the park district's well-thought-out budget is tight and there is no wiggle room for extras. The only way the park district can fund "extras" is to pass a bond measure with the help of the voters.

## SOAPBOX

JANET ALLISON

Currently in the park district budget are necessities that the average park district resident does not think about while watching kids playing soccer or baseball or walking in their neighborhood park. Necessities such as background checks on coaches who will be guiding our children; help for seniors to prepare their tax returns and guide them through the AARP Safety Driver Program; Safety Town, which teaches preschool children things like stranger danger and how to recognize a fireman in full gear and not be afraid in a fire; swimming and diving to keep those Olympic dreams alive; the Rec Mobile which travels bringing activities to children in low-income and

park-deficient areas; assistance to low-income families so they can play sports and sign up for programs and classes, including after-school care; bird and nature watching while exploring the Nature Park, or biking along the trails, or just plain walking in a park. All of these were developed over the years, all the while keeping in mind extra money was needed to purchase property for the future.

I have been a park district volunteer for 31 years and I worked on the campaign to pass the last bond measure in 1994. With that money, the Conestoga Rec/Aquatic Center was built as well as the athletic center on the HMT Complex, and the interpretative center at the Nature Park, and much, much more. These were all extras at the time, and because the voters passed that bond measure, these are now an integral part of what the park district offers — something for everyone.

Before you vote "no" on this bond measure, please do a little research so you can be an informed voter. Go to [www.thprd.com](http://www.thprd.com) and click on the link, "List and Map of Proposed Projects" in the bond measure area. From ADA improvements to expansion and improvements at various aging facilities, from trail development to natural

area preservation, and from athletic field development to purchasing property, these are the extras not in the current budget that are the necessities for our generation and for generations to come.

Will I tighten my belt so I can help fund this bond measure? You bet I will.

## Get on your soapbox

The Times offers a Soapbox to stand on every week on the Opinion page. The Soapbox is a guest column written by any reader on any local issue of public interest. Soapbox entries that are considered in bad taste, libelous or containing blatantly inaccurate information will be withheld. They should be no longer than 800 words (about three double-spaced typewritten pages in length) and should include the signature, the address and the phone number of the writer. Addresses are for verification purposes only. Soapboxes, like letters to the editor, are due Mondays at noon, and they can be e-mailed to [npeterson@commnewspapers.com](mailto:npeterson@commnewspapers.com); faxed to 503-546-0724; or mailed to P.O. Box 22109, Portland, OR 97269.

## LETTERS

## Keep dogs on leashes for their own safety

In our neighborhood it seems like the warmer weather is encouraging more people to take their dogs outside and some are not aware of the leash laws in Beaverton and the dangers to their dogs of being off their leash.

We've had multiple run-ins with off-leash dogs in our neighborhood the last few days, even at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District parks where there are signs at the entrances clearly stating that dogs must be on leashes. These dog owners are not aware of the dangers to their pets.

A year ago we adopted an older dog from the Humane Society, and we take him for daily walks, where he is always on a leash. We've had three

cases in the past year of large, off-leash dogs coming up and confronting our dog.

Our dog is very gentle with children, adults and cats, but he's very dominant with other dogs. Once attacked, he very decisively and aggressively pins and dominates the off-leash dogs. We don't want these dogs to get hurt, and we don't want our dog to get hurt by them. We carefully obey the leash laws and don't have any problems with dogs under proper control.

On our walks we meet other responsible dog owners who keep their dogs on leashes, who also have very dominant dogs. It is not safe for dogs to be off-leash, even when the owners think they can control their dogs. We had multiple cases in the last few days of smaller dogs only being kept from our dog by our intervention. They completely ignored

the calls of their owners.

Another danger these off-leash dogs face is coyotes. I've been out in my front yard at night and seen a pair of coyotes walking right down the middle of our street. A neighbor recently let his dog out into the front yard in the evening and had his dog

attacked and injured by coyotes right in front of him. The leash laws in Beaverton don't just protect others from your dog, they also protect your dog from getting hurt.

DAN LUCAS  
Beaverton

## About letters to the editor

Hey, Times readers, we like to get letters from you, but there are a few rules you need to know. Because our goal is to run every letter we receive from a local person (or about a local subject), they need to be no longer than 300 words, and in the interest of fairness you might be limited to one per month. Letters longer than 300 words (usually about one typewritten page double-spaced) may be edited or returned to the writer to be shortened. We will not publish anonymous letters, and we need addresses to tell where the letters are coming from. This means where you live, not a work address. We don't publish the addresses, but you need to include one. If there's no way you can squeeze your message into 300 words, give yourself up to 800 words, and we'll call it a soapbox. Deadline for letters (and soapboxes) is noon Monday. Send your opinions to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 22109, Portland 97269, or e-mail them to npeterson@commnewspapers.com.

### Park district offers annexation to landowners

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The annexation offer is strictly optional — nothing changes for those who choose not to annex into the park district, said Bob Wayt, park district spokesman.

The park district's ultimate service area spans the city of Beaverton and many unincorporated parts of Washington County. Within that territory are a number of neighborhoods that were developed as non-park district areas.

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*A full version of this story was printed in the July 11 edition of the Hillsboro Argus.*

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Those eligible for the program must have property within the district's "ultimate service area," which it defines as the city of Beaverton and many unincorporated portions of Washington County.

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JONATHAN LARIVIERE / The Times

**RUNS IN THE FAMILY** — The annual family triathlon will again be one of the festive events at Party in the Park.

will perform the blues, followed by Chervona playing neo-folk music.

Among the activities returning from last year is The Classic at T-Hills, a showcase of vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles. The gleaming, immaculately maintained vehicles will be on display starting at 8:30 a.m.

Also back after a successful debut in 2007 is the Family Triathlon, a race that combines swimming, bicycling and running. Two divisions of the

triathlon will be offered: semi-competitive (starting at 9 a.m.) and novice (9:30 a.m.). Participants under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

To enter either event, go to [www.thprd.org/events/partyin-park.cfm](http://www.thprd.org/events/partyin-park.cfm) and click on the appropriate link. Visitors to the Web page will also find a link to a full schedule of activities, including a map of the HMT Complex and locations of specific activities within the complex.

## Hike 'n' Bike raises \$22,000 for park program

Last month's sixth annual Hike 'n' Bike raised more than \$22,000 for the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation to benefit the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's Family Assistance Program.

The program offers up to \$200 per person in recreation fee waivers to those who can't afford the fees.

Susan Bender Phelps, development officer for the park district, said she was very pleased with the event.

"We (raised) \$22,575 on the day of the event and we had a little over \$4,000 in sponsorship," said Bender Phelps.

The event attracted 291 participants who collected between 600 to 700 pledges.

With \$1,400 in pledges collected, Hayden Gambee, 10, of the Westside Metro Soccer Club was the top fund-raiser.

The top group fund-raiser was the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Beaverton Class, which collected

\$8,310 from 105 pledges.

That money will be split between both the recreation assistance program and a program that benefits homeless students in the Beaverton School District.

Karmen Bickel, a member of Leadership Beaverton, said 22 members of the program's 2008 class participated in the event. In addition, the team donated \$10 gift certificates to area restaurants and companies for every \$50 pledged.



JAY FARBMAN

Ribboning through parks, jogging through neighborhoods, slicing through cities, the Fanno Creek Trail is a key connector for Tualatin, Tigard, Beaverton — and beyond.

The time's right to turn "The City That Works" into "The City That Walks" by taking the area's existing trail network and . . .

# connecting.the.(green).dots

**F**rom Portland to Perth to Prague, the story's the same: Energy costs are soaring. Public health is plummeting. Air quality is racing water quality to be the first declared downright dangerous.

It almost seems events actually are conspiring to make us rethink three core elements of modern life.

- Where we live.
- How we live.
- The manner in which we move around.

The response may be fledgling, but all around the world the trend is clear. In city after city, governments are getting engaged in nothing less than the retrofitting of the urban landscape.

Portland is lucky. It got a head start.



JONATHAN NICHOLAS

Inside: Top 20 targeted trails | Page E2

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The urban remodel began here way back in 1905. That was when a cadre of civic visionaries imagined a walking trail that would wrap around the booming young city. Their goal was to connect Portland's most significant surviving open spaces — public parks.

They dubbed their dream the 40-Mile Loop.

By carving connectivity from chaos, trail planners hoped to create a sum much greater than its parts, transforming a mere collection into an actual community.

In fits and starts, through the years, metropolitan Portland has added all sorts of walking bits and bicycling bobs to this network. Yet when we pause to take stock, it's clear the configuration has been cobbled together from little more than

financial crumbs left on the transportation table.

In the past 50 years, less than half of 1 percent of all transportation money spent in the Portland area has been used for trails.

Yet metro-area voters repeatedly pass — by hearty majorities — bond measures to buy more greenspaces.

They do so not because they have an inordinate fondness for flower beds. They do so surely because they increasingly recognize the crucial role greenspaces play as urban refuges, as locales for carbon sequestration, as watersheds and as wildlife corridors.

So the time now has come for the most innovative — and most expensive — idea of all: Connecting the green dots.

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David Bragdon is high on connectivity and low Please see **WALKING**, Page E2

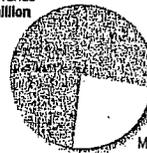


## Trail funding

Since 1993, agencies have spent \$79 million developing the Portland region's emerging trail system.

Federal funds  
\$60 million

State lottery revenues  
\$2 million



Metro's greenspace bond measures  
\$17 million

ERIC BAKER/THE OREGONIAN

You used to have to be a Superman to find trail links through Portland-area neighborhoods. An ambitious plan looks to change all that.

STEPHANIE YAO/THE OREGONIAN/2007

# Walking: Blue-ribbon panel will ID funds, strategy

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on patience. The president of Metro, the area's regional government, says that at the current rate of progress the region's proposed trail system will not be complete until 2098. He's just appointed a Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails and given the group more than marching orders. He's given them a deadline. He wants their report by October.

The committee's charge is twofold:

- Evaluate just where regional trails fit in the long list of metropolitan priorities.
- Recommend potential strategies for expanding and paying for, the region's emerging trail network.

Bragdon is no starry-eyed, khaki-shorted, great blue heron-hugging tree cuddler. He's an arch-urbanist. His idea of a stunning view is a bus pulling into a station on time to make its connection with a waiting train. But last summer, Bragdon convened in Portland a Connecting Green summit. He wanted to get people talking about a radical new way of looking at regional economic development.

Bragdon insists that modern, successful city-state economies have moved beyond a time in which people assembled where the jobs were. He's convinced that people now choose where they want to live ... then the jobs follow.

Where people want to live, he says, is in a city in which they can feel connected, from where they sleep to where they work, shop and play — connected by an accessible network of walking trails, bicycling paths and mass transit options.

The metro area's regional trail system now embraces 25 cities and four counties within the Portland/Vancouver region. Planners have been dreaming for years about inte-

their labors is the astonishing vision that Bragdon just presented to his blue-ribbon brigade — a 950-mile network that would place every metropolitan Portlander living and working, shopping and going to school within a half-mile of an urban trail.

The big question: How will we pay for it?

Four out of every 10 people in the Portland area live too far away to comfortably walk to a neighborhood park. For those fortunate enough to have ready access to park property, what they encounter when they get there is land where more than half has been deforested.

That means land that, even though it's greenspace, is not cleaning our air, not cleaning our water, not ameliorating global warming, not even serving as good wildlife habitat.

As if all this weren't bad enough, what greenspace we have is linked by a hopelessly disjointed array of trail segments more noteworthy for its gaps than its greatness.

What that means is that we have something like 600 miles of missing pieces. The tab, including buying rights of way from willing sellers and building trails, could run as high as \$1 billion. Which explains why Bragdon knew exactly who he needed for his blue ribboners: Big Thinkers.

Under the leadership of Dave Yaden, the group includes the usual meat and potatoes — business executives and elected officials. But they're spiced with a pinch or two of creative types. Their collective challenge is to craft a plan to change both the amounts this region spends on trails and the rate at which it spends them.

That can only happen if the region taps into fresh sources of funding.

A few early ideas to get them started:

- The upcoming reauthorization of the federal Transportation Act will afford opportunities for dramatically expanding the kind of projects that can qualify for transportation funding.
- Look for more money for trails to come from federal health funding, from fitness

from climate-change and clean-air funding.

- Build on the success of the federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program. The Rails to Trails Conservancy is urging a \$2 billion plan under which 50 cities would each get \$50 million to lure people away from their automobiles. Portland is ideally positioned to be first on this list.

- Ours is a rare metropolis bordered by vast swathes of federal land. Trail links to Uncle Sam's trees could be funded in part by the Forest Service.

- The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which receives more than \$60 million in lottery proceeds each year, could play a much more significant role as a maker, marketer and maintainer of urban trails.

- Who could fail to fall in love with a ballot measure for regional trails in 2010?

Can Portland really change itself from "The City That Works" to "The City That Walks"? The challenge is as huge as the concept is visionary. Even a cursory glance through trail proposals suggests a mind-numbing range in everything from design and development costs, through likely intensity of use, to environmental bang for the civic buck.

Yet a common thread runs through all: Each proposed trail already boasts a cast of classic Portland characters, committed citizen activists, working on its behalf.

They already are convinced that in the city of tomorrow people will embrace the notion of walking and bicycling, connecting with buses and trolleys and streetcars and trains, to get them almost everywhere they want to go. They'll do so because they'll feel much happier and healthier living this way. And because they'll feel like better shepherds of our little slice of the planet, too.

The goal, you might say, is historic. To make Portland in 2045 look like it looked in 1845: the perfect place for pioneers.

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## TOP 20 TARGETED TRAILS

To see photos and other details of Metro's top 20 targeted trails, go to: [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov). Enter "Blue Ribbon" in the search field and follow the links.

*Percentages indicate amount of trail already built. Dollar amounts are informal estimates of completion costs, including land acquisition.*

**Columbia Slough**  
Major east-west corridor boasts rich cultural ties to aboriginal trails. Way prettier than it sounds.  
21 miles  
28 percent built  
\$13 million

**East Buttes Loop**  
Connects people with parks, schools, jobs and the distinctive forested bumps that burst from Portland's east side.  
13 miles  
0 percent  
\$16 million

**Fanno Creek**  
Celebrates a signature urban stream while disguised as a commuting corridor for Tualatin, Durham, Tigard and Beaverton.  
19 miles  
60 percent  
\$45 million

**Forty-Mile Loop**  
Historic "hub" wraps around the region linking to neighborhood "spokes."  
102 miles  
80 percent

\$25 million  
**Gresham/Fairview**  
Knits east Multnomah County folks into fabric of workplaces and way cool picnic spots.  
6 miles  
56 percent  
\$4 million

**Hillsdale to Lake Oswego**  
If the Hillsdale farmers market has run out of organic onions, walk on down to the one in Lake Oswego.  
5 miles  
80 percent  
\$10 million

**Mount Hood Connection**  
Hike or bike from mild to wild.  
30 miles  
0 percent  
\$30 million

**Oregon City Loop**  
Think John McLoughlin on a tandem. The end of the Oregon Trail's funnels into a family of paths to Portland.  
16 miles  
0 percent  
\$19 million

**Path to the Pacific**  
City to surf, with Stub Stewart State Park along the way.  
127 miles  
0 percent  
\$39 million

**Portland Demonstration Project**  
Boosts trail use by crafting bike boulevards, calming traffic and

coaching couch potatoes. You like social engineering? Here comes the full meal deal.  
34 miles  
0 percent  
\$150 million

**Rock Creek**  
Scenically exposes Sillcon Foresters to technology of unvirtual trees.  
11 miles  
25 percent  
\$8 million

**A Sandy River Runs Through It**  
Scenic chute from city to Columbia River Gorge.  
5 miles  
0 percent  
\$11 million

**Scouter Mountain/Mount Scott**  
Makes cycling and strolling viable within an emerging population center.  
15 miles  
0 percent  
\$45 million

**Sullivan's Gulch**  
High-volume commuting corridor connects east side to downtown. Amsterdam, eat your heart out.  
7 miles  
0 percent  
\$16 million

**Tonquin Trail**  
Mr. Wilsonville, Mrs. Sherwood, Ms. Tualatin: May I introduce you to the southwest suburbs?  
18 miles  
0 percent

\$26 million  
**Trolley Trail**  
Marries the ingénue that is Milwaukie to the Springwater Corridor's leading man.  
7 miles  
0 percent  
\$3 million

**Tualatin River Greenway**  
Seen at last! The Tualatin, the river long thought invisible.  
6 miles  
5 percent  
\$5 million

**Westside Wonder**  
North/south corridors link people to parks, jobs and town centers in Washington County.  
21 miles  
18 percent  
\$47 million

**Willamette Greenway North**  
Go north, young Eastbank Esplanade. Riverfront connections from downtown to Linnton and North Portland.  
23 miles  
0 percent  
\$40 million

**Willamette Greenway South**  
From Portland through Lake Oswego to Wilsonville. Mmmm, I can almost taste the wine country already.  
22 miles  
0 percent  
\$75 million

— Jonathan Nicholas

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### Oregon cities plan more bikeway projects as cycling increases

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Weird road-rage incidents involving motorists and cyclists have dominated the local news lately, but they're just signs of the bigger story: Bicycling has grown into a vital part of the region's transportation system.

The recent run-up in gas prices has only accelerated the decadelong growth in cycling sparked in large part by Portland's decision in the early 1990s to build a bikeway network.

The big increase in cycling — which has made interaction with cyclists a daily occurrence for most motorists in Portland — could be just the beginning.

Seizing on the current wave of interest in "green transportation," local and regional officials are pushing major bikeway projects they hope could drive another big increase in cycling.

They hope that creating a dense network of bike and pedestrian trails in the region and low-traffic "bike boulevards" on city streets will provide alternatives to driving while also reducing some of the bike-car conflicts that have frustrated motorists and cyclists.

"There's a fundamental shift going on," said Metro President David Bragdon. For the first time, all levels of government are showing interest in what he calls nonmotorized transportation.

Nowhere is that shift more visible than in Portland, where a survey last year found that 6 percent of residents usually travel by bicycle. Officials expect this year's numbers to be even higher.

Commissioner Sam Adams, who was elected mayor in May with the political support of cycling advocates, is pushing a major street maintenance package that would include \$24 million to nearly quadruple the city's network of bike boulevards.

The boulevards are largely residential streets that use diverters, signage and other treatments aimed at providing good through routes for cyclists while discouraging all but local motorized traffic.

Adams says the boulevards are needed.

"Cars are afraid of hitting bikes, bikers are afraid of getting hit by cars, and there are more bikes than ever sharing the road," he said. "This system we have in place here is not adequate to meet the needs of all the right-of-way users."

Adams is trying to pitch his plan as a benefit to drivers by shifting much of the bike traffic off major arterials.

Meanwhile, Bragdon has formed a committee that will give him a list of priority trail projects the Portland region could move on quickly if money comes from new state and federal transportation proposals. Congress will begin work next year on reauthorizing the federal transportation program, a once every four- or five-year effort that sets the nation's transportation priorities. Bicycling advocates have more sway in that effort than ever before.

Sen. James Oberstar, D-Minn., an avid cyclist who says he wants to convert the "hydrocarbon economy to the carbohydrate economy," now chairs the House Transportation Committee. And the bill will go through a House subcommittee chaired by Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., who represents bike-friendly Eugene and says he is the only former bike mechanic in Congress. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., is the first major presidential candidate to promote cycling in his policy platform, and bike industry leaders recently hosted a fundraiser for him.

Meanwhile, Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski is working on his own package for the 2009 Legislature to create what he calls the "greenest transportation system in the country."

#### Two-wheeler highways

Though trails are more expensive than on-street bikeways, advocates say they can act as highways for bicycles, providing car-free routes that are particularly attractive to less-experienced riders. They are also important in the suburbs, which tend not to have dense street-grid systems as in Portland, where cyclists

can get to their destinations on quieter roads.

Bragdon said the committee is looking at trails that serve recreational and commuting needs. For example, he'd like to pave the Springwater Corridor Trail beyond Gresham -- taking users to the foot of the Cascades. Another proposal to build a trail from the Gateway District through Sullivan's Gulch could funnel thousands of bike and pedestrian commuters downtown, he said. And he noted that the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District sent a \$100 million bond measure to the November ballot that includes money for trails for both recreation and transportation.

The money to accomplish any of this is uncertain, particularly as there are big transportation shortfalls at all levels of government and voters are wary of ideas like raising the gas tax when they already pay so much at the pump.

Adams said he knows his road maintenance proposal will be a hard sell with voters already feeling pinched by high gas prices. He said he will receive results this week of a new poll gauging voter interest in the road maintenance package, which would cost \$464 million and be financed by a fee added to water and sewer bills. Homeowners would pay \$4.54 a month, and businesses would pay based on their size and vehicle trips they generate.

Adams has already sidelined the package once after opponents threatened to refer it to the May ballot. Even if he doesn't go ahead with the full package, Adams said, he will still push to build additional bike boulevards -- many of which can be done at a minimal cost.

### **Bicycle diplomacy**

While cycling advocates and their allies in government are looking for more money for bikeways, they're also working to improve relations out on the street.

Scott Bricker, executive director of the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, said the road-rage incidents that receive so much media attention are rare and run counter to the "high level of respect" he sees from motorists when he's out bicycling around town.

Still, his group has launched an "eye to eye" campaign aimed at encouraging motorists and cyclists to be more courteous and to obey the law.

Most do. The disquiet among cyclists and motorists belies the fact that Portland's streets have become safer over the past decade. Greg Raisman, a traffic safety specialist for the city, said overall traffic deaths have dropped from 59 in 1996 to 29 in 2007, and traffic-related injuries have dropped as well.

During that time, the city has done a lot to slow traffic speeds, including expanding the use of photo radar and red-light cameras, and installing more speed bumps. The city, which put in its first speed bump in 1991, now has 1,050 of them, according to Will Stevens, the traffic-calming manager for Portland's Office of Transportation.

Police also regularly conduct stings at intersections to catch both motorists and cyclists who run red lights and stop signs, which Raisman said are high on the list of crash causes.

Tom Vanderbilt, author of the upcoming book "Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do and What It Says About Us," said people fall into predictable habits on the road and find it hard to accept a changing mix of users.

"We're having to make so many decisions at such speed," he said, "there is a lot of room for stereotyping and habit formation just to prevent us from being overwhelmed."

Adams, who will become mayor in January, said part of his job will be continuing to jawbone Portlanders to drive and ride more courteously.

"Sorry, it's trite but true: Share the fucking road, people," he said. "And when it's hot out, understand that everyone is a little irritable."

Jeff Mapes is the author of the upcoming book "Pedaling Revolution: How Cyclists Are Changing American Cities," to be published next year by Oregon State University Press.

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FAMILY

# Blogs and books help parents to teach green

**Earth | Heather Hawkins and Renee Limon offer reduce-reuse-recycle tips**

By **JENN DIRECTOR KNUDSEN**  
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

Anna Hawkins is an accomplished astronaut. She fashions rockets out of 2-liter plastic soda bottles or a cardboard box, then blasts off to space.

"Two people could fit into the box," said Anna, 6, on a recent visit to her launching pad — er, family garage — in Southwest Portland that doubles as a comprehensive recycling center. She's quick to clarify her mission: "It doesn't really go to space. It's just a box."

It's no surprise that Anna, raised to reuse and recycle, would get creative with household items.

"The downside about having a 'reuser' is that they have to reuse every bit of plastic," joked Heather Hawkins, 37, referring both to her daughter Anna and son Jack, 3.

But better a reuser than a waster. Becoming a "green parent," as Hawkins is, can foster such an attitude in kids.

Hawkins and longtime friend and neighbor Renee Limon are at the forefront locally of a green parent movement. Along with other individuals and organizations, they are working to inspire green-living practices in families.

And the movement isn't limited to the reduce-reuse-recycle crazy Northwest, either.

Jenn Savedge, 35, a mother of



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Maddie Limon (left) and Anna Hawkins, both 6, fashion rockets for space flight out of recyclables in the Hawkins' family garage.

two young daughters in Luray, Va., recently published "The Green Parent: A Kid-Friendly Guide to Earth-Friendly Living" (Kedzie Press, 2008). And she writes about green parenting research, ideas and efforts on her blog, <http://thegreenparent.blogspot.com>.

"A lot of these things aren't new; some of these things our grandparents were doing" during the Great Depression, Savedge said. They conserved all they could, simply to get by: money, food, clothing, energy.

"But," she added, "I don't think anyone (then) would say it was for the planet."

Savedge schools her eldest child, Emily, 5, in conserving energy — an amorphous notion to a young child — by assigning her Light Patrol. Emily turns off the lights when not in use and loves this job, Savedge said.

"We don't waste that light," Savedge says she tells Emily. "And this is your job because it's your planet, too."

Savedge acknowledges all the information now available to parents about coloring their families a deeper shade of green can seem overwhelming.

"There are days I wouldn't even call myself green," she said, noting her Nov. 7, 2007, post, "Eco Confessions of a 'Not-So-Green' Parent."

"We occasionally drive through McDonald's, like other people do."

What's key, she and others say, is fitting in what you can.

Limon, mother of daughters Maddie, 6, and Mirabelle, 4, and blog partner Hawkins have felt similarly for years. The pair completed the Portland Office of Sustainable Development's nine-week Master Recycler Program and go into classrooms to chat with students about green living.

The moms' blog, [www.environmentmom.com](http://www.environmentmom.com), is full of ideas, links, stories, readers' comments and challenges, such as reducing the family's garbage to one pail a month.

Green-parenting resources aren't limited to the written word, though.

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Nature Park Interpretive Center offers classes and sponsors events for parents and children on the 222-acre site.

Families participate together to promote parents modeling and kids emulating "learning to

## A green parent's starter kit

### Resources

- Environment blog: [www.environmentmom.com](http://www.environmentmom.com)
- The Green Parent blog: <http://thegreenparent.blogspot.com>
- Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Nature Park Interpretive Center's parent-child classes and events go to <http://tinyurl.com/5zkt05> or call 503-629-6350.

### Tips for reusing

Here are ways to put your family's toilet paper and paper towel tubes to new use instead of or before recycling them:

- Donate old toilet paper or paper towel tubes to a school or library for use in craft projects.
  - Use toilet paper tubes as packing material.
  - Give tubes to your pet hamster or bird — or to a friend's — to play with.
  - Store holiday lights and prevent tangles by rolling them around paper towel tubes.
  - Attach two or three toilet paper and/or paper towel tubes together to make an art organizer that can hold pens, paintbrushes, markers and other supplies.
  - Use tubes in a craft project, such as decorating toilet paper tubes to create puppets.
- Source: The Green Parent blog, <http://thegreenparent.blogspot.com>

love and care for nature," said Bruce Barbarasch, the district's superintendent of natural resources and trails management.

Beaverton mother Kathleen Corbett thinks it is important to be engrossed in nature rather than TV on weekends, so she sends her children to an outdoor camp held each Sunday. Corbett's children, Ashley, 11, and Cameron, 8, and other campers visit trails such as those at Hoyt Arboretum.

Most important, Corbett said, are the lessons. "They're not a unit study; they become lifelong learning opportunities."

**ROCK CREEK/  
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**Party in the Park full  
of summertime fun**

The warm weather and sunshine aren't the only things that mark the beginning of summer in Washington County. The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District invites you to celebrate summer with its largest community event of the year, the Party in the Park on Saturday at the Howard M. Terpenning Complex at Southwest 158th Avenue and Walker Road.

The free event offers something for everyone, including inflatables, arts and crafts, music and entertainment, clinics and demonstrations.

The festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Classic at T-Hills, a classic car and motorcycle show. The entertainment begins at 11 a.m. on the Music and Entertainment Stage, where the Beaverton Police K-9 Unit will offer demonstrations, followed by puppet and magic shows, a performance by the Get a Life Marching Band and musical acts.

Sports activities include "Recess for All Ages," drop-in basketball, volleyball, badminton and pickleball games, lacrosse clinics from the Portland

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LumberJax and the Junior Baseball state tournament. An open swim at the Aquatic Center will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

Families are invited to participate in the Family Triathlon, which offers two levels for nontimed races, a novice level (50-yard swim, 2-mile bike course and half-mile run) and semi-competitive (100-yard swim, 4-mile bike course and 1-mile run).

There is a small fee to participate in the Family Triathlon, and you can register online. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.

— Angella Foret Diehl

**OPINION | LETTERS**

**Parks deserve cash**

I'd like to respond to the letter from James Maass regarding the proposed bond for the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ("Asking too much," July 10).

He is right. Homeowner and living expenses are rising at an alarming rate. However, he is also right in saying the park district has a legitimate need. Just like your family budget, the park district's budget is tight. The only way the district can fund "extras" is to pass a bond measure with the help of voters.

The park district budget includes necessities that the average resident does not think about: background checks on coaches who will be guiding our children; help for seniors to prepare their tax returns; Safety Town, which teaches preschool children things like stranger danger; the Rec Mo-

bile that brings activities to low-income children.

I have been a park district volunteer for 31 years, and I worked on the campaign to pass the last bond measure in 1994. Before you vote "no" on this bond measure, please do a little research. Go to [www.thprd.com](http://www.thprd.com) and click on the link "List and Map of Proposed Projects" in the bond measure area. From ADA improvements to expansion and improvements at aging facilities, from trail development to natural area preservation, and from athletic field development to purchasing property, these are the extras that are the necessities for our generation and for generations to come.

Tighten my belt so I can help fund this bond measure? You bet I will.

**Janet Allison**  
Vice chair, Tualatin  
Park Four.

Valley Times, Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Park district gets party going Saturday**

Several thousand people are expected to attend the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's annual Party in the Park celebration Saturday.

The daylong festival is the park district's biggest community event of the year.

The community celebration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard Terpenning Recreation Complex at 158th Avenue and Walker Road.

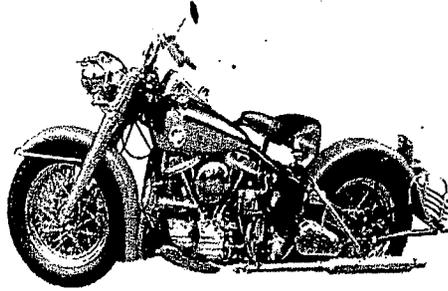
It will feature a broad range of activities for children, adults and families. Admission is free to all activities, most of which start at 10 a.m. or later.

Children's activities include giant inflatables, climbing walls, arts and crafts, face painting, the Rec Mobile, Beaverton Police K-9 Unit demonstration, and puppet and magic shows.

The celebration also features a concert with blues and neo-folk music, a performance by the Get A Life Marching Band and The Classic at T-Hills collector car, truck and motorcycle show.

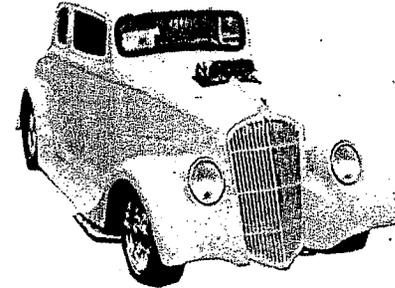
Sports activities, most notably the Family Triathlon, open swims, and tennis and lacrosse clinics will also be held.

For a full schedule and map of activities, visit [www.thprd.org/events/partyinpark.cfm](http://www.thprd.org/events/partyinpark.cfm).



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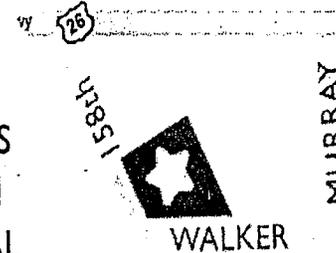
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