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THPRD TAKES STEPS TO INCREASE CREDIT CARD SECURITY FOR PATRONS

Starting June 1, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will no longer accept credit card payments over the phone. Patrons will still be able to register for classes and activities over the phone, but payments will have to be made through the online registration system (using www.thprd.org) or in person at a THPRD center or the Administration Office within two days.

“This will be the first step in process improvements we are implementing for credit cards to make our systems more secure for our patrons and the district,” said Ann Mackiernan, chief financial officer.

Other steps required to become compliant with payment card industry standards include switching to encrypted credit card readers, adding a new layer of protection to the district’s firewall to protect data flow in and out, and adding continuous electronic monitoring to detect/prevent intrusions. There are many smaller actions to implement as well, Mackiernan said.

Patrons still enrolling by phone with a credit card currently are being forewarned of the upcoming change. Staff began doing it on the first day of spring registration, March 4, and have continued the process during registration for summer classes and camps, which started April 22. The district is communicating the change to patrons in multiple ways.

About THPRD

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call 503-645-6433.

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