

# **AGENDA**

## **City of Oregon City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

**Pioneer Community Center  
615 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Oregon City, OR 97045**

**Regular Meeting  
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes – October 27, 2008 regular meeting
3. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda
4. General business:
  - a. OC 150 Sesquicentennial celebration – tree planting event update
  - b. Future projects/funding needs
  - c. PRAC member terms
  - d. Other general business
5. PRAC member reports
6. Director's report:
  - a. Projects update
    1. Jon Storm Park/Willamette Trail
    2. Debris Boom
  - b. Recreation Services update
  - c. Parks maintenance update
  - d. Other
7. Next meeting date – January 26, 2009
8. Adjournment

**Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Oregon City**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday, October 27, 2008**

**Pioneer Community Center**  
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**Attendance**

**PRAC members:** Shawn Dachtler, Ted Schumaker, Martha Sumption, Marty Bertsch, Bryan Watt

**Excused members:** Karen Andrews, Dan Kromer, Steve McAdoo, Sarah Eubanks

**Staff:** Scott Archer, Community Services Director; Larry Potter, Parks & Cemetery Manager; Denise Kai, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

**Guests:** Christine Rumble (and guests), Dave Seward, Britt Tucker and members of the Oregon City High School Construction Class

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to order: Chair Ted Schumaker called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
2. New PRAC member Bryan Watt was introduced and welcomed to the Committee.
3. Approval of minutes – September 15, 2008 regular meeting: approved as written.
4. Citizen comments on issues and items not on the agenda:
  - a. Dave Seward, who operates the Tri-City Softball organization and contracts field maintenance services for the Oregon City Youth Sports association, spoke about the maintenance issues at the Wesley Lynn ball fields. He feels the fields need additional field conditioner. Would be interested in working with the City on a solution to purchase and apply the material. Estimates it would cost around \$5,000 for the product. Might seek the funding participation of OCYS.

Larry Potter indicated that he has had soil samples done and the maintenance division has been continuing to work on improving the fields within available resources. The cooperation of the associations/users of the fields is going to be needed to install this level of maintenance. Staff will work with Dave and the associations on continuing to seek solutions.
5. General business:
  - a. Chapin Park brick garden proposal – OCHS student senior project:  
Oregon City High School senior student Christine Rumble presented a proposal to do a brick garden at Chapin Park near the new snack shack location. This would be for her senior project. Bricks will be sold for \$40 each, with all proceeds going to the Clackamas Children's Center. The project proposal has been reviewed and is supported by department staff.

***PRAC unanimously approved a motion to support the proposed project.***

**b. OCHS Construction – update on Wesley Lynn shelter project:**

Britt Tucker, instructor, and the current students from the program were introduced. Since the last time they updated PRAC, they have completed much of the planned improvements at Wesley Lynn, including construction of the new pergolas and walkway. Scott Archer reported that OCHS Construction received the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's 2008 Voluntary Service Award at the annual conference recently for their outstanding volunteer efforts which have greatly enhanced and improved Oregon City Parks through the numerous projects completed over the past several years.

Britt and the students presented a detailed model of the proposed picnic shelter planned for this coming year as the final phase of their Wesley Lynn improvements. The OCHS construction class received a City of Oregon City Metro Enhancement Grant to support completion of the project. As with all of their other projects, students will seek donations of materials and funds needed, and are in the process of applying for city building and site planning approvals. A number of detail questions were asked by PRAC members, and discussed by the class. The presentation was well received and supported by PRAC. Mr. Tucker and the students will continue to work with staff on final details.

**c. Glen Oak Road-High School area park property acquisition:**

Scott Archer reported that the acquisition has been completed and the City now owns the approximately 9-acre site. There were some questions and discussion as to how the property would be managed in its current undeveloped state. Also discussed was the idea of a volunteer cleanup of the property in conjunction with the OC 150 celebration.

**d. OC 150 Sesquicentennial celebration – tree planting event update:**

Ted Schumaker and Shawn Dachtler have been asked by Mayor Norris to lead this event as part of the City participation in the statewide Sesquicentennial celebration. They reported that there is \$5,000 allocated to plant 150 trees around the city. They are looking for recommendations on locations. Ted asked that this be a continued agenda item.

**e. Future projects/funding needs:**

Scott Archer presented a 5-year parks and recreation capital funding needs estimate for discussion. The range totals from between approximately \$7 million to \$17.5 million, depending on what items are included, etc. Scott would like to begin looking at planning for potential funding sources to complete the needs, including a bond measure. With the recent completion of several major projects, the SDC funds have been significantly expended and the collections have slowed due to the decrease in sales of new houses. PRAC requested this be a continued agenda item.

**f. PRAC member terms:**

Three PRAC members' terms will expire at the end of the calendar year – Shawn Dachtler, Ted Schumaker, and Karen Andrews. Shawn is in his second term, and intends to request an exception from Mayor Norris for appointment to a third term. Karen has indicated to Scott that she does not intend to apply for a second term. Ted is interested in applying for a second term.

**g. Other general business: none**

6. PRAC member reports:

a. Bryan Watt indicated that he spoke with the vendor of the slide regarding the starting blocks issue at the swimming pool. He would like to continue looking in to the issue of replacing the starting blocks. Denise indicated there are still a number of items that need to be taken in to account to consider this.

7. Director's report:

a. Three ORPA/NRPA awards were recently received by the department:

1. ORPA Volunteer Service Award – Oregon City Construction, OCHS
2. ORPA VIP Endorsement Award
3. NRPA Pacific NW Region Young Professional Award – Denise Kai

b. Project updates were provided on the following:

1. Jon Storm Park/Willamette Trail
2. Debris Boom

c. Recreation Services update – Denise Kai distributed the written reports and provided updates on recreation services.

d. Parks maintenance update – Larry Potter provided a brief update on parks maintenance activity.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

## **Oregon City Parks & Recreation**

### **5-Year Capital Funding Needs\***

*\* Draft for discussion purposes - all costs are estimated*

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| • Pool study recommended renovations to meet community needs and extend life of pool by another 30 years          | \$1.2 - \$2.8 M |
| • Deferred parks maintenance - trails, pathways, equipment, restrooms (Rivercrest changing room updates), etc.    | \$750K          |
| • Chapin Park improvements (existing MP)  | \$500K          |
| • Wesley Lynn Phase 2 (current & future MP)   | \$500K - \$1M   |
| • Canemah Children's Park improvements (existing MP)  | \$250 - \$500K  |
| • Filbert Run Park (future MP)  | \$500 - \$750K  |
| • Glen Oak Rd Park (future MP)  | \$1.5M - \$2M   |
| • Pioneer Community Center improvements   | \$500-\$750K    |
| • Miscellaneous improvements/additions – existing parks, trail connections, etc. (per 2008 Parks & Rec MP Update) | \$1.2 - \$1.5M  |

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**Sub-total (in millions) =     \$6.9 - \$10.55**

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| • Targeted park acquisition areas – Park Place, Beaver creek, Maple/Holly Ln., Clack. Cove, other (costs mostly unknown at this point) | \$5 - \$7M |
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**Total need (in millions) =     \$11.9 - \$17.55 M**

goes through certain "Changes" and is totally unpredictable. I'm quite tired of cleaning up he messes he brings home and trying to explain things to the Police.

Looking forward to the meeting.

Andy

----- Original Message -----

From: "Scott Archer" <sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us>

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Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 4:25:38 PM GMT -08:00 US/Canada Pacific

Subject: RE: Oregon City needs an Unleashed Dog Park!

Andy:

Thank you for your inquiry. I can understand and appreciate your interest in a dog park in our city - these are becoming popular amenities not just locally, but nationally in parks systems. I also happen to think a dog park would be a great asset to our community. We have been considering this idea, and have it on our "wish list" for things we'd like to add to our existing park system at some point. As to why we don't have one yet, it simply boils down to priorities and available funding. We have identified priorities and capital improvement programs for parks and park projects. These priorities are determined through various planning processes, especially through our parks and recreation master plan five year plan (this is viewable on our website at <http://www.oregoncityparks.org/masterplan/parks-master-plan-frameset.htm>). The priorities in this comprehensive community parks plan were determined through a process which included much community resident input. Our parks improvements are funded primarily through the Parks System Development Charges budget, which is dedicated from revenue on new housing and commercial construction. During the budget process, projects are planned for the next year, based on the available revenue. Unfortunately, our projects list greatly exceeds the amount of money we have available, so we must determine projects based on the highest priority needs. There are no "hidden" funds or accounts. What our projects and priorities list tell us, is that a dedicated off-leash dog park is rated as a lower priority for the majority of the community at the current time compared with other needs (though it has been identified as a desired amenity by some).

In addition to the planning processes and parks master plan, the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee also helps determine projects and budgetary priorities. This is a group of appointed citizens that advises our City Commission on parks related issues. They meet the 4th Monday of each month (except

11/24/2008

December) at 7:00 PM at the Pioneer Community Center. You are welcome to attend one of these meetings and express your interest if you would like. It is a good avenue for community members to discuss ideas and initiate potential interest.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further.

Thank you,

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From: andyocoregon@comcast.net [mailto:andyocoregon@comcast.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 10:21 PM  
To: Scott Archer  
Cc: Home Email, Toby  
Subject: Oregon City needs an Unleashed Dog Park!

Hello.

I obtained your business card with the email address on it from City Hall today. I was told you are the go-to person who can answer my question as to why in the wide, wide world of sports, Oregon City has no unleashed dog park available to we taxpayers.

If it's a question of funding, it sure seems to me the money could be "found" in some hidden account that is set aside for "other things".

Why must I drive to North Clackamas Park to exercise and socialize my two large dogs?

Recently, I discovered an excellent dog park in the City of Portland at N.E. 57th Ave and Hassalo Street.

This could be a great model for you to follow, should you ever decide to build a dog park for us residents.

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My wife and I have lived in Oregon City since 1996 and have always faithfully paid our property taxes. It seems as though the City of Oregon City could dig up some money to build a wire fence with double-gate access entries, running water for the dogs to drink, doggie waste bags and proper signage the way so many other communities have already built.

C'mon, Oregon City, let's help keep the dog poop off all the neighbors' lawns and give us an outlet to keep our dogs happy. After all, a well-exercised dog is a happy dog. And, happy dogs bark less and poop less in neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Andy Holthouse

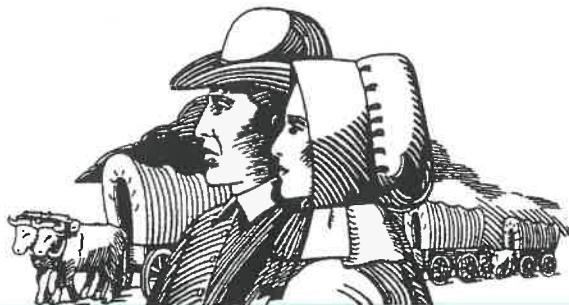
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Oregon City

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P.S. Attached is a photo of my two dogs, Chuck and Dawn.

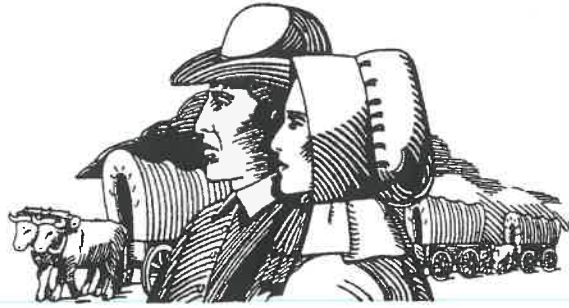




OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION  
Activity Report  
Program: Pioneer community center

Month of: October 2008

Category	Number of Participants	
Home delivered meals	2152	Sept #'s 1894
Congregate Meals	766	619
Transportation	984	
Outreach services	644	
Trips	83	
Recreation	1009	
Classes	1104	
Meetings	415	283
In house services	131	
Community use (rentals)	1159	553



**OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Activity Report**  
**Program: Pioneer**

Month of October 2008

**New information / highlights:**

4 regular trips provided this month, 2 for Pioneer center + 2 trips for Rose Linn care center.

5 dine outs - 2 dine outs for West Linn, 2 for Rose Linn care center, 1 pioneer center

Donations: \$1063.39 for the pioneer donation fund, and \$800 for meals on wheels. Spent \$0 from general donation fund, \$332.67 from MOW fund.

Supplied pet food to 38 pets for the Animeals program for low income / home bound pets 2 times this month.

Building rentals included Church – every Sunday, Wednesday evenings, Monday evenings. In addition, there were 5 rentals in the ballroom, 9 rentals in the basement

Contract from the county added more funds for reimbursement (increase of \$2947)

Sent out emergency meals for MOW.

**Up Coming Events/ Dates of note:**

2 Pioneer trips planned next month: Sake factory, Oyster bar

1 evening trip to see the singing Christmas tree in December.

Thanksgiving dinner to be served at the center (day prior to Thanks giving)

Rose Linn care center – 2 local trips.

Dine outs for West Linn to various locations

Wreath sales to continue through end of November

Selling entertainment books to help with the MOW program-all but 9 books sold

Holiday art faire Dec 4/5<sup>th</sup> 10am –4pm

Fill-a stocking already returning filled stockings

**Concerns and Challenges:**

Building maintenance completed as time allows.

Disabled/confused seniors needing additional assistance by staff

Staffing issues remain due to illness and injuries (all off the job) and vacations.

**Building maintenance:**

Hood in kitchen to be replaced-Anne finalizing bids **DONE**

Carpets cleaned.

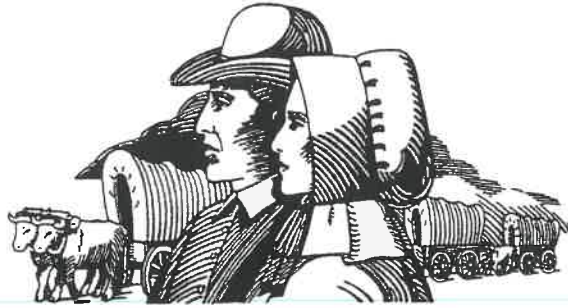
Concrete work completed in back parking lot (tripping hazard identified) as well as handicap access across the street.

**OREGON CITY PARKS**  
**Shelters and Facilities**  
**Monthly Report**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>TOTAL USE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>
<b>BUENA VISTA HOUSE</b>	59	
<b>PARK SHELTERS</b>		
Atkinson	0	
Canemah	0	
Chapin	1	
Clackamette General	0	
Clackamette Horseshoe	0	
Hillendale	1	
Rivercrest General	1	
Rivercrest Spraypark	0	
SHELTER RESERVATION TOTAL	3	
<b>BALLFIELDS</b>	240	
<b>PARK RESERVATION RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$825.00</b>
<b>CLACKAMETTE RV PARK</b>		
RV RECEIPTS		\$3,348.00
OCCUPANCY RATE*	17%	
RV DUMP STATION RECEIPTS		\$386.98
<b>CLACKAMETTE RV RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$3,734.98</b>
<b>MT VIEW CEMETERY STATISTICS</b>		
FULL BODY	7	
CREMAINS	4	
<b>MT VIEW CEMETERY RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$19,906.00</b>

Prepared by: Betty Joe Armstrong  
July 8, 2008

\* Use Receipts divided by 20,100 to get occupancy rate.



**OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION**  
Activity Report

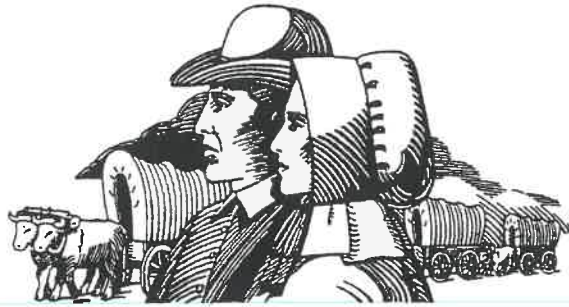
Program: **Recreation Division**

Month of: Oct & Nov

Highlights of the past month:

Aquatics

- **Swamp Swim on Friday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.** We had **31 participants.** I believe it was due to the Trick or Treat on Main Street event. I heard it was very busy. I also think the low attendance was due to Halloween falling on a Friday.
- The pool has been conducting "mini in-services" for about 5 months now. This is where all employees should be testing monthly on all skills and must be checked off by a lead or head guard. I have seen an improvement in the staffs skills and confidence. This will help in emergency situations etc.
- I have started an employee incentive program. It's been in effect for 3 weeks. It's an employee of the month reward. And fellow employees can reward each other. I will keep everyone updated as to how it is received by staff.
- Swim lessons cont. to be popular. We have a waiting list for all lower levels. I have hired 4 new employees and they are serving in the capacity of Water Safety Aides.
- Private lessons are slightly down. I believe the reason is the cost and the economy at this point. Our waiting lists are longer, and usually families put their kids in private lessons if they can't get into the group lessons. I am finding that this is happening less and less. There is not as much disposable income.
- **School Lessons has increased.** A lot of schools due to the financial crunch have reconstructed their transportation and are working closer together. Thus, more schools and classes are attending. It is also a very cost effective way for parents and teachers to have kids participate in swimming lessons.
- **Exterior painting, tree removal, interior painting and various other projects.**
- I am still trying to work out some bugs with Sportsman and I will be working with George (sportsman) on seeing what we can do with our credit cards. This may be tricky as to the non-resident and resident rates vary and are not based solely off of zip codes.
- We are booked every Saturday for Oct/Nov/Dec in regard to our facility rentals. We are low cost for most families, and it's a great way to spend a Saturday. This is also additional revenue for the facility.



## OREGON CITY PARKS & RECREATION Activity Report

### Program: Recreation Division

#### Up Coming Events/ Dates of note:

##### Aquatics

- Our annual Winter Shut down from Dec. 22-Jan 2. Facility open again on Saturday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning on completing the locker room floors and office area with epoxy paint. This will decrease the slip factor and also esthetics. The facility's interior is also going to be completed over our winter shutdown.
- First day of winter registration Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Lifeguard class over Spring Break
- Staff recertification on 12/22/08
- Water Safety Update is planned for Jan. 2009. This may cause us to revamp how the program is currently run. I am excited about the changes. I look forward to meeting with other Aquatic Professionals to bounce ideas off of.

##### Recreation:

- Mom and Son bowling – the date has been finalized and it's location. This years event will be April 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:20-2:30pm located at Kellogg Bowl. People can start registering now.
- DDDD is also available to register for. JANUARY 24 6pm-9pm
- Karate is also having another session starting in Jan. David Barnes has added an advanced class, and has been very successful.
- I am still waiting to hear back from an instructor interested in teaching fencing and also the instructor interested in providing Horse back riding classes. I have phone calls into both contacts and am waiting to hear back. This would be great way to add more recreation options for the community.
- The dog class is going strong and is still using the facility.

#### Concerns and Challenges:

##### Aquatics

- Our facility continues to battle the deferred maintenance issues. Our roof is in desperate need of repair.



# Metro's Natural Areas Program progress report

In November 2006 voters directed the Metro Council to safeguard water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat and ensure access to nature for future generations.

*Together with local partners, Metro's Natural Areas Program has already protected 801 acres of land in 12 different natural areas.*



The \$227.4 million bond measure protects natural areas and land near rivers and streams throughout the Portland metropolitan area to help manage the impact of growth and maintain our quality of life.

Metro's Natural Areas Program is designed to work at the regional, local and neighborhood level.

## Regional natural areas

**\$168.4 million in bond funds available – approximately \$46 million spent to date**

In September 2007 the Metro Council approved acquisition plans for each of the 27 regional target areas identified in the voter-approved measure. The Metro Council established these priorities with the input of natural resource and land-use experts, scientists, residents and local land managers. Nearly 1,000 people completed questionnaires ranking their priorities and offering ideas for partnerships and other ways to stretch the public's investment. Acquisition plans include a

## By the numbers – to date

**Acres protected:** 801 acres

**Rivers and streams protected:**  
about 7 miles

**Number of transactions:** 33

**Number of targeted natural areas where land has been protected:** 12

**Dollars spent on land acquisition:**  
\$46 million

**Donations of land:** two

**Value of land donations:**  
approximately \$6.1 million

**Contributions by local partners to regional acquisitions:** \$2.2 million

map and specific goals and objectives for each area. This information is available at [www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas).

To get Natural Areas Program updates, send e-mail to [naturalareas@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:naturalareas@oregonmetro.gov).



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Northern flicker

## Clatsop Buttes – Johnson Creek and Watershed

### Twice the area, three times the habitat

Home to a mix of native plants including cedar, maple, Douglas fir, red alder, Oregon grape, huckleberry, elderberry and sword fern, the Clatsop Buttes natural area supports a variety of wildlife including deer, fox, coyote, flicker, pileated woodpecker and other local and migratory birds. Larger sites provide greater benefits to wildlife by reducing the “edge effect,” the amount of the area that is impacted by development or other human influences. The greater the area within those edges, the more important and valuable the habitat is to wildlife and native plants.

Dozens of neighbors joined Metro Councilor Rod Park and Metro Council President David Bragdon to celebrate the first acquisition at Clatsop Buttes.



Metro and the City of Portland, with help from the Trust for Public Land, have assembled nearly 150 acres of protected park and natural area lands on the north side of Clatsop Buttes. The densely forested slopes of Clatsop Buttes drain into Johnson Creek and its tributaries. Initially slated for residential development, it has become one of only a dozen protected natural areas of its size within Portland’s city limits. Clatsop Buttes will be managed by the City of Portland.

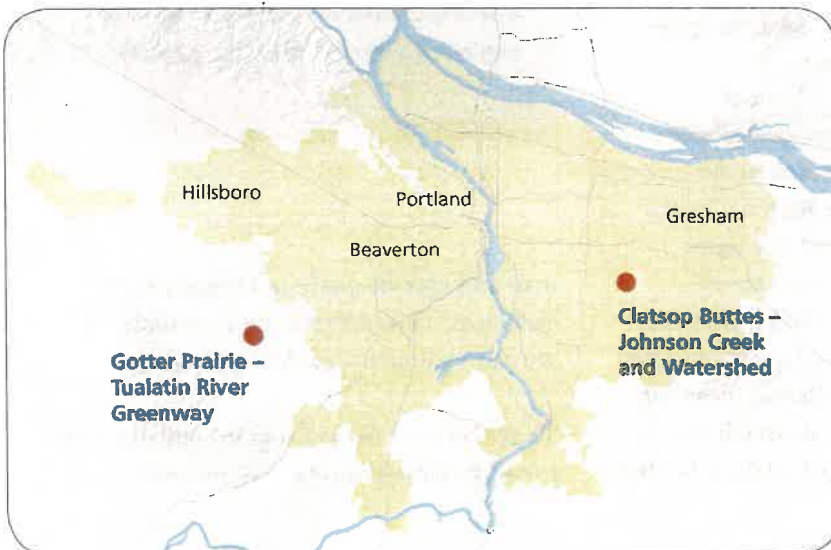
*“This would have made a great subdivision but, in this case, protecting it makes better sense,” said landowner, businessman and developer Terry W. Emmert. A life-long resident of Southeast Portland, Emmert sold 11 acres on Clatsop Buttes to Metro in 2008.*



## Gotter Prairie – Lower Tualatin River Headwaters

### Protecting wet prairie in the Tualatin Valley

When the pioneers arrived in the Tualatin Valley they found a landscape much different than what is seen today. Oregon white oaks spread their branches above open grasslands and meadows with wildflowers that bloomed each spring. Waterfowl shared the river’s floodplain with red-legged frogs and shorebirds like killdeer and sandpipers. Remnants of these wet prairies and oak woodlands still exist, supporting rare plants and animals and offering future residents a glimpse of the past.





Metro purchased 44 acres of native wet prairie, oak and floodplain habitat in 2007 at Gotter Prairie. With annual haying, the former property owner supported the wet prairie's native plants and wildflowers. Metro's restoration of the adjacent 120 acres (purchased in the 1990s) resulted in the return of a spectacular springtime "lake" of camas, the snowy blooms of popcorn flower, native lupine, grasses and many other native plants and wildflowers that had long been dormant. Combining management of the two properties ensures the long-term protection of Gotter Prairie's unique habitat.



Watch a video about the future Graham Oaks Nature Park in Wilsonville where Metro's restoration of rare oak woodland habitat is under way.



[www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas)

## Local projects in your community

**\$44 million in bond funds available for more than 100 proposed projects – 22 projects completed to date**

Local cities, counties and park providers in the metro area will use their bond funds to:

- protect natural areas or add park lands
- restore fish and wildlife habitat
- enhance public access to natural areas
- design and construct local or regional trails
- enhance environmental education opportunities.

The **City of Gladstone** completed pathway improvements at the Gladstone Nature Park (located between Oatfield Road and Webster Road) in 2007 with the help of Metro bond funds.



Gladstone Nature Park's new trail



Controlled burns, conducted in coordination with local fire fighting agencies, are used to restore fire-dependent wildflower species at Gotter Prairie.





Oregon City's new parkland near the high school and Glen Oak Road

The **City of Lake Oswego** used its local funds in 2008 to purchase the only developed parcel within Iron Mountain Park, a 49-acre park located in the heart of the city.

**Oregon City** purchased a 9-acre property near the high school and Glen Oak Road, widely recognized by residents as the highest priority for park and open space land acquisition. The property has excellent connections to surrounding neighborhoods, Oregon City High School and Clackamas Community College.

In February 2008 the **City of Portland** purchased the "Waterleaf" property in Southeast Portland with the help of Trust for Public Land. The \$4 million acquisition safeguards the 27-acre property at Clatsop Buttes from future development and helps protect water quality within the Johnson Creek watershed.

The **City of Tigard** purchased a 1.1-acre property on Fanno Creek, between Hall Boulevard and Main Street, adjacent to Fanno Creek Park.

## Mount Talbert Nature Park

Mount Talbert is an extinct volcanic butte, similar to the other Boring lava domes in the Portland area such as Mount Tabor and Rocky Butte. Since it officially opened in the Fall of 2007, Mount Talbert Nature Park has been enjoyed by thousands of visitors. The park entrance off Mather Road has restrooms, a picnic shelter and four miles of hiking trails that wind through Douglas fir forests and oak woodlands before reaching the 750-foot summit.

Metro and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District purchased 183 acres at Mount Talbert, including the butte top and west and north facing slopes, with voter-approved funds. Metro's bond funding paid for park improvements and NCPRD manages the day-to-day operations.

Wildlife residents and visitors to Mount Talbert include deer, coyote, raccoon, Western gray squirrel, rubber boa, pileated and hairy woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, Western tanager and many more. Bring your binoculars! Interpretive signs along the trails and programs led by Metro naturalists provide visitors information about the plants and animals that can be seen – and heard – at the nature park.

### Getting to Mount Talbert Nature Park

10695 SE Mather Road, Clackamas

**From I-205** take the Sunnybrook Boulevard exit. Turn south on 97th Avenue. Follow until it becomes Mather Road. Park entrance is on the left.

**TriMet bus #156** services the Mather Road trailhead with a stop at Cranberry Loop (about 1/4 mile from the park).

**TriMet bus #155 (Sunnyside) and #157 (Happy Valley)** both stop at the park entrance off Sunnyside Road (Southeast 117th Avenue).



Visit Mount Talbert, the only undeveloped butte in northern Clackamas County.



Western tanager

## Nature in Neighborhoods capital grant program

**\$15 million in bond funds available – \$390,000 awarded to date**

In August 2008 the Metro Council awarded grant funds to three projects:

### Crystal Springs Creek restoration and nature play at Westmoreland Park

Portland Parks and Recreation with Johnson Creek Watershed Council and SMILE (Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League)

*Total project cost estimate:* \$869,000

*Grant funding:* \$150,000

### Conservation Corner

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District with Humboldt Neighborhood Association

*Total project cost estimate:* \$1.7 million

*Grant funding:* \$99,500

### Hawthorne Grove Park acquisition and development

Clackamas County Development Agency with developer Nick Stearns, Clackamas Community Land Trust, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District

*Total project cost estimate:* \$430,000

*Grant funding:* \$140,000

Grant applications are currently being accepted for both capital projects and restoration and enhancement grants.

*"These three projects will inspire additional conservation activities in their area and serve as models for what other communities can do to restore nature in their neighborhoods," said Sue Marshall, who chairs the grant review committee.*





*"I am the happiest girl in Happy Valley!" – resident Lori Luchack, upon hearing that 21 acres had been purchased by Metro and the City of Happy Valley on Scouter Mountain*

## First annual report issued by citizens' committee

The Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee presented their first annual report to the Metro Council and citizens in October. The report states that the committee's "overall view is that Metro is conducting the Natural Areas Program in a way that is accountable and transparent." It contains findings from the 14-member committee about Metro's progress implementing the strategies, goals and objectives of the voter-approved bond measure. Download the report from Metro's web site.



Pacific madrone

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**To:** Scott Archer  
**Cc:** Ted Schumaker  
**Subject:** Re: 11/24 PRAC mtg agenda

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Thanks Scott,

If there are any sample policy's around us that you want to consider bringing to the groups attention, I think that might help in seeing the big picture as far as options.

Also, I would really like to hear your personal opinion and what you as the Parks Dir. feels would be most appropriate. In other words, your input would be some of the most valuable pieces to this as far as me being able to make a recommendation as a PRAC member.

-Shawn

On Wed, Nov 19, 2008 at 12:48 PM, Scott Archer <sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us> wrote:

Yes, I think this is a valid consideration that we can discuss at the meeting. I guess we need to discuss/debate a little on what "outdated" means and at what point a master plan has sat too long and needs to at least be revisited if not completely revised. A good discussion point for PRAC.

Scott

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Scott,

Just a thought as I was reading through the agenda and funding needs doc...

Would you consider addressing the concept I mentioned regarding abandoning the existing Chapin master plan due to the fact that it may be outdated?

Thanks;  
-Shawn

On Wed, Nov 19, 2008 at 9:31 AM, Scott Archer <sarcher@ci.oregon-city.or.us> wrote:

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

11/24/2008

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**Cc:** Denise Kai; Larry Potter  
**Subject:** Reminder no December meeting

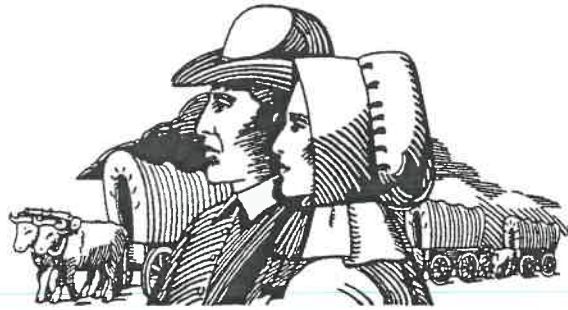
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PRAC members:

Just a friendly reminder we will not be meeting this Monday night, as we don't hold a December meeting. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

See you in 2009.

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**Cc:** Denise Kai; Larry Potter  
**Subject:** Jon Storm Debris Boom project - rejection of bids

Mayor and City Commissioners, PRAC members, Larry Patterson, and all:

I wanted to bring you up to speed on the bidding process for the Jon Storm Debris Boom project. As you might know, we have been planning to construct the project this summer. We advertised bids recently, and received only one bidder response for the project. The lone bid came in well above our available funding (majority of funds from Or State Marine Board grant plus some Parks SDC \$) and our engineer's estimate from the OSMB. Because of this, we are "rejecting all offers" (the single bid) and will be reviewing the design and engineering for potential cost savings on this project. Additionally, there was indication that many potential bidders were already booked for the remainder of the summer construction work period and bidding for work later in the year may produce a greater number of and more competitive responses. It is anticipated that we will be rebidding the project in the near future for the December - January in water work period.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Denise Kai; Larry Potter; Larry Patterson  
**Subject:** Two items for your information/attention

**Attachments:** 080220\_Memo (2).doc; Parks Master Plan Final Exec Summary Feb 08.doc



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Parks Master Plan  
Final Exec S...

### Parks and Rec Advisory Committee:

1. Reminder that the Parks and Rec Master Plan Update will be on the City Commission meeting agenda this coming Wednesday, 2/20 (7 PM). Our lead consultant Pat O'Toole will be here for a final time to co-present the final plan with me to the Commission for adoption. We will be addressing the questions/concerns brought forth by the Planning Commission and the City Commission at previous presentations. This has created the need for a few minor changes to the final draft Master Plan document. I discussed these changes with you at your last meeting. I am attaching to this e-mail a copy of two documents related to this. 1: A memo from Tony Konkol in our planning department outlining to the City Commission how our department has addressed the Planning Commission issues raised at their public hearing for this item back on December 10. 2: The revised/updated executive summary, which reflects the minor modifications made as a result of City Commission and Planning Commission feedback. The updated entire document is too large to send (the changes are the same as the executive summary). You will all receive a final copy of this entire document once we have completed the adoption process.

2. At the City Commission work session on Tuesday night, the Mayor and City Commission asked that we set up a tour for them and invite PRAC to see the four areas/properties identified on our Metro Local Share bond measure funds priority list. Shawn and Ted represented PRAC for this issue at the Commission meeting. I have made tentative arrangements for this to take place next Wednesday (2/20) at 4:00 PM. We will meet in the City Hall parking lot. I have arranged for one of our Pioneer Center busses and a driver, so we can all ride together. We are having box dinners brought in that can be eaten while on the tour. This trip will be weather permitting -- we will cancel that day if needed. If you are interested in going on this tour, **will you please RSVP with me by no later than Tuesday**. I need a number count to make sure we have enough transportation and for the box dinners.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this information.

Thanks,

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