



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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Fall 2011

Fall 2011 Events

Cedar Hills Recreation Center

Saturday, October 15, Fall Festival, Noon-4 p.m.
Friday, October 28, Ghost & Goblin Gathering, 12:30-3 p.m.
Friday, December 9, Little Man & Mommy Dinner Dance, 6-8:05 p.m.
Saturday, December 31, West Coast New Year's Party (3-9 yrs), 8 p.m.

Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center

Saturday, August 27, Land Fitness Sampler, 9 a.m. -4 p.m.
Friday, October 7, Middle School Dance, 7-10 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, Pumpkin Fest, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday, November 4, Middle School Dance, 7-10 p.m.
Friday, December 2, Middle School Dance, 7-10 p.m.
Friday, December 16, Evening with Santa, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Elsie Stuhr Center

Saturday, September 9, Barn Dance (Specialized Rec), 5:30-8 p.m.
Monday, October 31, Costume Party & Dance (55+), 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21, Elsie Stuhr Day & Holiday Concert (55+), 10 a.m. - noon

Garden Home Recreation Center

October 22, The Great Sports Pumpkin Smash, 1-4 p.m.
December 3, Garden Home Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Harman Swim Center

Saturday, October 15, Pumpkin Bob, 4-6 p.m.

Jenkins Estate

October 29, Spooktacular, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, December 2, Holiday Tea, 12:30 p.m.

John Quincy Adams Young House

Sunday, October 16, Cedar Mill Cider Festival, 1-4 p.m.

Jenkins Estate

Friday-Sunday, October 7-9, Painter's Showcase & Art Show, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center

Friday, August 26, Dive-in Movie Night - "Batman Begins", 8 p.m.
Friday, October 28, Dive-in Movie Night - "Poltergeist", 8 p.m.
Friday, December 16, Dive-in Movie Night - "Christmas Vacation", 6:15-9:15 p.m.

Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Saturday, August 27, Bug Fest, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 1, Fall Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, Newt Day, Noon-4 p.m.

Tualatin Hills Tennis Center

Fri.-Sun., August 26-28, NW Wheelchair Sectional Tennis Tournament



Celebration at Meadow Way Park

Elected officials joined a large crowd of park neighbors in August for the dedication of Meadow Way Park in south Beaverton. The new park was funded by THPRD's 2008 bond measure and features a small athletic field as well as play equipment. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon are Nancy and Homer Speer, previous owners of the property. With them, from left, are THPRD board member Larry Pelatt, Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten, THPRD board member Bill Kanable, and Park District General Manager Doug Menke. For more information on district bond activities, visit www.thprd.org/bondprojects.

Survey said: start registration sooner – and we followed up

If you signed up for one of THPRD's fall 2011 classes or programs, you probably noticed that registration started earlier than in previous years – three weeks earlier, in fact.

It's a trend that will continue next term. In-district registration for winter classes will begin Dec. 10 instead of early January as has been the case for many years.

But that's not the only difference: THPRD will hold separate registration periods for winter and spring terms (instead of together). Spring registration will begin on March 3.

Despite the separate registration periods, THPRD will continue to combine its winter and spring classes into one activities guide.

According to Sharon Hoffmeister, THPRD superintendent of Aquatics and registration coordinator, earlier registration in fall and winter enables the district to start classes earlier, therefore shortening the break between terms.

"When we surveyed our patrons, that's what they told us they wanted," she said. "It also allows us to extend our classes by one week each term, with prices adjusted accordingly."

For more info: www.thprd.org or 503/645-6433

Electric cars get a charge out of new HMT station

THPRD has opened an electric vehicle charging station at its HMT Recreation Complex, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton. EV owners will find it in the parking lot off 158th Avenue, just north of NW Schendel Avenue.

It's part of a national pilot program, the EV Project, designed to gauge American use of electric cars. A company called ECOtality North America has partnered with Nissan North America and General Motors (among other investors) to create 15,085 charging systems in six states, including Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, Texas, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

The \$230 million project, started on Oct. 1, 2009 and slated for completion on Dec. 31, 2012, will collect data from an estimated 8,300 electric vehicles on the road. The goal: to streamline deployment of the next 5 million electric vehicles.

The program caters to 5,700 owners of Nissan LEAF zero-emission vehicles, and 2,600 Chevrolet Volt Extended Range Electric vehicles. Craig Crawford, THPRD's vehicle and maintenance equipment supervisor, says the LEAF car tells owners where the electric charging stations are located.

"To charge your car batteries, you simply pull up to the station, flip open the lid on the front of the hood, and plug in," Crawford said.

Electric car owners can do the charging themselves. To use the district charging station, though, they need a Blink network card, which is available at www.blinknetwork.com. The car also needs to



THPRD's new electric vehicle charging station opened in August at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex. This car was the first to use it. A Blink network card and compatible plug are required to charge a vehicle.

be compatible with the station's J1772 plug, Crawford said.

Charging stations involved in the project are located in 15 strategic markets, including Portland, Eugene and Salem. Crawford said the cost to build the charging station at HMT was about \$3,500, adding that the district paid about \$1,030 of that amount.

Currently, electricity is free. Once the pilot project ends, electric vehicle owners can expect to pay for it.

Fanno Creek Trail's missing link is almost complete

A much-anticipated trail project is nearing completion, much to the delight of project manager Brad Hauschild.

Construction of a half-mile section of the Fanno Creek Regional Trail should wrap up in early November. The new section will link two existing portions of the trail, giving users 4½ miles of uninterrupted, paved pathway from the Garden Home area all the way to Greenway Park in central Beaverton.

"It's taken a lot of effort by a lot of people to get us to the point where we can make this a reality. It's very exciting," said Hauschild, a park planner

in THPRD's Planning & Development Department.

"There's no doubt that this will become a heavily used trail that will benefit the community tremendously," he added. "People will be able to travel through that area much easier and more safely. This basically completes the Fanno Creek Trail within district boundaries."

The new section of the trail starts at the Allen and Scholls Ferry intersection and joins the rest of the trail near the Denney Road Highway 217 overpass.

The \$1.6 million project, which was funded with system development charges, includes

money for land acquisition, natural area and wetland enhancement, and mitigation

work. The trail, which is 10 feet wide, will have 11 boardwalks over wetland areas.

THPRD wins financial reporting award for sixth consecutive year

For the sixth straight year, THPRD has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The recognition was presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR).

The Park District's CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The award was presented to THPRD's Finance Department.

Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex

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Aquatic Center 503/629-6310

THPRD Recreation and Aquatic Centers

Aloha Swim Center 503/629-6311
Beaverton Swim Center 503/629-6312
Cedar Hills Recreation Center .. 503/629-6340
Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center 503/629-6313
Cooper Mountain Nature Park .. 503/629-6350
Elsie Stuhr Center 503/629-6342
Garden Home Recreation Center 503/629-6341

Harman Swim Center 503/629-6314
Jenkins Estate 503/629-6355
Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center 503/629-6350
PCC Rock Creek Rec Facility ... 503/629-6330
Raleigh Swim Center* 503/297-6888
Somerset West Swim Center* ... 503/645-1413
Sunset Swim Center 503/629-6315
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