



# Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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Spring 2013

### Spring 2013 Events

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#### Conestoga Recreation Center

Friday, March 29, Underwater Egg Hunt, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12, Middle School Dance, 7-10 p.m.

Friday, May 10, Middle School Dance, 7-10 p.m.

#### Cedar Hills Recreation Center

Saturday, March 30, Spring Egg Hunt, 9-11 a.m.

Saturday, March 30, Cedar Hills Artisan Bazaar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Garden Home Recreation Center

Saturday, March 30, Spring Egg Hunt, 11 a.m.

#### Harman Swim Center

Friday, March 22, Movie Night, 6-9 p.m.

#### Jenkins Estate

Saturday, April 27, Rhododendron Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday May 11-12, Barefoot Quilt Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center

Sunday, March 30, Nature Days in the Park: Camille Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, April 20, Nature Days in the Park: Schiffler Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, Green Gardening Fair & Native Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, Nature Days in the Park: Kaiser Woods Park & Natural Area, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



*Employees for Goodfellow Brothers, a THPRD contractor, prepare Paul & Verna Winkelman Park in Aloha for a 2013 opening. The first phase of the new park will feature an athletic field and dog park.*

## District continues bond projects following major success in 2012

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District continues to fulfill the promise it made to voters in a 2008 bond measure.

Eleven bond projects were completed in 2012, most notably the expansions/renovations of the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center and Elsie Stuhr Center and the redevelopment of Camille Park. THPRD has now finished 51 bond projects since bond implementation began in 2009. Some of the largest projects are yet to come.

"We accomplished a tremendous amount in 2012," said THPRD General Manager Doug Menke. "It's a tribute to solid planning, execution, fiscal management and hard work."

"But we still have a long way to go. It will be 2017 or 2018 before we finish all the projects in our bond program. This is definitely a marathon."

The goals of the \$100 million bond measure are to preserve natural areas,

develop new trails and trail connections, add athletic fields, and upgrade or expand parks and recreational facilities across the district. Once voters approved the measure, district managers began the process of planning and implementing 129 projects over a multiyear period.

One-third of the bond measure (\$33.6 million) is earmarked for land acquisition. To date, the district has purchased 14 sites for future parks and natural areas as well as numerous small properties and easements for trails. District employees continue to negotiate with owners of many other properties.

#### **Projects completed in January of this year**

##### **Evelyn M. Schiffler Memorial Park**

This 10-acre park in central Beaverton has undergone a major makeover. It now features 252 feet of boardwalk, play equipment with natural surfaces and textures, two picnic shelters, community

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gardens, athletic areas, a basketball court, pathways, and a skate spot (the latter is a first for the district outside of its main complex at 158th and Walker Road). Another plus for park visitors is a two-acre wetland area with restored habitat and overlooks for better views.

## Rock Creek Trail

Two new segments, totaling one mile of paved trail, complete the Rock Creek Trail within THPRD boundaries. The trail, which stretches through neighborhoods from Bethany to Rock Creek, is now more than four miles long. Next year, THPRD will expand its trail connections even more on the north end as part of a multiyear initiative to create a 10-mile, mostly continuous trail backbone extending from the PCC Rock Creek area to Barrows Road in south Beaverton.

## The Bluffs Park (trail)

The Bluffs Park, near NW McDaniel and NW 119th Roads, includes a neighborhood trail shown in the district's Trails Plan. Phase II of implementation of the park's master plan, which began in 2012, included paving the trail from South Drive through to the children's play structure. Landscaping, signage and swales (a natural stormwater filtering system) were added.

## Project nearing completion

### Jordan Woods Natural Area (trail, natural area restoration)

Located in the Cedar Mill neighborhood, this project connects Jackie Husen Park to the Jordan Woods Natural Area and nearby neighborhoods. Paved and gravel paths, a 100-foot boardwalk, and two bridges improve access. There's also an overlook. Weeds and invasive species are being replaced with native shrubs and plants.

### Other notable projects completing in 2013

#### Paul & Verna Winkelman Park

Spanning more than 20 acres, Paul & Verna Winkelman Park will become the Aloha area's first community park as additional funds become available to complete it.



*A 252-foot boardwalk that crosses over a large wetland is one of the highlights of the redeveloped Schiffler Park in central Beaverton. Neighbors take a stroll on it the day the park reopened in January.*

Phase I construction, which started in 2012, includes a multi-use athletic field, a parking lot, perimeter pathway and one-acre natural area planting. An added bonus is a two-acre dog park, which will become the district's second (in addition to Hazeldale Park). The park will open this summer, with athletic field programming to begin in fall.

## Westside Trail

This key project includes three new segments of the Westside Trail. When finished this fall, it will complete the southern half of the trail within district boundaries, extending from the Tualatin Hills Nature Park to Barrows Road.

## Major 2013 projects starting soon or already under way

THPRD will begin construction on a series of new projects this spring, most of them centered on trails and neighborhood parks. Scheduled for complete development are Barsotti Park (between 160th and 170th Avenues in Beaverton) and Hansen Ridge Park (off NW Kaiser Road). Both are

expected to open by year-end.

Redevelopment of A.M. Kennedy Park, at 102nd and Kennedy between Canyon Road and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, has already begun and will continue throughout the year until finished.

Smaller redevelopment projects at Vista Brook, Pioneer, and Roy E. Dancer Parks are scheduled to begin this spring and complete by year-end.

Scheduled to start late this summer and finish next winter is a trail expansion project at the 29-acre Lowami Hart Woods at SW Hart Road and SW Murray Boulevard. Some trails will be rerouted and paved for better walking experiences and viewing of wildlife habitat. As part of a large natural area restoration project planned at the same site, weeds and invasive species will be removed and replaced with native plants and shrubs.

For a full description of all current, upcoming and completed bond projects, please visit [www.thprd.org/bondprojects](http://www.thprd.org/bondprojects).

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## 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

\* Summer only