



# News Release

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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## Celebrate Healthy Habitats with Newt Day on Nov. 3

*October 22, 2018:* Explore the habitats of the rough-skinned newt at THPRD's **17th Annual Newt Day on Saturday, Nov. 3, from noon to 4:00 pm** at the **Tualatin Hills Nature Center** (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton).

Guests can learn what newts, and their fellow forest inhabitants, need to survive. Start indoors with exhibits that examine the streams, ponds, and terrestrial forests needed by a variety of amphibians, reptiles, aquatic invertebrates and mammals to survive. Then venture out into the park for a self-guided adventure to search the habitats of these plants and animals.

Designed to inspire outdoor exploration during a season when it's tempting to stay inside, this family-friendly event encourages visitors to explore our parks no matter the weather.

"We love celebrating Newt Day!" says Karen Munday, Environmental Education Program Coordinator. "It is a great way to welcome the rain back, see some amazing live animals, and learn about the healthy habitats they all need to survive!"

Admission is \$3 per person. Children two and under are free.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is a 222-acre wildlife preserve in the heart of Beaverton that features evergreen and deciduous forests, creeks, wetlands, ponds, and meadows. The park is home to a variety of birds, mammals, and smaller creatures. Its trails network includes 1.5 miles of paved pathways plus 3.5 miles of well maintained, soft-surface trails.

For more information, call the Tualatin Hills Nature Center at 503-629-6350.

### **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 250,000 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, about 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,500 acres of natural areas.

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