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8th ANNUAL PARTY IN THE PARK TAKES OVER THE HMT COMPLEX ON JULY 27

Party in the Park, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's largest community event of the year, returns for its eighth run on Saturday, July 27, at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, 158th and Walker Road, Beaverton.

The day-long affair – featuring the Beaverton International Celebration, The Classic at T-Hills car show and the Family Triathlon – will transform the district's main campus into a carnival of activities for people of all ages.

Admission is free for this day of entertainment and recreation, which includes drop-in sports, swimming, food, music, exhibitions and other family-friendly activities.

“This family-oriented, active, outdoor event really showcases so many of the elements that make our district successful. It connects people with their families, friends and community,” said THPRD General Manager Doug Menke.

Most of the day's events take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except The Classic at T-Hills (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Family Triathlon (9 a.m. start). There is a small exhibitor fee for The Classic and participant fee for the Family Triathlon, but viewing is free.

The Beaverton International Celebration has become a major attraction of Party in the Park since its debut in 2011. Coordinated by the City of Beaverton, the Celebration pays tribute to the Beaverton area's diverse population. This year's show will include music, dance, arts and crafts exhibits, food, costumes, and information representing numerous ethnic communities. Another feature will be a “kids and culture” interactive area with a broad range of activities for children and families.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District – 15707 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton, OR 97006

The Classic at T-Hills will display vintage automobiles, trucks and motorcycles on grass fields behind the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Sol Mars (10 a.m. - noon) and The Shifterz (1-3 p.m.)

The Family Triathlon has been a staple of Party in the Park since 2007. Children and parents participate together in a noncompetitive 50-yard swim, two-mile bike ride, and 1/3-mile run.

At noon, the Beaverton Police Department will unleash its K-9 Unit. The police dogs, with their speed, power, agility and intelligence, are always a crowd favorite.

A wide array of free and fun activities awaits children after 11 a.m., including giant inflatable play structures, climbing walls, arts and crafts, and face painting. THPRD's Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile will provide supervised sports and arts programs, games and environmental education.

Free drop-in sports activities are scheduled throughout the day, including basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball and table tennis at the Athletic Center, swimming at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center (1:30-3:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.). The schedule also includes an outdoor tennis clinic and bocce demonstration.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of local vendors.

THPRD will run a shuttle between the complex and the Merlo Road/SW 158th MAX light rail station. The complex is served by bus routes 59 and 67, and bicycle racks are available. Campus parking is free but limited on the 92-acre HMT Complex.

About THPRD

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving 230,000 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, more than 90 park sites with active recreational amenities, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,400 acres of nature preserve. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call 503/645-6433.

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2013 Party in the Park Schedule

Activity	Time
Family Triathlon	9 a.m.
Food vendors	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Drop-in sports – Athletic Center	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Inflatable play structures	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Climbing walls	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Arts & crafts	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Face painting	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
THPRD Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Beaverton Police K-9 Unit	Noon – 1 p.m.
Drop-in bocce	1:30-4 p.m.
Open swim	1:30-3:30 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.
Tennis clinic	2-3 p.m.

The Classic at T-Hills

Activity	Time
The Classic at T-Hills car show	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Music: The Sol Mars	10 a.m. – noon
Music: The Shifterz	1-3 p.m.

Beaverton International Celebration

Group name	Time
Huitzilopochtli (indigenous Mexican dance and music)	11-11:30 a.m.
Good Time Chinese School (Chinese dance and kung fu)	11:33 a.m. – 12:03 p.m.
Dance Fireworks (young ballroom dancers)	12:06 – 12:36 p.m.
Ballet Folklorico Sol Azteca (Mexican folkloric dance)	12:39 – 1:09 p.m.
Kalabharathi School of Dance (Indian classical dance)	1:12 – 1:42 p.m.
Mathias Galley African Dance Ensemble (Ghanaian)	1:45 – 2:15 p.m.
Cul and Ti with Sam Keator (traditional Irish dance)	2:18 – 2:48 p.m.
Oregon Korean Performing Art (Korean dance)	2:51 – 3:21 p.m.
Axé Didé (Cuban and Brazilian dance)	3:24 – 3:54 p.m.
Chayag (Andean folk music - Central and South America)	3:57 – 4:27 p.m.
Venerable Showers of Beauty Gamelan (Javanese/Indonesian traditional music)	4:30 – 5 p.m.

(Visit www.thprd.org for more information.)