Fall 2010 events

- Sept. 19: Family Fiesta/Soccer Clinic at Noon-4 pm
  Location: HMT Recreation Complex - Athletic Center
- Sept. 24: Family Fun Night at 6:30-8:30 pm
  Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center
- Oct. 2: Fall Native Plant Sale at 10 am-2 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Nature Park Intervenrative Center
- Oct. 7-10: Painters Showcase at 10 am-5 pm
  Location: Jenkins Estate
- Oct. 8: Glamourama at 1-4:30 pm
  Location: Garden Home Recreation Center
- Oct. 16: Fall Festival at Noon-4 pm
  Location: Cedar Hills Recreation Center
- Oct. 17: Cedar Mill Cider Festival at 1-4 pm
  Location: John Quincy Adams Young House
- Oct. 28: Senior Costume Party at 1-3:30 pm
  Location: Elsie Stuhr Center
- Oct. 29: Halloween Happening at 12:15-2:45 pm
  Location: Garden Home Recreation Center
- Oct. 29: Pumpkin Fest at 6:30-8:30 pm
  Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center
- Oct. 30: Spooktacular at 11 am-4 pm
  Location: Jenkins Estate
- Oct. 30: Dive-in Movie at 6:30-9 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center
- Oct. 30: October Moon Festival at 11 am-5 pm
  Location: Garden Home Recreation Center
- Nov. 6: Newt Day at Noon-4 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Nature Park Intervenrative Center
- Nov. 10: Veteran’s Day Celebration at 11:45 am-1 pm
  Location: Elsie Stuhr Center
- Nov. 12: Flick & Float at 6:30-8:30 pm
  Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center
- Nov. 19: Turkey Fest at 12:15-2:45 pm
  Location: Garden Home Recreation Center
- Nov. 20: Pam’s Party for Women at 2-4 pm
  Location: Beaverton Swim Center
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Dinner at 11 am-2 pm
  Location: Elsie Stuhr Center
- Dec. 4: Holiday Happening at 9 am-4 pm
  Location: Garden Home Recreation Center
- Dec. 4 & 10: Holiday Tea at 12:30 pm
  Location: Jenkins Estate
- Dec. 10: Little Man & Mommy Dinner Dance at 6-8:05 pm
  Location: Cedar Hills Recreation Center
- Dec. 11: Grandchildren’s Day at 10 am-noon
  Location: Elsie Stuhr Center
- Dec. 15: Little Santa’s Helper at 5-8:45 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Athletic Center
- Dec. 16: Santa’s Helper at 5-8:45 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Athletic Center
- Dec. 17: Dive-in Movie at 6:30-9 pm
  Location: Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center
- Dec. 17: Evening with Santa at 6:30-8:30 pm
  Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center
- Dec. 21: Flick & Float at 6:30-8:30 pm
  Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center

First bond land purchase completed

Property in SE Beaverton will be developed into future park

With assistance from Metro and the City of Beaverton, THPRD has completed its first land acquisition funded by 2008 bond measure dollars.

The property, totaling 8.66 acres, consists of two tax lots at the southeast corner of Southwest Murray Boulevard and Southwest Sexton Mountain Drive, Beaverton. Previous owner was the Cobb Trust.

THPRD will use the property for a new neighborhood park in its southeast quadrant. Overall, the Park District will acquire six neighborhood park sites – at least one in each quadrant – as part of the $100 million bond measure approved by voters in November 2008.

THPRD does not have funds available currently to develop the property. As a result, it will not be available for public use now. A public master planning process needs to be conducted to determine how the site should be developed, but there is no timetable for that.

Purchase price was about $2.8 million. Of that amount, the City of Beaverton provided $300,000 of the local share funds it received from Metro’s voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure. That $227 million measure included $44 million for projects selected by cities, counties and local parks providers.

THPRD’s bond measure funds are earmarked for land acquisition and dozens of improvement projects focused on parks, trails, natural area preservation, athletic fields, expansions of the Elsie Stuhr Center and the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, and replacement and rehabilitation of aging facilities.
New sustainability effort saves energy, money

As part of an ongoing commitment to sustainability, THPRD has initiated an energy savings performance contract that will reduce CO₂ emissions by 1.3 million pounds annually. Not only is that the equivalent of removing 87 cars from the road or planting 178 acres of trees every year, the changes are projected to save the district about $1.6 million during the next 20 years.

In fact, none of the planned sustainability upgrades will need to be funded by taxpayers. That’s because the overall savings generated will pay for all of the projects. Several projects are scheduled this fall that will reduce the carbon footprint, upgrade energy consuming equipment, and increase the comfort level of THPRD facilities. Automatic pool covers being installed at Aloha, Harmen and Sunset Swim Centers will result in an estimated annual utility savings of nearly $16,000. Lighting is being upgraded at eight facilities for an annual savings of $26,300. Tankless hot water heaters and low-flow shower heads will also be installed for a savings of $12,000.

Other projects include a new hot water boiler at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center for an annual savings of $8,200, as well as control system and ventilation upgrades at various Park District facilities.

The district established the energy savings performance contract with McKinstry Essenten, which conducted a district-wide energy study, identified cost-effective products, designed all aspects of the chosen projects, hired subcontractors, and will manage and finance installation. In the long run, the energy savings performance contract has the potential to allow the district to leverage energy savings, utility incentives and business energy tax credits to implement even more projects.

Give a hoot: learn about owls, other animals at Cooper classes

Cooper Mountain Nature Park is offering four outstanding nature studies classes this fall. It’s a great way to learn animal identification, habits and lifestyle from an experienced naturalist and take what you’ve learned into the field for your own adventures.

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Adults go back to school as part of THPRD program

THPRD’s Community School Program, now in its third year, continues to grow with new schools participating and an ever-expanding selection of classes to choose from. The program is a partnership between THPRD and the Beaverton School District in which the Park District is allowed to use certain schools after hours to teach recreational and educational classes. Classes are available to all ages, and you do not need to attend a school to participate.

Aloha-Huber Park Elementary has joined the list of participating schools for the 2010-11 school year. Other elementary schools include Barnes, Hazeldale, Jacob Wismer, and Raleigh Hills. Fire Oaks Middle School also participates.

A featured attraction returning from 2009 are the Brush ‘n Fire classes. These popular, family-oriented programs are for kids ages 5 and older and adults. Participants learn to paint and glaze bisque wear, mugs, plates, platters and holiday ornaments.

The Community School Program also offers film-making classes, acting, website design, arts and crafts, science, outdoor adventures, homework assistance, music and sports.

Call 503/629-6346 for more information. A full list of classes is available on pages 79-84 of THPRD’s Fall 2010 Activities Guide. The guide can be found online at www.thprd.org.

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