



News Release

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THPRD's Mountain View Champions Park Wins Design Award

November 5, 2018: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's **Mountain View Champions Park** has won **Oregon Recreation & Park Association's 2018 Design Award**. The Design Award recognizes superior architectural and/or landscape design for new or renovated parks. The park district shares the honor with David Evans and Associates for their work on the project.

Located in a culturally and economically diverse neighborhood of Aloha, Mountain View Champions Park was chosen for creating a unique space where people of all abilities and backgrounds can access the social, emotional and physical benefits of play. One of a small handful of regional parks specifically designed for people of all ages and abilities, it expands access for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

"Mountain View Champions Park is a one-of-a-kind place where everyone is safe to play and be a champion," said THPRD Board President, Ali Kavarianian. "We are honored to receive this design award, our team did an amazing job, and as a result we have an award-winning unique place for everyone to enjoy."

Inclusive features include:

- Wide pathway system connecting athletic fields and amenities without a single step.
- Fully-accessible play area with adaptive play equipment and elements.
- Champions Too field, the Northwest's first field designed for and dedicated to all-abilities sports and events.

The Design Award also recognizes Mountain View Champion's collaborative

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design process, unique fundraising partnerships and energy/maintenance cost saving features.

The award was presented to THPRD Board Members Wendy Kroger and Felicita Monteblanco, as well as THPRD staff at the ORPA annual conference today.

About Oregon Parks and Recreation Association (ORPA)

The Oregon Recreation and Park Association was founded in 1954. It is a non-profit charitable corporation whose mission is to support the recreation and park profession in Oregon through leadership, education, advocacy and member services. ORPA recognizes park leaders with annual awards including an annual Design Award for superior architectural and/or landscape design for new or renovated parks, completed in the last five years. Nominees are judged for design, community inclusiveness, overall response to community needs and design quality and innovation.

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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