

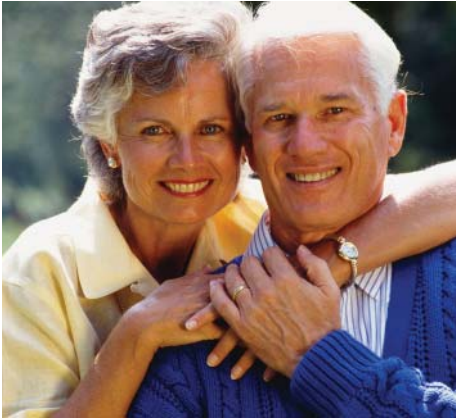


Tualatin Hills PARK FOUNDATION

Build community through parks, people and partnerships

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Tax-free Gifts From IRAs Are Back!

The recently passed 2008 Economic Stabilization Act (the \$700 billion bailout) includes a provision that extends and makes retroactive charitable IRA rollovers for 2008 and 2009. The extension is retroactive to January 1, 2008 and applies to all charitable IRA rollovers made through December 31, 2009. This is great news for donors who may want to use this option for charitable giving.

Highlights include:

- The donor must be at least 70½ years of age.
- IRA rollovers must be made to a qualified 501(c) (3).
- Individuals may donate up to \$100,000.
- Contributions must be made directly from the IRA to the charity.
- Contributions must be made by December 31, 2008 for the current year and December 31, 2009 for next year.

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THPF shifts focus, will help more children access park playgrounds



With your support, the foundation will be able to tackle one playground at a time, starting in low-income neighborhoods.

Play is a fundamental joy of childhood. It is also an important way children learn to navigate the world. The Foundation is changing its focus beginning with the start of the new year.

After the tremendous success of the Camp Rivendale playground, we will raise funds to upgrade other THPRD playgrounds to provide opportunities for children with and without disabilities to play together side by side throughout the Park District.

We know that hundreds of children in our community have some type of disability that makes it hard or impossible for them to enjoy traditional playgrounds. These children often do not get to experience what most others take for granted.

The funds we raise will be used to re-make old playgrounds in neighborhood parks that serve low-income families. Visit the foundation Web site to see what we did for the Camp Rivendale playground at www.thpf.org.

Funds will cover the cost of cut-outs in curbs, paved paths from the parking lot to the playground and ramps to the play structures. They will also provide colorful resilient surfacing to cushion falls and make the playgrounds fully wheelchair accessible.

We will fund the installation of permanent pavilions to cover the play equipment to ensure playtime rain or shine. Funds will also provide more manipulative features to excite imaginations and promote socialization.

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*Thank You
for your generous
gifts from the heart*

On behalf of the children, adults and families we serve, the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation Board of Trustees thanks these caring investors for their generous support.



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Chair's Message Janet Allison Growth, Outreach & Organizational Transformation

This has been an exciting year for the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation.

Growth

We have expanded our Board of Trustees to more effectively reach our full potential as a Foundation. Joining us this year are Frank Angelo, Donna Satterlee, and our most recent addition, Pablo Anaya. They have joined us at a time when the Foundation is exploring new directions and possibilities.

Outreach

We raised more than \$30,000 for the Rec Mobile Program to take summer and holiday break camps into low-income neighborhoods. More than 1,400 children who cannot access the Park District's regular summer camp programs were served. And for 2009, we will have two Rec Mobiles and be able to serve the same number of children more days each week.

Organizational Transformation

At the end of October we attended our third annual board retreat. I am optimistic and energized by the intense work we are doing to change the focus of this Foundation. Financial stability and sustainability, core values that resonate and a strategic plan to guide us are being worked on by various committees involving all the members of the Foundation board.

In June we made a strategic decision to suspend fund raising for the THPRD Family Assistance Program. Responsibility for underwriting the program has shifted fully to the Park District. Contributions are still needed to support this rapidly growing program. If you can help, please contact Susan Bender Phelps, our Development Coordinator, at 503/645-6433 for more information.

This gives the Foundation the freedom to take on capital projects that are needed, but beyond the budget of the Park District. For example, the Bond Measure that recently passed will make all sorts of wonderful improvements possible. But fiscal constraints will mean playgrounds will be only minimally accessible as required by current ADA guidelines. We believe universal accessibility is a long-term goal worth achieving. It will allow children of all abilities the opportunity to play together every day! The next big news will be the project we select and how you can help make it happen.

Cynthia Payne In Loving Memory



We will miss Cynthia Payne. She passed away on October 11, at age 52.

Nineteen years ago, her son, Marshall, was born with multiple disabilities.

The challenges of raising Marshall took a kind of strength Cynthia and her husband, Freeman, didn't know they had. Marshall was a gift and the joy of her life.

Cynthia started two support groups for mothers and founded MORE (Mothers for Rivendale Enhancement). She was particularly active in pushing for improvements in the restrooms at Camp Rivendale.

Cynthia's friends have made contributions to Camp Rivendale in her memory.

"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get - only what you are expecting to give." —Katherine Hepburn

IRA Gifts *(cont'd from page 1)*

How this benefits you:

A charitable IRA Rollover allows you to donate funds directly from your IRA to the Park Foundation or any other charity you choose. You **avoid paying taxes** on the funds transferred from your IRA; and the withdrawal still counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution.

Here are some examples of who would benefit:

- Donors who have income sources in addition to their IRA.
- Donors who are unable to itemize their tax return.
- Donors that do itemize their return and have reached the charitable giving limit.
- Donors that want to make a major gift and want to minimize their tax liability.

Your financial advisor can help you make your gift so that all of the requirements are managed properly.

Playgrounds *(cont'd from page 1)*

The Development Committee is working on a clear criteria for choosing the first and subsequent playground projects. The board of trustees will announce their selection at their January board meeting.

Our long-term goal is to have all or most of the playgrounds in the Park District exceed minimum ADA standards.

"It's like the difference between plain vanilla and a banana split," explains Development Committee Chair, Kathy Christy.

Members of the Committee include: Janet Allison, Frank Angelo, Marv Doty, Marilyn Mays, Frank Myers, Larry Pelatt, Donna Satterlee, and Howard Terpenning.



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Save the Date! Hike 'n' Bike Moves to August 29, 2009



"Moving the Hike 'n' Bike to August is part of our aggressive new strategy to increase attendance and revenue," announced Marilyn

Mays, event chair.

The team challenge is the engine that drives our success. Youth activity groups, teams, schools and local non-profits participate by hiking or biking and raising money. They win prizes and get back half the money they raise for their own programs. The THPF share will go toward our playground project.

"We are also adding a 65 mile ride. The Northwest Bicycle Safety Council is planning the route. Now is the time to contact us about event sponsorship and prize donations," adds Mays.



www.thpf.org

He Touches the Future... You Can, Too!

Wayne Whitbeck and his friends play basketball at the THPRD Athletic Center a few times a month. He works out to stay fit. He is a member of the Park Foundation Stewardship Committee. And he was a driving force behind the fund-raising for the Camp Rivendale Playground. He is also a very generous donor to the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation.

"I wish everyone did what I do. Each year I sit down and decide how much I am going to give. At first, I supported basketball programs for low-income children each year. A few years ago, I made a bequest to the Park Foundation to ensure my support would live on."

You, too, have the opportunity to "Touch the Future" by making a charitable gift to the foundation. Your gift will be used where it is most needed to make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Please make your tax-deductible gift today. Give online at www.thpf.org or send your check to: Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, OR 97006.

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Our Mission

Develop resources to ensure access to recreation for all Park District residents.

Our Vision

Everyone's life enriched through recreation.

Pablo Anaya Joins Board of Trustees



I am honored to serve as a trustee of the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation. Over the past 11 years of living here, my family and I have come to appreciate the value that THPRD brings to improving the quality of life of every resident. I look forward to contributing to the Foundation's mission of making recreation accessible to everyone.

Warmest Holiday Greetings



"We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own."

— Ben Sweetland

All of us join in saying "thank you" for lighting our way. We wish you a joyous holiday season and prosperous New Year.

The Board of Trustees & Staff