

Proposed Renaming of the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center

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Babette Horenstein is regarded as one of the most influential leaders in the 61-year history of THPRD. She ranks right up there with Elsie Stuhr (founder) and Howard Terpenning (general manager for 33 years).

THPRD staff have considered various ideas to honor Mrs. Horenstein in perpetuity for her service to the park district. The most appropriate option, in their opinion, is to rename the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center and call it the Babette Horenstein Tennis Center.

Mrs. Horenstein, who passed away in 2013, was a major advocate for THPRD tennis programs for decades and a longtime player herself. She instilled the love of the game in her three daughters, who continue to play today.

Mrs. Horenstein's relationship with THPRD began in 1974, when she was asked to assist with a bond measure campaign. The measure was successful, providing funds for development of what is now known as the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex.

One of the facilities that was built on the complex as a result of her foresight was the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center. Now about 40 years old, the center is considered one of the top public tennis facilities in the Northwest, offering classes for beginning to advanced players and hosting many district, metro, state and regional tournaments each year.

In 1977, Mrs. Horenstein was elected to the THPRD Board of Directors. Thus began a board career that lasted 16 years, until 1993. During that high-growth period, 83 park sites were added for the public's enjoyment, many of them with tennis courts.

Her remarkable record of community service extended to more than just THPRD. It also included terms on the Beaverton School District Board, Raleigh Hills Water District Board, Washington County Visitors Association Board, Tualatin Hills Park Foundation Board, and other affiliations.

Proposed renaming - process to be followed (Note: deadlines have been extended)

The park district is gathering public input about the idea. A public meeting will be held on July 14 and the comment period will close on July 15. A decision will subsequently be made whether to present it to the THPRD Board of Directors. If the matter goes to the board and is approved, renaming will happen before the end of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Leahy, Tennis Center supervisor, at 503-629-6331 or bleahy@thprd.org.



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Babette Horenstein

1932-2013

A Champion for THPRD Tennis

Please review the fact sheet
about a proposal to rename the Tennis Center
in her honor

Public input is welcome

Questions? Ask for Brian Leahy



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