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GRAB YOUR BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR: THPRD SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT STARTS JULY 2

There's nothing quite like a summer concert at a neighborhood park. People spread a blanket in the grass or bring their own lawn chair. The evening is warm, music fills the air, and with food and drink all around, the atmosphere is like one big picnic. All over the park, children and adults laugh and play, and many dance.

Each summer, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District offers all of this at Beaverton-area venues through its Concert & Theater in the Park series. And to make it even better, it's all free.

Four concerts and one play comprise this year's lineup, which will kick off July 2 at

Arnold Park in Aloha. Each show will run from 6-8 pm. Concerts will feature not only stage entertainment but also free activities for children with the THPRD Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile.

For those seeking the excitement of a national touring band, the park district's annual "Groovin' on the Grass" concert on Aug. 15 will feature the iconic sounds of Tower of Power. Portland's Boy and Bean will open the show at 6 pm at THPRD's Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton.



Ants in the Kitchen will open THPRD's free summer concert series on July 2. The band plays blues, soul, funk and rock.

Tower of Power tickets are available online through Aug. 14 at www.thprd.org/groovin. General admission seats are just \$10. Early entry tickets, entitling guests to enter the venue at 4 pm (one hour before gates open), are \$20. Children under age five will be admitted free.

On the day of show, general admission tickets will be available at the gate for \$15 and early entry will cost \$25.

“Once again, we’re proud to offer a free concert and theater series with a wide range of musical styles,” said THPRD’s Deb Fife, who organizes all the performances. “And we’re excited to bring in Tower of Power, one of the great bands of the last 50 years, for such a bargain price. Other places around Portland would charge \$30 per ticket or more.”

**July 2 (6-8 pm) at Arnold Park,
4155 SW 182nd Avenue, Aloha**

Ants in the Kitchen plays a unique, high-energy brand of blues, soul, funk and rock. With a broad range of influences that includes the Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters and Tina Turner, the group has been called "the next generation of waterfront rock/blues bands."

July 9 (6-8 pm) at Greenway Park, SW Pearson Court and SW Parkview Loop, Beaverton

Latin funk ensemble **Sabroso**, fronted by brothers Pablo and Ricardo Ojeda, includes some of Portland’s most talented musicians collaborating to provide a sound that is fresh and flavorful (the literal translation of “Sabroso”). Audiences enjoy moving and grooving to sophisticated Latin rhythms and funky soul pulses.

July 12 (6-8 pm) at Evelyn M. Schiffler Park, 5495 Erickson Avenue, Beaverton

Songs for A New World is an original 1995 off-Broadway show produced by Beaverton Civic Theatre that illuminates the timelessness of self-discovery. It’s about hitting the wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back. Three-time Tony Award winner Jason Robert Brown composed the two-act pop/rock revue.

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



Petty Fever, which features the music of rocker Tom Petty, will perform Aug. 6.

July 16 (6-8 pm) at Cedar Mill Park, 10385 NW Cornell Road, Portland

The **Tony Starlight Show** is billed as a love letter to the bygone days of live stage entertainment. The show is an ever-evolving hybrid of music and comedy, combining song parodies, musical impressions and tributes to iconic artists. Backed by a band of top-notch musicians, Tony puts the “show” in show business. At intermission, around 7 pm, THPRD will do a brief dedication ceremony celebrating improvements to the park that were funded by its 2008 voter-approved bond measure.

Aug. 6 (6-8 pm) at Raleigh Park , 3500 SW 78th Avenue, Portland

A two-time recipient of the Los Angeles Music Awards’ “Tribute Band of the Year Award,” **Petty Fever** pays homage to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers. The high energy show is packed with classic Petty hits perfect for dancing or singing along.

Groovin’ on the Grass

Aug. 15 (6-8:30 pm) at HMT Recreation Complex, 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton

Since 1968, **Tower of Power** has toured the world, earning acclaim with its legendary horn section. The band – which boasts four founding members in Emilio Castillo, Rocco Prestia, Stephen Kupka, and David Garibaldi – has released 18 studio albums and performed with Aerosmith, Elton John, Little Feat, Phish, Santana, Heart, and hundreds of other well-known artists during a historic and prolific tenure spanning nearly 50 years.

Boy and Bean delights audiences with Depression-era swing and jazz standards, covering artists such as Billie Holliday, Louis Armstrong, and Ella Fitzgerald. The trio is a fixture at Portland-area venues.

About THPRD

Celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2015, 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 natural areas. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call [503-645-6433](tel:503-645-6433).

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