

# NEWS



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## **THPRD'S NEWEST PARK OPENS SOON IN ALOHA; GRAND OPENING SET FOR OCT. 14**

Mountain View Champions Park, a 21.5-acre site in Aloha featuring “Champions Too,” Oregon’s first athletic field for people of all abilities, is nearly complete and will open to the public on Oct. 2.

The park is owned and managed by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. Through a partnership with the Beaverton School District, it is located at and adjacent to Mountain View Middle School (SW 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW Farmington Road).



**Mountain View Champions Park, located at and adjacent to Mountain View Middle School, is the largest of some 130 projects funded by THPRD's 2008 voter-approved bond measure. The “Champions Too” Field is at top left. Photo ©Oregon Aerial Photography**

It includes side-by-side synthetic turf fields with lights and a natural grass baseball field with a multipurpose outfield. Among the other amenities are tennis courts, play equipment, a community garden, shelters, a permanent restroom and concession stand, pathways, an open lawn area and parking.

The Champions Too field features synthetic turf, lights, and a design that makes the park easily accessible to athletes of every ability. This new field will help boost THPRD's

expansion of its Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation programs, and can also be programmed for recreational youth league play.

In addition to Champions Too, THPRD further recognized the needs of all abilities by providing a 6,500-square-foot inclusive playground. The colorful apparatus can be used for climbing, sliding and other fun activities.

Mountain View Champions Park is the largest undertaking of THPRD's 2008 voter-approved bond measure, which has included 130 projects. It was funded mostly by the bond, but Champions Too and certain other site amenities were supported by a separate community fundraising campaign.

"This major new park is a wonderful addition to Aloha and the rest of our park district, serving a variety of recreational needs for residents," said Jerry Jones, president of the THPRD Board of Directors and an Aloha native himself. "It will be a natural gathering place where our guests can enjoy themselves and other people."

Construction began in June 2016 and is finishing on schedule, although weather (snow, rain and freezing temperatures followed by extreme heat) was a significant challenge during much of the project.

THPRD has scheduled a grand opening of the park on Oct. 14 from 3 to 6 pm. Numerous free activities are planned for the public, including clinics by the Portland Timbers and Hillsboro Hops, adaptive sports clinics, large inflatable structures, face painting, community partner booths, and food and beverages. Free parking will be available at Mountain View Middle School. For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.thprd.org/events/>.

### **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 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, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.

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