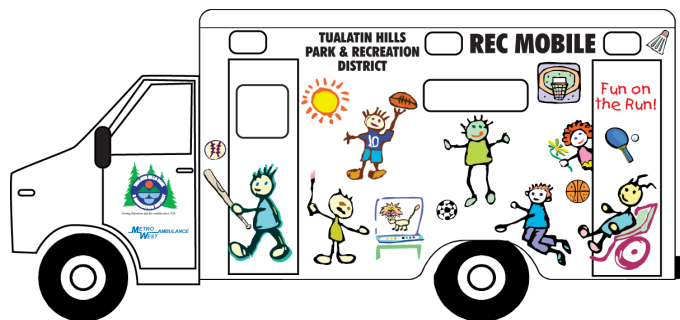




Evelyn Schiffler Memorial Park Bond Renovation Project

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A newsletter about the Schiffler Park Master Plan, a Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Bond Project



Rec 'n' Roll!

The popular THPRD Rec Mobile will be part of the January open house event! No, we won't make the kids play outside. But all the fun that comes with the Rec Mobile will come inside and be available during the open house. Staff will provide snacks for kids in the Fir Grove Elementary gymnasium, and activities including arts and crafts and an inflatable Bouncer called the "Fun Jump".



Mark your calendar
Community Open House
Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 6-8:30 p.m.
Fir Grove Elementary School, 6300 SW Wilson Ave., Beaverton

Tentative Project Schedule

December 2009	preferred Master Plan
Preliminary design	
January 6, 2010	March - April 2011
Public Open House #1	Final design, Land Use
Review questionnaire results, comment on concept options	February 2011 - March 2012
February 2010	Construction documents permits, bidding
Develop preferred Master Plan using district and public feedback	March 2012 -December 2012
February 2010	Construction
Public Open House #2	
Review and comment on	

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
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5500 SW Arctic Drive Ste. 2
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What did your neighbors say?

THPRD received an excellent response to the park survey. Between paper and online returns, we received a nearly 10% return. The community rated restroom improvements, a new play area, field sports and court sports very high. Wetland plantings, a climbing wall, paths and site furniture were also seen as important. Respondents provided written comments on many issues. Most common were concerns about sports fields and

use conflicts; off-leash dogs, both for and against, wetland and native plantings, and restroom facilities. Important to the design team were comments about user conflicts on the park paths, the heavy use of the basketball courts, and the desire for serenity in the park. It was clear to staff, consultants and the Project Task Force that the community has many competing priorities for the park, and that a good design will have to balance the active and serene spaces. The chart below shows the results of the questionnaire, the staff rating, and the Project Task Force rating.

Schiffler Park program element rank by group

Park Program Element	Community Survey Ranking****	THPRD Staff Ranking	Task Force Ranking
New play area	2	1**	1
New larger picnic shelter***	7	3**	n/a
Native/Wetland plantings*	5	1**	n/a*
Youth sports fields	9	1**	3**
Basketball court	11	3**	2**
Futsal	17	no votes	5**
Additional parking	16	5**	7
Skate spot	15	4**	2**
Community garden	13	2	5**
Permanent restroom or enclosure	1	4**	3**
Off-leash dog area	n/a	no votes	6**
Performance area (called Bandshell/stage in initial surveys)	14	5**	4
Splash pad	4	no votes	6**
More picnic tables and benches*	3	n/a*	n/a*
Loop path*	6	n/a*	n/a*
More trees/shade*	8	n/a*	n/a*
More ornamental plantings*	10	n/a*	n/a*
Climbing wall* (recommend incorporating a small element into play area design)	12	n/a*	n/a*

* Indicates that these park elements may be included with all proposed designs as basic park components therefore, they were not voted upon by Task Force.
 ** Tie votes indicated by matching number rating.
 *** A new, 30'x40' picnic shelter will be included in all proposed park designs via grant funds awarded to THPRD.
 **** These rankings were derived from an element weighting process based on the results of the community survey

Plan Options to be Discussed at Open House

Two plan options will be available for viewing late December online and at our first project open house January 6, 2010.

The plans are an attempt to strike the balance between active and passive. They include wetland enhancements, flexible sport field space, a new larger picnic shelter, play area and two half basketball courts. The plans show a potential new community garden near SW Bonnie Brae Street, and options for siting a skatespot or skatable art in the park.



Scheme A

The schemes include attractive screens for portable toilets in two locations in the park, as well as a small plaza space that could serve as a setting for outdoor performances. The park paths will be laid out to form pleasant spaces and allow ease of circulation. Favorite existing elements, such as trees, swingset, and memorial garden

will be included in the final plan. Plans will also include benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, park signs, irrigation and plantings.

We'd like to hear your thoughts about the plan options. You can go to the project website to review them further if you wish.



Scheme B

Do join us for the project open house to hear more about the designs and talk to the landscape architects. There will be snacks, activities for children, and Spanish translation available.

You can comment on single plan elements or a whole plan option. The final master plan is likely to include elements from both options.

Variety of Activities Make Up Schiffler Planning Process

Early this fall we began collecting information and exploring potential uses for the upcoming bond-funded renovation. The consultant team from David Evans & Associates (DEA) prepared a topographic survey and wetland delineation for the site. We've also asked for public opinion. The return on our questionnaire was excellent! Staff collated questionnaire results to help guide the design.

Meetings to review potential site improvements have been held with THPRD staff and the Project Task Force. The results of the questionnaire and those meetings went into

developing a preferred list of park improvements to be included in plan options. More recently, staff and the Project Task Force have reviewed and discussed the plan options that will be taken to the



Open House in January. These are shown above and on the previous page.

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on the left, "Project Updates and Schedule"
and find the Schiffler Park listing.

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That soggy spot is a Wetland!

Many people have commented on the soggy area in the center of Schiffler Park. Suggestions have ranged from filling the area to improving the sport fields to upgrading the appearance. This area has posed challenges for THPRD’s Maintenance Department since the park was created.

A wetland is an area where the soil is saturated with water either permanently or seasonally. Wetlands can be defined by the soil type, moisture content, and the type of plants present.

The wetland in Schiffler Park has been “delineated” by the consultants to define its extents. The delineation was submitted to the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL), who regulate wetlands in the state for their protection. DSL issued a “concurrence” letter in November, agreeing with the extents show above. The map shows the wetland boundary in a dashed line. Bigger than you thought? You are not alone!



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