

Park bureau embarks on habit and trail plan for Marshall Park

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According to Emily Roth, project manager with Portland Parks & Recreation, the park bureau is embarking on the planning process to develop a habit management and trail plan for Marshall Park.

"We are hosting a series of walks through the park, as well as attending neighborhood association meetings during the summer, to gather community input throughout the planning process," explained Roth.

The following activities are planned for July and early August:

{July 8} Markham Neighborhood Association meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, SWNI Board Room, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. PP&R staff will be on the agenda to talk about the planning process, gather information on the experience they want in the park, and discuss issues and challenges.

{July 10} Marshall Park Neighborhood Association meeting, Marshall Park, 6:00 p.m.

PP&R staff will review the bridge alternatives and discuss the Marshall Park habitat management and trail plan. The alternative bridge locations will be "flagged" so that neighbors can view the proposed creek crossings.

{July 22} Join PP&R staff for a morning walk in Marshall Park, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meet by the picnic tables. Walk the trails and discuss the habitat management of the site, the location of the play area, and a potential trail layout.

{August 4} Join PP&R staff for an evening walk in Marshall Park, starting at 6:30 p.m. Meet by the picnic tables. Walk the trails and discuss the habitat management of the site, the location of the play area, and a potential trail layout.

For more information, contact Roth at emilv.roth@ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-9225.

A note of thanks from the 2008 Wilson Graduation Party Committee

I received a letter from Sally New last month, wishing to place an ad which thanked scores of individuals, families, organizations and businesses who contributed to the Wilson High School 2008 Graduation Party. While I didn't have room here to thank all the folks individually, I thought I would pass along New's sentiments in general. "The Wilson High School PTA Grad Party Committee would like to thank the community businesses for supporting our efforts to provide a one of a kind, alcohol, drug, tobacco and weapon-free celebration to honor the graduating seniors from the Class of 2008."

"All the grads were fully funded to attend the party and were given some cozy monogrammed blankets to comfort them and give them lasting memories of this wonderful extravaganza. Your contributions and support are what kept these graduates off the streets and in a safe haven on one of the best days of their lives: Graduation from mandatory school attendance."

"Families also donated to our scholarship fund and Senior Parents chaired different aspects of Grad Party 2008. We also want to thank the over 40 parents from the Senior and Junior classes, and staff members at Wilson High School who willingly gave their time and effort to our endeavors."

"Most sincerely, and with grateful hearts we pray for blessings on the Wilson Community, the seniors, and their families, who will also transition to new phases of life: Especially the empty-nesters. Hats off to you, The 2008 Wilson PTA Grad Party Committee."

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Cheers to new grocery store, jeers to gas guzzlers

Cheers to the advent of the Food Front Coop-

erative in Hillsdale! It was a shame to see Whole Foods, (a marketing juggernaut run by a self-absorbed CEO which targets primarily the well-heeled, pseudo-aware) enter the neighborhood and then close it as part of their "marketing strategy".

Thank goodness for a grocery store close by in Hillsdale (we live in Multnomah Village) with an emphasis on local food and local concern and providing a local grocery anchor. Nice picture of hope.

Jeers to the SUV, the entire parking lot filled completely with SUVs Monday morning at Grand Central Bakery and to the male SUV driver who swooped directly in front of, and into, a parking space on Multnomah Boulevard for which my wife, in our little Geo Metro, was sitting, patiently waiting. The space was being slowly vacated by yet another SUV, replete with woman glued to cell phone in one hand while trying to exit parking space with other.

To the, ahem, "gentleman" SUV-driver-parking-space-swiper (who shrugged his 40-something business-guy shoulders as if to say "tough luck, sorry, I'm really very important right now"), you're a sad picture of gloom. Let's hope he and his ilk drive their oil-wagons by Food Front Cooperative and get the real picture.

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