

Dickinson Park

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Neighborhood Association formed the Friends of Dickinson Park," Prouty said. "We held auctions and events, sold t-shirts and wrote grants. By 2006, we had raised about \$16,000."

Without enough to cover earth-work on the challenging site, the neighborhood association went back to the city. Southwest Neighborhoods Incorporated and the Portland Parks Southwest zone manager helped raise the project's priority. In May, 2007, the city allocated \$186,000.

"We started to work with Parks Planning in November 2007 and went through design reviews and open houses," Prouty continued. "Construction began in Fall 2008, and the structure was in place by Thanksgiving."

After thanking individuals and organizations for their help, Prouty and neighborhood activist Brenda Jamsgard presented Darien Reese with a bright bouquet of flowers. "Without Darien, this playground wouldn't be here," Jamsgard said. "She called all the meetings; when we got tired she kept going. In my heart and mind this will always be the Darien Reese Park."

Neighbors enjoyed hearing the history and chatting about their connection to the park. "My older son was involved when he was in second grade," Leslie Baird said, referring to the display of children's drawings. Over the years, Markham Elementary School teachers had children draw their visions of the park.

"And, in the summer, we show movies here," Baird added. "This year we'll have 3-D movies."

"During the big winter storm, Prouty said, "the playground became the neighborhood gathering spot for sledding. Now we see people here every day, -- playing, picnicking, or enjoying the sunset."

So what comes next for Dickinson Park? With more money waiting in the Dickinson Park fund, the neighborhood association needs suggestions. "Do we want more trees, picnic tables, a water fountain, a community garden?" Prouty said. Please consider getting involved."

For more information on Dickinson Park planning contact John Prouty at 503-246-7366, johnprouty@qwest.net or visit <http://crestwood.swni.org>.



Crestwood Neighborhood Association president John Prouty addresses friends and neighbors at the play structure dedication at Dickinson Park, June 6. (Post photo by Polina Olsen)



Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz talks with Crestwood neighborhood activist Darien Reese at Dickinson Park, June 6. (Post photo by Polina Olsen)

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The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Steven J. Little, DMD, FAGD, of Portland, Ore., received the prestigious Fellowship Award during the AGD's Convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member's to excellence in dental education. Held at the AGD's Annual Meeting & Exhibits on July 19, 2008 in Orlando, Fla., Dr. Little accepted this award along with more than 200 other recipients.

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"Dr Little's accomplishment shows his allegiance to the profession and commitment to ensuring his patients receive excellent oral health care," says AGD President, Paula Jones, DDS, FAGD. "The challenging process of becoming a Fellow exemplifies Dr. Little's dedication to continuing education and distinguishes him professionally in the dental community."

Dr. Little graduated from the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry in 1993 and currently practices dentistry in Portland, Ore. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Little is a member of the American Dental Association, Oregon Dental Association, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and the International Association of Orthodontics.

Dr. Little has two children, Ty and Dain.

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Vincent Mayher, Jr., DMD, FAGD, (left) congratulates Steven J. Little, DMD, FAGD on receiving the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award.