



# TUALATIN PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 09, 2026  
6:00 PM

VIRTUAL

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## Call to Order

1. Roll Call

## Approval of Minutes

1. May 12, 2026

## Communication & Comments

1. Chair
2. Staff
3. Public

## Old Business

1. Parks & Trails Bond Update
2. Park Utility Fee Update
3. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Update
4. Core Opportunity Reinvestment Area Update
5. [Committee Goals Review](#)

## New Business

1. Pollinator Week at Council June 22
2. Program Update
3. Maintenance & Operations Update
4. Volunteer Update

## Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review

1. Atfalati Restroom Grant
2. August 11 TPARK/TAAC

## Committee Member Communications

### Adjournment

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# Parks Advisory Committee

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
FOR MAY 12, 2026

**PRESENT:** Adam Peterson, Cosi Slider, Emma Gray, Nisha George, Beth Dittman, Taylor Sarman, Bella DePhillipo (staff), Dustin Schull (staff), Kira Hein (Staff), Kate Griffin (staff), Amanda Watson (staff)

**ABSENT:** None

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## Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Adam Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

## Approval of Minutes

1. April 14, 2026: Adam entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cosi Slider motioned, Emma Gray seconded, and the minutes were approved by vote.

## Communication & Comments

1. Chair: Adam thanked Parks staff for their work at the Las Casitas ribbon cutting.
2. Staff: Kira Hein shared that she has City volunteer appreciation gifts for Taylor Sarman, Emma Gray, and Carl Hosticka available for pickup at Van Raden. Dustin Schull spoke about the letter of support for the Atfalati Restroom grant application that Adam signed, and also shared that the Recreation Supervisor position has been opened for applications.
3. Public: None.

## Presentations

1. Kate Griffin - Volunteer Coordinator: Adam introduced Kate Griffin, and Kate introduced herself as the new volunteer program coordinator. Kate then gave a presentation that focused on the scope of her current duties, an overview of recent volunteer projects in parks, and her goals to expand for future volunteering opportunities.
  - a. Nisha George asked where the funding for volunteer programs comes from, and Dustin replied that it is mostly general fund supported. Nisha also asked where the City procures plants from, and Kate replied that most come from Beaver Lake but Valley View has also been a source more recently.
  - b. Dustin thanked Kate for the work she does and mentioned that many things the Parks Department does would not be possible without her, and Kate expressed how thankful she was for how helpful the Parks Maintenance staff are.

- c. Emma asked if Kate is the person to reach out to when the Parks Advisory Committee has new members, and she said that she can always help but Margaret Gunther has officially taken over the work of supporting advisory committees.
2. Amanda Watson - Climate Action Program Manager: Adam introduced Amanda Watson, and Amanda introduced herself as the climate action program manager. She gave a presentation that provided background on the climate action plan and gave an overview of how it is currently being implemented, providing a few detailed examples of how parks factor into the overall plan.
  - a. Nisha asked about pools in Tualatin, and Emma clarified that there isn't one in Tualatin but added that the Tigard High School pool is often open for public events and programs.
  - b. Taylor asked how many people have opted out of Pennies for Climate Action, and Amanda said about .5% at the moment.
  - c. Amanda asked for feedback on prioritizing climate plan actions. Beth Dittman asked if alignment with Federal Government opportunities or incentives is part of the criteria and also asked if a definitive rubric will be made. Amanda replied that the government alignment is definitely considered, and that a rubric is currently in the works but she is not sure how it will be laid out yet.
  - d. Adam mentioned that it seems like there will be a lot of opportunity for co-benefits with the new Riverfront Park coming in, in terms of alignment with prioritization, and Dustin added that Kira and Amanda meet regularly on those alignments.
  - e. Nisha mentioned that the website link to the draft plan is broken, and also mentioned that in her community there isn't a lot of marketing being done on pursuing actions that both benefit the climate and benefit homeowners. She posited that the average person will not read through the whole plan and fully invest in it to get to the "how it benefits me" part. Dustin suggested working with Heidi Stanley on a one-page fact sheet and Amanda agreed that it would be a good idea that she wants to get going as soon as those benefits become more concrete.
  - f. Nisha asked if a climate action advisory group has been formed yet, and Amanda replied that it is currently just a staff coordination group but there will likely be more to come in the future.
  - g. Emma emphasized Nisha's comment about helping the community see the direct benefits of Pennies for Climate Action and suggested a focus on the dangers of extreme weather events.

### **Committee Member Communications**

1. Adam asked if staff are planning another joint meeting outdoors with Arts Advisory Committee, and Dustin replied that staff will start planning now and send out more information in early June.
2. Adam asked if there have been any applications for the open committee positions, and Dustin said there haven't been any yet and that he will give an update at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

1. Adam adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

# Park & Trails Bond Projects

Nyberg Creek Trail

**NYBERG CREEK TRAIL**  
*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

**Saturday, June 20th**  
**10 am-12 pm**  
**19305 SW 65<sup>th</sup> Ave**

Join us for an afternoon of fun to commemorate the brand-new Nyberg Creek Trail: sweet treats, learning opportunities, and a scavenger hunt with prizes!



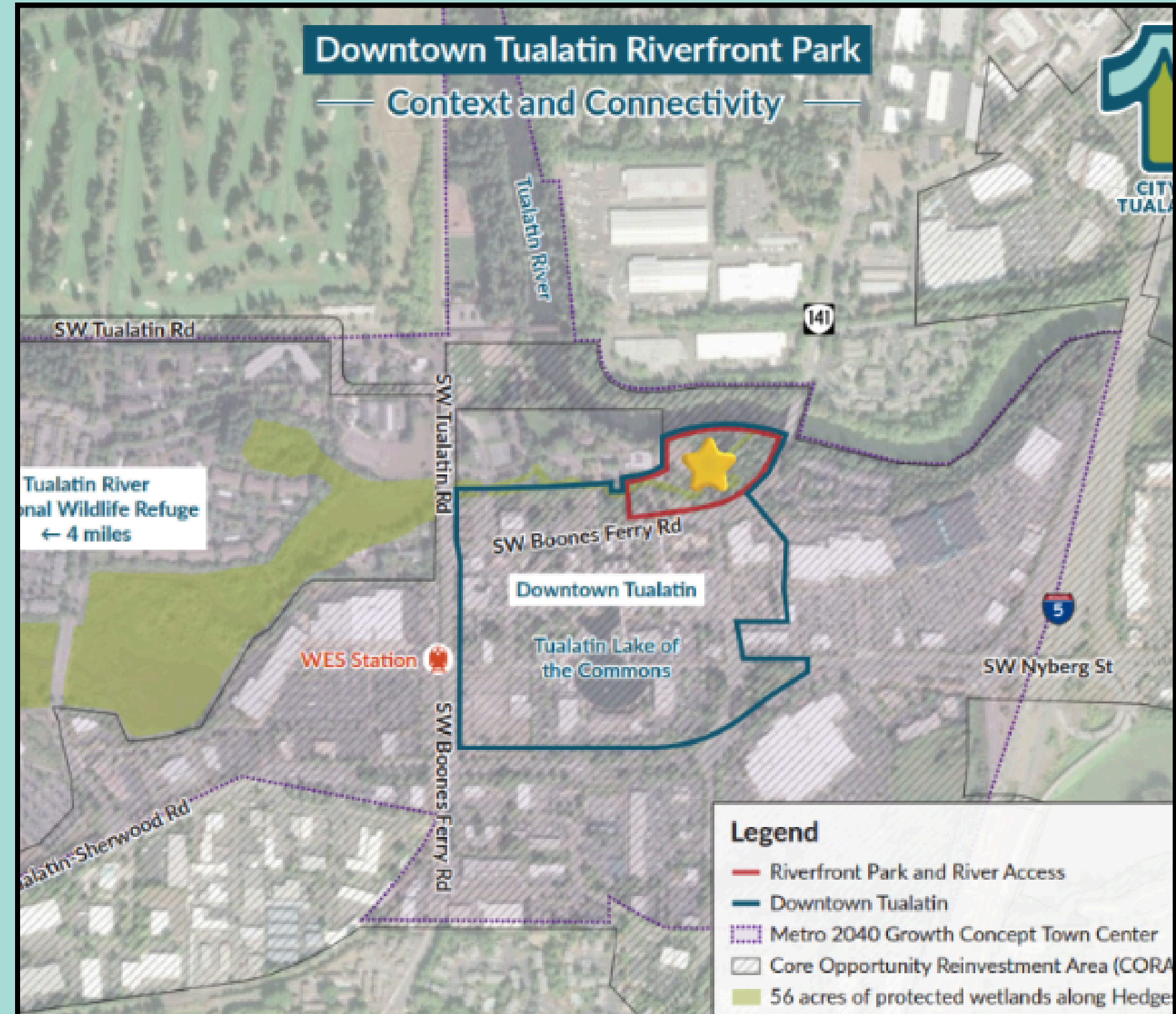
**SENDERO DE NYBERG CREEK**  
*Ceremonia de inauguración*

**Sábado, 20 de junio**  
**10 a. m. -12 p. m.**  
**19305 SW 65<sup>th</sup> Ave**

¡Participe con nosotros en una tarde de diversión para estrenar el nuevo sendero de Nyberg Creek: golosinas, oportunidades de aprendizaje y un juego de búsquedas con premios!

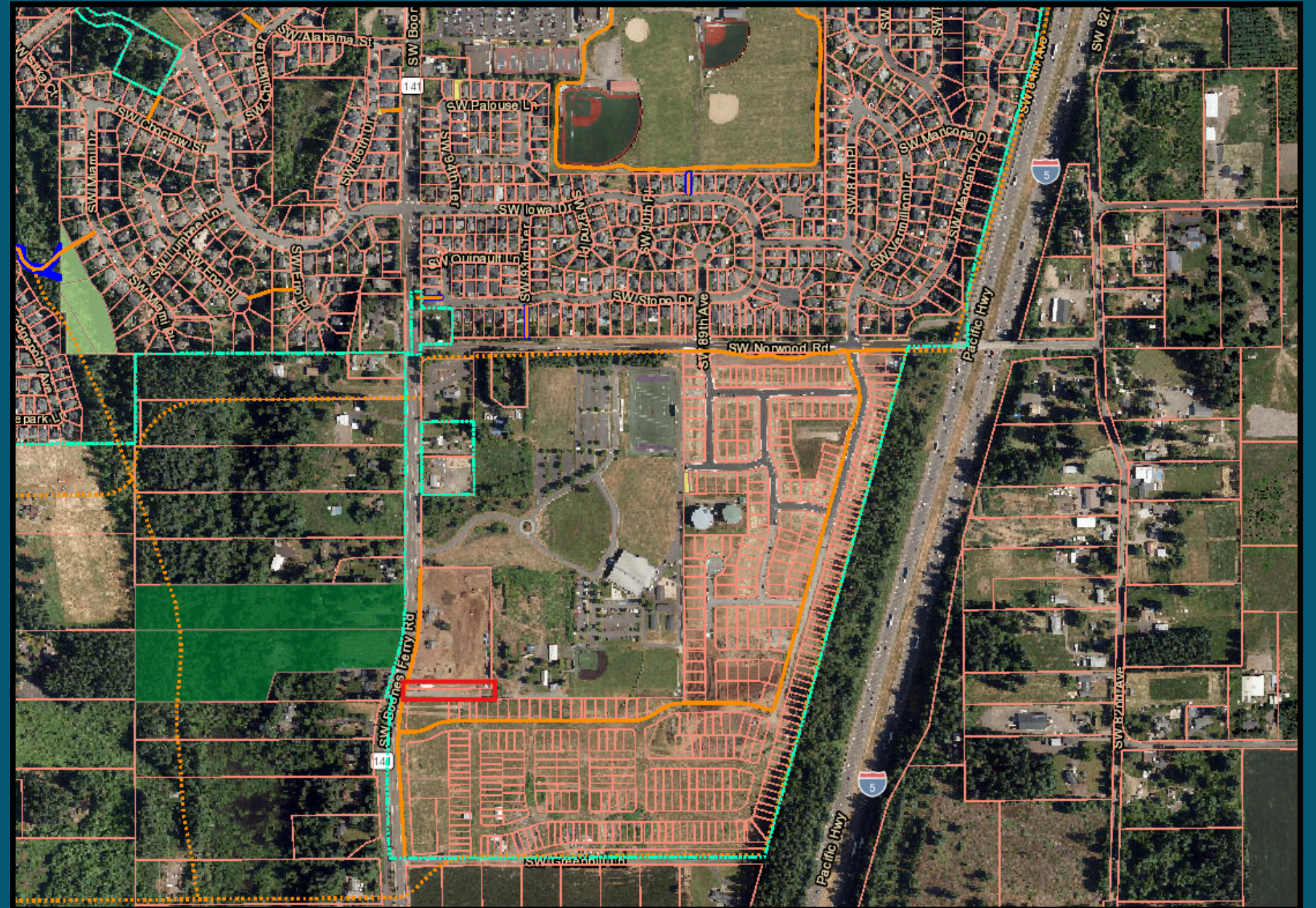
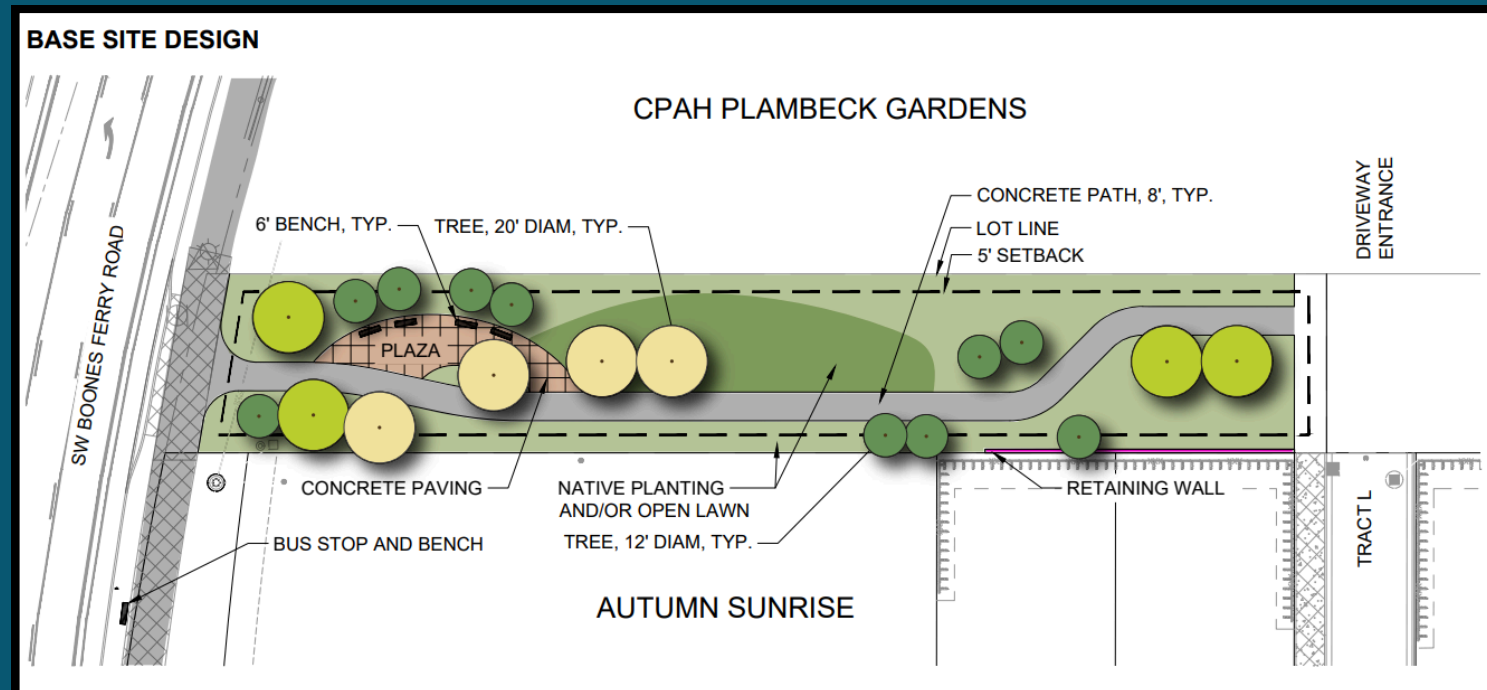


Riverfront Park



# ARPA Projects

## Basalt Creek Linear Park



Just south of 2365 SW Plambeck Terrace

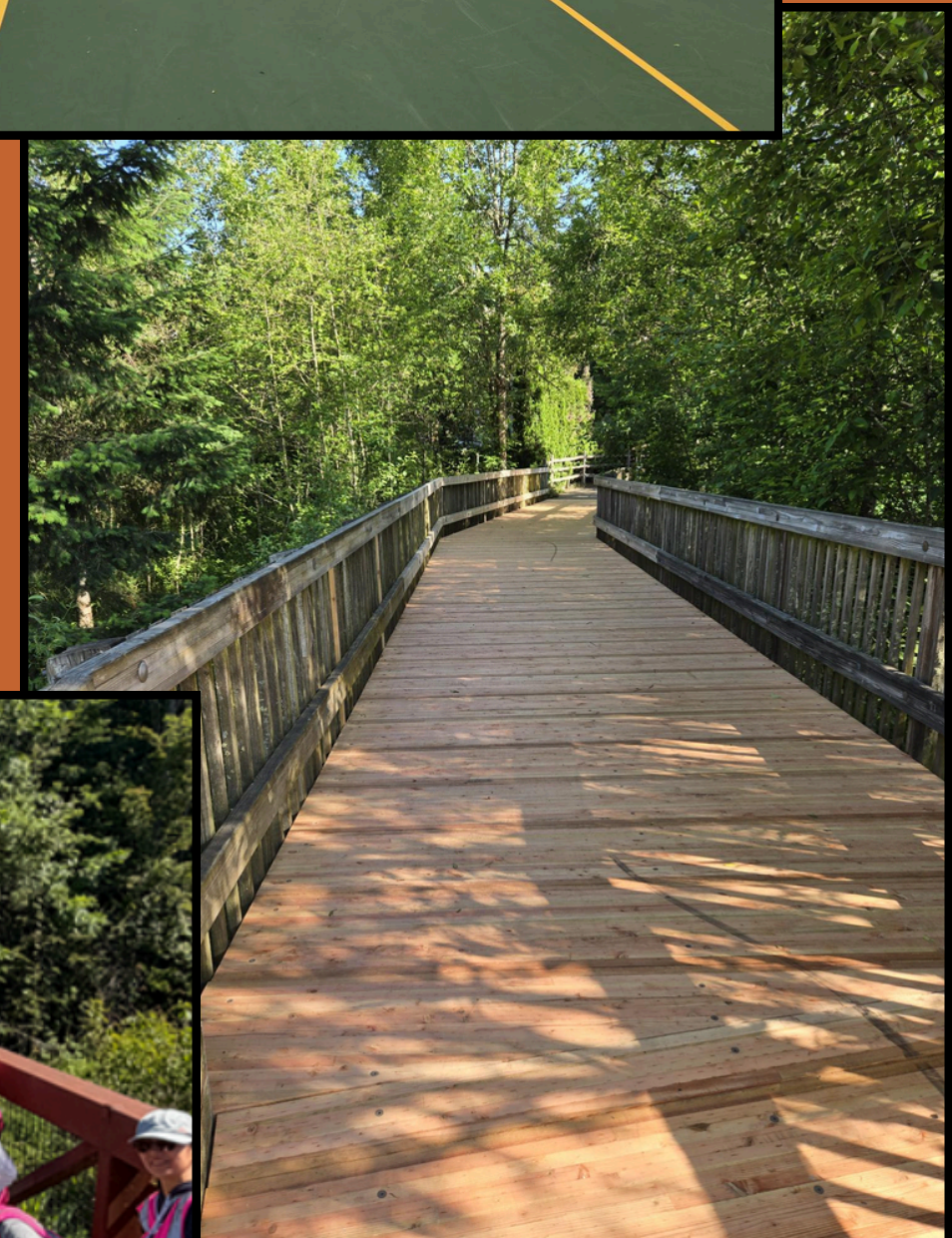
# Recreation

- Juanita Pohl Center OPEN
  - Ribbon Cutting TBD
- Blender Dash was June 6.
  - About 3,000 people attending (will confirm numbers on Monday!), 90+ volunteers, plus the amazing support of Parks Maintenance team in building the course and supporting the event, Facilities, and PD.
- Recreation Supervisor
  - Interviews June 22nd
- Summer camps begin June 29 - August 19.
- Four (4) Friday night concerts scheduled for July 10, 24, August 7, 21.
  - Lunchtime concerts at the lake at noon on July 15 and August 12.
- ¡Viva Tualatin! will be held at Community Park on Saturday, July 11 from 2-8pm, and features live entertainment, food vendors, and family-friendly activities. Admission is free.
- Three (3) new traffic signal box wraps will be installed at SW Boones Ferry/SW Ibach St, SW Sager/Martinazzi, and Tualatin/90<sup>th</sup>.



# Maintenance

- Sport Courts Resurfacing completed at Jurgens Park Basketball and Tennis Courts.
  - Sports courts are resurfaced on an approximately 10 year cycle.
- Hedges Green Bridge Deck Replacement Project. Bridge Deck was 30 years old and was showing signs of decay and wear.
- Bee City USA renewal application was submitted to Xerces Society for review.
  - The simple summary of qualifying statistics for 2025 includes: 1,100 pollinator plants installed across 5 separate volunteer planting events creating 31,500 square feet (3/4 of an acre) of new habitat while engaging 350 volunteers. (see attached Flash Report)
- Student engagement in May included full staff support of HMS Cares day engaging student from Hazelbrook Middle School in a variety of meaningful service projects across our park system and our community.
  - Additionally, we engaged 64 TuHS students from the Design Core class as they helped design a restoration planting at TCS to meet Backyard Habitat standards.
  - The students came to TCS on a field trip day and planted the native pollinator species as a Phase 1 transition to Backyard Habitat Certification at the TCS campus.



A vibrant watercolor illustration of a garden scene. The background is a bright yellow. In the foreground, there are various flowers including purple lavender, yellow daisies, blue cornflowers, and red poppies. Several bees are shown flying around the flowers, and a dragonfly is perched on a stem. A ladybug is also visible on a stem. The overall scene is lush and colorful.

# POLLINATOR WEEK

JUNE 22-28, 2026

# BEE CITY USA

Thinking globally and acting locally, Bee City USA provides a framework for communities to work together to conserve native pollinators by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides.

Bee City USA affiliates make commitments to conserve native pollinators, laid out in a resolution adopted by the local city council. City staff and community members work together to carry out these commitments and make their city a better place for pollinators.



# POLLINATOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



1,100

Pollinator plants planted

31,500

Square feet of habitat enhanced

5

Planting events and activities

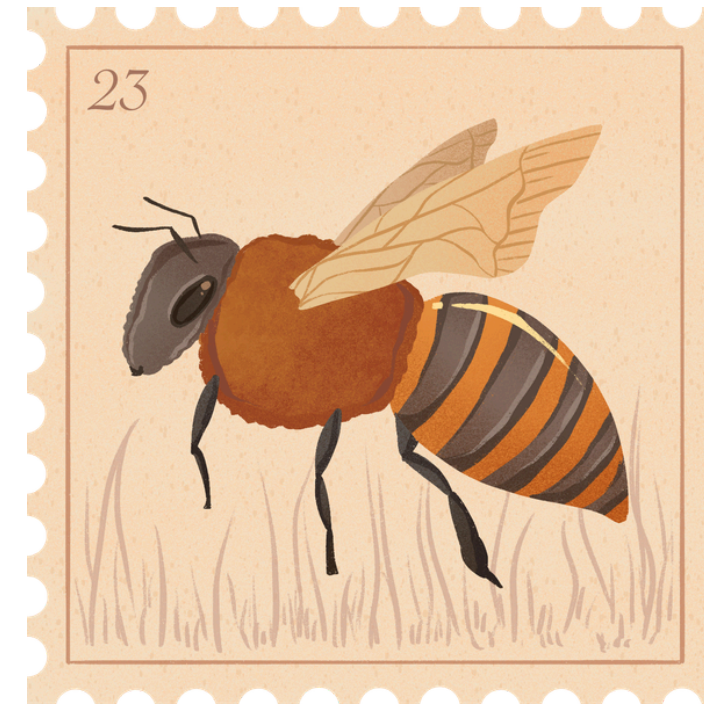
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Volunteers



# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- ◆ Ensure survival of vital animal species
- ◆ Build community locally and nationally
- ◆ Improve local food production
- ◆ Support small businesses
- ◆ Address pest problems with fewer pesticides
- ◆ Heighten awareness of biological diversity



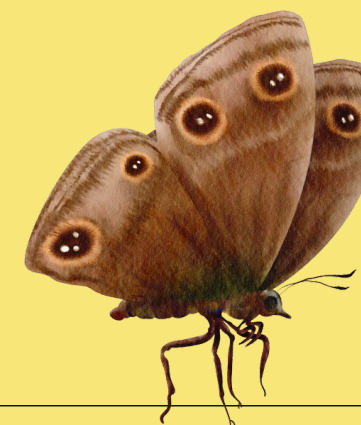
# POLLINATION FACTS

## WHAT POLLINATION DOES

- Pollination is a vital stage in the life cycle of all flowering plants.
- Pollinators are critical to the native species ecosystem.
- An estimated 1/3 of all foods and beverages is delivered by pollinators.
- In the U.S., pollination produces nearly \$20 billion worth of products annually.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Help pollinators by planting pollinator friendly gardens.
- Reduce use of pesticides to support pollinators.



# GET INVOLVED



- ◆ **Audubon Backyard Habitat Certification Program**  
<https://audubonportland.org/get-involved/backyard-habitat-certification-program>
- ◆ **Friends of Trees**  
<https://friendsoftrees.org/>
- ◆ **Byrom School Pollinator Garden**  
<https://www.facebook.com/byromgarden>
- ◆ **Nationwide Parks for Pollinators**  
<https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/conservation/parks4pollinators/>
- ◆ **Bee City USA City of Tualatin**  
<https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/bee-city-usa-city-tualatin>

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

