## Happy Valley Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan



#### THE CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY IS KICKING OFF DEVELOPMENT OF A PARKS & RECREATION PLAN, AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We've heard that residents want a community center, more ballfields, trails & paths, and a new community park. We want to put these ideas into action — and develop a plan for how we build parks and provide recreation amenities in the short and long term future.

#### WHY NOW?

The City Council voted unanimously to withdraw from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD). Effective at the end of the year, the City of Happy Valley will be providing parks and recreation services to the residents of Happy Valley. Now, we need a plan to guide the City's future parks and recreation services.

#### WHAT WILL THE PARKS PLAN DO?

The Plan will:

- Identify new parks and facilities, building on previous planning efforts.
- Provide an understanding of what our current parks provide, and learn what the needs are system-wide.
- Update the fees that developers pay (called Parks System Development Charges) to ensure fees are used to build new parks.
- Have clear direction on the short and long term priorities, in order to build the parks and provide the recreation services the community has asked for.

#### HOW WILL THIS IMPACT MY TAXES?

For the last 10 years, city residents have paid \$.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value to NCPRD. For the median home price, that's \$200 per year. These funds were used to fund recreation programs and pay for park maintenance throughout the entire district. Next spring, Happy Valley will propose a parks levy to replace these funds. The City anticipates the parks levy rate will be a continuation of NCPRD's current rate, or possibly less. This would keep individual property owners' tax responsibility the same and generate approximately \$1.3 million per year in funds that will be spent right here in our community.

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# We need you to be involved every step of the way...

so that we can create a strong Parks & Recreation Plan that reflects the needs and desires of the Happy Valley community. Over the next several months, you will see our team at the 4th of July Festival, Summer Concerts, community workshops, and many other activities to gather your ideas. Look out for more information about ways to get involved in the process.

For more information, or to join our email list, visit: **happyvalleyor.gov/parks** 



## Did you know?

# 400

acres of nature parks and green spaces to explore

miles of trails in Happy Valley

city-owned sports fields/ courts

**18,822** number of residents in Happy Valley

WHAT NEW PARKS AND FACILITIES DO YOU WANT BUILT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR PARKS?

WHAT RECREATION PROGRAMS DO YOU WANT THE CITY TO PROVIDE?

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