



## ncprd is hitting the road! come see us!

Join us in YOUR community to learn more about NCPRD parks, facilities and programs, and help us plan the future of the District. We value your input!

### January tour dates:

**WHAT:** NCPRD's 2nd Traveling District Advisory Board Meeting

**DATE:** January 22

**TIME:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Milwaukie Center

5440 S.E. Kellogg Creek Dr, Milwaukie

**WHAT:** Special Presentation to Ardenwald Neighborhood Association

**DATE:** January 27

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ardenwald Elementary School

8950 S.E. 36th, Milwaukie

**WHAT:** NCPRD Special Presentation to Clackamas CPD

**DATE:** January 28

**WHEN:** 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Clackamas River Water Community Room

16770 S.E. 82nd Dr. Ste. 100, Clackamas

### February tour dates:

**WHAT:** NCPRD Special Presentation to Sunnyside United Neighbors

**DATE:** February 3

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fire Station #5

9339 S.E. Causey Ave, Happy Valley

**WHAT:** NCPRD Special Presentation to Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

**DATE:** February 10

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ledding Library Pond House

2215 S.E. Harrison St, Milwaukie

**WHAT:** NCPRD Special Presentation to Southgate Planning Association

**DATE:** February 11

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Clackamas Community College

Harmony Road Campus (TBC)

**WHAT:** District Advisory Board Meeting

**DATE:** February 12

**TIME:** 4 - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** North Clackamas Aquatic Park

7300 S.E. Harmony Road, Clackamas

**WHAT:** Special Presentation to Lewelling Neighborhood Association

**DATE:** February 12

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lewelling Elementary

5325 S.E. Logus Rd, Milwaukie

**WHAT:** 3rd Traveling District Advisory Board Meeting

**DATE:** February 26

**WHEN:** 6 - 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sunnyside Library

13793 S.E. Sieben Park Way, Clackamas

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Dear Neighbors,

Some of you may be aware of the changes at the Eastmoreland Racquet Club over the last year. For those of you who are not, it has gone from being a neighborhood tennis and fitness club to a tournament venue for sports leagues, called "The Courts in Eastmoreland". As homeowners on SE Berkeley Place, we have watched with dismay as our quiet little cul-de-sac has transformed on tournament days into a gridlocked boulevard. We have recorded as many as 2,200 cars driving past our houses on a single day often backing up all the way to the McLoughlin overpass and east on Johnson Creek. We have tried without success to negotiate with the owner, Terry Emmert and the manager of the facility, Steve Suttich to reduce their activity levels. **NOW, WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.** As much as this affects the livability of our street, it also impacts the entire neighborhood.

The Courts has been allowing their patrons to park illegally on the outdoor tennis courts for the past year, and the City has finally cracked down. They are requiring them to either stop parking there or apply for a Non-Conforming Situation Review and defend their need for additional parking. They have chosen the latter. We are told that they are in the process of preparing an application and that once it is accepted as complete, it will be open for public comment. This will be an opportunity to make our voices heard. **WE HOPE YOU WILL WRITE IN TO THE CITY AND OPPOSE THEIR REQUEST,** and we offer the following reasons:

- The club is located in an R-5 (single-family residential) zone. It was approved in 1976 as a Conditional Use, based on the assumption that its membership would not exceed 300 members and that it would primarily serve the neighborhood. The purpose of those conditions was to limit the negative impacts of traffic, congestion and noise on the neighborhood.
- The street was never designed to handle that volume of traffic. It is narrow and has no sidewalks, making it hazardous for pedestrians and inaccessible to emergency vehicles should the need arise.
- Allowing parking on the tennis courts does nothing to alleviate the problem. They are parking there illegally now, and the number of cars still far exceeds their capacity to contain them on-site. Berkeley Place is completely filled on tournament days and parking spills out onto adjacent streets.
- More on-site parking at the facility only makes the traffic volume worse.

We are urging the City to require "The Courts" to become a good neighbor by either:

- reducing their activities on tournament days to a level of traffic that can be legally accommodated on-site without adding parking on the tennis courts.
- requiring them to find an off-site lot for overflow parking and provide a shuttle service to bring patrons to and from the facility.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Write to the City of Portland regarding Land Use Notice #\_\_\_\_ TBD. Express your frustration w/ the traffic/parking/safety situation, and support our neighborhood. **Ask the city deny their request to park on the tennis courts and encourage them to limit the size of events at The Courts.**
- How to write the city: \_\_\_\_\_address TBD
- Deadline: Input must be received by \_\_\_\_\_date TBD.

Thank you for taking a stand for neighborhood livability.

Sincerely,

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