



**MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA  
TUALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
April 9, 2024 - 6:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting**

Options to Join:

Video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84387754470>

Phone: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 843 8775 4470

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“We are a group of enthusiastic advocates for the Parks & Recreation system with a focus on the stewardship and enhancement of our community.”

**A. Call to Order**

1. Roll Call
2. Introduction of Office Coordinator, Bella DePhillipo

**B. Approval of Minutes**

1. March 12, 2024

**C. Communications & Comments**

1. Chair
2. Council
3. Staff
4. Public

**D. Old Business**

1. Park Bond Update
  - a. Project Status
  - b. Veterans Plaza
    - i. Construction
    - ii. Public Art
2. Committee Goals
3. Arbor Month Presentation
4. Budget Preparation & Process

**E. New Business**

1. Pollinator Week
  - a. Bee City USA
  - b. Presentation
  - c. Proclamation

2. Updates

- a. Programs
- b. Projects
- c. Operations
- d. Volunteers

**F. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review**

**G. Committee Member Communications**

**H. Adjournment**



## Minutes

### T UALATIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 2024

#### Parks & Recreation Office

8511 SW Tualatin Road

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|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Members Present:</b> | Beth Dittman, Emma Gray, Carl Hosticka, Michael Klein, John Makepeace, Cosimah Slider |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | Anthony Warren (Excused)  |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Ross Hoover, Parks & Recreation Director<br>Heidi Marx, Program Coordinator           |
| <b>Public:</b>          | None  |

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#### A. Call to Order

Chair Emma Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with six members present and one absent.

Committee members introduced themselves due to having a new student member, Cosimah Slider present at the meeting. Cosimah introduced herself as well, and Emma Gray and the committee welcomed Cosimah as the student representative.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 9 and February 13, 2024 meetings was approved by a motion from Michael Klein, and second by Carl Hosticka.

#### C. Communications & Comments

Committee members were asked to update information on the membership roster. Rich Mueller reminded members that Pollinator Week Proclamation was on Council agenda June 10. Rich mentioned to please take a volunteer recognition mug with treats, and let TPARK know that an office coordinator was in the process of being hired.

#### D. Old Business

##### 1. Parks Bond Update

Rich Mueller reviewed the bond project status and schedule progress, and that construction has started at Veterans Plaza in Tualatin Commons. John Makepeace updated committee members on the art selection process and results.

##### 2. Annual Report

Emma Grey and Beth Dittman reported on the February 12 committee presentation to Council that they gave.

#### D. New Business

##### 1. Arbor Month Contests

Heidi Max led the committee members through a process to select the award recipients for the youth poster contest and adult photo contest. Youth will be recognized at the

March 25, 2024 Council meeting when committee member(s) present the Arbor Month presentation.

2. Park SDCs

The annual System Development Charges report, and the annual increase in rates based on established index criteria was provided to the committee.

**G. Upcoming Dates & Calendar Review**

Emma Gray reviewed the calendars, and reminded members to log their volunteer hours.

**H. Committee Member Communications**












None

**I. Adjournment**

Chair Emma Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

# Bond Projects

4/2/2024

| <u>Projects</u>  | <u>Phase 1</u><br>2023-26  | <u>Phase 2</u><br>2026-29  | <u>Status</u>   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Trail Connections</b> (Est. \$4.5 MM)<br>Nyberg Creek/Wetlands<br>Design<br>Construction  |    |  | Construction Design - April 2024  |
| <b>New River Access</b> (Est. 4 MM)<br>Community Park Expansion<br>Planning & Design<br>Construction   |    |    | Design Proposals - winter 2024/25   |
| <b>Athletic Fields</b> (Est. 7 MM)<br>Parks<br>TCP field lights (replacement LED)<br>Backstops & fencing<br>Neighborhood park fields<br>School shared use partnership<br>Planning/Design<br>Construction |   |   | Completed February 2024<br>Planning & Design - spring & summer 2024<br>In Planning with School District   |
| <b>Upgrades</b> (Est. 5 MM)<br>Veterans Plaza<br>Other   |  |  | Under Construction February 2024  |
| <b>Natural Areas</b> (3.5 MM)<br>Property acquisition<br>Natural parkland<br>WA County<br>Community Park Expansion   |  |  | Acquired May 2023<br>Aquired September 2023<br>Acquired May 2023  |
| <b>Play &amp; Park Equipment</b> (1 MM)<br>Atfalati<br>Ibach<br>Jurgens<br>Ibach (tween/teen area)   |  |  | Completed December 2023<br>Completed December 2023<br>Completed February 2024<br>Construction spring 2024 |
| <b>Project Manager</b>   |  |  | Started November 13, 2023   |

# PARKS & TRAILS BOND UPDATE



**5-12 YEAR OLD AREA**



**3-5 YEAR OLD AREA**



**BOPPITY BRIDGE**



**WEESAW**

**JURGENS  
PARK**

**IBACH  
PARK**



**ATFALATI PARK**



**TUALATIN COMMUNITY PARK LIGHTS**



**VETERANS PLAZA**

# VETERANS PLAZA

**SERVICE-INSPIRED ART**



# PROCESS AND PAST STEPS

2019-2022

Community meetings, define core themes, site selection, design development

August 2022

Veterans Plaza Plan and Design Report Accepted by Tualatin City Council

March 2023

First Service-Inspired Art Selection Committee Meeting

May 2023

Second Committee Meeting

June 2023

Artist Request for Qualifications Issued

September 2023

Applications Received, Finalists Selected

February 2024

Final Artist Presentations and Proposals



# ART LOCATIONS





# SERVICE-INSPIRED ART SELECTION COMMITTEE



# FINAL ART PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS



- Five artists from OR, WA, CA, KY and ME
- Two days of presentations and scoring



# SELECTED ARTIST

Douwe Blumberg, Sculptor

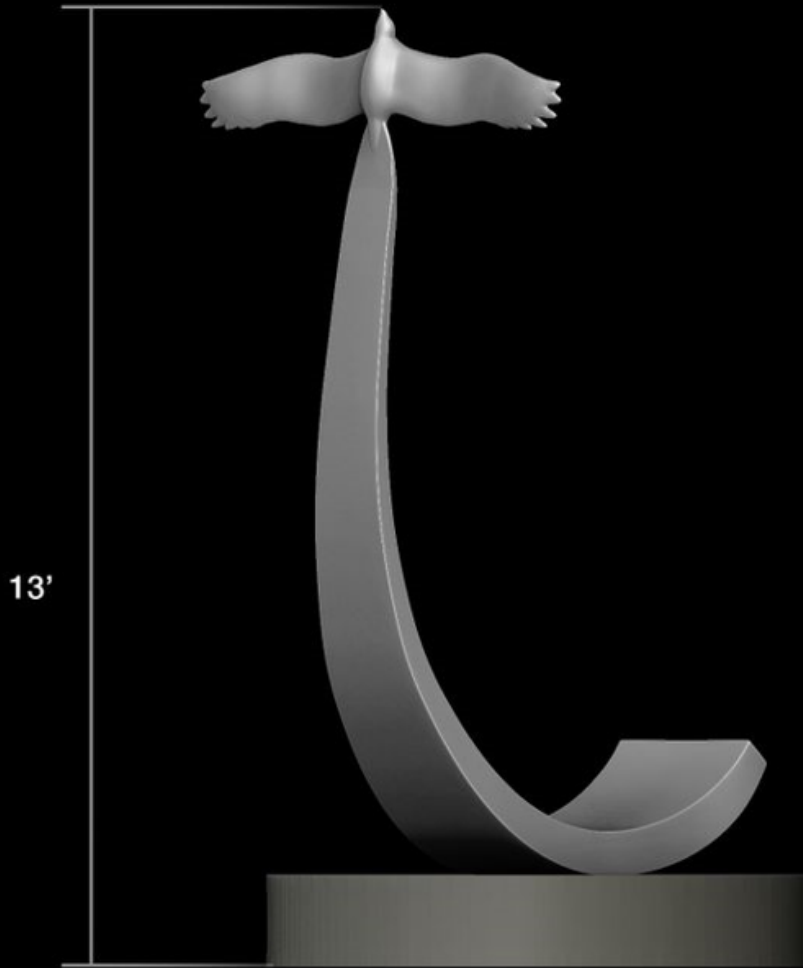
- Son and father of veterans
- Recipient of 2018 Americans for the Arts, Public Art in Review Award
- Sculptures installed at Ground Zero in New York City, Universities of Wisconsin and Kentucky, and Aurora, CO



15'6"

Flames of Honor





Wings of Freedom



Wings of Peace

# THANK YOU!





# OUR 2024 GOALS

## Sustainability

- Explore intersections between parks & recreation operations, programs & projects with City Council-approved Climate Action Plan
- Evaluate existing tree codes for climate resiliency updates & recommendations
- Promote pollinator information & resources
- Provide community resources for trees & bees

## Parks Bond & Utility Fee Projects

- Assist staff with prioritizing Utility Fee projects
- Actively pursue implementation of parks bond projects
- Continue to support progress on new river access
- Advocate for continued progress for integrated trail system
- Continue to complete bond playground projects
- Support beginning utility fee facilities assessment

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Evaluate current park naming policies for possible updates & recommendations
- Work with Youth Advisory Council to recruit a student member

# Arbor Month 2024



# The Purpose of Arbor Month

Tualatin recognizes April as **Arbor Month** to celebrate the many contributions that trees make to our lives and community.

## Benefits of Trees:

### Public Health & Social Benefits

- Clean air
- Noise reduction
- Reduce crime
- Traffic calming

### Environmental Benefits

- Climate change
- Energy conservation
- Water filtration
- Wildlife habitat

### Economic Benefits

- Increase home value
- Attract businesses

### Aesthetically Pleasing

- Beautiful & Attractive
- Quality of Place
- Quality of Life



# Arbor Month Events & Activities

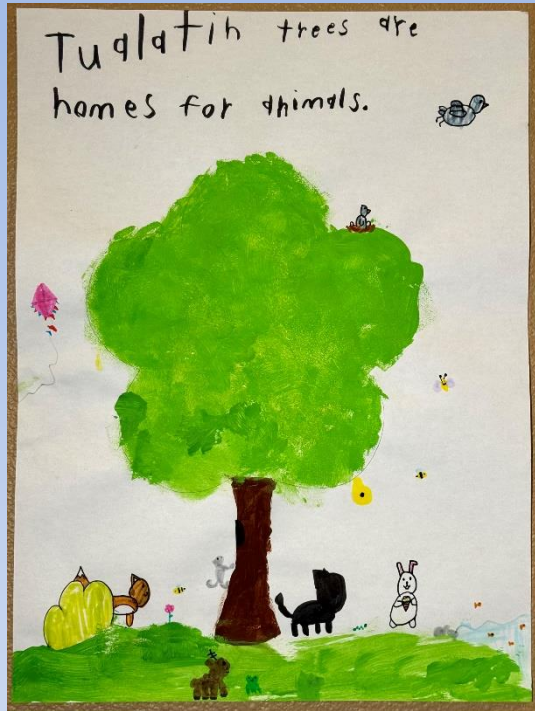
- Tualatin Trees Photography Contest
- Kids' Poster Contest
- Arbor Month Proclamation
- Old Salmon River Trail
- Tualatin Historical Society Poetry Contest
- Putting Down Roots Volunteer Tree Plantings
- Hug a Tree for Earth Day
- Tualatin Library tree-themed story times
- Smokey Bear Reading Challenge
- Arbor Month Scavenger Hunt in the park



Arbor Month – April 2024



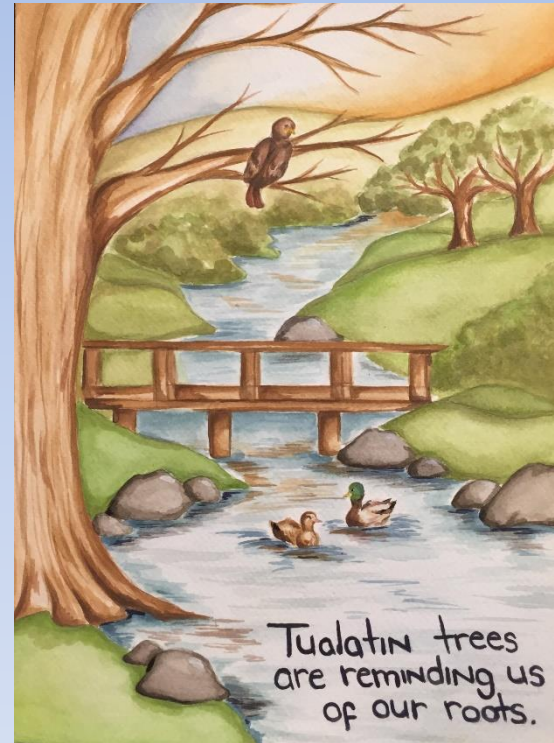
# Kids' Poster Contest: "Tualatin Trees are \_\_\_\_\_"



"Homes for Animals"  
Isla H.  
Grades K-2

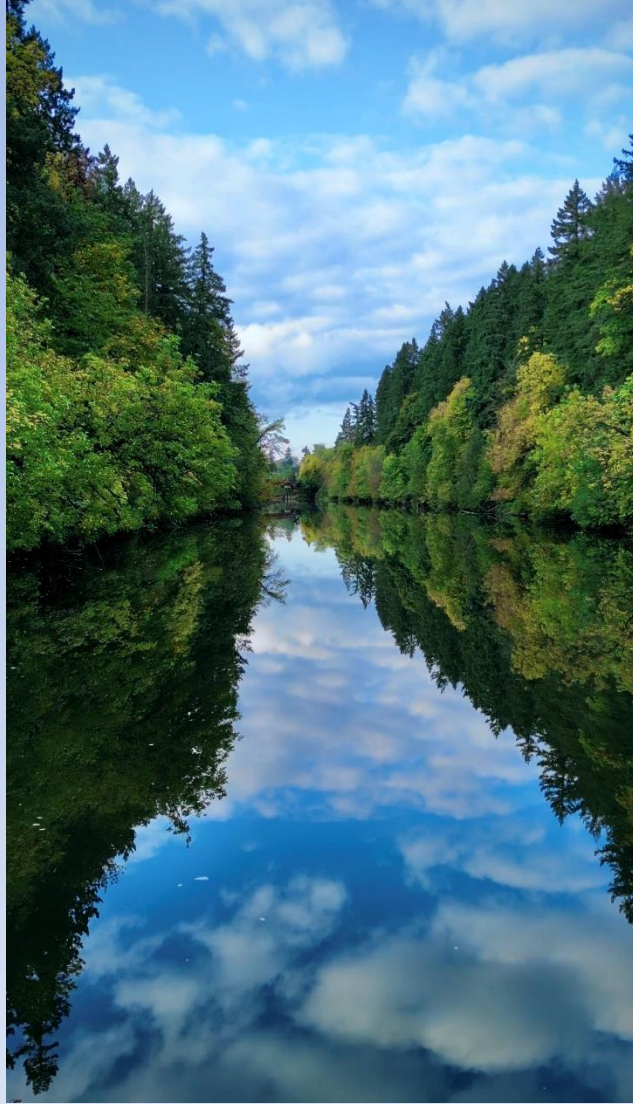


"Full of Magic"  
Tenley R.  
Grades 3-5



"Are Reminding us of our Roots"  
Petra S.  
Grades 6-8

# Tualatin Trees Photo Contest

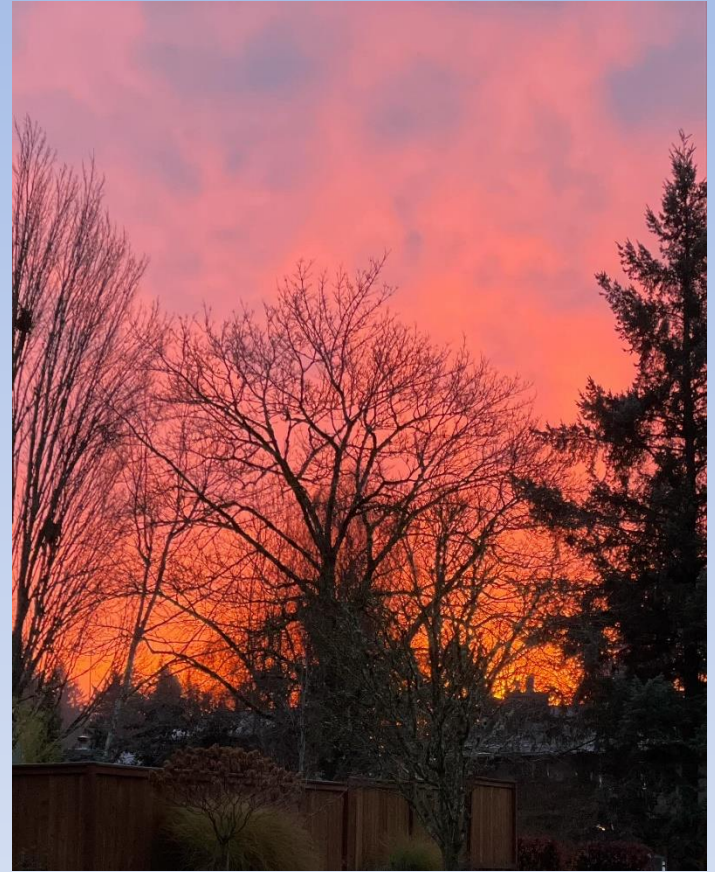


**“Nature’s Mirror”**  
First Place – Matt Hanson  
Location – Tualatin River

# Tualatin Trees Photo Contest



**“Autumn Canopy”**  
Second Place – Julie McGuire  
Location – Jurgens Park



**“Sunrise Tree”**  
Third Place – Valerie Holt  
Location – Martinazzi Ave

## Tree City USA

The Tree City USA certification is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation to recognize communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program.

Tree City USA Standards Include: Tree Board, Tree Care Ordinance, Community Forestry Program with Budget, and Arbor Month Observance and Proclamation.

The City of Tualatin is Recognized as a **Tree City USA** for the 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive Year!



TREE CITY USA®





JUNE 12, 2023

# POLLINATOR WEEK

JUNE 19-25, 2023



# BEE CITY USA COMMITMENTS



- ◆ Bee City USA committee
- ◆ Create & enhance pollinator habitat
- ◆ Reduce the use of pesticides
- ◆ Pollinator-conscious practices, policies & plans
- ◆ Pollinator awareness events
- ◆ Bee City USA signs & online presence
- ◆ Pay annual renewal fee



# POLLINATOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**13**

Planting events & activities

**29,340**

square feet planted

**725**

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

- Pollination is a vital to 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.
- Help pollinators by planting pollinator friendly gardens.
- Reduce use of pesticide 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 BioBlitz**

<https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/conservation/parks4pollinators/bioblitz/>

## **Bee City USA® City of Tualatin**

<https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/bee-city-usa%C2%AE-city-tualatin>

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



# Proclamation

*Declaring the Week of June 19 - June 25, 2023 as  
National Pollinator Week in the City of Tualatin*

WHEREAS, pollinators such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that includes greenways, natural areas and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tualatin provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, Oregon that the City of Tualatin designates the week of June 19-25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week in the City of Tualatin.

All are urged to recognize this observance, and support efforts to protect and plant pollinators.

The City of Tualatin supports Bee City USA certified affiliate status in their recognition of the value of pollinators by proclaiming June 19-25, 2023, as National Pollinator Week in Tualatin.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder





# Hug A Wetland

## Hedges Creek Wetlands

### March 23, 2024

#### Volunteers giving nature's water filter some TLC!

- Thank you to the 40 enthusiastic volunteers who came out remove trash and invasive plants from Hedges Creek.
- Our community partner The Wetlands Conservancy has been traveling to wetlands throughout the metro area, bringing education, games and activities to the community.
- 100 pounds of trash was collected by volunteers who explored the ponds and streets bordering the Hedges Creek Wetland.



# APRIL 2024

| Sunday | Monday                               | Tuesday                      | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 31     | <b>1</b><br><br>Arbor Month          | <b>2</b>                     | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | 6        |
| 7      | <b>8</b><br><br>6 pm – City Council  | <b>9</b><br><br>6 pm - TPARK | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | 13       |
| 14     | <b>15</b>                            | <b>16</b>                    | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | 20       |
| 21     | <b>22</b><br><br>7 pm – City Council | <b>23</b>                    | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | 27       |
| 28     | <b>29</b>                            | <b>30</b>                    | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4        |

# MAY 2024

| Sunday | Monday                    | Tuesday            | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 28     | 29                        | 30                 | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6                         | 7                  | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12     | 13<br>7 pm - City Council | 14<br>6 pm - TPARK | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| 19     | 20                        | 21                 | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| 26     | 27<br>7 pm - City Council | 28                 | 29        | 30       | 31     | 1        |