



News Release

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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THPRD Invites Community to Join Levy Task Force

August 18, 2023: THPRD is looking at options to stabilize funding for park and recreation services to maintain current service levels and to prepare for future needs and we need the public's help. THPRD is looking at an upcoming \$16 Million gap in the operating budget, representing about 21% of the district's annual budget. Without additional revenue sources, the district would be looking at closing facilities, reducing park and recreation services such as childcare programs, and having to reduce staffing by up to approximately 50 full-time employees and 250 part-time employees.

The THPRD Board of Directors has been reviewing stable funding options for months, including the possibility of asking voters to consider a local option levy for district operations as early as 2024, similar to many other local government agencies.

Community members are invited to apply to the Levy Task Force to provide guidance and assistance to the THPRD Board of Directors as they consider whether the district should pursue a local option levy and if so, what should the levy encompass. The final decision on whether to pursue a local option levy lies with the Board of Directors, however they will be utilizing the recommendations from the Levy Task Force to help inform their decision-making.

Members of the Levy Task Force will:

- Serve from September – November 2023
- Attend approximately 3 meetings. Estimated total commitment of 8 hours over the three months.
- Serve as community advisors and make recommendations on if a potential operating levy should be pursued
- Advise on amount of the levy and what services should be included
- Advise on communication and outreach strategies to inform the public about the levy

Interested? Apply now!

Accepting applications from

Now thru September 1, 2023

Apply online at: www.thprd.org

About THPRD

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving 270,000+ people in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round park and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 117 park sites with active recreational amenities, about 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,500 acres of natural areas. At THPRD, our core values center around equity, sustainability and our deep commitment to our community's vision for park and rec services. We are here to keep people active, healthy, connected, and safe through diverse programming and shared spaces that make our community a welcoming and inclusive place for all.