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Discovery Day is June 23!

The year: 1990. **The idea:** To restore the Tualatin River and protect it from harmful activities such as high-impact development and polluted runoff. The early Riverkeepers imagined a beautiful mosaic of streams and wetlands that flow into the Tualatin River, where young and old could observe the beauty and magic of our changing seasons. They developed as their motto and creed: "Empowering people to protect, restore, and enjoy the river system in our community." To make this idea a reality, the Riverkeepers planned the 1st Annual Tualatin River Discovery Day. Forty participants and volunteers united in their concern about the Westside Bypass (a freeway project that would cut a swath out of rural Washington County farmlands) joined in a paddle trip to raise awareness of the river and this issue. Over the years Discovery Day has grown into an important event for TRK. Last year we launched 97 boats and 170 people in less than four hours.

This year, the 5.5-mile trip from Jurgens Park to Metro's Stafford Property will remind you of the many reasons TRK works so hard to protect and restore the river, and introduce you to some new ones. Look up as you pass under Tualatin Community Park's new Atfalati Bridge, which connects 300 acres of natural areas for your walking and biking pleasure.



Be Part of Discovery Day!

Join us from 9 am to 1 pm

Registration is now open;

Call 503-620-7507.

Canoe rental is free to members.

(while supplies last)

Judge Rules on Stormwater Permit Challenge

On April 19, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Christopher Marshall ruled against three Riverkeeper groups in their challenge of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits issued by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Under the state Administrative Procedures Act, Judge Marshall said that three questions must be answered:

Did DEQ misinterpret state law?

Did DEQ violate their own regulations?

Did DEQ improperly use discretion in issuing these permits?

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2007 Discovery Day Event Sponsors



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PROTECT

RESTORE

ENJOY

OUR MISSION

Tualatin Riverkeepers is a community-based organization working to protect and restore Oregon's Tualatin River system. Tualatin Riverkeepers builds watershed stewardship through public education, restoration, access to nature, and advocacy.

The Tualatin Riverkeepers became a nonprofit in 1992 and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please join us by completing and mailing the membership application in this newsletter or by contacting us.
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Tualatin Riverkeepers is proud to be a Waterkeeper Alliance Member.



Three Auction Paddle Trips Still Available!

The most competitive bidding at the Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction was for canoe trips on the Tualatin. Metro Council President David Bragdon started it off right by challenging other guests to outbid him. Three of the six trips were sold for \$450 each. This may be your last chance to score your own trip this paddle season.

Have a Private Party on the Tualatin River:

- 12 TRK Canoes & all gear
- 24-30 Friends, Family, or Co-workers
- 4 Tualatin Riverkeeper Paddle Trip Leaders
- Schedule your paddle trip today for \$450.*

Only 3 More Trips Available in 2007!

Contact Sara Halverson at 503-620-7507 or sara@tualatinriverkeepers.org to schedule your trip.

Thank You to Our GHADA Sponsors

We want to give a wholehearted **Thank You** to our 2007 Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction Sponsors. Your support brings us together and helps promote great work within the watershed.

Thank you to our Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction Table Sponsors. Your tables were the life of the party!



- Clean Water Services
- Contech Stormwater, Inc.
- Fans of Fanno Creek
- Scholls Valley Native Nursery/
Ash Creek Forest Management
- Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District
- Bruce and April DeBolt
- Ron and Karen Garst
- Sue and Jerry Manning
- Jean Sandwick
- Karen Wegener
- Ramsay Weit

Volunteer Program Gains Support at Auction!

We would like to send a **special thank you** to all who made a donation to our volunteer program at the 2007 Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction on April 14th. More than \$8,700 was raised for the volunteer program during the oral auction, thanks to the participation of those listed below and the generous donators who helped make this auction a success. These funds will be invested in volunteer programs such as Restoration, Trips & Tours, Citizen Advocacy, and Youth Education to help secure the vitality of the Tualatin Basin community for years to come. With your continued generous support, TRK can expand this program and build on its successes. To make a contribution, contact Sara Halverson at 503-620-7507.

- \$1,000**
George and Sarah Kral
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Sue Marshall
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- Linda Lane
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Bruce and April DeBolt
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Martin Salinski

Dear Riverkeepers,

This is an exciting time for TRK. We are streamlining our efforts to become even more effective and efficient at implementing important programs to protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed. To be successful, TRK needs to increase membership and volunteerism, *and you can help!*

Memberships provide stability for TRK by ensuring that gaps in programmatic funding don't cut essential organizational needs such as office space, equipment and administrative staff. I encourage you to look for additional opportunities to support TRK.

Advocate for workplace giving and volunteerism. Many companies will match your contributions to TRK. In May TRK member Christi Fisher gave a \$300 contribution that was matched one-to-one by her employer. Businesses can also support TRK events such as Discovery Day with sponsorship, and by coordinating employee volunteers. TRK leads guided canoe trips on the Tualatin River for groups. Recognizing employees with a trip is a great way to connect more people to the amazing natural resources in our watershed and energize group ethics.

TRK members are our best advocates. If you believe strongly in the mission of TRK, take some time this summer to inspire someone by sharing with them your passion for clean water and healthy habitats. Encourage them to join us in our important effort by becoming a member and volunteer.

Volunteers guide TRK on the Board of Directors, Citizen Action, Membership and Events Committees. Volunteers work on a regular basis in our office to coordinate programs like Trips & Tours and Habitat Restoration. You can also help at one-day events like Discovery Day, *Rumba al Rio* and Fall Fest. I am happy to hear your ideas and interests and get you connected to a rewarding volunteer position or experience. Whether you are an expert in your field or are willing to learn something new, all of us have something to contribute towards improving the watershed we call home.

Sincerely,
Monica Smiley & all your friends at TRK



Monica and son, Oscar, enjoy the volunteer picnic.

Farewell to Patricia Iron

Patricia Iron has joined the Fox Theater in Spokane, Washington, as their general manager. Patricia's extensive knowledge of nonprofit management has made TRK a stronger organization. She plans to continue to support TRK as a member and volunteer. We wish her great success on her next adventure.



Green Heron on nest © Jim Stevenson

Welcome, New Board Member Dave Summers

If you noticed a drift boat on the Tualatin River some years back, you may have encountered our newest board member, **Dave Summers**. Dave and his wife Kendra live in Tualatin, above a greenway across from the Tualatin River. Having started out white-water kayaking, they have migrated to rafting and guiding groups on larger rivers such as the Deschutes, the Illinois in Southern Oregon, and the Colorado.

Dave comes to us with other nonprofit experience from the Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, where he is currently Board President. Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, Inc. promotes self-sufficiency through affordable housing for low- and moderate-income people throughout the Tualatin Valley. Home ownership creates a strong connection to the environment and what is going on in the river basin. Dave is currently employed as a loan officer to home builders, where his contribution matching form to the Riverkeepers is ready to go. He was introduced to the Riverkeepers by Ramsey Weit, who is also very active with the Tualatin Valley Housing Partners.

We welcome Dave and his expertise and passion for moving water regardless of its speed.

Volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight: Margot Fervia-Neamtzu



We should have known that when former Office Manager **Margot Fervia-Neamtzu** resigned her position at TRK to be a full-time parent she would not stray far from the river. Instead, we see her often with smiling son Jonathan in tow when she comes to Tualatin Riverkeepers' office to work as a volunteer.

Margot's current volunteer project is Chairperson of the Discovery Day committee. Volunteer committee members coordinate all aspects of the event, including event route, guidebook, event volunteers, and sponsorships.

"The future, and all its uncertainties, motivates me to volunteer with Tualatin Riverkeepers. The challenges for our river are the same as for all rivers in the world — negative human impact. I have a strong desire to make a difference. Tualatin Riverkeepers helps me make a difference in my little part of the world. I encourage you to try and make a difference, too," says Margot.

Tualatin Riverkeepers is a grassroots organization of volunteers. All are welcome and no experience is required, just a desire to help. Contact Monica Smiley at 503-620-7507 or monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org for details.

Tualatin River Advocates Needed:

Do you have expertise in public policy, natural resources management, or a desire to learn? Get involved in advocacy for the environment by joining TRK's Citizen Action Committee (CAC). The CAC is both an advisory & working committee that develops Tualatin Riverkeepers' position on current issues of public policy. CAC meets monthly on the first Thursday, 7-9 pm. *Visitors are welcome.*

Volunteer Classifieds *Everyone Can Help!*

Do you have special skills or a desire to learn new skills as you help protect and restore your Tualatin River watershed? Contact Monica Smiley to volunteer at 503-620-7507 or monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

First Monday Mailing Party:

Fold, stuff, seal, and stamp. Join us the first Monday of every month, 10 am to noon, at the TRK office in Tigard.

Discovery Day Event Volunteers:

Groups and individuals needed Saturday, June 23 to help paddlers carry boats. Lighter duty positions like watermelon cutter are also available.

Rumba al Rio Event Volunteers:

Join our fun paddle, picnic and youth education event at Cook Park in Tigard on Tuesday, August 14th, 11 am – 4 pm. We need 10 TRK Trained Paddle Trip Leaders, Three TRK Trained Naturalists, 10 bilingual English-Spanish speakers, two volunteers for Event Set Up & Take Down and one BBQ Chef.



Fall Fest Committee Members Needed:

Artist Coordinator, Logistics Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach/Media Coordinator positions available on planning committee for our fall art and wine fundraiser.

The first meeting is **Monday, June 11th** at 6 pm at the TRK office in Tigard.

Fund Development Committee Members Needed:

Passionate Tualatin Riverkeepers are needed to serve on the membership committee.

Our focus is on strategic member recruitment planning and implementation.

Excellent written and oral communication skills a must.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the TRK office, Tigard.

Restoration Program

Tualatin Watershed Weed Watch

Tualatin Riverkeepers are needed to help control noxious weeds in the Tualatin River watershed by reporting weed sightings to the TRK Watershed Watch Hotline. These species are displacing native plants, causing extreme erosion, and diminishing water quality. Noxious weeds are spreading rapidly through the riparian corridor of the Tualatin River and its tributaries.

Tualatin Riverkeepers, in partnership with Clean Water Services and the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, has formed the Tualatin Basin Invasive Species Working Group (TBISWG). TBISWG is conducting a basin-wide effort to eradicate invasive plant species that threaten to damage our community's natural resources.

TBISWG is conducting outreach to municipalities within the Tualatin basin to coordinate a treatment action plan. The

members are offering to coordinate this effort and provide support to municipalities by supplying information on species identification and treatment methods.

Tualatin Riverkeepers received a Nature in Neighborhoods grant from Metro Parks and Greenspaces to coordinate weed control efforts in the watershed.

TOP FIVE WEEDS TO WATCH:

TBISWG has cooperatively identified the most threatening invasive plant species in our watershed. They are **Japanese Knotweed**, **Meadow Knapweed**, **Giant Hogweed**, **Garlic Mustard** and **Purple Loosestrife**. Cut the pocket guide below and carry it with you on your next hike or paddle trip. Identification and reporting on invasive species is the first step towards eradicating noxious weeds! *Thanks for your help.*

Tualatin Riverkeepers Weed Watch Pocket Guide



Garlic Mustard
Height: 12-48 inches
Leaves: Two-year life cycle: Year-one leaves are kidney shaped; 2nd-year leaves are sharply toothed and triangular
Flowers: April/May; small white flowers
Other: Strong garlic odor

Garlic Mustard
 © John M. Randall

REPORT

Report weed infestations to Tualatin Riverkeepers Watershed Watch Hotline at **503-620-7507** or submit an online Trouble Ticket at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Please be able to report the type of weed and cross streets, GPS location, or river mile.

Tualatin Riverkeepers Weed Watch Pocket Guide



Japanese Knotweed
 © Barry A. Rice

Japanese Knotweed
 (herbaceous perennial)
Height: over 10 feet when mature
Leaves: size may vary, normally about 6 inches long and 3-4 inches wide. Oval to somewhat triangular and pointed at the tip.
Flowers: Summer; greenish white sprays



Giant Hogweed
 © King County

Giant Hogweed
Height: 10-15 feet
Leaves: The deeply incised compound leaves grow up to 5 feet in width.
Flowers: May-July; clusters of white umbrella-shaped heads that are up to 2.5 feet in diameter across its flat top **Caution:** *poison may cause skin burns.*

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Watershed Watch Program

Metro Awards Green Street Grant to Tigard

Metro Council awarded the City of Tigard \$2.54 million to turn Main Street into a *green street*. The City has pledged \$500,000 of its own dollars toward the cost of the project.

The “flexible funds” awarded to the City are included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan, or MTIP, which identifies how all federal transportation money will be spent in the Portland Metropolitan Region. Metro distributes this money to local jurisdictions, public agencies, and special districts based on applications submitted by project sponsors.

Tigard’s Main Street project retrofits to full green street standards covering the 1,400 linear foot southern half of Main Street, from the railroad tracks by the Tualatin Riverkeepers office to Hwy 99W in downtown Tigard. The project includes complete reconstruction of the street, including parking that is more efficient and a strong pedestrian emphasis with wider sidewalks, new street lighting, and native street trees. The “green” aspect includes sustainable elements such as brick pavers, holding cells, and pervious areas where storm runoff can infiltrate naturally, as opposed to being piped underground. The finished product will redefine Main Street as a pedestrian-oriented street.

The “green” street design is part of Tigard’s overall sustainability/nature theme throughout downtown. Streetscape design, which includes Main Street, is one of the key catalyst projects identified in the Tigard’s Downtown Improvement Plan as intended to stimulate new development in downtown. Tigard has already begun survey work on a project to turn a Burnham Street stretch (from Hall Blvd. to Main Street) into a green street.

Public support counted for a substantial part of the scoring criteria used to rate MTIP candidate projects. Advocacy by Tualatin Riverkeepers was important to the City’s success in obtaining the funds to pay for the Main Street improvements.



To convert Main Street into a green street, the City of Tigard will remove polluting drainage pipes that empty into Fanno Creek.



The first green street in the Tualatin Basin is Merlo Ct. in Beaverton in front of Clean Water Services’ Field Operations Center.

Special Offer for Portland Residents

Save money on stormwater bills and help clean up the river!

If you reside in the City of Portland and contain the rain on your property, you can save money on your monthly stormwater bill. When you disconnect your downspouts, build a swale or even if you have trees, stormwater soaks into the ground instead of running off your property. Those who contain rainwater on their property can earn up to a 100% discount on the on-site stormwater management charge on their city water/sewer bill. The discount is worth up to \$5.88 per month for homeowners.

Property owners can also qualify for one-time retroactive credits of up to 12 months of stormwater discounts. The deadline to register for the retroactive credits is June 30, 2007. There is no deadline to register for stormwater discounts.

Commercial and residential property owners can register online at www.CleanRiverRewards.com. Residential ratepayers can register on the telephone by calling 503-823-1371, and all ratepayers can call that number to order a registration packet. For stormwater management workshop schedules, technical information and other resources: www.cleanriverrewards.com.

Portland Passes Green Street Ordinance

There are more green streets in Portland’s future. On April 18, Portland City Council, by a unanimous vote, adopted a Green Street Policy that incorporates Green Street facilities in all public development and enhancement projects when feasible. The policy also calls for the city to continue developing standards and incentives for Green Street facilities in private development projects. Employees from several city bureaus have worked for more than two years to develop the policy and report. Tualatin Riverkeepers, Columbia Riverkeeper and the Audubon Society of Portland all testified in favor of the ordinance.

Watershed Watch Program

Modern Stormwater Management Standards Needed to Protect Tualatin

Back in 1991, Clean Water Services (then known as Unified Sewerage Agency) was the first to require that new developments have stormwater treatment facilities. Since then, municipalities throughout Oregon and Washington have adopted stormwater treatment facility requirements that surpass Clean Water Services' standards and treat 2 to 4 times as much flow as facilities in the Tualatin Basin.

The water quality *design storm* is a statistical model of rainfall patterns used to prescribe the capacity of stormwater treatment facilities. The design storm used by Clean Water Services was developed 17 years ago. Since then, municipalities in the Northwest have adopted design storms that result in more stringent standards for stormwater facilities in new developments.

In December 2000, "A Comparison of Water Quality Design Storms" was published in the journal, *Stormwater Treatment Northwest*. The report concluded that in the Tualatin Basin, water quality facilities are designed significantly smaller and with less capacity for flow and treatment than in all other areas in the Northwest.

Tualatin Riverkeepers raised concerns that this study indicates that design storm standards used by CWS are now outdated



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when compared to those elsewhere in the region. Pollutants are not being removed to the maximum extent practicable from stormwater discharged to Tualatin Basin waterways.

An outside evaluation commissioned by CWS indicated that their water quality design storm standards were not meeting the objective of treating 90% of the rainfall volume. Pacific Water Resources recommended changes to the CWS water quality design storm that would increase the treatment rate by 33% and double the dry season volume of stormwater treatment facilities.

At the same time, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries was recommending the more conservative western Washington design criteria that would assure that about 99% of effective impervious area runoff is treated in order to protect threatened steelhead trout.

Clean Water Services' design and construction standards do not implement the recommendations of NOAA Fisheries or Pacific Water Resources. Tualatin Riverkeepers will continue to advocate for stormwater management standards that protect the Tualatin River. You can find the complete articles from *Stormwater Treatment Northwest* by visiting our website, www.tualatinriverkeepers.com.

Permit Challenge continued from front cover.

Judge Marshall answered these three questions: "No, No, and No." Chris Winter, an attorney representing the Riverkeepers, asked Judge Marshall if he would be issuing any findings explaining his ruling. Again, Judge Marshall replied, "No."

Columbia Riverkeeper attorney Brent Foster had argued eloquently that DEQ had violated state law by not including protections for water quality in the permits. His argument was supported by a lengthy deposition of DEQ staff. Foster also argued that DEQ had violated its own policies by not enforcing water quality limits.

Chris Winter argued that wasteload allocations specified under the Tualatin Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are numeric limits that state law requires to be included in any permit to pollute.

In summing up Judge Marshall's unexplained ruling, Brent Foster said, "This is why we have a Court of Appeals." The deadline for filing in the Court of Appeals is 30 days from the final written judgment in the circuit court case. The next phase in the challenge of these MS4 permits is a case before Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), a procedure that had been put on hold until after the circuit court case. Attorney Jim Nicita will be handling the LUBA case.

Commenting on DEQ's court arguments and their unenforceable stormwater permits, attorney Chris Winter said, "DEQ thinks it has no duty to protect human health or salmon habitat in issuing water pollution permits. We're dealing with a rogue agency completely out of touch with Oregonians."

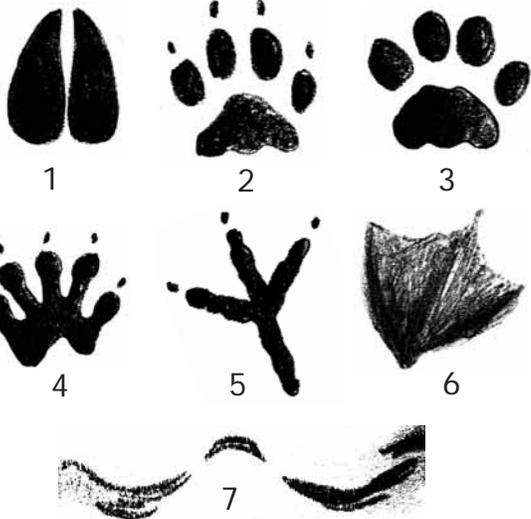


Soap on the water: Judge's decision extends DEQ's negligence on stormwater permits.

Education Program

Match the Tracks!

Below are drawings of tracks you might see at Gotter Prairie. Match each picture with the name of the animal that probably made it. (Note: tracks are not drawn to scale!)



- ___ a. Raccoon
- ___ b. Snake
- ___ c. Bald eagle
- ___ d. Deer
- ___ e. Canada goose
- ___ f. Bobcat
- ___ g. Coyote



Volunteer naturalist Bob Fuquay shows 4th grade students from Jackson Elementary the many different signs of animal activity at Gotter Prairie.

Photos by Robyn Hendrix.



Volunteer naturalist John Driscoll and Jackson Elementary 4th graders concoct a story of ponderosa pine... and aliens.

Gotter Prairie Word Search



Hidden in the grid below are animals, plants, and other things you might find on your next visit to Gotter Prairie. As you look for the hidden words, remember that they can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal— forwards or backwards!

R R Y D A R U I Q R N C K L Q K O D T
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 B K D E J I U D G N R E M N D I E O A
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 C P T Y W I A E I H O D C A N F N A T
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 J R N L Q W Z N C H I C K A D E E Z K

ANIMALS:

Banana slug
 Bat
 Beaver
 Canada goose
 Chickadee
 Chorus frog
 Coyote
 Deer
 Garter snake
 Heron
 Killdeer
 Mink
 Raccoon
 Red-tailed hawk

Red-winged blackbird
 Robin
 Squirrel
 Steller's jay
 Tree swallow
 Vole
 Wood duck
 Woodpecker

PLANTS:

Bunchgrass
 Camas
 Cattail
 Cedar

Douglas fir
 Garry oak
 Oregon ash
 Oregon grape
 Red alder
 Red osier dogwood
 Sedge
 Snowberry

OTHER:

McFee Creek
 Mud
 Rain
 Tualatin River

Announcing TRK's First Annual Poetry Contest!

Send in your nature-themed poetry by **June 30th, 2007**. Three winners will receive a gift certificate for a paddle trip (for more details and inspiration, please see the education webpage at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org)!

Email your poem to: ann@tualatinriverkeepers.org or mail to our office at 12360 SW Main Street, Tigard, OR 97223. Make sure to include your name, age, and phone number.



Track drawings by Ann Leach

Answers to Match the Track: 1=d, 2=g, 3=f, 4=a, 5=c, 6=e, 7=b

Special thanks to the teachers and students at Jackson Elementary School! The entire 3rd and 4th grade participated in Nature Awareness and Service Education this spring, and planned an incredible service project to de-weed Jackson Woods. The Riverkeepers are very excited to continue our partnership with this amazing group of students.

Trips & Tours Program

This Year's Paddle Season to be the Best Yet –
Thanks to our Volunteers!

For the last 18 years the Trips & Tours program has been the cornerstone of Tualatin Riverkeepers' outreach efforts; and since the beginning, we have kept this program growing with the help of volunteers. Our trip leaders are the reason so many people want to spend their summer days out on the Tualatin River. Their love of paddling has rubbed off on so many community members that we often have to consider our paddle trips full for the weekend.

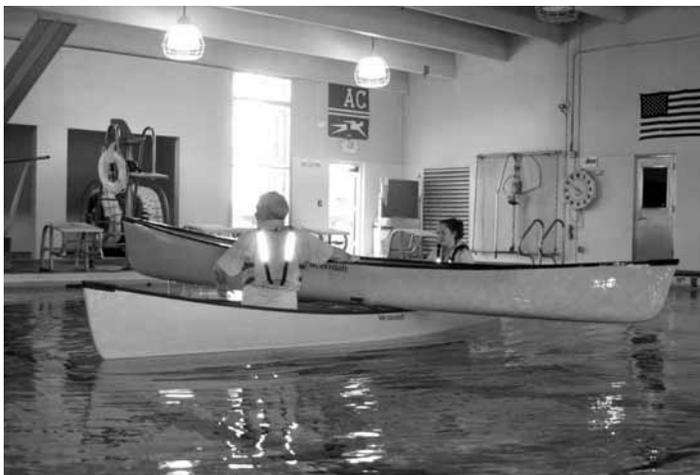
Many thanks to the 12 new volunteers who committed to becoming trip leaders this season! Trip leaders don't just show up the day of the event—they attend hours of trainings, CPR, and First Aid classes to make sure that our trip participants have a safe and enjoyable day on the river.

This year's training would not have been possible without a few key volunteers who shared their experience, knowledge, and entertainment. Thank you to TRK's co-founder, **Rob Baur**, for sharing his extensive knowledge and experience. Thank you to our paddle trip extraordinaires **Sue Moir, Jay Hamlin, and Richard Eyde** for explaining everything about our Trips & Tours program and our canoe trailers. This education is vital for our paddle events to run smoothly and safely.

Special thanks to **Earl McCracken, Brena Alves, and Sportscraft Marina** who brought beautiful canoes and life vests so that every one of our volunteers could practice canoe rescue at the Tigard Swimming Pool.

Welcome, New Trip Leaders!

Jeffrey Gottfried	Lisa Lucas	Kevin Horney
Ken Huisman	Jeffrey Kerr	Jesse Billingham
Jen Dolan	Mary Milner	Crystal Ventura
Joe Brugger	Lauri Stewart	Minerva Nolte



Earl McCracken and his assistant Brena Alves instruct the class on proper canoe rescue.

TRK Trips & Tours 2007 Paddle Season

While Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) trips are open to all members and the general public, space is limited and reservations are required. There is a trip charge of \$5 per person for TRK members and \$10 for nonmembers. Canoes are available to members free of charge by reservation. Nonmembers may rent our canoes for our paddle trips for \$30. For more information or to register, please contact us at 503-620-7507 or info@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

June 9, Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm
Metro Paddle and Hike with Naturalist James Davis
Munger Property, Scholls (Beginner/Intermediate)

June 23, Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm
18th Annual Tualatin River Discovery Day
Jurgens Park, Tualatin to Stafford, Tualatin (Everyone)

July 8, Sunday, 9 am to noon
Summer Paddle Trip
Cook Park, Tigard (Beginner)

July 21, Saturday, 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Paddle Trip
Rivergrove Park, Lake Oswego (Beginner)

August 4, Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm
Summer Picnic & Paddle Trip
Field's Bridge, West Linn (Beginner)

August 18, Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm
Mid-Summer Night's Paddle Trip
Tualatin Community Park, Tualatin (Beginner)

September 8, Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm
School's In! Summer Paddle Trip
Cook Park, Tigard (Beginner)

September 23, Sunday, 10 am to 2 pm
Bye-bye, Summer Paddle Trip
99W Bridge (Intermediate)

September 29, Saturday, 11 to 2 pm
Fall Paddle Trip
Tualatin Community Park, Tualatin (Beginner)

October 13, Saturday, 11am & 2pm
National Refuge Week – Free Paddles on the Refuge
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Sherwood (Intermediate)

Dates and time subject to change. Please check our website for updates at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org.



Membership

We would like to thank those members who joined or renewed their membership between March 1 and April 30, 2007.

GREEN HERON MEMBERS (\$500+)

Anonymous
Sue and Jerry Manning
Carol Santesson

OSPREY MEMBERS (\$250+)

Christine Fisher and Steve Mason
Anne Madden

KINGFISHER MEMBERS (\$100+)

Linda Ballas
Beth and Stuart Byron
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So many issues, so little time. It is not always easy to find the best way to have our message heard and we're grateful that you have answered the call. For a number of years, Tualatin Riverkeepers has been able to reach a broader audience through our membership in Earth Share of Oregon. And we could use your help this year.

Earth Share of Oregon is a nonprofit organization that collaborates with businesses and public agencies to enable their employees to support 68 environmental groups through workplace giving campaigns. Last year, more than 4,000 Oregonians supported Earth Share through giving campaigns in 100 workplaces.

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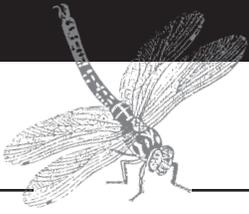
Watershed Watch and Trips & Tours. In order to get the word out to their employees about the giving options available, many workplaces invite Earth Share members to give brief presentations about their projects. If you have a passion for Tualatin Riverkeepers' work, a small amount of time to volunteer to make a 5-10 minute presentation, and a willingness to overcome stage fright about public speaking, let us know! We'd love to have you represent us as only you can do — as a generous and committed supporter.

If you'd like to learn more about Earth Share and about their business partners in your area, you can visit the Earth Share website at www.earthshare-oregon.org. To join the team of speakers for the 2007 Fall Charitable Giving Campaign, please contact Meghan Humphreys: 503-223-9015 or meghan@earthshare-oregon.org.



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Calendar of Events



For information about Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) events call 503-620-7507 or email info@tualatinriverkeepers.org. TRK's office is located at 12360 SW Main Street, Tigard, OR.

For more information on these activities, see pages 1, 4, and 9.

JUNE

Thursday, 7	7 to 9 pm	Citizen Action Committee Meeting Topic: Forestry & Water Temperature <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>
Saturday, 9	10 am to 2 pm	Metro Paddle & Hike, Naturalist James Davis <i>Munger Property, Scholls</i>
Monday, 11	6 pm	First Fall Fest Committee Meeting <i>TRK office in Tigard</i>
Saturday, 23	9 am to 3 pm	18th Annual Tualatin River Discovery Day <i>Jurgens Park, Tualatin</i>
Wednesday, 27	7 to 9 pm	Board of Directors Meeting <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>

JULY

Sunday, 8	9 am to noon	Summer Paddle Trip (Beginner) <i>Cook Park, Tigard</i>
Wednesday, 11	4:30 to 5:30 pm	Fund Development Committee Meeting Membership & Event Sponsorship <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>
Thursday, 12	7 to 9 pm	Citizen Action Committee Meeting Topic: Hagg Lake – Environmental Impact Statement <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>
Saturday, 21	10 am to 1 pm	Summer Paddle Trip (Beginner) <i>Rivergrove Park, Lake Oswego</i>
Wednesday, 25	7 to 9 pm	Board of Directors Meeting <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>

AUGUST

Thursday, 2	7 to 9 pm	Citizen Action Committee Meeting Topic: Reducing Impervious Area <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>
Tuesday, 14	11 am to 4 pm	<i>Rumba al Rio</i> Event <i>Cook Park, Tigard</i>
Wednesday, 22	7 to 9 pm	Board of Directors Meeting <i>TRK office in Tigard – Visitors are Welcome</i>



HomeStreet Bank generously donated \$1,000 to the Trips & Tours program to support the 2007 paddle season.
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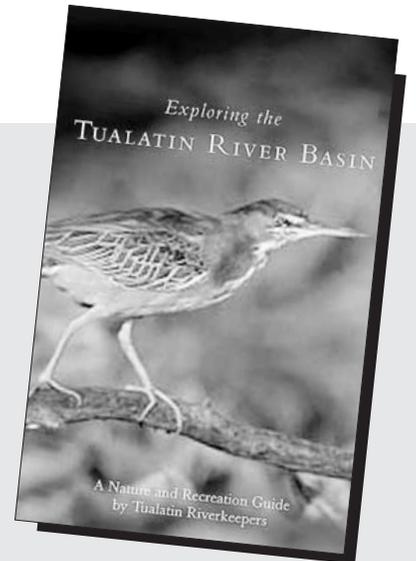
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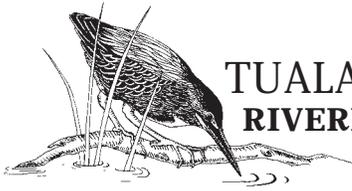
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