



The Green Heron Herald

A Quarterly Newsletter of the Tualatin Riverkeepers

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Don't Miss the Annual Meeting!

The Tualatin Riverkeepers' Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 29th** from **1:30 pm to 4:00 pm** at the **Tigard Library**. Please help us celebrate as we move into our 17th year dedicated to protect, restore and enjoy the Tualatin River system.

Our featured speaker this year will be **Don Elder**, president of River Network, a national support organization for river and watershed groups. River Network provides technical and organizational support for more than 600 watershed protection groups across the U.S. and Canada. Don will share his perspective on river and watershed protection garnered from his vantage point as president of River Network and from years working on local and statewide conservation issues in Alabama. Prior to joining River Network, he served as founding executive director of the Cahaba River Society in Birmingham, Alabama; helped organize the Alabama Rivers Alliance; and served as development director for The Nature Conservancy of Alabama. Today, Don is an avid fly fisher and backpacker who spends as much of his free time as possible enjoying Oregon's rivers and high lakes.

The Annual Meeting also provides an opportunity for us to highlight our activities and is a prime opportunity for us to hear from you.



Tualatin Riverkeepers has moved and will be open in January 2006!

Our new address is:

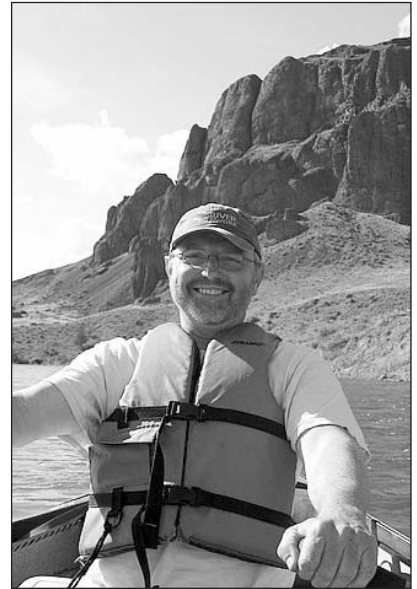
12360 SW Main Street, Tigard, OR 97223

Please join us for our

Ribbon Cutting and Open House Celebration
on **Thursday, February 16th** from 4pm – 7pm.

“Don Elder’s work shows the power of real people taking action to protect and restore the river, lakes, and coastal waters they love.”

— Betsy Otto, co-chair of the Clean Water Network



On display you will see two traveling art exhibits: *Landscapes for Rain* along with the *Art of Storm Water*.

The Riverkeepers' Board is in the midst of revising our three-year strategic plan. We'd like to know what you think we should be doing to protect and restore the Tualatin River Watershed.

Please join the Tualatin Riverkeepers for this delightful gathering and **bring a friend**.

The Tigard Library is located at 13500 SW Hall Blvd. (This is the new library located on the east side of Hall Blvd. on Fanno Creek). Your RSVP is appreciated. Please contact Sara at sara@tualatinriverkeepers.org or call our office at (503) 620-7507.

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OUR MISSION

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

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

Please join us by completing and mailing the enclosed application or by contacting us.

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New Year, New Digs and New Riverkeepers!

The big news in the Riverkeepers' office is that it has moved. We are now located at 12360 Main Street, Tigard, in our own office space. Thank you to everyone who helped us load, unload, clean up and organize. The new location provides some much needed room and is much more accessible to the public. Anyone who drove down the old gravel driveway to our former office can testify to that.

For eight years we enjoyed sharing office space with the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. As a fledgling organization, we could not believe our good fortune. Thanks to US Fish and Wildlife Service's generosity we were able to grow our organization in a sensational location. We witnessed incredible displays of wildlife and gorgeous sunsets from our desks. Though we will miss the views, we will continue our close partnership with the Refuge by offering paddle trips and stewardship opportunities for the community.

We are now located in an urban center on the Main Street of Tigard, directly behind Manila Express, across from the Tigard Tri-Met station and what will be a stop along the new commuter rail route from Wilsonville to Beaverton... all aboard. We are excited for the additional visibility and the increased space our new office provides. Please join us on Thursday, February 16 from 4 pm to 7 pm for our ribbon cutting and open house celebration, or just stop by and say hi.

The other big news with TRK staff is the arrival of our two newest members, Oscar Anthony Smiley (born Sept. 23rd) and Jonathan Forest Neamtzu (born Nov. 23rd). Congratulations to Monica and Margot and their families.

We plan to nurture our newest members and reach out to youth in the new year to build a community that protects clean water and wildlife for generations to come.

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Thank You to Our Generous Funders

Bullitt Foundation for an unrestricted two-year grant of \$60,000.

Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation

for a grant of \$4,000 to build awareness of urban storm water solutions.

Umpqua Bank for a \$1,000 contribution

to support our Nature Awareness and Service Education Program for youths.

Jubitz Family Foundation for a grant of \$2,500

to support our Nature Awareness and Service Education Program for youths.

Herbert A. Templeton Foundation for a grant of \$7,500

to support our Nature Awareness and Service Education Program for youths.

TRK News



Welcome Sara Halverson!

Join us in welcoming **Sara Halverson** as TRK's new Office Manager, a job-share position with Margot Fervia-Neamtzu. Sara comes with a wealth of experience from her former position as financial coordinator with the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce and educational background including a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and Management from Portland State and an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Clackamas Community College.

Sara is also notable in her outstanding achievement as the head women's gymnastics coach with Sunburst Gymnastic

Center where she distinguished herself as State of Oregon Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2005.

We are delighted to have Sara as the newest addition to our Riverkeepers staff.

Save the Date!

Mark your Calendars Now!

TRK's 8th Annual Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction
Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 6 pm at the **Tualatin Country Club in Tualatin.**

This year promises to be the best one to date.

Request for Donations

Do you have a vacation home located on the Oregon Coast or in the Mountains?

Maybe you have a piece of artwork or another item you think would be a valuable donation for the Green Heron Auction. Please contact Patty Lyons at (503) 620-7507 or patty@tualatinriverkeepers.org.



The 3rd Annual Fall Fest was a success thanks to our participants, volunteers and corporate contributors.

Special thanks to Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Umpqua Bank, Portland General Electric, Hamilton Realty, Wild Oats, NW Natural, Party Pros, Albertsons and Haggen Food & Pharmacy.



Volunteers



Volunteer Spotlight - Barbara Schaffner

When Barbara Schaffner moved to Tualatin in 1975, the Tualatin River was to be “avoided instead of enjoyed.” Today, with a lot of help from clean-up volunteers, Barbara most enjoys canoeing through Sherwood’s Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, “especially the squiggly part on either side of Schamburg Bridge. There’s always something new around the next bend!”

Barbara first volunteered for Tualatin Riverkeepers nine years ago when she updated our Green Heron logo, and since then has worked on many projects. Although TRK now contracts with Barbara to produce our newsletter every quarter as a professional graphic artist and talented painter, Barbara continues to give her talents and many hours to TRK by designing logos, invitations and posters for TRK events. She volunteered as co-editor and designer of the Tualatin Riverkeepers’ book, *Exploring the Tualatin River Basin*. She also has designed Discovery Day t-shirts, painted the Restoration Tool Bank trailer and recently painted animal tracking posters for the Riverkeepers’ new environmental education program, Nature Awareness and Service.

Barbara volunteers for TRK because she knows “non-profit organizations depend on volunteers, so I offer what I can. I volunteer for TRK because I believe that what we are doing is important and can make a difference to the health of the river as well as the entire ecosystem (including neighborhoods) that it affects.”

As a resident of Sherwood near the urban growth boundary, Barbara watches the encroachment of development closely, “as the population grows, the demands on natural spaces are going to be stretched to the edge. I feel our greatest challenge is to protect that edge and keep it as far away from the river ecosystem as possible.”

Thank you, Barbara, for your volunteerism. Your willingness to volunteer your tremendous talent to TRK helps move us forward.

Do you have professional skills that could help TRK protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed? We hope you consider volunteering. Please contact Monica Smiley, Stewardship Coordinator at (503) 620-7507 or monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org. We look forward to working with you!



Monica Smiley wants to introduce you to her favorite new TRK Volunteer,
Oscar Smiley.

Statistics:

- Oscar Anthony Smiley
- September 23, 2005
- 7 lbs and 20.75 inches long
- Brown Hair and Brown Eyes
- Sunny Disposition

Volunteer Classifieds — Everyone Can Help!

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



Citizen Action Committee Member: Learn about hot issues and how to be a voice for the Tualatin River.



Fundraising Event Coordinator: Help coordinate our annual Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction on May 6, 2006. Gain skills in event planning.



Annual Meeting Event Volunteer: Help with set-up, greet and register guests for the Annual Meeting, January 29, 2006.



Paddle Trip Leaders: Lead and assist with TRK paddle trips. (Attend the March training course).

Volunteers / Restoration Program

Volunteer with Tualatin Riverkeepers

Tualatin Riverkeepers is planning many projects for the upcoming restoration season. Here's what was happening in your neighborhood. For a full list of Tualatin watershed restoration events, check out our on-line calendar at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Oak Savannah Restoration - Maroon Natural Area, Forest Grove

Saturday, February 4, 9 am - noon

Oregon voles forage for plants. Red-tailed hawks circle overhead hunting for prey. Open habitats like meadows and savannahs are rare in the Tualatin River Valley. Oregon wildlife like voles and hawks depend on these habitats to find the food they need to survive. Help to restore an oak savannah and learn about the animals that live there. Volunteers will plant native oak and pine trees. Great activity for individuals, families and groups!

Fanno Creek Restoration - Bonita Park, Tigard

Saturday, February 25, 9 am - noon

Beaver and Otter slide down the muddy banks to reach their water highway. The waters of Fanno Creek and adjacent parks, natural areas and back yards provide everything they need to find food and build their homes. Help to restore the banks of Fanno Creek and learn about the animals that live there. Volunteers will plant native ash trees and riparian shrubs. Great activity for individuals, families and groups!

For volunteer information about either of these restoration events, please contact Monica Smiley, Stewardship Coordinator at (503) 620-7507 or monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org.



Volunteer Alden Potter plants natives at Maroon Natural Area



Katherine and David Donaldson paddle at the Tualatin River Clean Up on October 8, 2005.

Tualatin River Cleanup is Community Service That's Fun

by Katherine Donaldson, student at Oregon Episcopal School

Last weekend I participated in the Fall Tualatin River Cleanup. The event takes place twice a year and its purpose is to clean up trash that is thrown into the Tualatin River. Volunteers go out on the river in a canoe to look for trash that has washed up on the banks or is in the river itself. They bring plastic bags with them to bring back trash that can then be thrown away. During the trip we went under two bridges including the I-5 bridge. On one stretch of the river houses and apartments line the riverbanks. One place where I saw a lot of trash was beneath one of these houses. But by other houses, you could tell that the people living there were more environmentally conscious. Humans have a large impact on the ecosystem, especially population growth and human development that expands further and further into the environment.

Watershed Watch - Citizen Action

Metro 2006 Greenspace Bond Measure Shaping Up ... It's time to act!

Now is the time to contact your local jurisdiction to let them know which natural areas in your community need permanent protection. Metro Council will vote on the final components and target areas of a 2006 Greenspace acquisition bond measure on March 9, 2006.

Following on the heels of the successful 1995 natural area acquisition program, a new bond measure is being proposed that focuses on acquisitions that will protect clean water, fish and wildlife in the region. A Blue Ribbon Committee made up of business and community leaders met in the fall and recommended a \$220 million dollar bond (18 cents per \$1,000 assessed value) with the following components:

- 75% to acquire regionally significant properties that protect clean water and habitat.
- 20% pass through to local jurisdictions to acquire land for conservation and parks.
- 5% for a 1:1 matching grant program for compelling acquisition and restoration opportunities that protect and restore clean water and fish and wildlife habitat.

In the next two months local jurisdictions will be developing a list of projects for their 20%. Contact your local park provider or planning department to find out what is on their list and to let them know your priorities.

Several informational meetings are planned to gather input from the community. Check out one of the following:

- **January 17**, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Light & Power auditorium, 1818 B Street, Forest Grove
- **January 25**, from 1 pm to 3 pm at Metro; focus on trails
- **January 31**, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Athey Middle School, West Linn
- **February 2**, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Beaverton
- **February 23**, at 5 pm, Metro Council hearing at the Hillsboro Civic Center auditorium
- **March 9**, at 5 pm, Metro Council vote to refer a 2006 Greenspace Bond Measure

If you would like to receive up-to-the-minute email alerts about the Greenspace Bond Measure, contact Brian Wegener, brian@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Stormwater Management Planning in Progress

Jurisdictions within the Tualatin Basin are busy working on urban stormwater management plans. As a requirement of the permits recently issued by DEQ, local stormwater agencies will be conducting a public involvement process to inform these plans. On December 14, Clean Water Services held a stakeholder meeting to discuss their plan. TRK staff and several members attended the meeting and raised the following concerns about the developing plan:

- State water quality standards should be met within the 5-year permit cycle.
- Zero impact development and impervious area reduction needs to be a significant part of the plan.
- The stormwater management plan should aim to restore natural stream flows.
- The public involvement process should be opened up to the entire public with opportunities to present testimony.
- Monitoring of water quality should be sufficient to assure progress toward water quality goals and to support adaptive management.
- Water quality standards should be met in all streams in the basin, not just in the Tualatin River.

Stormwater planning is also going on in the City of Portland and in Clackamas County. Contact Brian at (503) 620-7507 or brian@tualatinriverkeepers.org to receive notice of upcoming meetings.

Infiltration – The Key to Stream Health

As work continues on stormwater management plans in the Tualatin Basin, you should be hearing the terms, "infiltration," "zero-impact development" and "effective impervious surface reduction." These terms all describe strategies for restoring streams to health by taking measures to prevent rainwater from picking up pollutants and running off of the land into streams.

In a natural landscape, less than 10% of water runs off of the land into streams. In forested areas, virtually no runoff occurs. Instead, about half of the water evaporates or is taken up by trees and transpires back into the atmosphere. The other half of rainwater infiltrates into the ground.

Infiltration, continued on page 7.

Watershed Watch - Citizen Action

DEQ Report Raises Water Quality Concerns in the Tualatin Basin

In May of this year, Oregon Department of Water Quality (DEQ) released their Water Quality Index Summary Report for the years of 1995-2004. The report shows trends in the Oregon Water Quality Index for 132 sites across the state. Five of the six sites in the Tualatin Basin were categorized by DEQ as "poor" water quality, with the sixth being categorized as "very poor."

Green roof at Clean Water Services operations center in Beaverton absorbs rain and reduces runoff. Green roofs are just one strategy used in Zero Impact Development.



Tualatin Basin Lags Behind Statewide Improvements

Comparing the monitoring results in the Tualatin Basin to statewide results causes concern for Tualatin Riverkeepers. Statewide only 10% of the monitored sites showed declining water quality trends, while half of the sites in the Tualatin Basin showed declining trends. Statewide, 49% of sites were rated by DEQ as having "good" to "excellent" water quality (index of 85 or above). None of the sites in the Tualatin Basin fell into this category.

The Water Quality Index analyzes a defined set of water quality variables and produces a score describing general water quality. The variables analyzed include temperature, dissolved oxygen, total solids, ammonia, phosphorus and E. coli. The index scores range from 10 (worst case) to 100 (ideal water quality). Scores in the Tualatin Basin ranged from 55 (very poor) in Beaverton Creek at Cornelius Pass Road, to 78 (poor) in the Tualatin River at Rood Bridge.

The site with the lowest water quality score, Beaverton Creek, showed the most improvement, increasing by 8.7 points between 1995 and 2004. The Rood Bridge site showed a significant increase of 4 index points over the same period. Two sites on the Tualatin (at Boones Ferry Road and at Elsner Road) showed significant declines (-10) points. The Tualatin River at Scholls declined by 5.7 points and Fanno Creek at Bonita Road showed no significant trend. (See graph below.)

In 1989 the Tualatin River was the first river in the nation to implement Clean Water Act total maximum daily loads, setting limits on the amount of specific pollutants that the river system can handle without compromising water quality. With this early start, we would expect the Tualatin River system to be leading the nation in water quality improvements. The types of water quality improvements achieved at the wastewater treatment plants through enforceable permits have not been achieved from sources of stormwater runoff. This is why Tualatin Riverkeepers continues to advocate for enforceable limits on pollutants in stormwater runoff.



Removing native vegetation and adding impervious area for development increases runoff and are major factors in the decline of urban streams.

Monitoring Site	2004 Score	Category	Trend
Beaverton Creek at Cornelius Pass Road (Orencia)	55	Very Poor	+8.7
Fanno Creek at Bonita Road (Tigard)	61	Poor	none
Tualatin River at Boones Ferry Road	61	Poor	-10.0
Tualatin River at Elsner Road	66	Poor	-10.0
Tualatin River at HWY 210 (Scholls)	65	Poor	-5.7
Tualatin River at Rood Bridge	78	Poor	+4.0

Infiltration, continued from page 6.



Impervious surfaces, such as streets, roofs and parking lots do not allow rainwater to infiltrate into the ground. Instead, rainwater is rushed off of impervious surfaces

through storm drains and is piped to the nearest stream or wetland, picking up pollutants on its way. Accelerated flows in streams cause erosion and stir up sediments that deplete dissolved oxygen and harm aquatic life.

In the dry season, healthy streams need cooling groundwater flows to sustain life. In urban areas with impervious areas, streams that don't get groundwater flows can dry up or overheat. Infiltration strategies that restore cooling groundwater flows are essential to restoring urban streams to health. Zero Impact Development (ZID) aims to mimic natural water flows by eliminating runoff and promoting infiltration. ZID techniques include eco-roofs, pervious pavement, rain gardens, soil amendment, native vegetation and harvesting rainwater for domestic uses. ZID reduces costs for builders when conventional storm drains and drain pipes are eliminated

Education Programs



Patricia Lara Guadalupe Ramirez and Bertha Moreno as they present their display board to fellow classmates and community members.

Crossing the Language Barrier

Flan, chocolate y sonrisas! Flan, hot chocolate and smiles greeted Monica and Andrea as they entered the *Adelante Mujeres'* headquarters to hear a group of three women present their research project on the Tualatin Riverkeepers.

Adelante Mujeres (Forward Moving Women) is a group dedicated to educating Latina women and their families. The women take classes in everything from literature to micro-economics while their young children learn to read, write, sing and draw.

In November, their class was asked to research a local community organization via interview. The organizations represented through their project ranged from Hospice Care of Washington County to the Animal Humane Society to the Tualatin Riverkeepers. The purpose of presenting a diverse range of organizations was to educate the Latino community about what services are available to them. "I've driven by the Humane Society so many times, but because the signs were in English, I didn't know who they were or what they did. I didn't know what I was supposed to do when my family was told we could no longer keep our dog. So, we went to the park and abandoned him. This haunts me still. You see, in Mexico it's different. There is no place like the Humane Society. But now I know more and I can teach my peers and my children."

Patricia Lara Guadalupe Ramirez and Bertha Moreno put together a display which will help us expand our outreach efforts within the Latino community. We are grateful that they chose to highlight the Riverkeepers as part of their coursework!

Students from OES, lead by TRK staff and Metro volunteers, participating in a fox walking as they search for tracks and signs left by Gotter Prairie residents!

Fourth Graders Witness Gotter Prairie in the Fall

"I've never seen a beaver in the wilderness although I've had many chances to see one. On Monday, October 3, 2005 my class went on our first field trip. It was at Gotter Prairie, and it was amazing!" — Hailey

In October, the fourth graders at Oregon Episcopal School participated in our education program: Nature Awareness and Service. With the help of some wonderful Metro volunteers and TRK staff, these young people became tracking experts, stalking super-spies and plant identifying aficionados!

Their experience at Gotter Prairie clearly left an impression. Fourth grader Chris writes: "Thank you so much for teaching us and reinforcing respect to the creatures in the riparian area. I hope I can go to Gotter Prairie once again." The students then took it upon themselves to make chickadee nesting boxes for our fine-feathered, native birds. They decorated the boxes and sold them at their school store for gifts. It came as quite a surprise when one of their teachers called up and asked us to pick up some checks. The students raised \$535 selling chickadee nesting boxes and donated every penny to TRK! This money will be used to further develop the education program and to purchase native plants for our restoration sites. *Thank you OES!*



~ TRIPS & TOURS ~

Trip Leader Training

*Need an excuse to get out on the river?
Become a Trip Leader!*

There's no better way to inspire people to protect and restore the Tualatin River than by showing them the river up-close. Help us introduce community members to this jewel of a river via our paddle trips.

Tualatin Riverkeepers is seeking volunteer trip leaders for this season's paddle trips. We will be offering a Trip Leader Training class on Saturday, March 11, 2006. The class will cover access points on the river, local wildlife, canoeing safety tips and training (we'll be in a pool with our canoes!), and much more. TRK will also host a CPR and First Aid certification class in April. All trip leaders and assistants are strongly encouraged to attend.

But, before you attend the training...come to a party! TRK's Paddle Season Planning Party will be on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30pm. Volunteer trip leaders and assistants will sign up for the upcoming season's trips while enjoying food, drink and sharing tales of their paddling adventures.

Registration is required for both events. Please contact Sara at (503) 620-7507 for more information.

Margot Fervia-Neamtzu wants to introduce you to her newest Trip Leader, **Jonathan Forest Neamtzu**.



Statistics:


- Jonathan Forest Neamtzu
- November 23, 2005 – 6:15 am
- 7 lbs 8 oz and 19.5 inches long
- Lots of Straight Black Hair
- Marathon Eater


TRK's 2006 Lecture Series

By popular demand, Tualatin Riverkeepers is excited to offer our 2006 Lecture Series. Learn about local avian wildlife, how to photograph flora and fauna like a pro, and everything you've always wanted to know about the Tualatin River and more.

Each lecture includes a guided field trip and is FREE for members and \$15 for non-members. Individual/family memberships start at only \$35. Contact us at info@tualatinriverkeepers or (503) 620-7507 to register for these events.

WATERFOWL OF THE TUALATIN WATERSHED
with local birding instructor Doug Robberson


 **Class:**
February 7, Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sherwood Sr. Center


 **Walk:**
February 11, Saturday
8 am to 11 am
Fernhill Wetlands,
near Forest Grove



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PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE IN THE WATERSHED
with local nature photographer Michael Wilhelm


 **Class:**
March 7, Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sherwood Sr. Center


 **Walk:**
March 11, Saturday
8 am to 11 am
Location TBD



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HISTORY OF THE TUALATIN RIVER WATERSHED
with TRK co-founder Rob Baur

 **Class:**
April 4, Tuesday
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Sherwood Sr. Center

 **Walk:**
April 8, Saturday
8 am to 11 am
Lower Tualatin River
(Van Tour)



Haines Falls

Membership

We would like to thank those members who joined or renewed their membership between September 1 and November 30, 2005.

OSPREY MEMBERS (\$250+)

Susie Anthony
Jennifer and William Davies
Linda Lane and Wayne Waters
Peter and Emily Toll
Mary Van Domelen

KINGFISHER MEMBERS (\$100+)

Lillie Fitzpatrick
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Timothy and Barbara Mahoney
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Gary and Leslie Worthen

**River Bank Members, a monthly donation program*

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Rob and Carol Baird
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Leland "Bud" and Janet Lewis
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Allan and Maureen Smith
Patricia and Harold Smith
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Bob Swanson and Terry Kenny
Mark and Wanda Van Duser
John Wadsworth
Judy and Jim Wallin
Suzanne Whisler
Karen Wiprud

Business Partnership Program

We would like to thank the following who recently joined our Business Partnership Program.

Leupold and Stevens Foundation

River Bank Program You can now take part in our new River Bank Program, an easy and convenient monthly donation program. No more renewal notices — just fill out a one-time form. Even a \$5 per month donation provides a stable source of funding all year long. These donations will ensure the independent voice for the Tualatin River. Sign up today! Please contact Patty at (503) 620-7507 for information. You may also find this form at our website at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org.



Bring Earth Share into Your Workplace

When Oregonians were asked in a series of surveys and workshops in the 1990s what they wanted the state's future to include, they resoundingly called for clean air and water, open space, parklands, natural areas, and fish and wildlife habitat.

Since 1989, Oregonians have been asked every year to stand by that vision of a healthy environment by supporting the groups who work to keep people healthy, preserve wildlife habitat and reduce global warming. Tualatin Riverkeepers is one of those groups. Our membership in Earth Share of Oregon (ESOR) enables us to reach out to a broad cross-section of the state that might not otherwise learn about our work. This results not only in increased financial support, but helps us build bridges based on understanding the challenges and successes of environmental work.

Last year, funds raised through Earth Share enabled TRK to continue to offer our trips and tours programs to the community.

Here's how it works: Earth Share cooperates with private and public employers to offer a payroll deduction program through which employees can either donate to ESOR as a whole or to designate a gift for one or more ESOR members. The key to success for Earth Share members is participation — increasing the number of employers who offer this opportunity to their employees. This is where you can help.

First, find out if your workplace allows employees to donate to Earth Share of Oregon. If you aren't sure, check the list of Earth Share's Business Partners at www.earthshare-oregon.org.

Next, if you don't have an Earth Share campaign, ask your company president or other top leaders if they would consider starting one. Trudy Toliver, Earth Share of Oregon's executive director, can help you approach your company's leaders and provide materials for them to review. If you are an owner or leader in your company, it makes adding an Earth Share campaign that much easier!

To learn more about bringing Earth Share to your workplace, call Trudy at 503-223-9015 or email her at trudy@earthshare-oregon.org.

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.

January

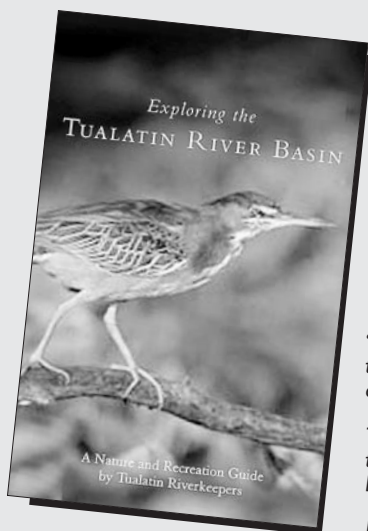
- Thursday, 19 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Paddle Season Planning Party
Tualatin Meadows Apartments Recreation Center
- Sunday, 29 1:30 pm to 4 pm Tualatin Riverkeepers' Annual Meeting
Tigard Library Community Room, Tigard

February

- Tuesday, 7 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Waterfowl of the Tualatin Watershed Class
Sherwood Senior Center
- Saturday, 11 8 am to 11 am Waterfowl of the Tualatin Watershed Walk
Fernhill Wetlands, near Forest Grove
- Thursday, 16 4 pm to 7 pm TRK's Ribbon Cutting and Open House
12360 SW Main Street, Tigard

March

- Tuesday, 7 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Photographing Nature in the Watershed Class
Sherwood Senior Center
- Saturday, 11 8 am to 11 am Photographing nature in the Watershed Walk
Location TBD
- Saturday, 11 11 am to 6 pm Trip Leader Training
TRK Office / Tigard Swim Center



Exploring the Tualatin River Basin – A Nature and Recreation Guide by Tualatin Riverkeepers is available for only \$19.95.

Use the form on back to order your copy today. Call us at (503) 620-7507 to order by phone.

To order on-line, check out our website at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org.

"A concise, accurate, thorough and downright beautiful guide to an area that is under-appreciated by those who haven't taken the time to look around them.

This little book is so well written, so well organized, so well illustrated, that readers can learn to love the beauty and value of the Tualatin just by reading the book.

Buy this amazing book and let it spark a summer of outdoor discoveries."

— Dan Hays, Statesman Journal

Classifieds

Make your clutter useful by donating it to TRK! If you are able to donate any of the following items, please call (503) 620-7507.

- Canoe paddles and straps
- Vest-style life jackets (adult sizes)
- Walkie-talkies / FRS
- Laminating machine
- Bird and plant field guides
- Binoculars
- Raingear (youth & adult sizes) for restoration events
- Rakes, loppers, pruners, shovels and other gardening tools for restoration work
- Large plastic bins with covers
- Pro bono time from an environmental attorney

Wish List



Did you make a New Year's resolution to remodel, replace, or retire a room in your house? If so, please take a second to look below to see if you have any of the following items you would be able to donate to TRK's new location.

- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Desk lights
- Vacuum
- Brooms or mops
- Garbage cans
- Wall shelves
- Book shelves
- Bike rack
- Silverware
- Kitchen supplies
- Cabinetry for kitchen area
- Credenza
- Storage cabinets for front office



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*See you at our Annual Meeting in the
new Tigard Library!
Sunday, January 29th*

Support Tualatin Riverkeepers! Help protect and restore Oregon's Tualatin River Watershed.

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

For a membership of \$35 or more, you will receive our Paddler's Guide, quarterly Green Heron Herald newsletter, discounts at events and classes, as well as use of canoes on our trips.

- \$35 Family/Individual \$50 Dragonfly \$100 Kingfisher \$_____ Other
- \$250 Osprey *includes free guided paddle trip* \$500 Green Heron *includes paddle trip plus two tickets to Fall Fest*
- \$1000 Sustaining *includes all of the above plus two tickets to Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction*
- \$2500 River Benefactor *includes all of the above plus one van tour, paddle or hike with TRK's Executive Director*

Check enclosed for \$ _____ *Your contribution is tax-deductible as allowed by law.*

Please **charge** my: VISA MasterCard Discover

Signature _____ Card Number _____ Exp.Date _____

- I will donate on a monthly basis with the **River Bank Program**. Monthly amount \$ _____.
- Please deduct the indicated amount from my CHECKING ACCOUNT. *Submit a voided check.*
- Please charge my CREDIT CARD. *Fill out the information above.*

We may occasionally share our mailing list with other organizations. If you wish to NOT have your name shared, check here.

Contact me regarding volunteer opportunities. Contact me about my employer's company matching programs.

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