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Show us some LOVE!

What do you love most about the Tualatin River, its creeks and the landscapes that make-up the watershed? Is it hiking Cooper Mountain, practicing yoga in Cook Park, photographing nature down Fanno Creek Trail, kayaking your favorite stretch of the Tualatin River, swimming River Mile 9? We want to hear your story in the format of a short 30-60 second video that can easily be created from your smart phone or video camera.

Post your video to your own Facebook, Vimeo, Twitter or other social media sites with the hashtag #LoveTualatinRiver or just post on YouTube and send to: video@tualatinriverkeepers.org. The submissions are already rolling in.

 Join the conversation at: www.facebook.com/ILoveTualatinRiver

Remember, Tualatin Riverkeepers is the community voice for the river's stewardship. We're excited to already see a groundswell of submissions from farmers to first time kayakers to community advocates. Some of our favorite quotes to date are:

What's more, if you are among the top videos we'll make you (quasi) famous, showing your video at community venues throughout Washington County. Thanks for making your story our story.



#LoveTualatinRiver

"Without water, there is no life."

"I'm new to kayaking, but fortunately the Tualatin River isn't scary and is the most approachable river I know."

"The Tualatin River brings me closer to my home river of the Ganges in India."

"Clean water is essential to my farm and the legacy I leave my children."

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OUR MISSION

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



Dear Riverkeepers,

Welcome to a season full of amazing outdoor opportunities! As you well know by now the warm and sunny summer months are one of the best times to get outdoors and connect with your waterways. Many of you have just participated in Discovery Day, our biggest paddle of the year, but that is just the beginning. All season long we'll be

running tours for the public, giving you a chance to stay fit and help clean up your local environment simultaneously.

This year we'll help you navigate the Tualatin River on your own or with your family even better. Keep an eye on our website and select public lands like city parks as we roll out the first ever *Tualatin Water Trail Map*. This new and improved informational tool will give you the most up-to-date information on river access points. Plus, we'll be posting strategically placed roads signs throughout Washington County that will identify Tualatin River access points, highlighting the Tualatin River Trail. Thank you to the Washington County Visitors Association for providing funding for the new Water Trail map and signs.

Sincerely,

Mike Skuja, Executive Director

Working Green with EarthShare Oregon

Oregonians prefer to work for and do business with green companies. These companies value sustainability and engage employees to make healthy choices for the environment. The result? Businesses with an engaged workforce have 3.9 times the earnings growth compared with their competitors. (Gallup poll, 2010) Offering employees a workplace committed to the environment is a proven way to boost engagement.

EarthShare Oregon helps engage businesses by working directly with leadership and staff to organize volunteer opportunities, educational presentations, and workplace fundraising.

To learn more about EarthShare Oregon and workplace giving campaigns...

Visit: earthshare-oregon.org

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Event Committee Co-chairs Jean Sandwick (left) and Suzanne Whisler (center) are all smiles after another successful Tualatin River Discovery Day in June.

RESTORATION



Creating Shade

We've just come off a great pilot year for our restoration site at Cook Park in Tigard, installing 4,000 trees along the beautiful riverside section of the park with close to 300 volunteers. So what do we do in the bone dry months of summer? Besides watch our red current, mock orange and blue elderberry grow...we pull invasive species of course! Weeds pose a substantial threat to the vitality of our outdoor lands, often consuming entire stretches of forest and creating English ivy or Himalayan blackberry monocultures.

We'll be running select restoration events this summer at Tigard's Dirksen Nature Park. Join us with your enthusiasm. We'll supply the cold water and snacks.

TRK is launching restoration activities in Sherwood!

We are now expanding our restoration footprint into the City of Sherwood. TRK thanks Raindrops to Refuge for the tools donation to help us accomplish this mission. Now that dedicated land steward Alfred Dinsdale (past Raindrops' President) has joined TRK's Board of Directors, he is working hand-in-hand with us in Sherwood's Woodhaven Park. There will be restoration leader training opportunities with TRK and Friends of Trees, so please let us know if you want to up your game this fall and help lead groups on restoration events.

Contact Mike Skuja at mike@tualatinriverkeepers.org or 503-218-2580 to get looped into all things restoration.



Calling all Businesses!

Are you a TRK member who is gainfully employed? Have you thought about ways that your employer can get involved with the organization you love? Tualatin Riverkeepers offers a variety of ways for businesses to cultivate a green thumb. Whether planting trees on our restoration sites through our **Silicone Forest Challenge** (tualatinriverkeepers.org/tualatinriverkeepers-challenges-silicon-forest-businesses-to-plant-an-actual-forest-2/) or having TRK host your annual employee team building day on the river, you can't go wrong.

At TRK we see partnering with businesses as a conduit to getting your co-workers involved in all the other great things we do, whether volunteering as trip leaders for paddle trips or as naturalists for our education program. Participating at a TRK event is fun for you and your coworkers and helps support our mission. (We recently hosted Whole Foods on the river and a spontaneous game of ultimate-frisbee-on-kayak broke out!) Be the link to the river for your employer.

YOUTH EDUCATION

WORDS FROM THE WOODS

Dirksen Nature Park, TRK's primary environmental education site, already hosts strong ecological diversity with seven distinct habitats. This summer the City of Tigard is making a strong investment to restore one of Oregon's most endangered ecosystems, the Oak Savanna. With less than 2% of this historical habitat remaining the loss Oak Savanna represents more than just a restoration opportunity. It also represents the different ways humans can impact and interact with our environment. Oak Savanna requires active management and a close relationship to the land to preserve productivity. Traditionally these landscapes were maintained through controlled burns, careful observation, and an honorable harvest. Camas, Tarweed, acorns and game animals are just a few of the food staples this ecosystem supports. Work will begin to thin out Ash trees that are encroaching on existing Oak stands and remove invasive plants such as English hawthorn, blackberry and non-native grasses. When the work is done, nine of the 48 acres of Dirksen Nature Park will be Oak Savanna.

Join Our Volunteer Naturalist Team



Tualatin Riverkeepers' Education Program is growing fast and we need your help. This past spring we served almost 1,300 students on field trips with 97% coming from local Title I low income schools.

If you're interested in sharing your passion for our watershed and the natural world with students, please contact Isabel at 503-218-2580 or isabel@tualatinriverkeepers.org to find out more information on how to join our Volunteer Naturalist Team.

Spotted at the Dirksen Nature Park



Brook Lamprey

Lampreys are a primitive group of fish with round sucker-like mouth, no scales, and breathing holes instead of gills. These three lovebirds were spotted while on a field trip with fourth graders from Templeton Elementary. Lampreys spawn in gravel bottomed streams with both sexes taking part in the

construction of nests. They spend 2-7 years in a larval stage known as ammocoetes, and only survive as adults long enough to mate in the spring.

Oregon White Oak Trees

Pictured here is one of Dirksen's largest Oaks with one of the park's newest additions. This tree goes by many names including Garry Oak, White Oak, Post Oak, Oregon oak, Brewer oak, or Shin Oak, and is the only native oak in British Columbia and Washington and the principal one in Oregon.



TRIPS & TOURS



Cook Park Summer Boat Rentals

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays thru September
9am to 6pm

Canoes, single kayaks, and double kayaks are
\$30 per boat for up to 4 hours and
\$10 per additional hour.

**TRK members receive one free rental and \$10 off
each additional rental for the season!**

2015 Paddle Trip Schedule

TRK trips are open to all members and the general public. Canoes and double kayaks are available for use on our trips for \$50 and single kayaks are \$40. *Members at the \$50 level or higher receive a free boat rental!* Space is limited and reservations are required online at tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Family-Friendly Paddle

Sunday, August 16
1pm - 4pm

Autumn River Paddle Trip

Saturday, October 3
10am - 1pm

With the river level extra low this year, there will be much more accessible trash that's been buried in the Tualatin River. Spend a Saturday morning helping us haul it out. Canoe rentals are free for this event.

Tualatin River Clean-up

Saturday, September 19
9am - 12pm

River History Reborn

When TRK's Volunteer Archivist John Fervia connected with local John Frederick (*below*), whose family once ran Roamers Rest River Park back in the 1940s and 1950s, he was hoping for a few new stories to add to his *History of the Tualatin River* presentation and maybe some new antique photographs. What he came away with was a little - make that a big - piece of Tualatin River history.



Roamers Rest was one of many river parks that once dotted the Tualatin River. The Frederick's park was one of the largest and could host up to 2,000 river-goers on a summer day. Always looking to entice more visitors, John Frederick's father added Swan Paddle Boats that were showcased at the 1939 SF World's Fair to his fleet. According to Mr. Frederick's, the sign-up list to explore the river in a swan boat was always full.

TRK volunteers Paul Whitney (*right*) and Charlie Stalzer (*left*) have taken on the task of refurbishing these historic paddle boats to their original floating glory. TRK hopes to have these avian floaters on the water by the end of summer. For more information about the process or to volunteer to assist with the restoration, contact Margot at margot@tualatinriverkeepers.org or 503-218-2580.



Thank you John Frederick, Paul, Charlie and John Fervia for helping us bring back a piece of Tualatin River history.

WATERSHED WATCH



TRK Continues Efforts to Protect Cooper Mountain Wetlands

In July 2015, the Beaverton Planning Commission voted 4-2 to allow the Beaverton School District to fill almost 3 acres of wetlands and construct South Cooper Mountain High School.

The decision flies in the face of the Cooper Mountain Community Plan adopted by the Beaverton City Council on February 3, 2015. The Cooper Mountain Plan assigned the “highest preservation priority” to the wetlands on the north end of the High School site. As of the writing of this article, TRK is preparing its response to the decision. Land use appeals are under consideration and pursuing those options would incur significant expenses for filing

fees. Your contributions to this effort can be made online at www.tualatinriverkeepers.org and clicking on the “Become a Member” link.

TRK has also filed objections to the Oregon Department of State Lands and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers based on state and federal wetland protection laws. A decision from these agencies is expected by the end of summer if no additional information is requested.

For more information contact Brian Wegener at 503-218-2580 or brian@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

Elected Officials See Restoration Success on Fanno Creek

Beavers Role in Successful Habitat Restoration Highlighted

On June 23, Ash Creek Forest Management and Tualatin Riverkeepers hosted a tour of restoration work on Fanno Creek at Englewood Park for local elected officials. The restoration work was funded by Clean Water Services more than 10 years ago to mitigate high temperatures in the creek and has, with the help of local beavers, provided additional habitat benefits.

By damming the creek, beavers slowed down the flow and provided additional water storage to sustain the creek in dry summer months. Slowing the flow has reduced stream bank erosion and channel incising that decreased water availability in the dry season. Deposition of sediments in the floodplain has restored ecological processes and allowed habitat improvements for pollinators, birds and native fish.

Elected officials attending the tour included Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski, Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, Metro Councilors Carlotta Collette and Craig Dirksen and Hillsboro City Council President Steve Callaway. Joining the tour were officials from Clean Water Services and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality who discussed how innovative

restoration efforts fit into the context of the federal Clean Water Act. The group was enthusiastic about the potential to recreate the success at Fanno Creek in other locations throughout the Tualatin Basin.



Above: George Kral of Ash Creek Forest Management explains how reed canary grass had dominated the site prior to restoration efforts.

Elected Officials Hit the Water on August 1st

Tualatin Riverkeepers is once again hosting the Political Paddle Race on Saturday, August 1 at 8am out of Tigard's Cook Park. Elected officials from around the Tualatin Basin will be paddling canoes and kayaks in a fun and raucous race. Spectators are encouraged to attend and encourage their elected officials to participate.

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