

***NEWSLETTER***  
**PARC Foundation of Thurston County**  
**Spring 2007**

The four park jurisdictions (South Sound Youth Adventure Alliance staff) have sent us their joint proposal for youth outdoor activities events for the summer, fall, and winter of 2007.

The benefit auction by the PARC Foundation and The Alpine Experience is this Friday May 4, 2007 at 5:30 PM at the Tumwater Lodge. The Alpine Experience and the PARC Foundation have given \$20,000 the past two years to the four park departments (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County).

SSYAA staff created a CD regarding what the 2006 auction funds provide in recreation activities. They also provided a CD last year about the 2005 recreation activities. this week?

Also, PARC Foundation is working with a new group (Sound Hounds) that is forming to support development of dog parks. These parks could be fenced areas in existing parks or some new sites designed and built that would be strictly for dogs. The dog group hopes be raising funds under the affiliation of the PARC Foundation soon to support development of dog parks through out the county. PARC Foundation would be the non-profit fiscal agent for this group.

The PARC Foundation has had one individual (possible donor) in the community come forward who is not part of the new dog group, but who has seen the a study by the City of Olympia for a possible dog park locations in one of Olympia's parks. This individual has a specific site (identify in the study) that they would like to donate funds to the PARC Foundation to help the City of Olympia develop the first dog park. The City of Olympia is looking at the proposal.

The PARC Foundation is working with another group of individuals who would like donate funds and equipment to build DISC golf course sites in a number of locations in city or county parks. The PARC Foundation maybe the non-profit and fiscal agent for this group of individuals to raise the funds for supporting disc golf.

The PARC Foundation is now in the process of contacting estate attorneys, financial planners, and CPA accountants regarding the PARC Foundation. The Foundation's hope is that these professionals will pass information on to individuals who are interested donating presenting funds or leaving funds to the PARC Foundation under "Leave a Legacy" for current and future generations by supporting parks, art, recreation, and cultural activities and facilities. After we have contacted these professionals, we will move on to making presentations at civic groups, neighborhood associations, and businesses.

The City of Olympia is working with us and the individual who contacted the PARC Foundation in the spring of 2006 regarding the individuals desire to donate approximately 4 acres of land for a neighborhood park.

The PARC Foundation is work with a group of State DSHS employees regarding the possibility of a pock park near the new DSHS Cherry Street building in Olympia.

The PARC Foundation board has invited the City of Yelm to provide a representative from their park advisory board to be on our board. We would like to support the development of recreation programs by the City of Yelm.

The PARC Foundation is seeking funds to enhance our website. The PARC Foundation would like have a website that would have links to all parks, arts, recreation (youth groups, etc), and cultural websites in Thurston County, and a site that would allow groups who do not have a website to put a webpage on our site.

The PARC Foundation is working with the four park jurisdictions regarding letting us contact their volunteers to see if some of them might want to volunteer to help the PARC Foundation or who might want to donate to the PARC Foundation.

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