

NEWSLETTER

PARC Foundation of Thurston County

Summer of 2006

Timeline for 2006...

- In February 2006, the Foundation received a funding request from SSYAA (South Sound Youth Adventure Alliance), a group of staff that represents the four park and recreation departments in Thurston County. The request was for \$20,000 to fund youth and outdoor recreation programs throughout the county. (See information on the grant awards below.)
- On March 18, 2006, "All In For Kids and Family" held a poker tournament fundraiser at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester, Washington. The activity raised funds to support the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department scholarship fund. The "All In For Kids and Family" group included staff members from the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department working on their own time. The funds raised were donated to the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department in May 2006.
- During April 2006, the PARC Foundation of Thurston County website was established. The web address is www.parcfoundation.org . Currently the website is very basic; however, additional web pages will be added in the coming months. Through the website individuals in the community can contact the PARC Foundation of Thurston County using the following e-mail address: info@parcfoundation.org
- The Olympian included a PARC Foundation article in the April 30, 2006 Sunday paper. The article identified the mission and purpose of the Foundation and told how funds have been used to support the park departments in Thurston County. The article also mentioned The Alpine Experience benefit auction that was scheduled to raise money for the Foundation.
- On Saturday night, May 6, 2006, The Alpine Experience, a retail store run by the Hyer family, held a benefit auction for the PARC Foundation. Approximately 70 people from the community attended. At the auction over \$16,000 was raised to support the youth and outdoor programs of the four park departments in the county (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County). It was an exciting night with lots fun and wonderful outdoor recreation equipment and supplies available for bid. Joe Hyer created a great environment for bidding with his inspiring auctioneering about "It is for the kids."
- The PARC Foundation received a donation of over \$600 from The Warehouse Rock Gym in Olympia. The funds were raised through a used gear sale earlier in the year. These funds were given to support the PARC Foundation's youth and outdoor program fund.
- In the spring of 2006, the PARC Foundation was contacted by a family who read an article about the Foundation in The Olympian. The family was impressed by

the mission and goals of the PARC Foundation of Thurston County and wants to donate four acres for a park. The PARC Foundation connected the family with the two park departments that may become the recipients of the donated land. Hopefully, this will be the first of many such gifts from people in the community who want to "Leave a Legacy" through the PARC Foundation for present and future generations.

- In June 2006, the PARC Foundation was notified that the Foundation will be listed as one of the charities in the fall Washington State Combined Fund Drive brochure. The PARC Foundation will also have a display table at the three Thurston County Combined Fund Drive fairs for public employees in September.
- Grant awards were made by the PARC Foundation in June of 2006. Grant awards of \$4,250 each were given to the four park departments in Thurston County for a total of \$17,000. The money is part of the Foundation's commitment this year to support disadvantage youth in outdoor programs.
- The Foundation also awarded a grant of \$3,300 to the City of Olympia to help fund construction of the new McCormick Court Entrance to Watershed Park.
- In June 2006, Westfield Capital Shoppingtown contacted the PARC Foundation because of an article in the Daily Olympian and the Foundation's website. The PARC Foundation vision of "Leave a Legacy" fit a project that Westfield Capital Shoppingtown was doing for children. The Westfield legacy project is at the promenade entrance to their new shopping mall addition in Olympia. The entrance includes 8" x 8" handmade tiles decorated by children who came to Westfield shoppingtown on two Saturdays in July. Their parents were able to buy tile kits for the children to personalize tiles with their names and own decorations, leaving a legacy for all to see at the promenade entrance of Westfield Capital Shoppingtown. At the dedication of the Westfield Promenade on August 18, 2006, Westfield Shoppingtown donated \$5,000 to the PARC Foundation of Thurston County for the foundation's "Leave a Legacy" endowment fund.
- In July 2006, the Olympia Garden Club donated over \$1,000 through the PARC Foundation for improvements at Priest Point Park in Olympia, Washington.

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