

## Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation Board to Seek Input on Investment Priorities 06/11/2019

On May 21, 2019, Lake Oswego voters overwhelmingly approved a parks and open spaces bond measure authorizing the City to issue general obligation bonds totaling \$30 million. The bond proceeds will be used for parks, park and recreation facilities, and open spaces. Specific projects will be guided by the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with input from the public and from the City's Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Advisory Board (Parks Board).

The City's CIP - approved in 2019 - outlines a range of investment priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department through 2025. The cost of the identified projects exceeds the \$30 million proceeds from the Parks Bond, prompting an analysis of priorities. Public input is vital to the project prioritization process.

To help with the prioritization process, the Parks Board will be conducting a series of outreach activities this month to learn more from Lake Oswego residents about how to best invest the monies approved in the Parks Bond.

Parks Board Co-Chairs Scott Bullard and Bill Gordon stated, "We want to again thank the voters of Lake Oswego for their overwhelming support of the May bond measure to continue to invest in our community's parks system and open spaces. We look forward to hearing the residents' thoughts on the prioritization of these investments through the upcoming public outreach activities."

The outreach events listed below are intended to provide opportunities for Lake Oswego residents to share their input with the Parks Board so it can make thoughtful recommendations to Lake Oswego City Council at its July 16 meeting.

The outreach activities are as follows:

- Pop-Up Event  
Wednesday, June 12, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Lake Oswego Public Library  
706 Fourth Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034
  
- Pop-Up Event  
Saturday, June 15, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Lake Oswego Farmers' Market  
Millennium Plaza Park, 200 First Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034
  
- Community Forum  
Thursday, June 20, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Lake Oswego Maintenance Center, 17601 Pilkington Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97035
  
- Online Survey  
Available June 12 through June 21 on the Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation website:  
[www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec)

The first two activities will take place in community gathering spaces and will provide Lake Oswego residents with an opportunity to quickly weigh in on their priorities for investments. The Community Forum will offer an opportunity to get more in-depth information and provide input and feedback.

Finally, the online survey will give residents who are unable to attend the other events an opportunity to provide input.

Information about the projects already identified in the CIP, as well as other activities, can be found on the Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation website: [www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec). Any questions about project prioritization may be referred to Parks and Recreation Director Ivan Anderholm via email at [ianderholm@ci.oswego.or.us](mailto:ianderholm@ci.oswego.or.us) or by telephone: (503) 675-2548.

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