

BCS Fall 2020 Update

NCPRD/Libraries



Task forces recommend Master Plan reports for Oak Lodge and Gladstone Community Project

After more than two years of planning, design, analysis, and extensive community involvement, our two task forces made of up dedicated, caring community members have each unanimously recommended a master plan — one for a new library in Gladstone and one for a new community center, library, park, and NCPRD offices on the Concord Property in Oak Grove.

The Board of County Commissioners approved both [Master Plan reports](#) at a policy session on Nov. 24 and are scheduled to make the final approval in January 2021. We'll also be asking them to approve staff moving forward to work with the community and consultants to complete design and engineering in preparation for construction to begin in spring 2022.

NCPRD



New park and trail at Boardman Wetlands

On Sept. 19, NCPRD opened a new park along Boardman Creek in Jennings Lodge. This 5.8-acre park is part of the Boardman Wetlands and features a nature play area, outdoor educational areas and a scenic boardwalk trail loop. Developed in partnership with Oak Lodge Water Services District, this new park provides recreational activities for people of all ages, opportunities to connect with nature and access to observe the diverse ecology of wetland habitats. Still in the process of getting an official name, the new park is now open to the public for all to enjoy. [Please see the NCPRD website](#) for more information and activities, including a virtual tour of the site, playground construction time-lapse video and a scavenger hunt!



Elk Rock Island wildfire update

Elk Rock Island suffered extensive damage during a wildfire that took place on Sept. 9. The park contains downed trees, hazard trees, hanging limbs, loose rocks, high erosion potential, sensitive soils and vegetation, and trail damage. Both Elk Rock Island and parts of Spring Park are closed to the public.

This closure includes hiking, water recreation access, and all other forms of recreational activity on additional lands and trails that provide access to Elk Rock Island and the fire perimeter until March 31, 2021 for the protection of public health and safety. NCPRD is coordinating with the City of Milwaukie to keep the community informed through website updates, social media posts and postcards. [Please see updates on the NCPRD website for more information.](#)



Boo Bash

NCPRD offered its very first drive-through Halloween event at the end of October. Boo Bash was a giant hit with the community, providing a fun time for more than 1,100 of our residents in one evening! The event was free to our residents during these challenging times thanks to our 10 sponsors and 82 volunteers. Each car that entered our socially distanced event received a bag full of treats and left with many fun memories. It was amazing to pull together the NCPRD staff from all divisions to assist and deliver this successful event.



Milwaukie Center's Famous Thanksgiving Dinner continued in 2020

The Milwaukie Center's Nutrition Program has provided a community Thanksgiving dinner for the past 30 years. While operations were changed to abide by current health standards, the tradition continued in 2020. The Milwaukie Center kitchen cooked up a delicious meal consisting of roast turkey, gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin custard for dessert. The meal was made ready for pick up or delivery on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Center volunteer drivers made the deliveries and over 200 meals were distributed to the community.

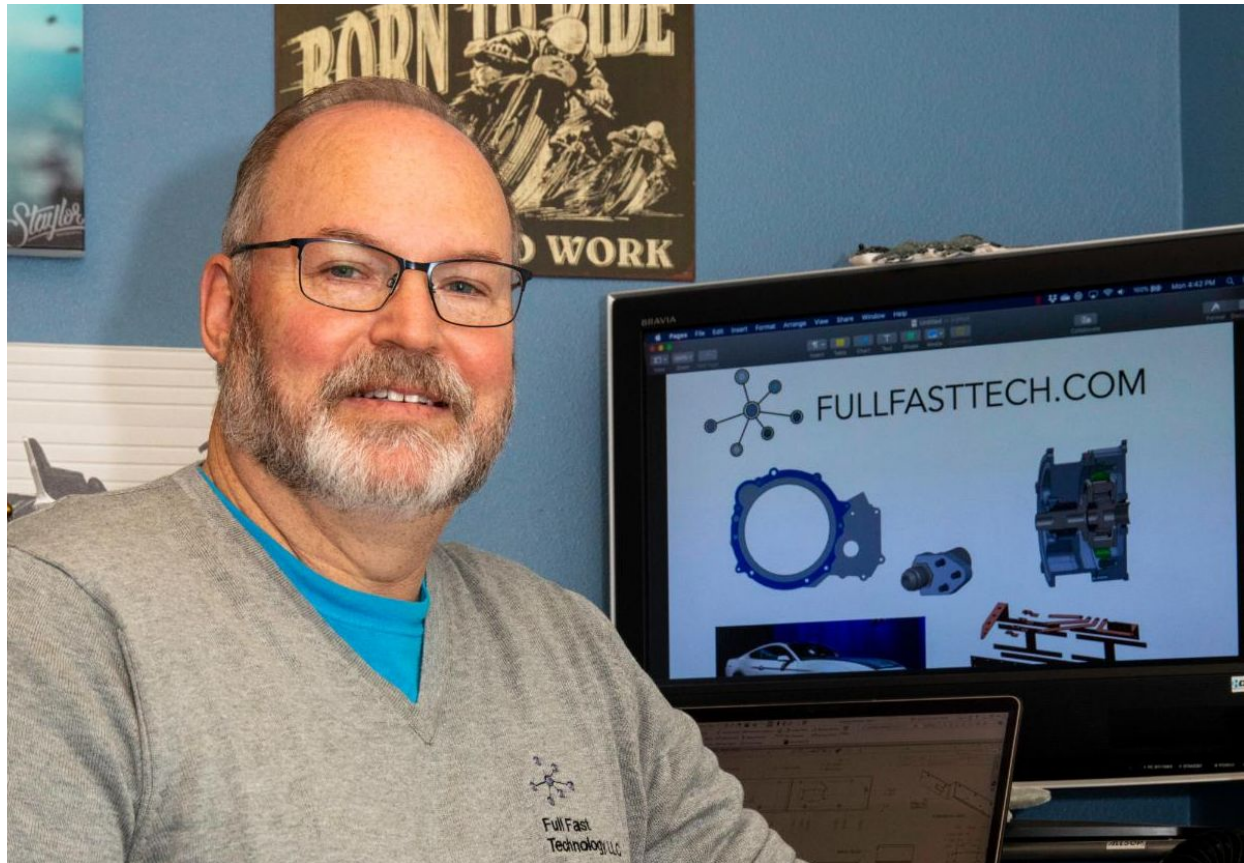
While the minimum donation for this Thanksgiving meal was \$15 per meal, some community members donated more to help support the program and their senior neighbors. In this COVID-19 affected world, many of the Nutrition Program fundraisers have been cancelled. With the record number of meals being delivered to our neighbors this year, fundraising and community support is more important than ever.

Economic Development



Supera groundbreaking

Economic Development is pleased to announce the groundbreaking of a new headquarter facility for [Supera LLC](#) in the Estacada Industrial Park! Supera is a Clackamas County homegrown business and produces anesthesia equipment for the veterinary industry. This new building will help Supera expand their operations to meet an increasing demand for their products. This business retention/expansion project was done in partnership with the City of Estacada with assistance from the Clackamas County Assessment and Taxation Office given the company's participation in the Enterprise Zone Incentive Program (facilitated by Economic Development).



County small business grants keep hope, and communities, alive

The county offered grants in partnership with Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon to help local small businesses make it through COVID-19. [Check out this article featuring two grant recipients from the first round.](#) Next the county offered \$1M in grants to small businesses and childcare providers, and then another round of grants to additional small businesses. [Check out the latest information on COVID-19 resources for businesses.](#)

Parks and Forests



Metzler Park restroom completed

After a lot of work, many delays and outstanding effort by the parks team, the long-awaited Metzler restroom was completed. This newly installed CXT restroom unit was funded in part by an Oregon Parks and Recreation District (OPRD) Local Government Grant, features four individual non-gendered restroom stalls and three shower rooms for park visitors, as well as a laundry room for the park hosts. The finished project is a great improvement over the old modular unit in both appearance and functionality.



Dump Stoppers

Dump Stoppers is a grant-funded program that was the brainchild of the Clackamas County Forester in 2003. It was started in response to the problem of garbage being dumped near forest industry gates and properties. The program cleans up an average of 80,000 pounds of solid waste per year and removes numerous vehicles, boats and campers abandoned on forest lands. The Dump Stoppers Program has been working with the Trash No Land program since its inception four years ago. Dump Stoppers is part of the Parks and Forest Division.

[The work of the Clackamas County Dump Stoppers team was featured in this article](#) about a recent cleanup at the Miller Pit.

LINCC and Libraries



Mobile printing available at many LINCC Libraries

Ten LINCC Libraries have added the printing service *PrinterOn*, which allows patrons to access library printers safely and confidentially during the pandemic and beyond. Patrons can send print jobs to a library printer from home, work or a mobile device and then arrange with the library to pick up their prints. This system seamlessly integrates with our current public printing operations and increases access to printing during a time of closures. [Find more information here.](#)



Oak Lodge and Gladstone Public Libraries - Keeping Kids Connected

COVID's tough on kids! Youth Librarians Heather Hoffmann and Susannah Carver are creatively keeping our most beloved library programs alive, including Summer Reading and Storytime.

Web-based Summer Reading: This year, kids went online to print Summer Reading Logs and coloring pages and to view games and songs through the [libraries' playlist on YouTube at #ClackCo TV](#). Kids were able to return their completed logs in person at the libraries, then view and choose their own prizes, all in conjunction with our no-contact pickup service.

Zoom-based Storytime: Heather and Susannah present live, All-Age Storytime every Thursday at 10:30 am. This allows kids to enjoy their favorite storytime books, songs, and games from the comfort of their homes.

We all miss having our libraries full of loud and happy kids, but until we can welcome them safely, we're committed to keeping the fun and learning going for our youngest patrons!

Stone Creek Golf Club



Golf club continues to be here for the community

Stone Creek continues to be busy. It has been great to see many new golfers getting into the game! We were also able to host a few charity events during the summer months. The event coordinators of these local businesses were appreciative that we could accommodate them in some way. It was great to help out the community!

The golf course closed for a week in September due to the fires, air quality, and ash falling from the sky. It was an incredible yet scary sight to see the smoke rolling in. The photo above shows smoke in the distance the day before we closed.

Download the Stone Creek app! Our app offers the ability to book and pay, as well as other neat features such as GPS and live scoring. Find it on the Google Play store and the Apple app store, or [download the app here](#).

