

December 31, 2018

Dear North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Resident,

I am writing to you to share the latest information about the status of the City of Happy Valley's effort to withdraw from NCPRD.

NCPRD provides exceptional parks and recreation opportunities to 122,000 residents in a 36square-mile area, including the cities of Milwaukie and Happy Valley, and a large unincorporated portion of North Clackamas including Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove and more.

In June 2017, the Happy Valley City Council passed a resolution to withdraw the city from NCPRD. With the understanding that the city had legally withdrawn from NCPRD, in May 2018 Happy Valley residents approved a 5-year local option levy to create and operate a city parks and recreation system. On December 13, 2018 a Circuit Court judge ruled that the City relied on the wrong state statute to support its withdrawal and asked both sides to return to court to determine further proceedings.

As we navigate the legal process, we remain committed to protecting and serving the best interests of **all** District residents.

Over the last 28 years, NCPRD developed infrastructure and achieved economies of scale that enable us to cost-effectively deliver services to communities throughout the District. Happy Valley's potential withdrawal could result in reduced services and programs throughout the entire District. In addition, if the City successfully withdraws from the District, Happy Valley residents would lose direct access to some NCPRD programs and services.

You are invited to learn more about this situation, share your comments and ask questions at two Community Conversations scheduled in January:

6:30 – 8 p.m. January 22, 2019 Rock Creek Middle School (Commons) 14897 Southeast Parklane Drive Happy Valley, OR 97015 6:30 – 8 p.m. January 23, 2019 Rex Putnam High School (Commons) 4950 SE Roethe Road Milwaukie, OR 97267

NCPRD is committed to providing meaningful access and will make reasonable accommodations, modifications, or provide translation, interpretation or other services upon request. Please contact us at least three business days before the meeting.

Two previous community conversations were held in December 2018. Additional information is available on our website at www.clackamas.us/ncprd/hv.

We appreciate your patience during this time of uncertainty and look forward to answering your questions about possible impacts to you and your family when participating in our community programs or visiting an NCPRD park.

Sincerely,

Scott Archer, Director North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District