



Strengthening and uniting our community through parks, recreation and open spaces.

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Canby Area Parks and Recreation District
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NEW INTEREST IN SPECIAL RECREATIONAL DISTRICT

There is renewed interest in the opportunity to utilize the Canby-area Special District to increase recreational options and opportunities for residents of the greater Canby area.

New efforts have emerged to coordinate a variety of organizations to fulfill the growing needs of the Canby area for recreational facilities. Coordination of various active groups seems efficient in order to meet the needs of an active and growing population.

The greater Canby area (with boundaries nearly identical to the Canby School District) has been sanctioned by the State of Oregon for Special Recreational District status. (Note: new Special Districts of this type are no longer available in Oregon.) To clarify the name of this district, the elected Board of Directors has decided to change the name from Blue Heron Recreational District to **Canby Area Parks and Recreation District**.

In coordination with the City Parks and Recreation Board, and several active groups serving the recreation community for all ages, the newly-named **Canby Area Parks and Recreation District** plans to work to pursue community-based solutions to provide a more complete recreation experience for all residents of the greater Canby area. Recent surveys have indicated a wide range of recreational interests, and enthusiasm for expansion of recreational opportunities.

Examples of recreation districts of this type range from the hugely successful Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, to the North Clackamas Recreation District, and further down the Willamette Valley to the Jefferson Parks and Recreation District, which has made a significant difference in that smaller community.

Citizens with questions or input are encouraged to contact any board member of the Canby Area Parks and Recreational District: Christy Pruitt, Joe Driggers, Bill Milne, or Don Morgan.

A public hearing was held on September 18, 2006 to hear comments regarding the name change. Hearing no negative comment, the board voted unanimously to change the name.

Submitted by Bill Milne, Director - on behalf of the entire Board of Directors