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COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP NAME NEW PARK

HILLSBORO, OR - The City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department is seeking submissions from Hillsboro residents for a name for the Community Park site located on NE 53rd Avenue near Baseline Road.

The Parks & Recreation Department worked with the community in creating a master plan for this 43.5 acre community park, and approximately 10 acres of SE portion of the park have recently been developed. The working name has been 53rd Avenue Community Park due to its location; however, the park has not yet been officially named.

The public is invited to submit name ideas by November 30, 2009 to:

- **Email:** corinneb@ci.hillsboro.or.us
- **Website suggestion box:** www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec
- **Phone:** 503-615-3498
- **Mail:** Community Park Name, Hillsboro Parks and Recreation, 4400 NW 229th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Name ideas will be considered by the citizen-based Parks & Recreation Commission in December 2009, and the official park name will be announced at a grand opening celebration for the SE portion of the park this spring (2010).

An Overview of Hillsboro's "53rd Avenue Community Park"

The community park, located on 43.5 acres along NE 53rd Avenue north of Baseline Avenue, will be a unique and special community park featuring diverse outdoor park areas and an indoor recreation center. An initial Master Plan project for the park was completed in 2006, after a five-month public involvement process.

The 53rd Avenue artificial turf multi sports fields, located on the southeast 10 acre portion of the park, were opened in summer 2008. An adjacent concession and restrooms building was added in spring 2009. Ground was broken in May 2009 just north of the sports fields and a plaza area with fountain, tennis courts, basketball courts and additional parking. This area is expected to open soon. Hillsboro Parks & Recreation was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (Oregon Lottery funds) to help with construction of this first portion of the park. The Hillsboro Soccer Club has also committed \$10,000 towards the project.

A plan for development of the west side of 53rd Avenue has been completed, but construction dates are not finalized and will depend on funding availability. This portion will include grassy open areas, trails, an existing forested area, an event pavilion and a classroom with greenhouse. In addition, after the November 2008 failure of a bond measure for first phase of construction of the indoor recreation center, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation is continuing to look for funding opportunities for this amenity to be located in the NE portion of the park site.

For more information please visit www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec or call 503-681-6120.

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