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SHUTE, BICENTENNIAL PARKS UNDERGOING RENOVATION

Hillsboro, OR – Two of the City of Hillsboro’s parks, Shute Park and Bicentennial Park, are currently undergoing renovations that are expected to be completed in spring 2010.

Shute Park, located on 10th Avenue between TV Highway and Maple Street, is the city’s oldest park. It will be undergoing various improvements this fall and winter thanks in part to a \$55,850 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and donations from the Tualatin Valley Garden Club and Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee. Many of the park’s most-used areas will be improved with new, larger gathering spaces, a fire pit, planters, pathways and better drainage. The playground will get new play equipment, and new benches will also be placed within the park. Renovation work will continue through winter 2010, depending on weather. The park is open during the renovation process, although some specific areas will be closed.

Bicentennial Park, located on NE 25th Avenue north of Baseline, originally opened during the nation’s bicentennial year, 1976. Over the next few months, this 4.4-acre neighborhood park will experience a major renovation including a new restroom, new walkways which offer improved accessibility, additional playground equipment and landscaping. Funding for these renovations is provided in part by a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Bicentennial Park is closed during renovations and is expected to re-open in spring 2010.

Hillsboro Parks & Recreation has additional projects in the works, including the construction of phase two of the SE 10 acre portion of the 53rd Avenue Community Park which is expected to open soon, and planning for an extension of the Rock Creek Trail south of Orchard Park to Wilkins Street.

More information on construction and renovation projects can be obtained on Hillsboro Parks & Recreation’s website construction page at <http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/ParksRec/construction.aspx> or by calling 503-681-6120.

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