

## Taylor Park Newsletter 2023

We are eager to tell you what to expect this camping season, but we'd like to first start by saying that we continue to be appreciative of the patience & continued support shown by all of you. This has been a difficult rebuild for us as a small business and as a family. The kindness of our members and the memories we have shared with so many of you over the years have sustained us. We rebuild in honor of Elaine and the dream we always had, to have a special place for generations of families to camp and feel safe.

With that being said, we are beyond excited to have you all back to reclaim your site and make it your own again! What we have left to accomplish is leveling of the grounds and adding gravel where necessary. Due to all the contaminated soil that had to be removed by FEMA, along with log/stump removal; this has been no small task. We must complete this to begin marking boundaries and to start the process of re numbering campsites! All of this snow & foul weather late in the season has not helped our progress.

### **Here is what we can tell you as of right now & what to expect:**

We are pushing back our annual membership renewal date this year to better fit with our "reopening" timeline. **We anticipate fully reopening for overnight camping before Memorial Day Weekend 2023!** Day use is permitted until that time. Regretfully, due to extensive damages from the fire to the Full-Service area (including all septic, water and electrical) rebuilding in that section will require more time. The date for this completion is unknown at this time.

### **Renewing/Relinquishing:**

We ask that anyone relinquishing their site please let us know as soon as possible.

(Preferably be returning the insert attached by mail) You may choose to return or dispose of your gate access card(s) however, cards returned are a cost saved to us and greatly appreciated. If you choose to keep your gate card, they will be automatically deactivated on May 26,2023.

\*If you were not able to pay your renewal fee last year, you can still pay that fee (\$300.00) plus this years' renewal fee to retain your membership.

This years' annual fee will be the same for all members. We have always tried to keep the membership fees low, but we must now do so while still being able to stay open and continue the rebuild. We are hoping to allow overnight camping before Memorial Day weekend. This means moving forward from then, you may begin storing RV's and approved items on your site. **The renewal fee this year will be \$500.00, regardless of the site size. You must renew by May 19<sup>th</sup> (the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend).**

As all of our previous forms were lost in the fire, ALL returning members, you will need to fill out a new membership form before overnight camping is possible. You will also need to provide up to date registration information for any RV that you intend to bring into the park. There will be two ways to do this.

1. After May 1st- Create an account on our website at [MyTaylorPark.com](http://MyTaylorPark.com) Then print and complete the form and return with applicable RV registration documents via mail/Kiosk drop box (Located by Old office)
2. Complete the form provided with this letter and provide a copy of your RV registration and return

via mail/Kiosk drop box.

\*\* As long as we have a membership form on file, you may also visit us once we have our temporary office open (likely the Rec Room/or our home office) and we'll be happy to make a copy of your RV Registration at that time.

We can also issue additional gate access cards at that time at the same cost \$25.00 per.

[MyTaylorPark@wix.com](mailto:MyTaylorPark@wix.com), in the coming weeks, will be adding features and a plethora of information. Next year, we anticipate online payments to be an option, as well as uploading pertinent documents, updating member information and adding friends/family to our waiting list. We encourage members to create an account (even with not all features available yet) so that you can receive the most UTD information. The website is still being developed and we anticipate it to be completed by the end of the 2023 year.

Please be aware that we are updating our Rules and Regulations extensively, please review them via our website after May 1st and download/print a copy for your personal use. We would also like to mention that we will not be limiting the amount of guest visits our members can have this year, as a thanks to you all for your loyalty and patronage. We just ask that you please be mindful of our utilities & continue to bring guests that respect our Taylor Park Family.

A brief mention that it appears, through numerous County Council Meetings, that the North fork Public Parks will remain closed, likely for 2-5 years+. However, hiking may be made available in areas like Opal Creek, Salmon Falls & Bear Creek during the rebuilding of these State Parks and well before camping is allowed. This also means that you will need your gate access code of 2525 to

enter through the counties gate until at least the end of the season.

For those wishing to become new members, we are so thankful for the interest and support. Unfortunately, we have not decided if we will be able to accept new members this year. We will revisit this sometime early in the summer. Please share this with any interested parties you have added or wish to add to our wait list. If you want to add someone to the waiting list, please FB PM/Mail referrals/leave in drop box their first/last name and how to contact, along with referring member's name. As always, thank you for the recommendation!

### **Office Hours & Access:**

Starting **April 24th**, our phone office hours will be M, T, W & F 10am-3pm. We will offer limited home office hours in the future.

Starting Memorial Day weekend, we will likely be using the Rec-room as a temporary office on Holiday Weekends ONLY and will be open on Saturdays (9am-6pm) and Sundays (10:30am-3pm). This will be as traffic warrants, as restoring amenities will take precedence. We're hoping to make home office hours available to compensate in the future.

This year, as we ease into reopening, we will only be directing traffic on the 3 major holidays: Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July Weekend and Labor Day weekend. This means that otherwise, you will be responsible to escort your guests in and out of the park. Renewal "year" stickers will not be required this year, mainly for this reason. However, visible placards on these holiday weekends would be very much appreciated and will help traffic flow.

### **Site Location/Requirements:**

We know that one of our most important updates is when and how you will be assigned your new campsite number and location. Most members will remain relatively in their original area. We have decided that the easiest way to provide your new campsite number; will depend on if your site was moved significantly or not. The boundaries of MOST campsites will be marked by Mid-May.

Each site will have a color tipped stake placed on the right of the site's front/road facing boundary. This stake will provide a new Alpha numeric site code (example: A-76 or D-21) along with the original site number. This will make it easier for those retaining sites near their original location to identify which spot is theirs.

If we were forced to move you significantly, you will receive the new route to your site, highlighted and marked on a map, before May 15th. You WILL have the option to decline your new location if you have renewed with us and can receive a **full refund** if you wish.

We know this may be frustrating for some, but we are not able to provide the option to move campsites this year. We understand that this may affect your decision to renew. We are very sorry that we are not able to accommodate everyone's specific requests this season. We are simply grateful to be able to allow camping again and want to make this possible as quickly and as efficiently as we are able to.

Two requirements for each campsite are a fire pit and grey water bucket. We understand that placement of both will depend on each member's personal preference, regards to how they would like their site to be set up. We think that the easiest way to please everyone would be to

allow members the option to bring/build/place their own firepit and insert (the park provided) grey water bucket. To achieve this, we will provide a grey water buckets (prior to Memorial Day weekend) in the Main/Front Field for your convenience. There will also be a pile of rocks taken from sites that is currently located at the corner of Main/Cross, please feel free to take as needed. Picnic tables (as almost all were lost in the fire) will no longer be provided. Thanks to a generous donation in time/labor by Jim and Kevin, a limited amount of tables will be available for purchase by our members at cost.

### **Reforestation:**

Touching briefly on planting and reforestation, we are highly encouraging members to help us make Taylor Park green again by planting along the boundaries of your site. Our only requirement, plants be non-invasive and native to Oregon. We will have a list of preferred plants listed on the website in the future. We will continue to plant trees throughout the park and in special areas that best ensure their survival. Any donations of trees/plants continue to be appreciated. We do ask that members please be mindful of the growing vegetation and if possible, water them for 10-15 minutes each visit, in an effort to help them survive.

### **Garbage Services/Amenities:**

Out of necessity, our garbage services will look a little different moving forward. We will be creating a centrally located "Garbage drop off" near the entrance/ exit to the park, for bagged (camp only) garbage disposal. As we are still in the process of completing this project, please look for future updates about its progress and exact location. The access road to it will be located in the general area of the front field, near the

tree line. There will be two dumpsters located where the old office was for your convenience in the interim.

We will also be rebuilding the laundry/shower rooms and providing a small snack bar in the future. The timeline for these projects is still largely dependent upon the success of reopening and we look forward to bringing back those amenities back. Our ice machine/coolers should be available sometime this camping season and will be located where the old office was previously.

**Festivities in 2023:**

So many of our members have asked about our plans for the 4th of July weekend this year. We want to start this camping season off with a reimagined version of this tradition! As many of you may have guessed, we lost all our treasured Bingo items in the fire. We hope to still offer Bingo and as we try to replace the items lost, we hope to add to the usual fun by having some live music and encourage members to show off their cooking skills via a potluck style BBQ/gathering in the main field. In addition, some long-time members will be hosting a Memorial Day Event this year. Thank you to the Heisler/VanDrimmelen families for helping bring our community together again at Taylor Park.

**Memorial Weekend event: Saturday May 27th @2pm,** Come and join us for our 5th annual Heisler/VanDrimmelen Corn hole Tournament. \$10.00 to enter and all proceeds will go back to the Taylor Park rebuild. Hotdogs and burgers provided, bring your favorite side dish.

**Volunteer opportunities & schedule:**

Mid-May- As most sites are marked and members are re-acquainted with their area, site work will be weekend only until

posted otherwise.

Any member is welcome and encouraged to bring friends that also enjoy Taylor Park, the phrase "it takes a village" has never meant so much. Thank you for your continued support, participation, and care. We anticipate rebuilding restrooms during select weekends in early summer and we'll be seeking plumbers and skilled laborers to assist if possible -Dates TBD. Porta Potties will be provided in those locations in the interim.

**Any questions regarding general projects please contact Carol Brown either by private messenger (Facebook) or by texting at 503-949-7800.** As she is coordinating for us. She will return calls if asked.

A special thank you to the MANY volunteers who donated their time & energy to help us this year plant trees, cleanup & run equipment. A special thank you to Jon Gentzler for his volunteered hours running heavy equipment & Jay Petersen for running equipment right along side Randall as his long-time loyal employee & friend.

As we end this year's update, we would like to acknowledge our men & women in Service, as well as the sacrifices their families make by having them away. Lastly, to those of you who have lost a loved one this past year, we offer our empathy and sincere condolences.

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ADD TO WAITINGLIST FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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We accept all major credit cards. For convenience, if possible, please provide CC payments using this insert and return in the stamped, pre addressed envelope provided. All CC information will be destroyed promptly and safely. You may also pay by phone between the hours of 10am 3pm Monday-Friday. Payments of CC/Money Order/Cash/Check may also be left in our drop box (located at our kiosk within in the park by the old office).

Our Mailing address is: Taylor Park Inc. PO Box 242 Mahama, Or 97384

Phone: (503) 859-2763 (Messages will be returned within 2 business days)

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Special Notes/Referrals: