

Project Playground – June 2005 Newsletter #2

If you read the last newsletter, you know we've got a lot going on, and we have some updates!

Updated Website: For the latest information, you know you can always check out our website: <http://home.centurytel.net/playground>. We have been updating it almost daily with the latest information about upcoming Fourth of July festivities, raffles, auctions, Run for the Park info, Playday for the Park gaming event info, and contributor thanks. You can even download entry forms for the Run for the Park! Check it out!

Saturday, June 11: Dollar a Dog at Ray's. Thanks to YOU (and you know who you are), we raised \$270 at this event. Many, many thanks to Ray's for their contributions of all supplies, including dogs, condiments, and drinks. Special thanks to management staff Dan and Jay for their continued support throughout the day. These guys rock! We're so lucky to have them in this community.

Monday, July 4: Raffle for the Park. Stay tuned to our website, <http://home.centurytel.net/playground/raffleforthepark.html>, for updates on our booth location. When we know it, you'll know it!

We will be raffling three awesome gift baskets at the park: one for Mom, one for Dad, and one for the kiddies. Stop by our booth to buy raffle tickets and get a free freeze pop!

The baskets will be on display at the Southern Oregon Federal Credit Union through July 4, moving to the park on Monday the 4th. Visit the website for a sneak preview of the basket contents: <http://home.centurytel.net/playground/raffle.html>

If you can't make the Fourth of July festivities, you can purchase raffle tickets in advance by calling Juli at 895-3089. You do not have to be present to win. The raffle winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m. on the 4th at our booth.

Silent Auctions: In addition to the raffle, we have decided to include a silent auction for some special items we've had donated. Visit our website at <http://home.centurytel.net/playground/silentauction.html> for details.

- ◆ **A beautiful handmade quilt** with a patriotic motif handcrafted with love by Kathleen McLennan of Cave Junction, Oregon, is on display right now at SOFCU (by Ray's). (Check out our website for a pic.) The quilt will move to our booth in the park on the 4th, and the auction will end at 4:30 p.m. that day.
- ◆ **OSU/BSU football tix, Sept. 10:** Silent auction bids will be taken from July 4 through August 20 at 5 p.m. Don't miss it—#23-ranked OSU beat Notre Dame soundly in the Insight Bowl last year and is projected to have a solid team this season. Boise State, winner of the WAC conference last year, was ranked #13 in the nation. Should be a great game!

- ◆ **UO/FSU football tix, Sept. 17:** Silent auction bids will be taken from July 4 through August 20 at 5 p.m. Don't miss this game—UO is expected to have a solid, bounce-back year this year, and Fresno State is a great WAC team, in contention for the WAC title this year. This should be a good one!

Parade Float: Look for our float in the parade! We'll be the ones with the "Project Playground" banner and a week-old lamb aboard. Please feel free to yell, "Play On!" as we pass to show your support of our project!

Saturday, July 23: Run for the Park. This will be a first-class event run by the folks at GoodRace.com. Participants can choose from a 5k or 8k run or walk on open roads, with start and finish at Holt Park. Both routes are paved, so parents with strollers are welcome! Kids under 8 are free, so you have no excuse not to come out and show your support!

For your convenience, we have provided many options for registration. You can pick up fliers and register at City Hall or at The Natural Path in Creswell, or at selected running outlets in Eugene. (See the website, <http://home.centurytel.net/playground/runforthepark.html>, for details.) You can also view, print or download a flier from the website or give us a call to have a flier sent. Pre-register by July 17 and save \$5! Another option for registration is www.goodrace.com.

Sponsorships Available: We're still taking sponsors for the Run for the Park T-shirts. Contact Juli at 895-3089 to see how you can get your company on our T-shirt, our website, and possibly even on the welcome sign for the park!

Saturday, August 20: Playday for the Park. Horse lovers know it's hard to find good gaming events in this area. So we're working on a fun event at The Emerald Horse Inc., on the corner of Cloverdale and River Dr. just past Ray's. Their modern facility features a covered arena with a misting system to minimize dust. With pole races, key races, barrel races, obstacle courses, and much more, in categories for all ages—even one for 6 and under—it will be an all-day family fun event. Register for just a few events or get an all-day pass. Refreshments will be served, and overnight camping is available.

Visit our site website at <http://home.centurytel.net/playground/playdayforthepark.html> to view, print, or download a flier with registration information, or call Juli at 895-3089 to have a flier sent. Pre-register by July 11 for a discount.

Bids will also be taken for the OSU and UO football ticket auctions at the event.

Volunteers Needed

We will need many volunteers to pull off the events listed above. We could use help on the 4th to sell raffle tickets. We also need people during the run/walk to staff refreshment stations, help position equipment, help with registration, help direct runners/walkers, and help with clean-up. A full list of needed volunteers available will be available on our website soon. Stay tuned to

<http://home.centurytel.net/playground/whatweneed.html> for specifics, or give us a call if you'd like to help.

Tax-Deductible Donations

If you think our project is worthy of your hard-earned dollars and don't have time to make it to our fundraisers, you can always make a donation directly to Project Playground. Depending on your circumstances, donations may be tax-deductible. See IRS Publication 526 for more information (available online at <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p526/index.html>). Checks should be made out to "City of Creswell/Project Playground" and can be dropped off at City Hall, where you can get a receipt, or sent by mail (see Contact Info below).

Pledges may be made for future donations. We also welcome in-kind donations or services. We are considering several options for public acknowledgment of donations. Businesses interested in receiving an information kit should contact Juli at 895-3089.

Comments Welcome

As always, we want to hear from you. Comments, suggestions, or expressions of support are welcome. We especially want to get input and help from **kids** in the community. Write us!

About Us

The Project Playground committee was formed in May 2004 by a group of concerned Creswell parents, Juli McLennan, Deb Jolda, Monica Marquess, and Heidi Wegand, who believed that Creswell needs an improved public play space.

Contact Info

Feel free to drop a line to this address, playground@centurytel.net, or speak with us directly by calling Juli McLennan at 895-3089 or Deb Jolda at 895-5609. Our mailing address is Project Playground, PO Box 981, Creswell, OR 97426. Visit the website at <http://home.centurytel.net/playground>.

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Thanks for reading, and play on!