



YOUR LOCAL PARK UPDATE: METZGER PARK



A Neighborhood Jewel

Metzger Park is a beautiful 7-acre neighborhood park that has a little something for everyone! If you want to play, there are tennis and basketball courts as well as playgrounds for the kids. If you want to relax, you can picnic on the lawn area or stroll along Ash Creek which runs along the west edge of the park. If you need an indoor gathering place, the hall is available to rent. Those who live in the Metzger community are eligible for special rates!

Your Washington County Parks team is always looking for ways to improve your experience while at the park. Read on to learn about the projects we're currently working on.

Upcoming Projects

Park Beautification

Washington County Parks is partnering with the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) on a park beautification project. Starting later this year, and continuing over the next few years, TSWCD and their contractors will re-imagine the landscaping around the Patricia D. Whiting Hall and in the bioswale near the basketball court. The all-native plantings will add to the curb appeal, while promoting soil health and micro-ecosystems. Once complete, TSWCD will showcase the restored areas as an example on how residents can recreate this concept in their yards.



Like to Walk? Have We Got Good News For You!

Last fall the results of the community survey ranked new paths as its highest priority for future investment at Metzger Park. Parks has retained the services of Landscape Architect Dana Richardson to design concepts to connect existing paths and allow for continuous walking within the park. To see the design concepts and share your opinions, join us at the October 23, 2023 community meeting (flip page for meeting details).



Patricia D. Whiting Hall

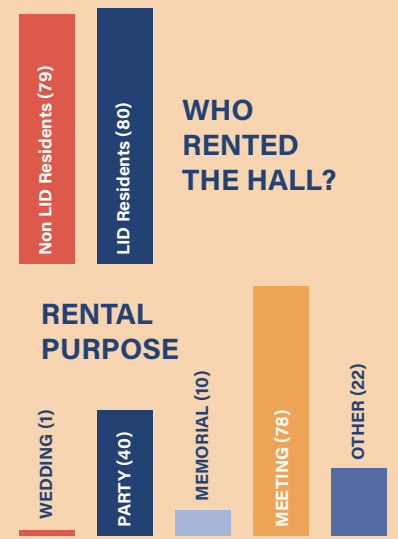
Over the last year, the hall at Metzger Park was rented 159 times, generating \$31,962 in revenue.

Community members gathered for meetings, celebrations of life, and parties for every occasion.

MPLID residents receive a discount rate, and can even use the hall at no cost during certain times.

Be sure to check out washcoparks.org/pdw-hall to learn more and book for your next gathering.

RENTALS By the Numbers



The Return of The Bunny

After a short hiatus, the Metzger community welcomed back the popular Egg Hunt, along with the beloved Easter Bunny on April 8.

Children collected 4,000 treat-filled eggs, and a hoppin' time was had by all!

Help Shape The Future of Metzger Park

Did you know, the Metzger Park Local Improvement District has its own citizen advisory board?

In partnership with Washington County Parks, the board recommends investment, operational, and maintenance priorities.

The board meets quarterly, and all meetings are open to the public. Learn more about how you can get involved at washcoparks.org/advisory-boards, and plan to join the next meeting on:

Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m.

We will be discussing and soliciting feedback on upcoming projects, the assessment increase, and future priorities.

Interested in serving on the MPLIDAB? Submit an application at washingtongov.com

Metzger Park Local Improvement District Funding

The Metzger Park Local Improvement District (LID) maximum annual assessment funds the operations and maintenance of the park, including materials and supplies, personnel, county administrative costs, tools and equipment. The cost of caring for the park continues to increase and the county's ability to supplement the LID is diminishing.

To address these financial realities the Board of County Commissioners have asked that the maximum annual assessment be increased to address the gap.

Each property owner in the LID will receive a letter in the coming months explaining the need and increase. You are invited to attend an upcoming Metzger Park LID Advisory Board meeting to learn more.

