



The Park Post

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Bright Future Ahead: RORC Fields Get a Major Upgrade



We're thrilled to announce the completion of an exciting new upgrade at the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC) – the installation of eight massive 80-foot field lights for Fields 4 and 5! This project will significantly increase the availability and usage of the complex, making it possible for residents to enjoy evening games and activities year-round. Whether it's a late-night soccer practice or a weekend baseball tournament, the new lights ensure that the fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down.

When RORC was built, the foundations, controls and wiring for lights for fields 4 and 5 were put in place, but the actual lights were omitted due to budget constraints. Our Washington State Legislators in the 20th and 18th districts successfully advocated for state funding for the lighting to be included in the State Capital Budget for community projects. Thank you to Senators John Braun and Ann Rivers and Representatives Peter Abbarno, Ed Orcutt, Greg Cheney and Stephanie McClintock.

The new lights will not only expand playtime but also enhance the overall experience at RORC, creating more opportunities for recreation and bringing our community together. We can't wait to see you out there enjoying the fields under the bright new lights! Let's keep making Ridgefield a vibrant and active place to live, work, and play!

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Celebration of the new lights on Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 PM at RORC, 3101 S Hillhurst Road.

Coming Up

NOV 2: Make a Difference Month Tree Planting

Volunteer to plant trees at Horns Corner Park! Saturday, November 2, 9 AM-12 PM. Register at TheWatershedAlliance.org/events/

NOV 6: Paradise Pointe Park Open House

Review preliminary master plan concepts and provide feedback. Wednesday, November 6, 4:15-6:15 PM.

Parks Board Meetings

6:30 PM

2nd Wednesday of each month

510 Pioneer Street

Zoom link available on website



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Free Summer Lunch Program: Picnic in the Park Success

This past summer, the YMCA and Ridgefield Family Resource Center worked together to meet a critical need in Ridgefield by launching the Free Summer Lunch Program on Wednesdays and Fridays at Davis Park. With support from the Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene, Ridgefield United Methodist Church and the Ridgefield Lions Club, the program became a joyful gathering spot for families, serving more than 1,900 meals throughout the summer of 2024.

Davis Park was filled with activity as children played on the playground, joined parachute games, and tossed footballs while enjoying their lunches. One of the program's key successes was eliminating any stigma around need—meals were available to all, fostering both fun and community connection.

This program would not have been possible without the dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters. Thank you to all who contributed!



Projects



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Paradise Pointe Park Master Plan

Design concepts are in development for the Paradise Pointe Park Master Plan. Community members are encouraged to attend the Open House on **November 6th** to provide input, review initial concepts, and learn more about the project.

Waterfront Park Master Plan

The Waterfront Park Master Plan has been approved by Port Commission and City Council. The City and Port of Ridgefield will work together to secure funding and advance to the design and construction phases.

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Phase 1 is advancing with exciting amenities, including a pump track, gravel parking lot, and open spaces for various recreational uses. The city will soon seek a contractor to lead the design-build process, with project completion anticipated in 2025.

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