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### **FOOTHILLS PARK OPENS WITH FESTIVITIES, FIREWORKS**

LAKE OSWEGO – Foothills Park, the newest park in Lake Oswego, opens with a community celebration from 1 to 9:30 p.m. this Saturday, July 15, that includes backyard games, a special presentation by Mayor Judie Hammerstad, live performances by widely acclaimed musicians, and a colorful fireworks display. The events are open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

Foothills Park is a nine-acre property located at 199 Foothills Drive on the banks of the Willamette River. On a site previously used as a wood chip processing facility, the rejuvenated property features sweeping views of the river from a covered platform, a reflecting pond, a ring of basalt columns engraved with the poetry of William Stafford, a timber and stone picnic pavilion with a fireplace, wireless internet access, pathways, and a grass amphitheater.

Starting at 1 p.m., enjoy popular backyard games and activities for kids. There will be facepainting and games including bocce, badminton, giant chess, and croquet. Game equipment will be provided, but participants are also welcome to bring their own. Food and beverages from area vendors will be available for purchase all day long.

Following welcoming remarks by Mayor Judie Hammerstad and other invited guests at 5:30 p.m., there will be a live performance by local jazz drummer Ron Steen and the New Orleans Horns at 6 p.m. Steen is teaming up with nine R & B all-star musicians for the show. Taking the stage at 8 p.m. is blues legend Charlie Musselwhite, who will perform songs from his new album, *Delta Hardware*.

The festivities conclude with a fireworks display over the river at 9:15 p.m. On-site parking is limited, and free shuttles will run continuously from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Stops include Lake Oswego City Hall (380 A Avenue), Lake View Village (First Street and Evergreen Road), and the Willamette Shore Trolley station (311 State Street). Parking is available at or near each of these stops.

For more details about the park and/or the festivities, visit the City website at [www.ci.oswego.or.us](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us) or call 503-675-2549.