

EAST PORTLAND PARKS COALITION MEETING NOTES 1/5/2023

Announcement flyer:

2023 EAST PDX PARKS EVENTS AND NATURE PATCHES

Join us with special guests Eric Rosewall, Jarrell Hosley, and Kimberly Holt, all from Portland PP&R. Eric will cover the Nature Patch project he is doing at John Luby Park, and Jarrell and Kimberly will be reviewing the 2023 Summer Free for All events application and planning processes.

Meeting Notes:

Nature Patches Program

These projects being built in developed parks around Portland are ecologically sustainable landscapes. They are ¼ acre to 2 acres in size, and there have been 11 built so far. The Nature Patches located in East Portland are Lents, Midland, and soon to be built John Luby Park! There is a work party scheduled on February 18 for the John Luby Park Nature Patch.

Each of the Nature Patches are designed in collaboration with community groups and PP&R. They are landscapes that utilize Pacific NW native plants to provide cover and pollinator plants, require little maintenance, improve the health of the soil, provide spaces for interaction with nature, provide opportunities for environmental education, and increase collaboration between the city parks bureau and its citizens.

The upcoming John Luby Park project is funded through Portland BES. It will add some understory to this heavily wooded park, providing cover for wildlife and seasonal color. The park will utilize logs from downed wood, wood chips and brush piles in addition to the plants, to mulch the soil and provide more habitat niches. It will take about 3 years to fill in. This project will be very similar to that done in Alberta Park in inner NE Portland.

Other Nature Patches have very different characters, depending on the environment in which they are placed. Overlook Park has a dryland Nature Patch, for example. Hazeltine Park in Brentwood-Darlington has natural pollinator plantings which surround the park's lawn for activities. For more information visit the program website [Nature Patches | Portland.gov](https://www.portland.gov/naturepatches)

Summer Free For All 2023

East Portland Arts Festival will be returning this year to Ventura Park on July 8-9, 2023. Last year was the inaugural event for the festival.

The SFFA is planning 46-50 events for the summer of 2023 over 8 weeks in July and August. They are also contemplating trying out some events in September as well. The event categories that can be done are concerts, movies, or cultural events, which is a broader category embracing a variety of performance types. The events will be scheduled on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 pm, except for the arts festivals, which are sponsored in-house.

Organizations wishing to apply for a concert must do so by February 3 and the community contribution of \$1000 will be due on June 2. Hazelwood NA will be applying for a concert and Wilkes will also be

applying for an event. For more information visit the program website [Summer Free for All - Cultural Events | Portland.gov](#)

Miscellaneous Announcements

Free Lunch + Play – Schedule of venues for this program is still being modified. FL+P will be running from 10am – 2pm and the mobile program will limit its visits to one per day due to heat considerations. For more information visit the program website [Summer Free for All - Free Lunch + Play | Portland.gov](#)

EPAP Grants – due Tuesday of next week.

Respectfully submitted,

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