



We  parks!

Fall / Winter 2019

## Celebrating McKay...

The beautiful new playground at McKay Park represents a true community partnership. Salem Parks Foundation donors, North Lancaster Neighborhood Association, the City of Salem, grants from several foundations and neighbors of the park, all working together, made this possible.

The neighborhood children streaming into the park to play on the new equipment demonstrate the need and the reward for this kind of partnership.

We all cut the ribbon to open the new playground...

Then we tried out the new playground equipment...



Then we had cake!



Salem Parks Foundation thanks our donors: Marylou McKay Green and the descendants of Gov. Douglas McKay, Don and Ruth Roberts, Daniel and Kathleen Saucy, Robert F. Emanuel, Carol Snyder, Alan Alexander, Kenneth, and Linda Bierly, Roberta Dolp, Nikki Freepson, Daniel and Catherine Snyder,



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Dr. Dan Saucy hosts the 10th annual Pinot for the Parks

## The Legacy Fund Continues to Grow

One of the most important Salem Park Foundation programs is the growth of the Legacy Fund, a permanent funding source for Salem's parks. The Legacy Fund is invested by the Oregon Community Foundation and continues to grow at a steady rate. In the last 10 years, proceeds from the Pinot in the Parks event has added to the growth. Dr. Dan Saucy and his wife, Kathleen, host the event at their house. They donate the food and wine, so all proceeds raised go to build the Legacy Fund.

Pinot for the Parks is a fun event; a chance to meet fellow park lovers and learn about some very good wines. Participants taste a series of Pinot wines, score each one and find out if they agree with the results of the group. You also have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to grow a permanent funding source for Salem's parks.

## In Memory of...

This year, the Legacy Fund received a gift from Dan and Kathleen Saucy in memory of Robert Maxey, the longtime director of the City of Salem and Marion and Polk County Parks District. If you would like your memorial gift to go to the Legacy Fund, please indicate "Legacy Fund" on the donation form, and we will add it to the permanent fund for Salem's parks.



Here's to Salem's parks!

## The winners!

The Salem Parks Legacy Fund is the winner, of course... but here are the ratings for the wines, as determined by the tasters.

This year, the wines were rated as follows:

- #1 Ankeny Vineyards 2005 Reserve 31 points
- #2 Amity Vineyards 2007 (eco wine) 30 points
- #3 Iris Vineyards 2007 27.5 points
- #4 Van Duzer 2006 Estate Pinot 27 points
- #5 Westry Pinot Noir (Abbey Ridge) 26.5 points
- #6 Belle Vallee Cellars 2007 25.5 points
- #7 Tye Pinot 2005 21 points
- #8 Broadly Vineyard 2007 15 points

Salem Parks Foundation Pinot for the Parks 10		September 27, 2019 SCORE CARD			Blah	Good	Excellent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amity Pinot Noir 2007 (eco-wine) Willamette Valley	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ankeny Vineyard 2005 Reserve Pinot Noir	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Belle Vallee Cellars 2007 Willamette Valley	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Broadly Vineyards 2005 Willamette Valley	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Iris Vineyards 2007 Oregon Pinot Noir	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tye Pinot Noir 2005 Willamette Valley	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Van Duzer 2006 Estate Pinot Noir	1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Westry Pinot Noir 2004 Abby Ridge Vineyard, Dundee Hills	1	2	3	4	5	6
Name: _____							

Wine Scorecard

## Erik Jackson, Dan Chandler Nature Park Hero

**Erik Jackson** is an Eagle Scout from West Salem Troop 150. To earn his Eagle Scout rank, Erik planned a restoration project in Dan Chandler Nature Park to clear a specific area of invasive English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry and to replace those cleared areas with native plants. He organized volunteers to carry out this plan. He included an educational component by designing, creating and placing identification pedestals next to the native plants.

As Erik explained to the West Salem Neighborhood Association, “My project is about educating people about the invasive species of plants, and native plants, and show before/after pictures where my Eagle Scout project has cleaned up that area. It took almost 2 years of time.”

“I also created educational signs that are plastic resin-based screwed to a cedar plank and then placed beside native plants in the park, to assist with identification.”

In September, Erik was awarded the Hornaday badge, a national environmental award given by Scouts B S A.. to recognize Scouts that have made significant contributions to conservation.

Young people caring for our parks means we will enjoy this important part of our communities for the next generation.



**Salem has many park heroes** - people who care so much about our parks that they sacrifice personal time, a lot of thought and sweat equity to make our parks better places. We recognize them on this page of the Salem Parks Foundation newsletter. Please send us information about your park hero. We would like to feature their work. Contact us at [info@salemparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@salemparksfoundation.org)

## Kathleen Cooler, Wallace Marine Park hero

**Kathleen Cooler** walks three miles every day. Her route takes her past the landscaped area in the path leading to the Union Street Railroad Bridge. Four years ago, she noticed that this area was overgrown with weeds and contained litter. She called the City of Salem to ask about the neglected area, and was told that the City did not have enough staff to maintain all the areas in the parks. So Kathleen, an admitted perfectionist and park lover, began her commitment to beautify this corner of Wallace Marine Park. Three times a week, she wheels her box of tools to the park. She weeds, trims the shrubbery, picks up the litter, rakes the area smooth and adds bark mulch if necessary. She uses her own tools, purchases her own materials, and does the hard work necessary to keep this area well maintained. Kathleen feels strongly that if people want a good parks system, they need to get personally involved. It doesn't get more personal than this. When asked how she would improve Salem's parks, she is quick to say that she would like the City to be able to have enough staff to adequately maintain the parks.



Kathleen has a background as a museum director and is interested in history, so it is fitting that her chosen project is in the shadow of the historic Union Street Railroad Bridge. Relocation may be in Kathleen's future, so she would like to find a volunteer who might continue her work. To become part of this project or to volunteer in parks, contact Tibby Larson at [talanson@cityofsalem.net](mailto:talanson@cityofsalem.net)

# Put parks on your holiday list!

Does your favorite someone love a park? Maybe a certain park? Sometimes, the most meaningful present can be a tangible measure of support for the place your loved one loves. We will notify the recipient of your gift with a beautiful, park themed card.



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## Ways to Give to Salem's Parks

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- **Donate** at [www.salemparksfoundation.org](http://www.salemparksfoundation.org)
- **Link** your Fred Meyer Rewards card to SPF at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)
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- **Match** Many employers match contributions. See if your workplace provides this giving opportunity.
- **Buy an owl sign!** Purchase online or by mail.
- **Consider gifting** the park lovers on your list with a donation in their honor. You can designate a specific city park or park project. We will send them a card acknowledging your gift.
- **Bottle Drop/Give** Your Refundable Cans and Bottles can help improve Salem Parks. Want to make those refundable bottles and cans work even harder for our community? Salem Parks Foundation is now a part of **Bottle Drop/Give** Fill our pre-labeled blue bags with refundable cans and bottles and drop them off at any of the Bottle Drop sites in Salem. Staff will count the refundables and credit the SPF account. Send an e-mail to [info@salemparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@salemparksfoundation.org) We will arrange to get the bags to you.

