



# PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Portland Parks & Recreation holds Community Budget Information Meeting on November 16

#### Public's input needed as PP&R faces third straight year of significant budget cuts

**What:** Community Budget Information Meeting on the FY 2011-2012 Portland Parks & Recreation budget

**When:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 16

**Where:** Room C, Second Floor, the Portland Building  
1120 SW Fifth Avenue, downtown Portland

Please join Parks Commissioner Nick Fish and PP&R Director Zari Santner for this informational meeting regarding the FY 2011-2012 budget.

This year the budget conversation will be even tougher, as Portland Parks & Recreation, which depends upon the City of Portland's General Fund Discretionary to support operations and maintenance, is facing the third straight year of significant budget cuts. With this upcoming year, PP&R will have lost nearly \$6 million in three years from the General Fund Discretionary.

Although the FY 2011-12 amount of cuts have yet to be determined, PP&R will prepare a budget reflecting \$2.4 million in potential cuts. This will allow for more options in our discussions with our Budget Advisory Committee. We do not know yet if we will have to take this full amount, which equals to 6% of General Fund Discretionary support, but we must prepare for it.

As a result of these continued budget cuts, the bureau will no longer be able to maintain the programs and services the public has come to expect. Efficiencies and fee increases cannot cover the gap again. Tough choices will have to be made about what the bureau can still offer and what will have to be cut to meet a potential \$2.4 million reduction. The public's input is needed.

We are using these guiding principles as we move forward:

- How to best take care of what we have with limited resources.

- Should we put emphasis on maintaining revenue-generating programs to offset other programs?
- Can we maintain geographically equitable services?
- Is there another entity that can provide the same service or part thereof?
- We must recognize some services may have to be eliminated.

While this is a difficult time of uncertainty for many, the bureau will still be providing over 94% of current services. Commissioner Fish and Director Santner are committed to doing the best to deliver services with a professional team and ensure Portland's park and recreation legacy for future generations.

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