



Summer 2010 Update

Sponsorship from Whole Foods Market, Fun in the Field, and Prizes for you on the Blog!

Whole Foods Market and Green Redmond Partnership Join Forces in September

We are thrilled to announce that, **on Wednesday, September 22nd, 5% of the profit from all sales at the Whole Foods Market on Redmond Way will be donated to the Green Redmond Partnership!** The staff at the Redmond store was excited about our local work and the number of people we engage in community-based stewardship. Thank you Whole Foods Market for this great support! The funds donated will be used to help us reach out to some new volunteers to help engage more of the Redmond community in restoring their local forested parks. We are planning a special planting event in the fall to celebrate some new relationships and welcome new people to the Partnership.



We will be out at the store helping to promote our program and spread the word about the 5% day on Saturday, August 28th, and Saturday, September 18th, and on the big day itself, to get customers excited about how their purchases will help create healthier urban greenspaces in the city. And we're looking for some extra hands: if you'd like to help out at the table any of these days, please contact Norah (norahk@cascadeland.org).

Visit the Redmond Way Whole Foods Market on September 22nd to support the Green Redmond Partnership!

Field Season Heats Up



Turning the corner at Idylwood

As summer finally rolls along, we have been getting some great work done both in and out of our monthly last-Saturday work parties. Consider this your reminder to come out and join us this **Saturday, August 28th, at Idylwood Park, from 9am to noon** in the greenbelt just past the swimming beach, where we'll be working to clear out the last of the blackberry by the end of the summer. We've been working long and hard at this site for the past year and a half, and we'll be coming back to plant the whole thing this fall, starting at our last work party in October. This is a

very exciting turning point in our efforts at Idylwood, so I hope that all of you who have been part of the great work there will be able to see how far it's come. Thank you for all of your work so far! Planting season will be here before we know it.

As always, **no experience is necessary**, and we'll have all the gloves, tools, and other materials for you, as well as water and snacks, although it's good to bring your own water bottle to re-fill. Wear sturdy shoes and consider bringing something with long sleeves for working in the blackberry. All ages are welcome, although all volunteers under 18 must either be accompanied by an adult or bring a signed waiver (available at www.greenredmond.org, on the Volunteer Schedule page). While we welcome everyone to drop in and help out either way, an [RSVP](#) in advance really helps us to plan.

See you there!

Sammamish Releaf

Following up on the huge success of this spring's Earth Day, City of Redmond Stewardship Coordinator Peter Holte and Green Redmond Forest Stewards Cindy and Jeff are teaming up again to bring Sammamish ReLeaf to Westside Park. This annual restoration event works towards cleaner and better-managed stormwater in the city by taking care of our natural greenspaces.

Sammamish Releaf will be October 9, 2010, from 9am to noon, in Westside Neighborhood Park, 5810 156 Ave NE. [Please contact Peter to RSVP.](#)

Welcome New Forest Stewards! Veteran Forest Stewards on Camera!

Our orientation for new stewards in June was great, and our amazing new super-volunteers are already getting started at Hartman Park and the Watershed Preserve. Thank you to everyone who attended the orientation; we had a really good time meeting you and we're so excited about this team and all of the great work you're all doing in the parks.



As we travel around from park to park for our last-Saturday work parties, we hope you are enjoying getting to know our Stewards a little bit, and learning about the essential role they fill. After the last-Saturday work party is over, they work hard all year removing invasives and doing fall planting. If you'd like to join a dedicated group helping to restore Hartman, Farrel-McWhirter, Grass Lawn, Viewpoint, or Westside Parks, or the Watershed Preserve, please contact Norah (norahk@cascadeland.org) to get in touch with a Forest Steward leading the project.

Speaking of Forest Stewards, our fantastic Viewpoint Park team was caught on film at their May work party and featured in Focus on Redmond. They did a great job. Trees look great on camera – [take a look at the video online!](#)

Happy Blogiversary Green Cities!



Ever wonder what's going on in the rest of the Green Cities Network, or in the wider world of urban natural areas? [Our blog](#) has just had its first birthday, and we're pretty proud of how it's gone so far. To celebrate the anniversary of our little Wordpress project, **check out our latest post and tell us about your favorite post from the past year for a chance to win a prize from the Green Cities team!**

Thanks to everyone for being a part of the movement for healthier, greener cities. We hope to see you in the parks soon!

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