



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY OF OLYMPIA

Friday, August 25, 2006

Property Purchased for Future Neighborhood Park



On August 17, 2006, the City of Olympia purchased a four-acre parcel located at 3102 8th Ave NE in Thurston County in Olympia's Northeast Urban Growth Area. In a number of years,

this open field will be developed into a neighborhood park to serve the needs of residents in Northeast Olympia.

This is the third park site to be purchased with revenue from the Park and Recreation Facilities Funding Measure passed by voters in 2004. (The other two parks are West Bay Park and Evergreen

Park Drive Neighborhood Park.) With Olympia's supply of undeveloped land rapidly disappearing, City staff are working as quickly as possible to secure new park sites.

Currently there are no funds budgeted for fully developing these new park sites and funds will likely not be available for several years. In the intervening years between purchase and development, Parks staff will work with neighborhoods to develop Interim Use and Management Plans. Minor interim improvements on park property may include picnic tables, benches, trails, or a small mowed play meadow.

Art Installed in Sidewalk on San Francisco Street

Finishing touches were made this week to the beautiful new sidewalk on San Francisco Street! Artist Carolyn Law, working with Perco-Crete founder Tiger Michiels, installed three large designs of colored concrete between Bethel and Quince Streets, including one small area that will glow in the dark! The Neighborhood Sidewalk Public Art Pilot Project has been a partnership between Public Works and Parks, Arts & Recreation. Two more sidewalk projects over the next couple of years will also include public art; one in Southeast Olympia, and one on the Westside.



**City Offices Closed
Friday, September 8
11:30 am—1:30 pm
for**

**The Annual Employee BBQ
Appreciation Lunch and
Announcement of the 2006
Spirit Award Winner**

**Save the Date: Thursday, September 28
City Council Town Hall Meeting
The Olympia Center**