

MOUNTAIN PARK NO. ONE

1968 FIRST PLAT

A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTION 5, T2S, R1E, W4M IN THE COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS, THE STATE OF OREGON

Surveyed March, 1968 By Charles R. Almetide, Reg. Oregon Land Surveyor No. 775. Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet

DEDICATION



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I, an Oregon corporation, and do hereby certify that the annexed map and correct map and plat thereof, set forth, except that where dotted lines the width shown as between such dotted lines to the public as public ways forever such as on said plat. The properties lying on said plat are Common Properties and are an irrevocable easement of ingress and egress to the public as public ways forever such as on said plat. The properties lying on said plat are Common Properties and are an irrevocable easement of ingress and egress to the public as public ways forever such as on said plat. The properties lying on said plat are Common Properties and are an irrevocable easement of ingress and egress to the public as public ways forever such as on said plat.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the corporate seal of said corporation and the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by the authority of its board of directors and Robert G. LeTourneau, and Barbara J. Mahor, acknowledge said instrument to be the true and deed of said corporation

Notary Public for the State of Oregon
my commission expires August 31, 1970



PLATE 1493

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS TRACING IS AN EXACT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF MOUNTAIN PARK.

REGISTERED OREGON LAND SURVEYOR
APRIL 23, 1968
CHARLES R. ALMETIDE
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1968 MOUNTAIN PARK

Nature's Neighborhood



Governor Tom McCall, the featured speaker at the August 17, 1970 dedication, remarked, "Mountain Park is the most exquisite form of mass living yet seen by man." Today it is home to one quarter of Lake Oswego's population. The Planned Unit Development began construction in the late 1960s and it was destined to become the largest homeowners association in the United States and it remains one of the largest. The annexation of Mountain Park in 1969 eventually doubled Lake Oswego's tax base and population. A marketing slogan of that era was, "There's a new town in town."

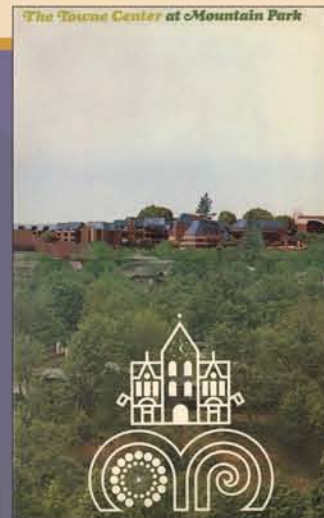
The forward-looking development was the brainchild of Carl Halvorson who also developed Black Butte Ranch and Little Whale Cove. A variety of housing types from apartments to retirement facilities were built to accommodate all ages. A recreational center with a community swimming pool, an equestrian center, offices, paths, open spaces, shops, greenways, public art, natural areas, and more were integral to Halvorson's vision. One innovation is an extensive 15-mile pathway system constructed to minimize the need for curbs and sidewalks and to take pedestrians and bicyclists off of the roadway.

The land comprising Mountain Park was originally part of the John Stephenson and Waters Carman Donation Land Claims. Halvorson purchased 600 of the total 700 acres from the Peter Kerr estate and named Kerr Parkway after him. Kerr had owned the land for 50 years and had used it for grazing and horseback riding. Shakespeare, philosophers, and other great thinkers inspired some of the distinctive street names throughout the development.



A European-style shopping center just off of Kerr Parkway was envisioned, but never built. The Oswego Towne Square shopping center on the corner of Boones Ferry Road and Monroe Parkway was constructed as part of the development. The historic Robert James Irving carpenter gothic style farmhouse dating from 1877 was razed in 1970 to make way for the center. At the time, a prominent civic leader, Mary Goodall, formed a group to fight demolition of this landmark. This organization is now known as the Oswego Heritage Council.

Mountain Park is the only Lake Oswego neighborhood built on a dormant volcano. Mount Sylvania is part of the Boring Lava Flow that occurred one to two million years ago. It is one of the few Lake Oswego neighborhoods that haven't experienced teardowns and, at 958 feet, it has the highest elevation in the City.



1. A 1969 aerial view. The street on the left is Kerr Parkway, the one with two houses is Independence, and the street at the top is Jefferson Parkway. Photo courtesy of Lake Oswego Public Library
2. The 1877 Robert James Irving house that stood where the Oswego Towne Square shopping center is today. Photo courtesy of Laurie Washburn
3. An aerial view during construction. Photo courtesy Mountain Park Homeowners Association
4. Carl Halvorson who masterminded the development of Mountain Park. Photo courtesy Mountain Park Homeowners Association