



SOUTHLAKE PARK FAQs

• WHEN WILL THE PARK OPEN?

Our plan is to open SouthLake Park in 2019. We must stress that there are several hurdles that need to be cleared before construction can begin. We are currently working with Clackamas County to secure a conditional use permit. An experienced team of consultants is helping work with the team at Clackamas County in order to make sure the park is created in a way that is safe and respectful of the neighborhood, community and environment. Club leadership is in the process of meeting with local groups like the Stafford Hamlet, the Stafford-Tualatin Valley CPO and local schools to gain valuable input as we proceed. As we work on securing the needed permits we are simultaneously working on securing the funds needed to build the park. Raising \$12 million is a paramount goal before the park can be built.

• HOW WILL THE SOUTHLAKE PARK CONSTRUCTION BE PAID FOR?

Willamette United is going to use a combination of existing revenue, new revenue, donations, sponsor dollars and private financing to get the park built. Because we have 3000 children that play for our club we can move them into the park on day one and have substantial revenue to put toward debt service. We have created a very sophisticated sponsor program and we are already talking to several private groups interested in exploring the financing of the park. Locking down financing is going to take time and a great deal of work but if our community works together we can get the park built.

• WHERE ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE PARK?

We are currently working with local groups and the county to secure a conditional use permit. Our goal is to have the conditional use portion of the process completed in the next four to six months. If we are able to raise the necessary funds to build the park we will begin construction in 2018 with the park opening some time in 2019.

• IS SOUTHLAKE PARK FOR SOCCER ONLY?

NOT AT ALL! SouthLake Park is being built to accommodate a variety of local youth sports organizations. The three turf fields are large enough for soccer, lacrosse, baseball/softball and American football. The indoor training area will serve soccer, lacrosse and American football and will include batting cages and pitching mounds for baseball and softball. We are currently exploring ways we can convert space to accommodate basketball and volleyball courts as well.

• IS SOUTHLAKE PARK RELATED TO THE PROPOSED FIELDHOUSE LLC PROJECT BY WANKER'S COUNTRY STORE AND THE CORNER SALOON?

No! SouthLake Park, Willamette United Football Club and Crossfire Oregon are in NO WAY associated with the proposed Fieldhouse LLC project.

• WILL RECREATIONAL SOCCER PLAYERS GET TO USE THE PARK?

YES! Everyone that is a part of the Willamette United Soccer Club will get to use SouthLake Park. Recreational soccer, PDP, classic and our camps and academies will use the park at times. This park is being created for all of our players.

• WILL CROSSFIRE OREGON ALSO USE SOUTHLAKE PARK?

Yes! SouthLake Park will serve as the home fields for WUFC AND Crossfire Oregon. Our goal is to host home games and trainings for these two clubs at Southlake Park.

• WILL A PARTNERSHIP WITH A CHURCH CHANGE WUFC?

The relationship between SouthLake Church and WUFC will not change who we are or how Willamette United operates in any way. Willamette United is and will remain a secular organization. SouthLake Church knows this about our organization and they have embraced us as their partner and future neighbor. Everything we do as a club is driven by our mission statement.

The Willamette United Football Club works hard to inspire and educate our members to be strong and productive soccer players, citizens, and leaders. We strive to help the whole child grow physically, emotionally, mentally and academically.

Our partner and future landlord, South Lake Church, has excellent options for spiritual development and guidance. We believe they have proven their commitment to the community in many ways, including opening up their land and buildings facilities to help Willamette United fulfill our mission.

SouthLake Church wants all Willamette United players and families to know they are welcome to participate in any of the services SouthLake provides but neither Willamette United or South Lake Church would establish any expectation that members participate.

We want both organizations to encourage 100% authenticity while being respectful of the safety, culture and needs of both organizations when they become neighbors.

• IF I DONATE TO THE CAUSE IS MY DONATION TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Willamette United is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. This means that charitable donations to our club may indeed be a tax deduction. We highly recommend that you speak with your tax specialist to see what possible benefits a donation to WUFC means to you or your company. We will work with your tax specialist to provide them with anything they may need concerning your donation.

• **WILL THE PARK CREATE IMPACT THE COMMUNITY IN NEGATIVE WAYS?**

During construction and after the park is open there may be concerns about how the park may impact the surrounding community. The team managing the construction of SouthLake Park is going to great lengths to make sure that this facility is a source of pride for everyone living near the park and in the surrounding areas. We have one of the best traffic consultants in the state helping us deal with the local traffic. We believe there is potential to IMPROVE the current traffic traveling near SouthLake Park. We are working with several specialists in the lighting industry to explore LED lighting which will eliminate unwanted light pollution. We are designing the facility to use natural materials that will help the park blend into the local environment. We will have community friendly hours so our children are home and in bed at appropriate times. We believe that we will minimize, if not eliminate, potential aspects of the park that may concern our community. If you have concerns about the project please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to address your questions.

• **HOW CAN I HELP GET SOUTHLAKE PARK BUILT?**

There are many ways you can help us move this project forward:

1. Write a letter of support for the park. We will need to show that the park is needed and wanted by the members of our community. Write a letter of support and email it to ray@willametteunitedfc.com
2. Visit www.wufcsouthlake.com and “TAKE ACTION”. You can donate money online or buy a limited edition scarf celebrating SouthLake Park.
3. Reach out to WUFC and donate your time or professional services. We will need many volunteers and professionals as the park is being built.

• **HOW CAN I KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SOUTHLAKE PARK’S PROGRESS?**

We will constantly update our progress on the web site...

www.wufcsouthlake.com

You can also connect with the club’s social media accounts at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

If you have any questions about or ideas for the project please feel free to contact us at info@willametteunitedfc.com