

Oregon Historic Site Form

Lake Grove Park
3800 Lakeview Blvd
Lake Oswego, Clackamas County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: <u>3800 Lakeview Blvd</u> <input type="checkbox"/> apprx. addr	historic name: <u>Lake Grove Park</u>
<u>Lake Oswego</u> <input type="checkbox"/> vcnt <u>Clackamas County</u>	current/ other names: <u>Lake Grove Swim Park</u>
Optional Information assoc addresses: (former addresses, intersections, etc.) location descr: (remote sites)	block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: <u>1700</u> township: <u>2 S</u> range: <u>1E</u> section: <u>08</u> 1/4: <u>CD</u> zip: <u>97035</u>

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: <u>Site</u> height (# stories): _____	total # eligible resources: <u>1</u> total # ineligible resources: <u>2</u>
elig. evaluation: <u>eligible/contributing</u>	NR status: _____
primary constr date: <u>1927</u> (c.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> secondary date: _____ (c.) <input type="checkbox"/> (optional--use for major addns)	NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see Grouping for hist dist)
primary orig use: <u>Park/Plaza</u>	orig use comments: _____
secondary orig use: _____	prim style comments: _____
primary style: _____	sec style comments: _____
secondary style: _____	siding comments: _____
primary siding: _____	architect: _____
secondary siding: _____	builder: _____
plan type: <u>Other/Undefined</u>	
comments/notes: Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: New check-in Building/1992 (old check-in building was removed at this time); Refurbish existing lifeguard office and replacde wood with concrete masonry units/1999.	

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project name or other grouping name	<u>Historic Survey and Inventory 2009-2010 2010</u>	<u>Survey & Inventory Project</u>
farmstead/cluster name:	external site #: _____ (ID# used in city/agency database)	

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____
ILS survey date: 4/1/2010
RLS survey date: 2/23/2010
Gen File date: _____
106 Project(s)



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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

The Lake Grove Swim Park is located on the south side of Lakeview Boulevard on a lot encompassing almost an acre. The park sits on two lots in a residential neighborhood and has nearly 350'0" of Lake Oswego frontage. The lot's grade slopes down from its highest point near Lakeview road to the south where the property edge meets the lake.

The Park's lot is lush with a number of mature trees. The majority of the trees are Douglas Firs, but there are a few Maple trees and large Cedar trees. The park has a perimeter chain link fence surrounding the north (street side), east, and west portions of the lot. On the north side of the lot, the fence rests on a small half-wall constructed of coursed, rough cut stone. A pedestrian sidewalk abuts the wall and a single row of diagonal parking is located between the sidewalk and Lakeview Boulevard.

The entrance to the park is on the east end of the north edge of the lot. There is a stone staircase that matches the half wall running along the park's north edge. The park sits below the grade of the street. The wall extends from the street level approximately 10 feet below grade. The stairs curve slightly as they descend and lead to a large concrete area that leads to the check-in counter. The large concrete pad has a number of smaller walkways that lead towards the water, play areas, and concession stand. The walkways are both gravel and concrete and dead end at the grassy treeless area that abuts the lake.

Just west of the check-in building there is a concrete pad with a basketball hoop. Beyond the basketball area there is a driveway that is used for maintenance of the park. The concession stand is located to the south of the driveway and basketball area. The site has two playgrounds, one is located on the southeast side of the lot and the other is located at the southwest corner. There is also a wading pool and a restroom in the southwest corner of the lot. A large wooden walkway/deck floats in the lake. The walkway creates two rectangular swimming areas.

The check-in/concession building is a concrete block structure with a side gable, standing seam metal roof. There is a counter height opening on the east façade that closes with metal roll over door. There is a door centered on the south façade with two counter height openings, one on each side of the door. There is another entry door on the west façade. It appears this building was constructed in 1992. At that time the old check-in building was removed.

The park's restroom building is constructed of board formed concrete. There is a large door on the north façade and six window openings, all of which have been filled in with concrete. Above the windows there appears to be four rows of newer concrete block. The front gabled roof is clad in a metal, standing seam roof. There are two arched entrances centered on a projection on the south façade. There are three small, pointed arch windows with metal cross bracing on the south façade. These windows, along with the arched openings, give the building a Gothic look. It is unclear when this building was constructed, but it was likely a early addition to the park's landscape.

The southwest corner there is a utility building that is architecturally slightly different from the other buildings on the site. The building has concrete pillars on each corner capped with a metal covering. The entrance doorway has a concrete surround with a pointed arch inset. There was once an entrance door on the south façade, but it has since been filled with concrete block. There are two windows on the east façade, each window is filled with rows of glass blocks. An addition has been added to the building. There are no records that indicate that this building has been replaced by another structure and may be original to the site.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

The Lake Grove Park was designated for use by the residents in Lake Grove School District No. 106 in 1927. The deed that conveyed the property from the Oregon Iron and Steel Company to the Lake Grove School District limited the parks use to residents of the district for the sole purpose of recreation such as swimming and park activities. The boundary for the old Lake Grove school district spans from Interstate-5 on the west, Multnomah County border on the north, the country club, through the lake and south to Westview Road and west to Royce Way, and eventually meeting with the Tualatin River. Any child or parent in this special tax district is allowed to use the swim park when it is open. The park currently has the following amenities: concrete wading pool for kids 7 years and younger, restroom facilities, lifeguards on duty for swimmers in the lake during all operating hours, ping pong, volleyball, tetherball, basketball, and various other activities/equipment.

From 1927 to 1952 the Lake Grove Park was funded through a Lake Grove School District no. 106 tax levy, which allowed them to operate the swim park as part of their school district. In 1953, when the Lake Oswego and the Lake Grove School District's consolidated to form one school district for the entire city. It was concluded that the swim park was not large enough for the entire new district, and opening the park to the residents of the Oswego School District No. 47 would have been in violation of the 1927 deed restriction barring use by anyone but residents of Lake Grove School District No. 47.

The newly combined Lake Oswego School District paid for the swim park with a city wide tax until the 1956-1957 budget year, when it was decided that it was unfair to tax residents who were restricted from using the swim park for its operation and maintenance fees. A board of community members was appointed to develop a new system for funding the Lake Grove Park. They suggested the formation of a park and recreation district, which was defeated by the voters from the old Lake Grove School District No. 106. During the 1957 operating season the park functioned with a donation from the Lake Grove Parent and Teachers Association. In 1958, the school was able to levy a tax on the old residents of Lake Grove School District No. 106 to operate the park. This model has been followed every year since the 1958 tax year.

The Lake Grove swim park, even while undergoing some financial instability, was loved by residents who had access to the parks recreational amenities. The Lake Oswego Review reported the 1965 season at the Lake Grove Park, was one of the most successful on record. At the time, there were 1500 resident families who obtained park passes, which was a "record issue." Because of this increased interest the swimming, picnic,

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and park spaces were used to capacity that year.

The Lake Grove Park maintains a high degree of integrity. It has been serving the Lake Grove School District as the local park since its conception in 1927. The park has been updated over the years, but the park like setting and lake access have remained for more than eighty years.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: Lake Oswego Public Library University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

Bibliography: Lake Oswego School District, "Lake Grove Swim Park," http://www.loswego.k12.or.us/community/lg_swimpark.htm. (accessed October 23, 2009).

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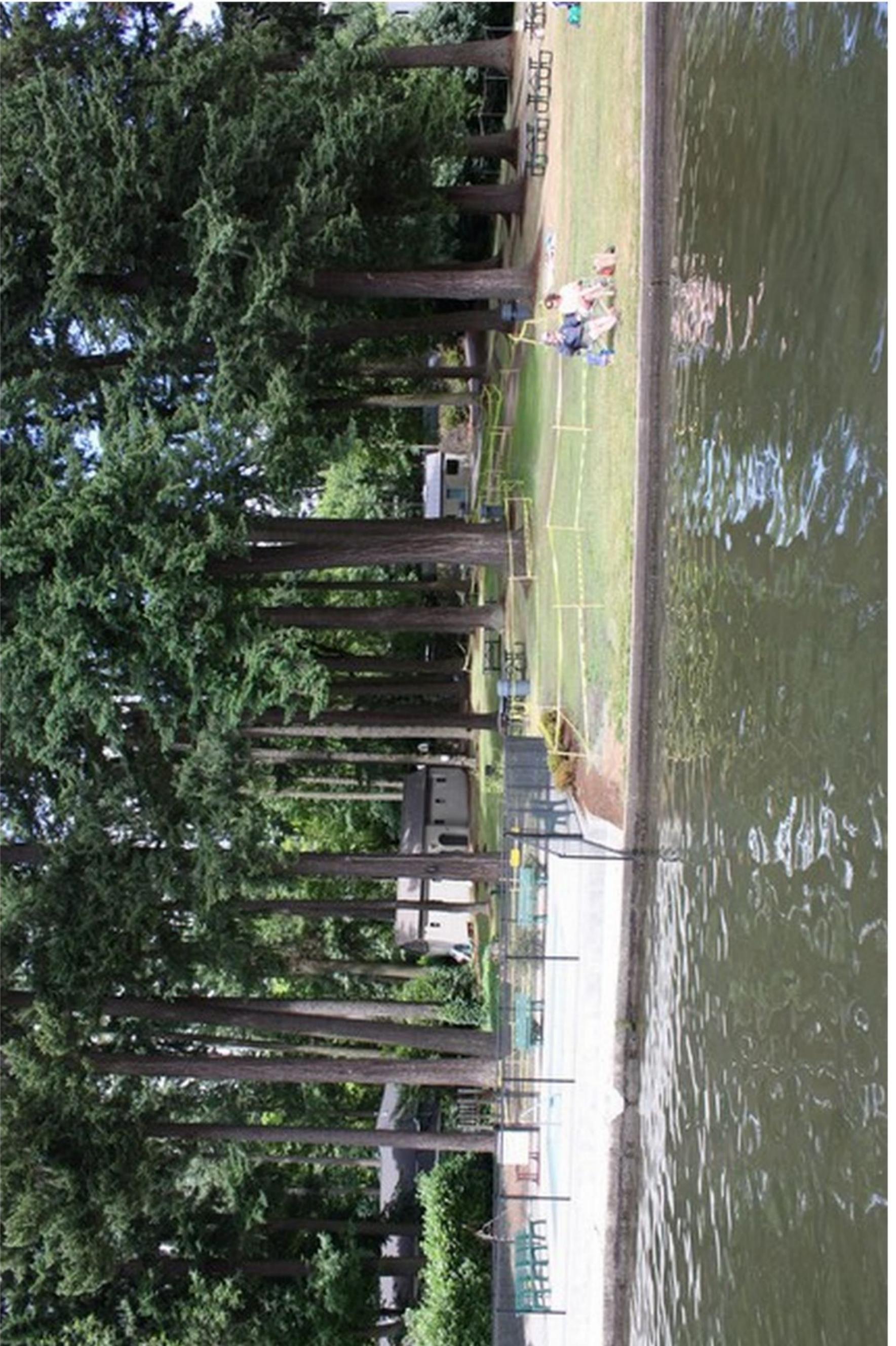
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