

From: **Mark Birge**

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Subject: Rivergrove boat ramp and river access; August 9 meeting

Dear Heather and city councilors-

I am writing because I heard the city is considering placing more restrictive hours and access to the Stark public boat ramp. We live within a couple blocks of the ramp and we like to use the access to put our paddle boards and kayak into the Tualatin, as we can walk to the access point. The several times we have used the access this summer, everyone we have observed has been respectful and courteous.

I have heard that the city is considering limiting parking access and also hours of operation. I am not sure why. We live within earshot of the access and we have never heard loud noises or seen anything that would justify providing more restrictions on access or hours of operation.

I encourage the city to keep the hours of operation and parking access as it is, with no further restrictions. It would also be nice if the gate could be open, or have a gate that could be "propped" open so a single kayaker or paddle boarder could open and shut the gate more easily, while still navigating the gate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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