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### ***City of Tualatin Partners with Hazelbrook Middle School for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day of Service***

**TUALATIN, OR** – On May 21, 2026, the city hosted more than 500 Hazelbrook Middle School students for the second annual Hazelbrook Middle School Day of Service – “HMS Cares”. Students participated in volunteer projects across the community, alongside partners from Portland General Electric (PGE), Lam Research, SOLVE, Friends of Trees, the Rotary Club of Tualatin, and the Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee. Supported by the Parent-Student Organization, this collaborative effort brought together students, families, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and city staff for a day focused on service, learning, and community stewardship.

The day’s activities featured a mix of educational and hands-on experiences, including:

- **Environmental Science Learning:** Students participated in projects that support stream health and the Tualatin watershed. They identified native plants and removed invasive species in green spaces, helping to improve forest diversity.

- **Civic Responsibility:** Students learned about city assets and infrastructure like parks, trails, and green spaces, and how to help maintain community health, safety, and well-being.
- **Community Litter Blitz:** SOLVE team members and city staff led students in community and campus litter cleanups. Students explored the cost of litter to the environment and the community and learned what they can do to help and inspire others.

The goal of HMS Cares is to inspire students through meaningful volunteerism while fostering a deeper understanding of environmental responsibility and the role of public service in their daily lives.

*“HMS Cares Day highlights the impact we can make when a community comes together around a shared purpose,” said Tualatin Volunteer Program Coordinator Kate Griffin. “This event is an inspiring opportunity not only to give back for a day, but also to foster community stewardship, strengthen environmental awareness, and build meaningful connections that extend well beyond today.”*

### **Join Us**

We are grateful for every volunteer who donates their time and talent to make our community stronger. To learn more about how you can get involved, visit our website.

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