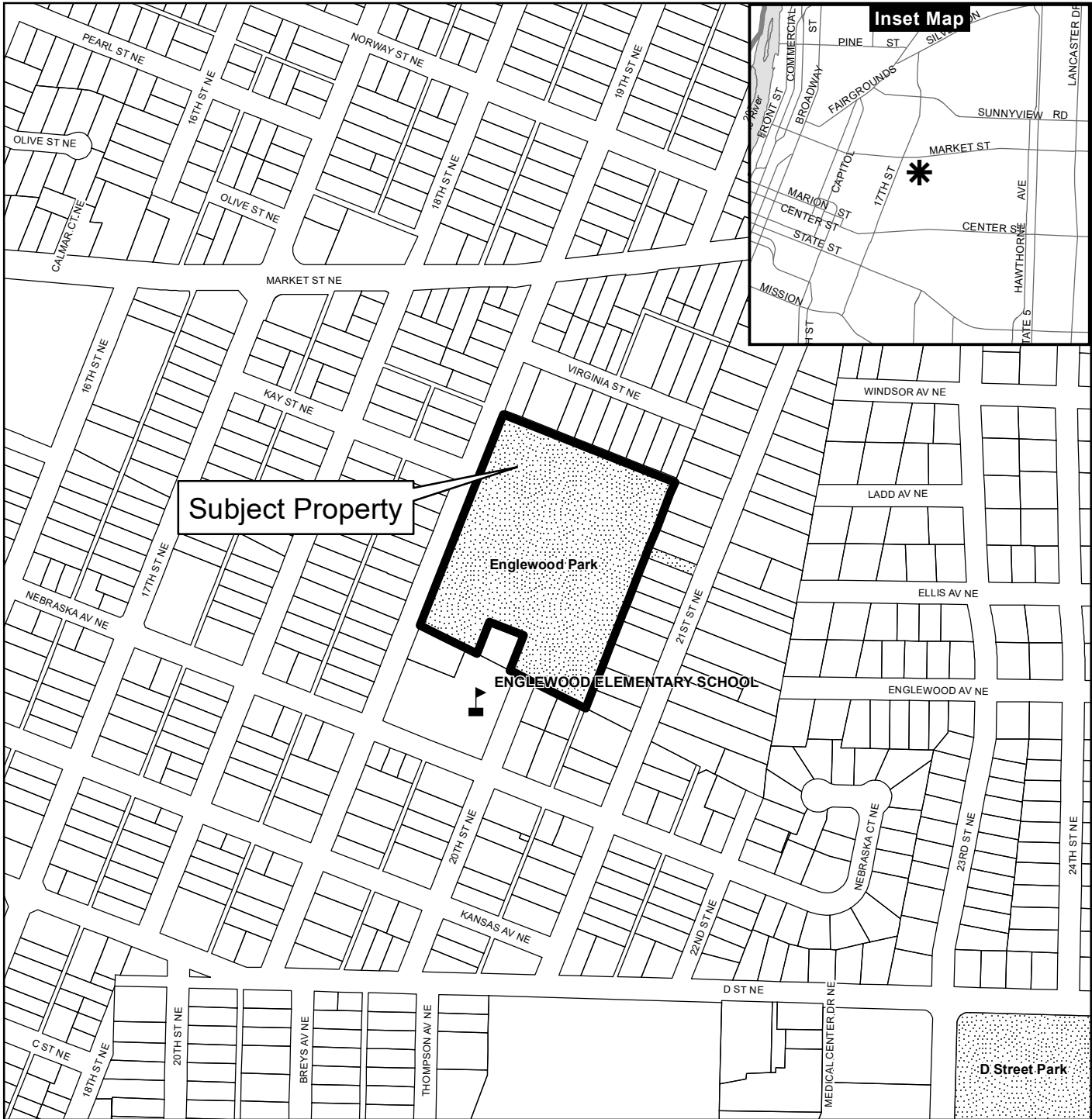









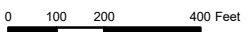
Vicinity Map

1260 19th Street NE (073W23DA01000)



Legend

-  Taxlots
-  Urban Growth Boundary
-  City Limits
-  Outside Salem City Limits
-  Historic District
-  Schools
-  Parks



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Zachery Cardoso

From: Northeast Neighbors <salemn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Zachery Cardoso
Cc: Kimberli Fitzgerald; Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie
Subject: Englewood Park
Attachments: englewood park photo horizontal.jpg; englewood park photo.JPG; Englewood Park History.docx; Notes about Englewood.docx; Englewood. Newspaper bits.docx; 1941 Englewood...by E. Schryver 12-12-2023_14-25-24-189.pdf; The Northwest G...rd and Schryver 12-12-2023_14-31-32-087.pdf

Englewood Park, a City of Salem Park, is at 1260 19th St NE, Salem, 97301. The 6.96 acre park was originally named Kay Park and was the first park purchased by the city in 1926. In the early seventies about one half an acre of the park was sold to the Salem Keizer School District.

There are two drawings of the park by Edith Schryver in 1940 and 1941. The current Master Plan for Englewood Park is the 1941 drawing.

When Elizabeth Lord was on the City of Salem Park Board, funding was acquired to build a wading pool and to cut a number of circular openings in the dense Douglas fir forest to let light into the park. The circles are still visible today in the forest and the wading pool structure still exists functioning now as a spray pool.. The 1941 plan showed five benches which we believe were not built and we hope to try to add in the park to follow through with the L&S design..The park also has many significant Oregon white oak trees.

We have done research at the U of O Knight Library where we located the 1940 drawing by Schryver that does not show the wading pool, while the 1941 drawing (attached) does.

The park's trees now number about 300 due to loss from storm damage. We learned some trees are over 225 years old when tree rings were counted on a fallen Oregon white oak during the 2021 ice storm.. Englewood Park is a treasure and is the only park in the city consisting of over 98% native trees and shrubs. Over 95 species of birds have been identified in the park. We believe it is worthy of preservation.

Please let us know if anything else is needed for the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Thank you,

Lynn Takata

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Englewood Park History

Englewood addition to Salem – Sept. 29, 1889

REAL ESTATE.

T. H. BARNES, President. H. V. MATHEWS, Treasurer.
W. F. SEAVER, Solicitor. Wm. HOWARD PHELPS, Sec.

SALEM LAND COMPANY.

(Incorporated 1889) Salem, Oregon, desires to call your attention to

ENGLEWOOD ADDITION

To the city of Salem, which it has lately purchased, and caused to be surveyed and platted. This addition is desirably located on high ground in the eastern part of the city, is four blocks from the fine high school building, and is now almost surrounded by the city, being a part of the donation land claim of Mr. Parrish, heretofore held from the market, and has long, long been coveted by far-seeing men, for the reason that it is sure to soon become the center of this enterprising city.

THE SALEM LAND COMPANY

Also has on its books for sale some of the most desirable acre tracts suitable for plating, and in five and ten-acre tracts we think we have the choicest—best in location, best in soil, lowest in price, and best of terms, i. e. :

FAIRVIEW, HAMPDEN PARK, GARDEN CITY, AND WEST SALEM ADDITIONS.

Also some excellently located five and ten-acre tracts, with valuable homelike improvements. City property, improved or unimproved, in the original town or any of the additions. Large and small farms for fruit, grain or stock, improved and unimproved lands in Marion and Polk counties at low prices and on easy terms. Property in any part of Salem will prove a good investment, and the

Salem Land Company,

Desiring to advance the interests of Salem and all investors in this addition, will in the near future make such improvements as will guarantee a good advance on present prices, and it will gladly answer inquiries and show property free of charge. Temporary offices over Capital National Bank.

REFERENCES:—Lincoln Land Co., Lincoln, Nebraska; Capital National Bank, Salem, Oregon; G. L. Laws, Secretary of State, Lincoln, Nebraska. dw

The original name of Englewood Park was Kay Park, named for its original owner Thomas B. Kay. This is a tract of (6.96 acres—currently—) just north of the Englewood School between 19 and 21 Streets about half a block north of Nebraska Avenue; south of Virginia Street. The Park was routinely maintained and cleaned by the Salem Kiwanis Club, who cleared brush and weeds.

073W23DA Tax Lot 1000-- There is a tax lot 2700 (.22 acres)—a 6600 foot driveway was built in 1965. Gail Chaney; sold to Martha and John Duncan in 1979; subsequently sold to the City in 1998.

Kay Addition to Salem, Oregon; Block B

April 24, 1924

Dedication.

Know all men, by these presents - That T. B. Kay and Gora M. Kay husband and wife, being the owners of the lands described in the Surveyor certificate hereon shown and desiring to dispose of the same in small tracts as lots, have caused the said lands to be surveyed, plotted and dedicated as shown by the annexed plat. The property thus surveyed shall be known as the **KAY ADDITION TO SALEM, OREGON.**

We hereby certify that all taxes and assessments levied against said lands have been paid.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 24th day of April, 1924.

T. B. Kay
Gora M. Kay
 Don in presence of
W. H. ...
...

State of Oregon) ss.
 County of Marion)
 On this 24th day of April, 1924, personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, the above named T. B. Kay and Gora M. Kay husband and wife, each personally known to me to be the identical persons to and who each personally acknowledged to me they executed the above instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named and without fear or compulsion from anyone.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24th day of April, 1924.

W. H. ...
 Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission expires Aug. 25-1928

Surveyors Certificate.

I, John H. Neef, being first duly sworn depose and say that I have surveyed and marked with proper monuments the lands hereon shown as the **KAY ADDITION TO SALEM, OREGON**, which is described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north boundary line of the Donation Land Claim of J. L. Bush and wife in T. 25 S. R. 20 W. of Williams Meridian, Marion County, Oregon, said point a mark in the ground placed in the center of Street being N 62° 15' E 1223.14 ft. from the southeast corner of DANHURST ADDITION to Salem, Oregon and running thence S 64° 15' E 1223.14 ft. to an Iron Pipe which marks the southwest corner of DANHURST ADDITION; thence N 20° 15' E 1223.64 ft. to the center line of County Road which is known as Market Street within the City Limits; thence S 62° 06' W 6855.50 ft. along the center line of said Market Street; thence along the said center line of said Market Street S 62° 06' W 6855.50 ft. to a point, mark in concrete pavement on the center line of 17th Street; thence S 20° 15' E, along the center line of 17th Street, 6542.81 ft. to the point of beginning and containing 27.94 Acres of land. Said plat of John H. Neef is on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Marion County, Oregon, and is a true and correct copy of the original map filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Marion County, Oregon, on the 24th day of April, 1924.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1924.

John H. Neef
 Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission expires Aug. 25, 1927

State of Oregon) ss.
 County of Marion)
 I certify that this plat was received and duly recorded by me in Marion County Records, Book of Files, Vol. 11, Page 19, on the 24th day of April, 1924, at 2:45 o'clock P. M.

William H. ...
 Recorder

KAY ADDITION

TO

SALEM, OREGON.

Scale 1" = 100'

Summary of Newspaper Articles

Dec 8, 1925, Capitol Journal; page 10

In 1924 Thomas Kay offered the tract to the City for \$1000 an acre. The Council referred the proposal to the committee on public parks. When no action had been taken by the Council a year later, Thomas Kay stated that he would instead have the tract surveyed and platted for residential lots. The price was too high (and there were no funds in the budget)—so Alderman Galloway suggested it could be bought for \$5,000 or private individuals in the Englewood district could put of the money if the city would put up adequate security. Alderman Purvine endorsed Galloway's suggestion that a holding company be formed, and was of the opinion that the city might pay off the debt at \$1000 a year. Purvine and Mayor Giese expressed the hope that the City would not let the park site get away. Alderman Williams declared the tract one of the best park sites in the state and that it would be a mistake for the City to let it go by.

December 22, 1925- City Council; Oregon Statesman.

Alderman E.B. Grabenhorst submitted a report of the Park subcommittee regarding Englewood Park. "The price of \$7,986 for the Thomas B. Kay site was agreed upon by the council in 1924. Interest would now bring that sum up to \$8360. The committee has talked to Mr. Kay and he is willing to let the city have it for \$6500. The committee recommends that the city purchase the Englewood park site on terms to be agreed upon later." This motion failed and Alderman Purvine suggested the word "if" be substituted for the word "on" in the report. And this passed.

Feb. 16, 1926- Capital Journal; pages 1 and 7

There was controversy because the Council suspended Rules on two ordinance bills to purchase the park. The first of these provide for the temporary transfer of \$6,000 from the reserve sewer fund for the purchase of the Kay Park and playground site. This required a unanimous vote, but Alderman Dancy voted no. He stated that "I haven't had time to digest this scheme you're trying to put over here tonight". The Council adjourned their regular meeting. Aldermen Darcy and X left. Five minutes later the special meeting of the Council was called to order after the regular session at 11:30 where the remaining aldermen unanimously approved the purchase of the Kay Park site in the Englewood District. The Park was to be named: the Englewood Playground and Park. The second reading and adoption of this Ordinance were completed on March 1, 1926, the park was purchased for \$6,000.

Feb 19, 1926, Capital Journal; Page 4

An editorial published in the February 19, 1926 Capital Journal titled "The Wrong Way" stated that: "While the Capital Journal favors the city buying Englewood park, and for that matter any other desirable park site before realty prices become prohibitive or parking possibilities are destroyed, it does not favor the financial juggling practiced by the city council to acquire the property. Money levied for the specific purpose designated, for sewer construction, has been "borrowed" or diverted for park purchase, a use never contemplated. Whether the money raised for one purpose can be legally diverted for another, is of course a question for the courts, but if the practice is continued, the Council's right of

Englewood Park History

diversion of funds, will undoubtedly be tested. This is not the only time a subterfuge has been resorted to by the council to secure money for projects for which no provision had been made in the budget. The survey and appraisal of the water plant, a meritorious project, is being made with funds diverted from the street fund. While the end perhaps, justifies the means, it is a dangerous and demoralizing precedent, if not illegal, procedure.



[Salem Photo ID#HSTC104](#); Englewood Elementary School, Salem Oregon—Hugh Stryker collection; #1694 content dm #. Photo circa 1950.

I can supply some information about the early days of the park. The earliest reference to Kay Park I found was in 1924, with the Salem Kiwanis Club clearing the area of brush so that it could be "in condition for use" during the summer. The city's eventual ownership of the property, like Kimberli mentioned, was a contentious issue. By late 1925, T.B. Kay was ready to have the seven-acre tract surveyed and platted for selling it off in lots. He offered the property to the city for \$1,000 an acre. One city alderman was in favor of the purchase but feared residents would vote it down if it went to an election. He hoped it could be had for \$5,000. Another idea was to have residents in the Englewood district put up the money for the park if the city would help pay off the debt. During the Jan. 18, 1926, City Council meeting, on the motion of Alderman Hal D. Patton, the ways and means committee, the park committee and Mayor Giesy were instructed to close a deal with T.B. Kay for the Kay park site in the Englewood district. After a contentious regular city council meeting that included name-calling on Feb. 15, 1926, a special meeting was held at 11:35 p.m. that night with Alderman Patton leading the efforts, approving the \$6,000 purchase. The new park officially became known, by ordinance provision, as Englewood Playground and Park. On March 1, 1926, a report was read to the city council stating that the Kay park site can be purchased for \$6,000 in cash. The city "definitely authorized" the purchase, "which will probably be transacted today" (3-2-26 Capital Journal).

The park was mentioned in the will of William Sorrill, a farmer who lived at 1110 North 19th St. He bequeathed \$100 to provide benches in the park. "William Sorrill, it is safe to say, longed while he was alive to sit on a bench and from there enjoy Kay park. For before he died, he made provision in his last will and testament that others coming to the park might always find benches on which to sit and rest themselves" (11-22-27 CJ). A winding walkway through Kay Park was added in March 1932 by city gardener Frank Kluck to "bring the number of lineal feet of paths in the park to 1,500. Two cinder paths have been built; one for accommodating children attending Englewood school and the other for people who take the bus on 19th Street" (CJ 3-26-32). Other upgrades discussed the following year included construction of a tennis court, excavating, grading and leveling as relief projects. As early as 1936, there was discussion of combining the Englewood grounds and Kay park into a recreational center. A 1938 Capital Journal story said "such a plan was attempted two years ago but was abandoned when federal financial assistance was held up."

Famed landscape architect Elizabeth Lord wrote about the park in a July 28, 1941, Capital Journal column: "Kay park in the Englewood district, in the northeastern part of Salem, has been under the control of the park board, but to date we have not had the necessary funds to proceed with any extensive work. Last winter, the curb along the park was planted with mountain ash trees (and the mountain ash in this section of Salem are worth seeing) and the tennis court had some improvements. In the park plans, Englewood has not been forgotten. The wooded area must be cleaned up in order to allow access to the open spaces, where benches and tables and an occasional fireplace will provide the necessary attractions for a park of this type. In the open area,

a wading pool for the children and a lawn area for games has been planned and if this set-up can be carried out, Kay park will not be only an asset to the Englewood district, but to the city of Salem."

In the mid- to late 1940s, there was discussion about purchasing and installing playground equipment in the park. In 1950, a long-range city improvement plan proposed adding community centers throughout the city, including one on the park property. "In 1956, it is contemplated to build in Kay park a community building which will consist of a branch fire station, branch library, auditorium and gymnasium" (CJ 4-30-50). Of course, the plan did not come to fruition. I've attached a screen shot of the proposed building for fun.

Hopefully this information helps!

Andy Zimmerman

August 8, 2023

Spring Weather Lures Camp Fire Girls

An "all Camp Fire" hike was enjoyed by members of the various Camp Fire groups of the city Thursday morning. The destination was Englewood park and here a large fire was started and breakfast cooked. Then a treasure hunt was enjoyed, Camp Fire songs sung and a happy outdoor time enjoyed by a large group of girls and their guardians.

Guardians present were Mrs. Irene Douglas, Mrs. K. Smith, and two leaders, Esther Hunsaker, Helen Moullet, and the following girls, Elizabeth Grant, Betty Burdette, Helen Wilson, Mabel Lord, Ruth Alice Grant, Aleen Douglas, Marjorie Van De Walker, Delma Bunn, Dormalle Bunn, Billie Jean Oswald, a special guest, Margaret Albin, Loraene Vick, Martha Cox, Merle Lange, Nadine Conway, Mary Elizabeth Hunsaker, Ha Mills, and Peggy Minkewitz.

Games and a hike home finished a happy early spring outing the first of many to follow this season.

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Clark.

Mrs. Susie Chamberlain's class of third year primary boys and girls had their fall picnic in Englewood park after school. Those enjoying this happy time as members of this class were Dorothy Welsh, Betty Schaefer, Martha Lord, Jimmie Teipner, Lola Rae, Patty Ryan, Shirley Sefton, Mary Lou Elliott, Calvin Courtner, Bernice Stroud, Geraldine Wetzell, Barbara Vincent, Juanita Pitts, Milton McClain, and Lewis Hildebrant.

Nov 15, 1930, Oregon Statesman page 10

Construction of a sidewalk along the school property in Englewood was authorized by the board Tuesday night when it was notified that the city had already started its program of improvement in that district. The board was requested some months ago to construct the sidewalk. It agreed to do so providing the city would proceed with the building of a stretch of concrete along Englewood park.

April 27, 1932, Capital Journal; page 9

The Salem Teachers' association will hold its annual picnic in Englewood park next Thursday evening.

May 14, 1932; Capital Journal; page 7

"In the northeastern part of Salem, Kay park is in the beginning of making something worthwhile. Again, finances have held the park board from further development, but our plan is to clear up the forest of dead trees and limbs and allow sunlight in that very dense growth. Protected fireplaces and recreational facilities will be added from time to time and a large wading pool for children is to be the main construction at the earliest date possible. This last year the park board planted the curb to Mountain Ash trees (and by the way, don't miss seeing the Mountain Ash trees in Englewood, it is the nicest state planting in Salem) and some work has been done around the tennis court.

Elizabeth Lord, Chairman Salem Park Board, July 25th, 1941 – Oregon Statesman, page 2

The P.L.E.&F. club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Mabel Peck. After the regular meeting cards were enjoyed. The first prize was won by Pearl Kinzer and second by Mary Apalin. Seventeen ladies enjoyed the affair. At a late hour refreshments were served.

Miss Elizabeth Lord will speak on "Plans for Developing Englewood Park" at the meeting of the Englewood Parent-Teacher association, at the regular monthly meeting of the group Tuesday evening.

January 12, 1946; Capital Journal page 6.



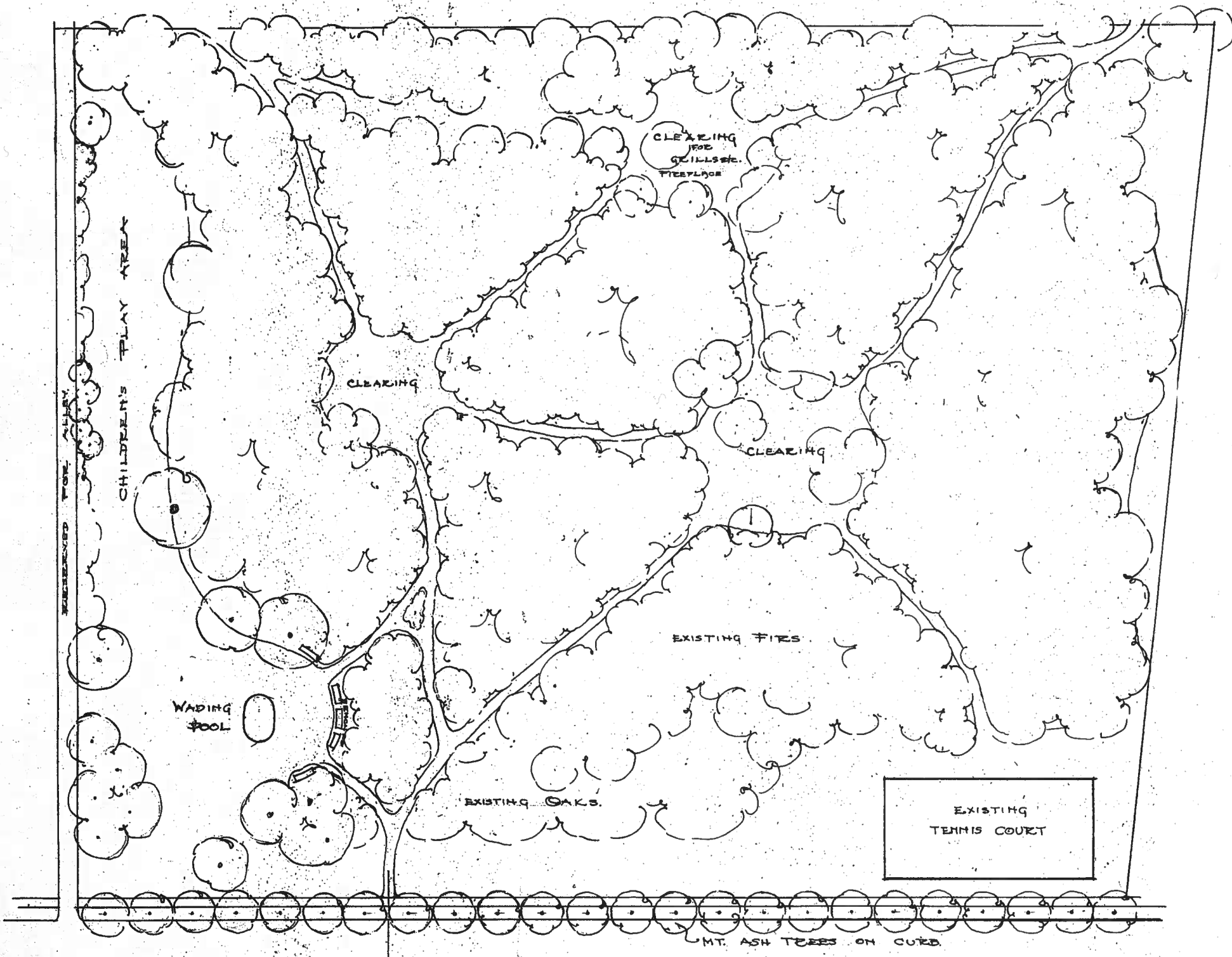
**Camp Fire Girls
Column**

The Manuka group met at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Erwin Batterman April 3 for election of the following: Carol Elle, president; Carol Woodroffe, vice president; Celia Weaver, secretary; Harriet Hiday, treasurer; Jane McCollam, scribe. After the business meeting the group received constructive criticism of posture as a part of the grooming project being carried out by the group. Thursday, the group met for a treasure hunt through Englewood Park which ended at the home of the trail leader, Carol Hardie,

April 14, 1946; page 13 -Oregon Statesman

<https://gaietyhollow.com/tag/historic-preservation/>

August 11th was the first [Englewood Forest Festival](#). Englewood Park has strong ties to Lord & Schryver. Elizabeth Lord served on the first parks commission in 1936. She was instrumental in the design of the park and advocated for the preservation of the Oregon white oak stand which remains today. Ruth Roberts, a long-time volunteer with the Lord & Schryver Conservancy and perhaps our resident L&S historian, was interviewed on Willamette Wakeup on KMUZ. You can listen to the interview by following this [link](#). Click on the "play" button for August 10th 8am show. Unfortunately, you have to listen to news before the interview comes up, but Ruth is well worth the wait! Many thanks to Ruth for giving such an articulate and insightful interview.



REVISED
 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR KAY PARK
 SALEM PARK SYSTEM
 SALEM - OREGON
 SCALE 1 INCH = 40 FT.

E. SCHRYER, LANDSCAPE ARCHT.
 SALEM, OREGON.

MAY, 1941.

The park board members agreed that Lord, as chairman, should write two articles for Salem's major newspapers, the *Capital Journal* and the *Oregon Statesman*, to rally the public's support.²⁴ To introduce the desirability of improving Salem's parks, Lord explained in her article for the *Oregon Statesman*,

Salem's attractiveness has much to do with its gaining population. The situation is ideal, the surrounding hills clothed with fruit trees and forest is breathtaking in its peacefulness. The city itself is fortunate in having wide streets well planned and a central park area—donated to us by a very generous pioneer [William H. Willson]. Added to all three qualifications, the natural scenic beauty around Salem is rare indeed for not many towns can claim a river, streams and wood areas. . . . Because we are so fortunate and have been given so much of nature's handiwork, we should not neglect foresightedness of adding to good fortune and extending parking [park] beautification while we can afford the property and while Salem is in the small city size.²⁵

Lord's assessment of the opportunity for Salem was accurate, and it convinced some of the council members. The Salem Park Board did receive better funding, and one of their first efforts was to complete Kay (Englewood) Park in northeast Salem. In 1926, the city had purchased seven acres of land abutting Englewood School for \$6,000. It was the first land acquired by the city government for park and recreation purposes.²⁶ More than 350 towering conifers and deciduous trees grew on the site in the center of a residential district. The stand of fir trees was so thick that the park board advised thinning them out. This caused some local residents to object, but as Lord later declared, "We carried our point with reason."²⁷ In 1941 they opened circular clearings in the woods, built paths, and added picnic tables and a wading pool to make it more enjoyable for families. The only additional planting consisted of twenty-four European mountain ash trees (*Sorbus aucuparia*) sited along the curbside. They were beautiful and short-lived. Lord later recounted, "On the first Halloween night of their existence, two carloads of boys drove down the curb, cutting every tree along the way. It was death to the poor trees and a hard loss to park finances. They were not replaced."²⁸ Decades later, many of the original forest trees continue to create an impressive, high canopy. Today, the public may enjoy walking trails, picnic tables, and a children's pool beneath their majestic forms, reminiscent of the original forest (figure 10.6).

The area surrounding Pringle Creek was a very important natural resource and scenic asset in downtown Salem. The waters of Pringle Creek, Shelton Stream, and Mill Stream all joined together under the Church Street bridge to flow into the Willamette Slough, a large, wetland branch of the river. "In former days, these streams, surrounded by lovely wooded banks were one of the beauty spots of the city," Lord wrote.²⁹ The development



