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**"An Evening for the Skate Park"**

Palouse, Washington-- Chandeliers and concrete don't always go hand in hand, but on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 pm, they will come together at "An Evening for the Skate Park," at the Palouse Community Center. The final fundraising push before beginning construction, this is where the official plans for phase one of construction at the Tony Kettel Skate Gardens will be unveiled to the public.

This event will be an open house, drop-by event with live background music, a no-host bar with beer from Paradise Creek Brewery and also with wine from Merry Cellars, light appetizers, and will include a silent auction along with a "shopping list" for giving specified monetary gifts to this project. This is a kid-friendly event, and there will be activities available to keep even the smallest supporters busy throughout their visit.

Building will begin in a matter of weeks, and the Palouse Skate Park Committee is hopeful that phase one will be completed by the end of this Summer! The vision for phase one of the building process will include the forming of a pool-like bowl, a flowing plaza-like transitional area between elevations, and a very highly anticipated skate-able amphitheater with an outdoor stage and seating for 80+ people. Phase two of this project could include partially enclosing an area for year-round use of the facility, and the construction of a band shell behind the stage of the amphitheater. The Tony Kettel Skate Gardens has been designed to provide young and old alike with a creative space to promote an active lifestyle, and will include benches and tables for public seating, as well as an open-to-the-public "edible forest" with berries and fruit trees. Near the skate park entrance, a wall will be available to artists who wish to submit ideas for rotational murals, selected and approved by an art committee for the Tony Kettel Skate Gardens.

Drop in guests, and those who are unable to attend the event or stay for the duration, are welcome to participate in the silent auction via absentee bidding, whereby they will be assigned a number and communicate the maximum purchase price they would like to bid onto specified items. This participation may be done in-person, or communicated to the auction committee via [www.palouseskatepark.com](http://www.palouseskatepark.com). If the absentee bid is the highest at the end of the silent auction closing, they will be contacted the next day to arrange payment and delivery of their purchased item.

There are 20 generously contributed silent auction items available to bidders, and here is a sample of what you can expect to find at the event: one week in a luxury vacation home that sleeps 8 people in Bend, Oregon over Spring Break 2016; one week in a Montana timeshare; tickets to a Spokane Chiefs hockey game; generous gift baskets from local home-based salespeople; a celebrity lunch date with State Rep. Susan Fagan at the Green Frog Cafe; a photography package from Tevlin Photography; an autographed skateboard deck by world-famous skateboarding Pro, Tony Hawk, and other skating legends, and much more! Every item is available for potential guests to view via [www.palouseskatepark.com](http://www.palouseskatepark.com) and the site will be updated often.

A "Shopping List" will be available to those who wish to make a tax-deductible gift to the project by simply writing a check to Palouse Skate Park, Inc. This will be an opportunity for folks to go shopping for the skatepark, with giving opportunities ranging from purchasing \$25 worth of gravel to \$100 for two seating areas of the amphitheater. People will also have the option to pledge their own volunteer hours during work days, which will be announced, at the skate park. This form is also located on the event website.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with this event, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Flansburg at 509-595-1197 or Connie Newman at 509-595-1443.

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