

#### Hello Everyone!

July flew by for the Parks and Recreation team as there was no shortage of projects to be worked on and events to run! In addition to the 55 City offered programs and classes this month, there were also several other events that took place in our parks. The Wilsonville Wellness Fair, Movies in the Park, Rotary Concerts, Fun in the Park, as well as, several weddings, large private events, and soccer tournaments. A HUGE thank you to our parks team who gets these shelters "event ready" and oversees them day of, as well as our program coordinator, Ahsamon, who processes all of the applications and permits for these events. It is truly amazing to see how our team helps events like these come together. In total, June saw 60 facility rentals, not including field reservations. Fields saw an additional 646 user hours.

Looking ahead, August will be another busy month filled with more Movies in the Park, the Community Block Party, summer camps, and the opening of Fall Registration! The Community Block Party will be held in Town Center Park on Thursday, August 15 from 5pm to 8pm. There will be FREE food, a concert by singer/songwriter and American Idol contestant, Britnee Kellogg, a 3D chalk art installation by Naomi Haverland, kids train rides, a community bike ride, lawn games, and many other activities for the whole family!

The new Fall Activity Guide will go out to all Wilsonville mailboxes on Friday, August 16 and registration will open the following Monday. We are offering a plethora of new classes including, "Timeout Tuesdays" (a free monthly stress relief program), pizza making, creative writing, and more! I hope to see you in the park or at an event soon. Have a safe and wonderful rest of the Summer!

-Erica Behler



The second annual Wilsonville Wellness Fair was held on Saturday, July 20 in Town Center Park. All vendor fees went towards the Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc., a non-profit group that runs day trips for seniors at low to no cost. A total of \$1,180 was raised. A check was presented and accepted by the group during

the fair. In addition to the check presentation, a variety

of performances and demonstrations were held, including a free yoga class, a tai chi and martial arts demonstration, youth cultural and folklore dances, and a performance by the ukulele club.

### **Summer Months See Strong Participation Numbers**

Summer programs continue to draw strong participant numbers. The three Bridge classes at the Community Center drew 40 participants. The day time fitness classes which include classes such as Tai Chi, Yoga, and Healthy Bones and Balance average just over 20 participants per class.

Youth Summer programming has also been running strong with 24 participants in the upcoming youth chef camp, 17 in the current beginners golf camp, and 30 in the multi-sport Skyhawk's camp that ran at the end of July. Movies in the Park also saw a larger than average crowd, with an estimated 300 at the July 19 showing of *How to Train your Dragon*.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Movie in the Park—A Wrinkle in Time: Aug. 9, Memorial Park River Shelter, Dusk

Wilsonville Community Block Party: Aug. 15, Town Center Park, 5-8pm

Movie in the Park—Mary Poppins Returns: Aug. 23, Memorial Park River Shelter, Dusk

# **Board Updates:**

**Parks & Rec. Board:** The board will meet on Thursday, August 8 to discuss potential parks bond options, Memorial Park projects, and general updates.

**Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.:** The Board continues to prepare for their Fashion Show on Saturday, September 28 at the Community Center. The Board is continuing to explore ways to implement the "Emergency Backpack" program for local seniors.

# **Parks Maintenance Updates:**

- Made improvements to the basketball court at Willow creek
- Repaired tire tracks at Memorial Park River Shelter
- Hosted Fun in the Park and Wilsonville Wellness Fair in Town Center Park
- Invasive species removal along Boeckman Creek Trail
- Underwent emergency response training
- Continued routine maintenance on Water Features
- Prepared shelters for 60 rentals in June
- Prepared fields for 646 user hours in June
- Moved dirt from the new parking lot at the community garden to the current dog park in Memorial Park









