



Summer has arrived! Along with the beautiful weather comes organized activities in parks, youngsters playing whiffle ball, pickle ball games, families having picnics and our youth having a blast at the water features located at Murase Plaza and Town Center Park.

Ground-breaking for Villebois, Regional Parks 7 & 8 (also known as Oulanka and Tivoli Parks) will begin in June with the goal of having the entire site completed by end of this calendar year. Many new amenities for the community will be included at these parks. Speaking of parks, the City has taken on the responsibility for Landover, Willow Creek and Hathaway Parks with three new playground structures coming in July.

The amazing parks staff will be hiring an additional full time maintenance employee in June which, combined with our five excellent seasonal staff members, gives us the ability to provide safe, enjoyable and beautiful areas for the citizens of Wilsonville.

A Night Amongst the Stars is a new event being offered on Saturday, June 22 at Memorial Park Ballfields at 9:15PM. Joining the Parks and Recreation Staff will be the Rose City Astronomers for a night amongst the stars. With real telescopes being provided for people of ALL ages, attendees will have the opportunity to not only see the stars but learn about constellations and more. Bring a blanket or chair and come have fun at this FREE activity including Hot Cocoa and Tea. *The Mother & Son Night of Fun* will be held on June 21, 6-8PM at the Memorial Park River Shelter. For just \$20 (only 50 spots are available) everyone can enjoy Tie-Dye (bring one piece of white clothing), pizza, lawn games, music, and BUBBLE SOCCER.

In closing, the entire Parks and Recreation Department would like to give a HUGE thank you to Councilor Susie Stevens who is stepping down from her City Council position after 6+ years. Councilor Stevens has been a big part of the Parks and Recreation Department's success and she will be missed. We do hope that Councilor Stevens will still come volunteer in our parks as she has done for years. THANK YOU COUNCILOR STEVENS. Have a great summer!

-Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

Wood Middle School Career Fair

Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler, joined fellow City staff at the Wood Middle School Career Fair to talk about working for Parks and Recreation. Students got to choose which careers they wanted to learn about– it was no surprise that local government didn't have quite as many kids as the professional musicians, but it was a learning experience for all nonetheless.



Wilsonville Wellness Fair

May was a month of preparations for the upcoming Wellness Fair on Saturday, July 20 in Town Center Park. Vendor applications were accepted and reviewed. More than 30 vendors were selected to participate at the event, along with a schedule of live performances and demonstrations. This year's proceeds (which come from vendor fees) will benefit the Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. A total of \$800 has been raised to date for the organization.

Block Party Planning

May was a big planning month for the upcoming Community Block Party on Thursday, August 15 in Town Center Park. Musical entertainment will be provided by American Idol finalist, Britnee Kellogg. Sound will be provided by Aloha Sound. A 'Build your own burger bar' and chips will be served by Wilsonville Catering and will be available for the public free of charge while supplies last (provided by the City). Additional entertainment will include various lawn games and activities by several city departments, as well as a 3D chalk artist commissioned by the Parks and Recreation department (see examples below).



Recreation Updates:

Baby Liam!

Our extended department family grew by one in May! Baby Liam James Stevenson was born on May 26 at 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 20.5" long. When asked about this silly face, his dad said Baby Liam was mad he couldn't go to the Timbers game with dad. Congratulations to our Program Manager, Brian Stevenson and his wife Carolyn on their beautiful baby boy! We can't wait to meet him!



Upcoming Events:

Mother and Son Night of Fun– June 21
A Night Among the Stars– June 22



Board Updates:

Parks and Recreation Board: The board met on May 9 to go over the 2019/2020 proposed budget. The board also wanted to explore ideas for more teen programming in the future, as well as the opportunity to potentially hire part time teen recreation staff during summer months.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.: WCSI trips continue to be popular and often fill up the first day of registration. WCSI is also preparing for their board elections which will be on Friday, June 14 at noon at the Community Center.

Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Hired 5 new seasonal park maintenance employees
- Addressed and fixed water leaks at the community garden
- Continued work on the community garden parking lot
- Continued work on rock crushing for new dog park
- Hosted Memorial Day ceremony in Town Center Park
- Opened water features for the season
- Prepped shelters for rentals
- Took over Piccadilly Park

