

## From the Director:

The month of November ended with a FANTASTIC lighting of the City's Holiday Tree. The event kicked off with a Story Time from our first rate library crew followed by songs performed by Lowrie Primary Choir and then the lighting of our Community Tree by Mayor Tim Knapp. The Boeckman Choir took the stage next followed by Wood Middle School and Wilsonville High School Choirs. All of the groups sounded fantastic. The event included pictures with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate graciously provided by Therapeutic Associates, candy canes were distributed by the Boy Scouts and the City provided free craft activities.



The Toy Drive continues through December 14, at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building. You can provide an unwrapped toy for youngsters to brighten up their holiday season.

The Parks and Recreation Department completed a City Wide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan a few months back and in November had the draft of our Boones Ferry Park Master Plan approved by Planning Commission. This document will go in front of the City Council for approval on Monday, December 17. Both plans are a result of outstanding public input as to how Wilsonville Parks should be structured for years to come.

The Korean War Veterans Association (KMVA), Oregon Trail Chapter, presented a plaque of appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Team and a \$1,000 check to support maintenance of the Oregon Korean War Memorial. Chuck Lusardi, KMVA past president, presented the plaque to the Parks and Recreation Staff and the check to City Council. They gave a special thanks to Program Manager Brian Stevenson for the dedication he has shown over the years supporting the KWVA and the many events held at the Memorial. A huge shout out to the Parks Staff, in particular Roger Moher, for the constant upkeep to make the Korean War Memorial picturesque.

From the Parks and Recreation staff wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and amazing 2019.

## Board Updates:

**Parks and Recreation Board:** The Parks and Recreation board now has two open positions. The board will meet next on Thursday, December 13th.

**WCSI:** The Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. is working with staff to create a survey to gather information on nutrition program menu preferences.

## Upcoming Events:

Registration Opens for Winter/Spring– December 12

Daddy Daughter Dance– February 22





## Holiday Event:

This month the Parks and Recreation team hosted the annual Community Tree Lighting in Town Center Park. The event kicked off at 5:30pm with the Wilsonville Library and their popular story time performance. The evening continued with several musical performances by local primary, middle and high school choirs, and at 6pm, Mayor Knapp gave the big countdown to the lighting of the holiday tree. Therapeutic Associates handed out cocoa and cookies, while a local Boy Scout troop handed out candy canes. Santa stopped in for visits and photographs. Additionally, holiday crafts were set up in the Mt. Hood room in the Parks and Recreation administration building adjacent the park. As always, this event was popular, with an estimated 800 attendees. The Community Toy Drive is still running— non-wrapped gifts are being accepted through Friday, December 14, and may be dropped of at Wilsonville Orthodontics, Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Administrative Building, OCCU, and Wilsonville Office Depot.





## A Special Meal:

The Community Center hosted a special Thanksgiving Meal this month. Holiday favorites like turkey and mashed potatoes were served. A total of 42 community members attended. A total of 1,225 meals were served at the Community Center and sent to home-delivered meal clients in November.



## Veterans Day Observance Ceremony:

The Parks and Recreation department had the honor of assisting the Korean War Veterans Association—Oregon Trail Chapter this month, in hosting a Veterans Day observance in Town Center Park.

The Oregon Trail Chapter also presented a plaque to the Parks and Recreation department (with a special thank you to Program Manager, Brian Stevenson) for the continued support and upkeep of the Korean War Memorial at the City Council Meeting hosted on November 19. The award was presented by Oregon Trail Chapter members, Chuck Lusardi and Bob Cassidy.



## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- \* Prepared for and hosted Community Tree Lighting at Town Center Park →
- \* Responded to Pager Call(s)
- \* Continued to monitor Japanese Knotweed at Tivoli Park
- \* Continued to monitor athletic fields
- \* Continued Tetherball improvements at Palermo Park
- \* Monitored and cleaned all catch basins at Palermo Park
- \* Cleaned up storm damage →
- \* Prepared for and hosted Veteran's Day Celebration at Town Center Park Korean War Memorial
- \* Continued "Leafagedon" 2018
- \* Attended Oregon Recreation and Park Annual Conference (Reeder, Burdick, Behler, Stevenson, Blankenship)
- \* Presented on IPM at annual ORPA Conference (Blankenship)
- \* Continued Community Garden Dog Run parking lot construction ↓

