



Parks and Recreation Report | June 2023

Director's Report

Summer is in full swing and as you would imagine, our department is very busy with park maintenance, overseeing projects, booking reservations and running programs. Some specific highlights for the month include:

- Recreation Intern Maxine Boggini joined the team
- Start of Summer Camps including Stars Camp
- Tournament prep
- Murase slide repair
- Art installation in Villebois
- Mental Health First Aid Training for Staff
- Opened water features for the season
- SORA Shodo Calligraphy event
- The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission met to discuss the Public Art Policy

For further details on these and other June highlights please read on...

Community Center & Recreation Updates

STARS Camp

The annual STARS Camp took place June 19-21 at the Memorial Park River Shelter. Wilsonville High School students Gabby Maoz and Elise Smith, along with several other Wilsonville High School students, volunteered as the counselors for the camp. Gabby and Elise first created the camp in 2022 as a way to offer summer camp to kids who wouldn't normally be able to go due to financial reasons. The camp, which is completely free and includes lunch and snacks each day, offered three days of different activities with themed days such as pirates and mermaids and



carnival day. Activities included arts and crafts, dance battles, an egg drop, and group games. The Parks and Recreation budget covers most of the costs for the camp, but Gabby and Elise also fundraised and got lunch for one of the days donated by Wilsonville Jimmy Johns. In total, 40 kids registered for the camp. The Parks and Recreation department can't thank Gabby and Elise enough for all their hard work to make this camp a reality. They're making a big difference in our community, and we hope to continue the STARS camp for years to come.

Community Garden Meet and Greet

Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler hosted a Community Garden meet and greet and plot share this month at the Community Garden. Roughly 15 gardeners attended to discuss benefits and areas of growth at the garden, and they provided valuable feedback for staff. Attendees also took turns sharing what they have growing in their garden plot and share gardening tips with each other. It has been an ongoing sentiment of community gardeners that they want to create a better sense of community in the garden space. More efforts like this will take place throughout the gardening season.

Mental Health First Aid Training for Staff

Several employees from the Parks and Recreation team attended a Mental Health First Aid Training this month. The training, which is provided at no cost through Clackamas County Behavioral Health Services, took place over two half days at the Wilsonville Library. Participants learned to identify signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis, and provide support to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis before professional help arrives at the scene. The group was also given several resources such as mental health crisis lines to share with those in need of support.



Clackamas County Mental
Health Crisis Line (503) 655-
8585

New Intern, Maxine Boggini, Joins the Recreation Team

The Recreation team expanded in June to include a Summer Intern. Maxine Boggini, who also goes by Max, joined the team from Portland State University where she studies Sociology and works as part of the Residential Housing team creating events for students. Maxine will be busy checking in on summer camps, adding to our social media accounts, and helping out with summer events. We're thrilled to have Maxine join the team, and she's already off to a fantastic start.

Community Center Updates

The summer session of the Life 101 lecture series continued with a number of free educational lectures. A representative from Clackamas County presented energy saving tips and techniques and also shared energy saving programs for low income residents offered by PGE and NW Natural. The Alzheimer’s Association shared research in the areas of diet, nutrition, and exercise and how these contribute to a healthy brain and body. Finally, Dr. Dave Duemling gave information on the best ways to build natural immunity while Attorney Michael Rose presented an overview of estate planning.

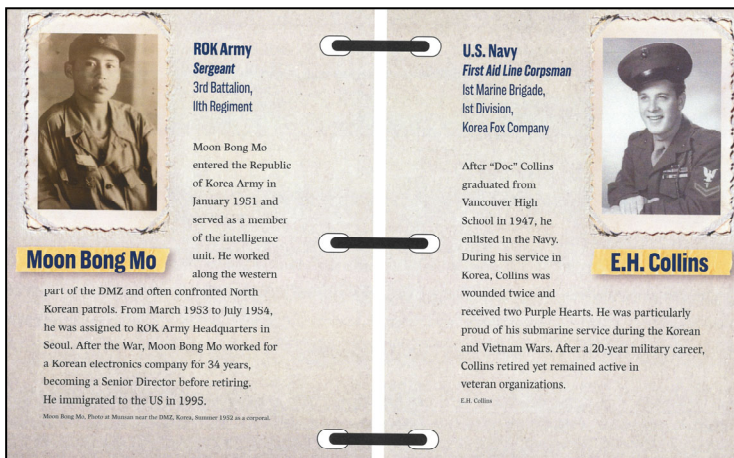
During May, the nutrition program served 711 meals as part of the Center’s in person congregate lunch program and 1,325 meals to 81 home delivered meal clients in our community.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO) approved 100% design and graphic layouts for the Oregon Korean War Interpretive Center. The KWMFO continues to plan for the July 29 ceremony to honor veterans, commemorate the signing of the armistice to end the fighting of the Korean war and to celebrate the opening of the Interpretive Center. Ceremony to begin at 10am, will grand opening of the Interpretive Center to follow.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI)

The Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc continues to prepare for their fall spaghetti dinner fundraiser which will take place on Saturday, September 23 at 5 pm. Tickets go on sale August 21.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

During the June meeting, the ACHC received a presentation on Parks and Recreation events and classes in order for the ACHC to familiarize themselves with what the department is doing and brainstorm ideas for adding more arts and culture elements to existing events. Additionally they were informed that the Parks and Rec team are constantly accepting new class proposals for new class ideas. The ACHC plans to help spread the word to their networks which will hopefully increase arts class offerings. The ACHC also reviewed the Public Art Program and Guidelines draft, which will eventually get forwarded on for City Council approval. This policy is an integral step in the



City of Wilsonville establishing and legitimizing a functioning public art program. Another item on the agenda was information about partnering with nonprofit Clackamas County Arts Alliance to run a gallery program in City Hall. The ACHC passed a motion for staff to move forward implementing this gallery program, which will feature local artists with rotating exhibits starting in August. Lastly, the City has the opportunity to acquire free/donated sculptures by beloved late Japanese Artist Michihiro Kosuge. The ACHC passed a motion to acquire the donated sculptures. Karen Rycheck, a local artist selected by the ACHC, completed her tile mosaic installation this month in Tivoli Park. The piece was inspired by local plants and she even included some bees as Wilsonville is a Bee City. Lastly, Consultant Bill Flood hosted a free two hour workshop to the local arts and culture nonprofits about strategic planning; four local nonprofits attended.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in June to continue itinerary planning for the upcoming delegation of students from Kitakata in late October. The board also hosted an event on June 23 to promote the homestay program. The event was an Introduction to Japanese Calligraphy class with Lake Oswego based artist SORA Shodo.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in June.

Upcoming Events

Laser Light Show: July 4, Dusk, Town Center Park

Movies in the Park Series:

- **Lightyear:** July 14, Dusk, Town Center Park
 - **Vivo:** July 28, Dusk, Edelweiss Park
 - **Super Pets:** August 11, Dusk, Town Center Park
 - **Strange World:** August 25, Dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter
- Party in the Park:** August 24, 5:30-8:30pm, Town Center Park

Parks Team

In Full Summer Swing

There is no surer sign of summer than the water features being turned on. The team has been hard at work keeping up with the fantastic water feature usage. June also brings a lot of prep work for athletic tournaments, camps, and the 4th of July. The team has spent time addressing playground concerns that arose, including one with the beloved Murase slide. Through quick response and action the team expects to have the slide repair completed soon. Summer is here, the community is excited, and the team is ready.



Murase slide replacement.



Rough mowing.



Little Free Library install.



Prepping art install at Tivoli Park.



Playground repair at Murase.



Athletic field light safety.

Parks Team Project Updates

Regional Park 5/6

Regional Park 5 has been completed.

- Taylor Morrison is working on a maintenance plan in close collaboration with the city team.
- Tennis court is completed.
- Dog park to open when grass is established.



Completed playground.



Dog park waiting on rain to help the grass grow.



Completed tennis court.