

Parks and Recreation Report | September 2023

Director's Report

I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) funds to replace the restroom in Boones Ferry Park. The LGGP is a competitive grant cycle that is offered annually by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The program is funded by state lottery funds and requires a 50% local match. Total cost of the Boones Ferry restroom project is estimated to be \$420,000, which means the grant award will be \$210,000. Applying for and receiving grants makes the City's budget stretch that much further.

September marks the end of summer along with the closure of our water features for the year. Our hard working and dedicated parks maintenance team spends a lot of time each summer to keep the water features in operation for the community. While they are a beloved amenity that we enjoy providing, the team also looks forward to the end of the season when they can turn their time and attention towards other projects. Some recent projects of note include the resurfacing and restriping of the Memorial Park tennis courts, the Story Walk installation in Tivoli Park, and ADA improvements.

Looking ahead, the recreation team is in full planning mode for next month's Harvest Festival coming up on Saturday, October 21 at the Stein-Boozier Barn. This event is always a family favorite and includes live music, face painting, a costume parade, free pumpkins, and much more. An exciting collaboration this year with our arts coordinator will bring the addition of artists, makers, bakers, and creatives vendor booths that will offer hand crafted items for sale.

Programs and classes continue to pick up at the community center. In addition to four day/week lunch service and daily home delivered meals, the center offers a variety of exercise classes, an art club, and a poetry club. For more details on those and the rest of what's happening in the Parks and Recreation department please read on.

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Recreation Updates:

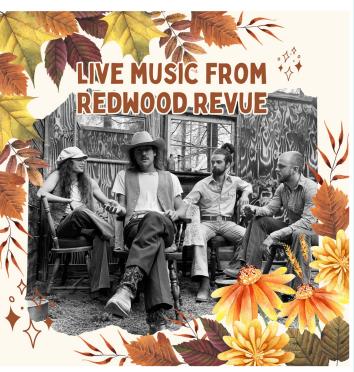
Harvest Festival Planning and Promotion

Harvest Festival planning has been in full swing through the month of September. This event will feature live music from the band 'Redwood Revue', horse and carriage rides, free pie pumpkin handouts, over 20 craft and seasonal vendors, coffee and donuts for purchase, a kids costume parade, face painting, and more! A big thank you to this year's title sponsor, Nichols Family Agency. This event will be held at the Stein-Boozier Barn on Saturday, October 21 from 10am—1pm. Parking for the event will be at the Wilsonville Public Library and Wilsonville City Hall, with ADA parking and event drop off at the roundabout in Murase Plaza. We hope to see you there!









Recreation & Community Center Updates:

StoryWalk Grand Opening Event-October 13 at 2:30pm

Thanks to funding from the Community Cultural Events and Programs Grant, the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation, in partnership with the Wilsonville Public Library and Wilsonville Parks and Recreation department, are excited to announce the opening of a brand new StoryWalk in Villebois along Coffee Lake Dr. The StoryWalk begins at the intersection of SW Coffee Lake Drive and SW Denmark Street near a small rose garden, and ends at a Little Free Library on the corner of SW Coffee Lake Drive and Barber Street. A grand opening event with a ribbon cutting will take place on Friday, October 13 at 2:30pm at the start of the StoryWalk. We hope to see you there!

Mini Hoopers 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball

The Mini Hoopers program opened registration this month. Mini Hoopers is an in-house youth basketball program for 1st and 2 graders that utilizes gym space in local elementary and middle



schools. The program is run primarily with volunteer coaches, with rosters, schedules, and oversight provided by Wilsonville Parks and Recreation. Currently there are 52, 1st and 2nd grade girls, 42, 1st grade boys, and 33, 2nd grade boys enrolled. The season will run from mid October through early December.

Life 101 Lecture Series

The Community Center's lecture series continued in September with Clackamas County staff giving a presentation on how to avoid Medicare fraud. Fitness Specialist, Brad Moore, gave a presentation on aging longevity, and SMART, in partnership with Ridewise, educated older adults on how to ride Wilsonville's transit system.

Sourdough Bread Workshop

Certified Holistic Nutritionist, Samantha Romanowski, presented an introductory class teaching the basics of sourdough bread baking. Participants learned the steps of the no-knead sourdough process and how to care for their sourdough starter. The class received great feedback and participants are excited for Samantha's next workshop. "Focaccia: An Italian Delight" scheduled for Sunday, November 19.

Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

The ACHC had an exciting September meeting as they made two motions. The first motion was a recommendation for staff to forward on the Public Art Program Guidelines and Policy Draft to City Council for final approval. The ACHC has been reviewing and providing input to this document for several months, so this is an exciting step for the ACHC as well as the City to establish the Public Art Program. The second motion was a recommendation for staff to forward on the ACHC Five-Year Action Plan and annual One-Year Implementation Plan to City Council for approval. Following the September meeting, an opening reception was held for the new City Hall Art Gallery.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory board began to finalize the schedule for the incoming delegation in late October. All host families have been accounted for, and the board is looking forward to the student visit from October 28-November 5. Planned activities include a trip to Silver Falls State Park, Pumpkin Carving, Powell's Books, the Portland Art Museum and more!



Other Group Highlights

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon recently got an updated completion date for the Interpretive Center. The Center is expected to be completed by the middle of December 2023 with two grand openings tentatively planned. One celebration will be for the Korean War veterans and their families and another as a formal VIP opening. For the veterans and their families, somewhere around the Christmas holiday is being targeted with the thought of out of town family being able to attend if they are in the NW visiting. This separate opening will give the veterans more time to read, linger, view and talk without crowds. For the formal VIP opening, a date in the first half of January is being considered.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc is preparing for their special trip in mid-October. This day long trip will include stops in the Columbia River Gorge and the Parkdale area on Mt. Hood. Fruit farms, a fish hatchery and lunch in Cascade Locks will be some of the highlights!

Upcoming Events

Wilsonville Community Seniors Spaghetti Fundraiser – September 23, 5pm, Wilsonville Community Center StoryWalk Grand Opening – October 13, 2:30pm, Intersection of SW Denmark St. and Coffee Lake Dr.

35th Anniversary of Sister City Relationship with Kitakata, Japan: October 17

Harvest Festival: October 21, 10am-1pm, Stein-Boozier Barn Kitakata Student Visit to Wilsonville: October 28-November 5

Parks Team

Fall Here We Come

The cooler mornings and start to the leaf change has brought the Parks team into full fall mode. Working on smaller projects including the Story Walk Installation in Tivoli Park and a new ADA drinking fountain in River Fox Park have kept the team busy. Routine fall work was also a priority in September. Fall pruning, planting and irrigation repair and shut off to conserve water highlighted the month.



Planting Trees



StoryWalk Install



Landscape Improvement



Irrigation Repair



ADA Fountain Prep



Prepping StoryWalk