



Parks and Recreation Report | April 2023

Director's Report

When the Parks & Recreation team interacts with the public it is usually during fun and leisure. We see people at their best enjoying a stroll in the park, partaking in their favorite team sport, or engaging with others at a community event. These are all meaningful endeavors that promote health and wellness and enhance quality of life. Our team excels at making these events enjoyable and memorable. But what about when times are tough and people are at their worst? What is our role in these situations?

This month we were put to the test as we had two separate incidents that required immediate attention and were potentially life threatening. I am proud to report that in both instances our team jumped in without hesitation to come to the aid of the individuals in need. While we are not trained first responders, we were able to do enough until the proper response units arrived. In both instances, the individuals were able to get the help they needed. We are so fortunate to have trained personnel available in a moment's notice to handle difficult situations. I am appreciative of our dedicated Police Department and the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue EMT's having seen first-hand how they handle crisis situations.

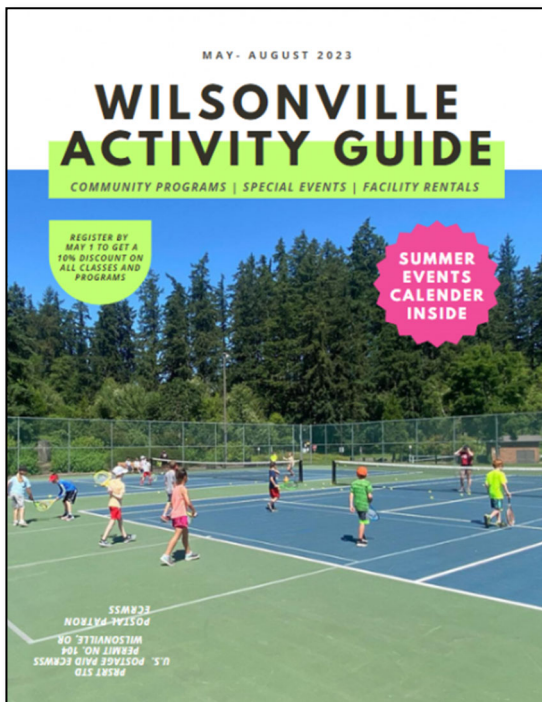
I am also very proud of my teammates and their willingness to serve the community even under difficult circumstances. These incidents have prompted us to seek out further training from the Clackamas County Health Department so that we are better prepared for future incidents. It is reassuring to know that our team is dedicated to community service not only during good times, but in adverse conditions as well.

Recreation Updates



Community Egg Hunt Event

The annual Community Egg Hunt took place on April 8 in Memorial Park. The event had a great turnout with an estimated 1,800 people in attendance. The weather held off, and the event went very smoothly. A total of 18,000 eggs were dispersed onto the sports field with the help from the local cub scouts. Several sponsors were in attendance including J. Hill Property Group, Master Choe's Taekwondo, Wilsonville Orthodontics, Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy—Wilsonville and others. The Wilsonville Public Library and the Imagination Library were also part of the event.



Summer Registration is Open!

Classes and programs spanning May through August, including summer camps, opened for registration on April 10. A wide array of classes are available including sports camps, educational camps, fitness classes, oil painting and more! For a full list of course offerings, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Shelter Rentals Launched for the 2023 Season

The first shelter reservations of the season were held in mid-April. The River Shelter, Forest Shelter, Grove Shelter, and Splash Shelter are all being used by the community on a regular basis. These shelters are popular spots for the community to hold private events such as birthday parties, company picnics, family reunions, weddings, celebration of life services, and graduation parties.

Recreation Updates

Save the Date for the annual Party in the Park Event:

A COMMUNITY

Party in the Park



**THURS.
AUG. 24**

**TOWN
CENTER
PARK**

**5:30-
8:30 PM**

LIVE MUSIC FROM ANNA GILBERT



**LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS,
GAMES, & MORE! GREAT FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



Community Center Updates

General Updates:

The Life 101 lecture series continued with a presentation from the Alzheimer's Association helping participants to understand and respond to dementia related behavior. Attendees learned strategies to help intervene with some of the behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

During April the nutrition program served 660 meals as part of the Center's in person congregate lunch program and 1,625 meals to 82 home delivered meal clients.

Older adult participants in the Ridewise Travel Training program put their classroom sessions to good use and ventured out on a field trip. The program is designed to get older adults more comfortable with the fixed routes of the transit system. The field trip took participants to Washington Square Mall for lunch utilizing SMART and Tri-Met bus routes.

Bingo Players Received a Surprise Visit from Bailey the Bunny this Month:



City Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

At the April ACHC meeting the Commission reviewed the applications that were received for Community Cultural Events & Programs (CCEP) Grant funding. Four applications were received and all applicants were in attendance to present to the Commission. The Commission is excited for the opportunity to support local nonprofits with funding. The selected local artist, Karen Rycheck, was selected for the Tivoli Tile project. She is well on her way in completing the work which will be installed sometime in June. Included is a progress photo of her work.



Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in April to discuss an upcoming possible delegation of students from Kitakata to Wilsonville in late October and early November of 2023. The group also discussed gift options for the 35th anniversary. Members of the board also attended the international cultural fair at Boeckman Creek Primary School where they tabled about Japan, and drummed up interest for potential host families.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met in April where they awarded funds (pending council approval) for the Community Opportunity Grant. Funds were awarded in the amounts of: Austin Barnes – Skate Jam '23 (\$2,095), Wilsonville Little League – Oregon Little League State Majors Tournament (\$5,059), and the Wilsonville Wildcat Fastpitch Softball Team (\$7,636).

Other Board Highlights

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

Work continues as the Foundation prepares for the July 29 Korean War Armistice Event and Grand Opening of the Interpretive Center. The first signs of Interpretive Center progress can be seen as a new green paint color was recently added to the space.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.

Due to the flowers at the Dahlia Festival blooming late this year the senior trip for May was adjusted. The Board found another trip option and now will be venturing to the Northwest Senior Theater in Tigard. The WCSI Board is paying half the cost of the \$10 ticket.

Upcoming Events

WERK Day: Saturday, May 6 at 9—11 am, Murase Plaza and Dog Park (Meet at Community Center for assignments). Complimentary breakfast beforehand from 8—9 am at the Community Center.

Goat Petting Day: Saturday, May 6 at 10—12 pm, Memorial Park (Near Maintenance Barn)

Wilsonville Family Dance: Friday, June 2 at 7—9 pm, Stein-Boozier Barn

Parks Team

Getting Summer Ready

April showers brought the team a diverse month of work. The team focused work on landscape improvements, preparing for community events and getting the parks summer ready. The team had the privilege of working with a group of volunteers from Eaton, to help reforestation efforts in Memorial Park. The team also worked to prepare for another group to come in and help with maintenance, the Goats are back helping the team in Memorial Park. Lastly, the parks team continues to repair and make safe playgrounds as components fail or unsafe conditions are found.



Goat Prep



Flower Installation



Volunteer Group



Playground Repair



Tree Cleanup



Annual Display

Regional Park 7/8 Phase 2 (Picture-RP8)
Projected Completion—Final Walk Pending



Regional Park 5/6
Projected Completion—
Spring 2023

- Tennis court being completed
- Punch List Items being completed

Picture- Tennis Court
Acrylic Installation

