



Parks and Recreation Report | February 2023

Director's Report

February was another busy month for the Parks and Recreation Department. Programming included the annual Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Scavenger Hunt and a Community Movie Night in honor and observance of Black History Month. In preparation for spring activities, community garden sign ups began and we conducted our sports field sign-up night for resident user groups.

In addition to keeping our parks and facilities safe, clean, and green for the community, the Parks team did a great job responding to the storm event that brought our area snow and ice accumulations. In collaboration with the Community Development Department and the Communications Team, the Parks Team and our design consultant Mayer Reed delivered an online presentation and survey for the Frog Pond West Neighborhood Park that offered three different designs for participants to choose from to guide final park design.

Programming and participation continue to increase at the Community Center. February also marked the return of a fourth day of in-person meals. In-person meals are now served every weekday except for Thursday for the first time since before the pandemic.

The Parks and Recreation team also began a partnership with Victory Academy, Oregon's only dedicated year-round private school serving children, teens, and young adults affected by Autism and related learning differences. Our team is offering students real life work experience to prepare them for a future in the work force.

I am continually impressed with the culture of commitment to community service that is demonstrated not only by the Parks and Rec team, but the entire City organization, which continues to make this a great place to work.

-Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates

Community Garden

The Wilsonville Community Garden provides year-round gardening opportunities for garden enthusiasts. 2022 gardeners had first right of refusal to their plots, and were able to renew their current plot in January. Registration opened to new gardeners on February 20 for all remaining plots. Garden plots are limited to one per household in an effort to provide as many gardeners access to plots as possible. At this time, there are still available plots for 2023 growing. Join us in the garden this year!

Memorial Park Field Sign-Up Night

Representatives from a number of Wilsonville's local sports organizations joined Parks and Recreation team members at the Parks and Recreation Admin Building on Thursday, February 2 to sign-up for field space in Memorial Park for the 2023 season. Sports organizations are able to request recurring field time on the ball and soccer fields for both youth and adult sports before reservations open to the general public. Non-resident field sign-up night has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 9.

Sounds of Japan

Don't miss the upcoming Sounds of Japan event hosted by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. This event will take place on March 18 at 10:00 am at the Wilsonville Community Center. Pre-registration is required; the event is currently full with a waitlist. This event will feature live musical performances from Oregon Koto-Kai (Japanese harp) and Portland Taiko (Japanese drum). Tea and lights snacks will be provided.

Stein-Boozier Barn Open House

On Saturday, February 25 the Parks and Recreation team held the first weekend open house of the Stein-Boozier Barn. Wilsonville's own event venue, the barn is a popular spot for weddings, receptions, company events, and other parties. Despite the cold, snowy weather there was a great turnout for this event and several new reservations were added to the books. Another weekend open house is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm. Private tours are also available during the week when Parks and Recreation offices are open.



Community Center Updates

AARP Tax Assistance

All available appointments for AARP's free tax assistance have been booked. The AARP team was able to reschedule appointments for individuals whose appointments needed to be canceled due to snow on February 23.

Congregate Lunch Program

The Center's Nutrition Program began offering in-person congregate lunch again in the summer of 2022 following a two-year hiatus and was excited to announce the return of in-person Tuesday lunch in February. The response has been great, with community members excited to be back socializing with their friends. This brings the lunch program back to its pre-pandemic offerings.

Fitness Classes

The popular Sit and Be Fit class slightly altered its class curriculum and added a Tuesday class. Tuesday and Friday have become "Stand, Sit, and Be Fit," while Wednesday remains a fully seated class. This adjustment has allowed class participants to progress to standing exercises as they see appropriate. The class is designed for older adults and focuses on resistance training and cardio to give participants a total body workout.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon did not meet in February. The group continues to plan for the event on Saturday, July 29 to commemorate the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean War.

Life 101 Lecture Series

Life 101 Lecture series continued with free educational sessions being offered by the Alzheimer's Association about dementia, Boones Landing Physical Therapist Renee James on healthy bones and aging, and Attorney Michael Rose of Rose Elder Law on the necessary steps to prepare for long-term care.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI)

At the most recent meeting of the Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc., the group continued to plan for a fall fundraiser. The March, community members will travel to the Willamette Valley Fruit Company and then on to BlondZee's in Salem for lunch as part of the Senior Trip.

Wilsonville Piecemakers

The Wilsonville Piecemakers Quilting Group honored Community Center regular, Tom Bray, on his 97th birthday with a patriotic quilt. Tom is a World War II veteran and the gift was presented at the Center's lunch program by Donna Atkinson of Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission

At the February ACHC meeting the Commission had an extensive discussion in response to staff's Public Art Assessment and observations. The assessment included information about the City's existing 30+ piece collection such as: maintenance needs, locations, artist information, signage, and more. The Commission was also provided a glossary of public art terms, general municipal public art policies and procedure examples, examples of municipal public art funding sources and additional resources from Americans for the Arts. Since the ACHC will be the initial review board and selection panel for future public art projects, it is important that each member have a baseline understanding of public art.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board welcomed two new members at their February meeting: Mike Bohlen, and Janelle Reid. The Board is very excited for their completely FULL event, Sounds of Japan, on March 18 at the Community Center. This event will feature live performances from Oregon Koto Kai and Portland Taiko.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met did not meet in February.

Upcoming Events

Shelter Reservations: Monday, March 13 for Wilsonville residents; Monday, March 20 for non-residents

Sounds of Japan: Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 am, Wilsonville Community Center

Open House: Saturday, March 18 from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, Stein-Boozier Barn

Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am, Memorial Park ballfields

Spring/Summer Registration: Monday, April 10 – WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Goat Petting Day: Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am, Memorial Park (near maintenance barn)



Parks Team Updates

Engleman Park Landscaping

The team undertook a landscape overhaul in a section of Engelman Park in February. The landscape area was slowly aging out and being overrun by blackberries. The team prioritized a beautiful display that consists mostly of native plants that are drought tolerant.



Installing the new plants.



Planting project nearly complete.

New Memorial Bulletin Boards

Memorial Park has a new space for the team and community groups to post information. The bulletin boards, installed near the main parking lot in Memorial Park, will give user groups and community members a centralized location for information about Memorial Park usage.



Finishing up installation.



Newly installed bulletin board.

Parks Team Updates

Regional Park 7/8 — Phase 2

Projected Completion—Early 2023



Raptor habitat snag.



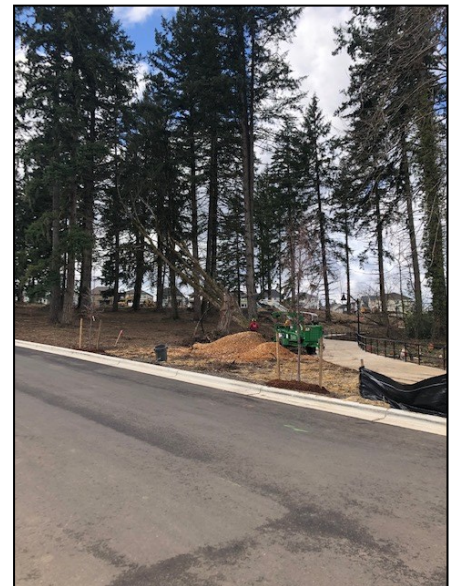
New finished shelter in RP 7.

Regional Park 5/6

Projected Completion—Early 2023.
Landscaping nearing completion.



ADA railing being installed.



Tree work is ongoing.