



The City That Steps Up!

In the wake of historic February ice storm that left many residents without power and devastated the community's treescape, 75 good Samaritans volunteered their Sunday to visit neighbors and haul away tree limbs and debris. Thanks, Wilsonville, for being a community that cares.



Mayor's Message

Our Community at Its Best When Conditions at Their Worst

COVID, wildfires, extreme ice and snow. Though we certainly didn't ask for it, this last year has provided us a master class in preparation and resilience. I am heartened by the generosity among neighbors and the effective community response to this most recent test of our resolve.



While it is devastating to see our beautiful tree canopy damaged, we are fortunate to have avoided more catastrophic loss after multi-day power outages throughout Charbonneau, Old Town and other Wilsonville neighborhoods.

Living without power was a scary and difficult experience for many residents. In the storm's aftermath, I've been uplifted by stories about neighborhood response teams performing welfare checks, providing warm meals, charging cell phones and otherwise ensuring that neighbors were safe and that critical needs were being met.

I gained renewed appreciation for the City's Public Works and Park Maintenance crews, who were working around the clock in hazardous conditions to ensure safe roadways, sidewalks, parks and public spaces.

Our collective response as a community demonstrated again that we are a city of generous hearts.

As we turn our attention toward recovery, many residents and business owners have suffered property damage, and the costs and inconveniences that come with handling those repairs. The City's Building Division is providing free rapid damage assessments and expediting permitting for those who need repairs. City Planners have setup an online form to handle Emergency Tree Removal Permitting (see page 3). Their goal is to make these processes as efficient as possible.

The Importance of Being Prepared

Each time we experience an emergency, we are reminded how essential it is to be prepared and how difficult planning can be without knowing exactly what we're preparing for. While there's no way to be ready for every eventuality, this latest storm underscores the importance of basic emergency preparation.

Know your neighbors, store a two-week supply of food, water and prescription medication, keep a backup cell phone battery charged. These and many more preparedness tips are available online, and the City will continue to raise awareness each September during Emergency Preparedness Month.

Good communication is also critical. Keep key contact numbers close at hand. Know the City's communication channels, including the website (ci.wilsonville.or.us) and social media channels. Sign up to receive emergency alerts from your county of residence. Talk to your neighbors who may not be online.

There are so many complexities that all of us, and especially the City's Emergency Managers and responders, must stay on top of to effectively respond to unforeseen crises.

Seeing how Wilsonville responded so cohesively, calmly and compassionately, is reassuring. Our resilience will undoubtedly be tested again, and we'll all need to remain prepared.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

City Establishing DEI Committee, Seeks Applicants

Appointed Panel to Identify Strategies for a More Inclusive Community

At the direction of the City Council, the City of Wilsonville is establishing a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to identify and address systemic barriers to inclusion that exist within the City's practices, processes, regulations, events and other initiatives.

The City is now recruiting volunteers to join the DEI committee; applications must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, April 5.

"The Council unanimously believes it is imperative that we view existing policies and future decision-making thoughtfully through the lens of inclusion," said Mayor Julie Fitzgerald. "Our community is stronger and better unified when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives are engaged to contribute to our health and welfare."

As many as 11 community members will be selected to serve two-, three- or four-year terms. Applications are being reviewed by a five-member panel that includes City staff and two community members. The panel may recommend preferred candidates, after

which Mayor Fitzgerald and the City Council will receive all applications to review, conduct interviews and recommend appointments for ratification by City Council vote.

Once seated, the committee is expected to meet regularly to establish the City's DEI Strategy, and to begin identifying and addressing that which excludes or marginalizes anyone on any basis, including and not limited to their age, gender, race, culture, sexual orientation, religion or abilities.

Committee members are to serve as a direct liaison between the greater community and City Hall, amplifying the voices and addressing the needs of people traditionally under-represented or excluded in government.

To be eligible, an applicant must live, work or do business in Wilsonville. Outreach is being conducted

**DEI Committee Applications
Due Mon, Apr. 5 at 5 pm
LetsTalkWilsonville.com/DEI**

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ODOT Study Recommends I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement

An assessment study of the I-5 Boone Bridge recently released by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) recommends building a new seismically-resilient highway bridge with auxiliary/merge lanes rather than retrofitting the current bridge.

With an estimated cost of \$450-550 million, ODOT says that the assessment work "revealed that the benefits associated with a full bridge replacement outweigh the minimal construction cost savings associated with a retrofit of the existing bridge."

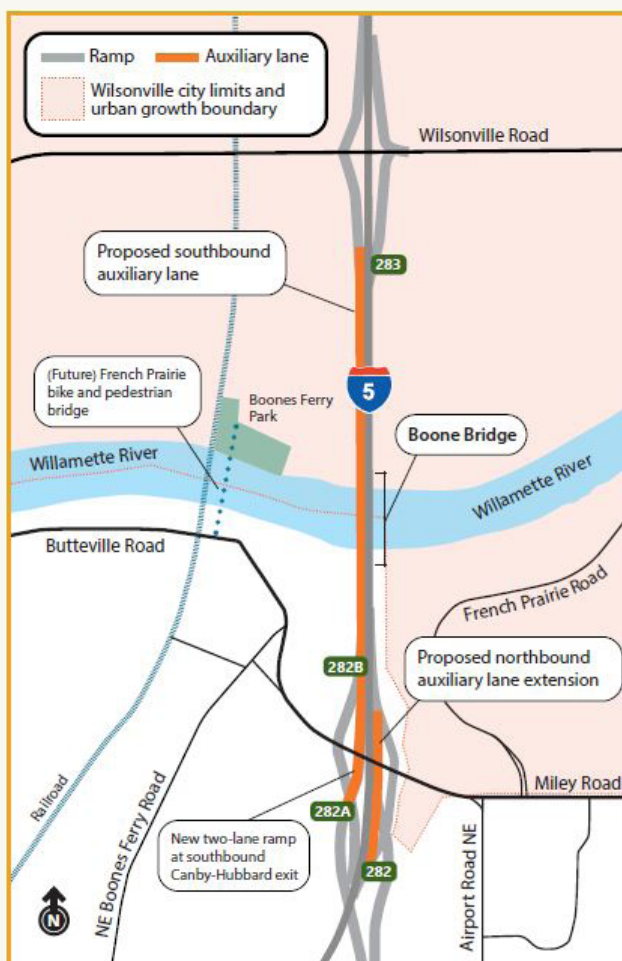
Specifically, the study revealed additional seismic work would be necessary to replace the substructure and pile foundations. As a result, the seismic retrofit and widening option would cost at least 85% of the cost to replace the Boone Bridge.

The study supported the recommendation of the preliminary I-5 Wilsonville Facility Plan of 2018, funded jointly by Wilsonville and ODOT, to add a southbound merge lane from Wilsonville Road past Miley Road to Highway 551. Additionally, the study found that adding a northbound merge auxiliary-lane extending from Highway 551 to Wilsonville Road would improve safety and traffic flow.

"When combined with additional future maintenance and known capital costs needed to maintain the structure over time, this study indicates the cost to retrofit and widen the bridge may exceed the cost to replace the bridge," the study reads.

The scope of the I-5 Boone Bridge project elevates

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A replacement bridge, as recommended by ODOT, would yield a new, widened bridge with auxiliary lanes in both directions and an additional exit ramp lane at the southbound Canby-Hubbard exit (282A).

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Boone Bridge Study

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the project with other ODOT “Mega Projects” within the Portland metro area, such as the I-205/Abernathy Bridge, I-5/I-84 Rose Quarter and Interstate “Columbia River Crossing” Bridge projects.

Because I-5 is the key freight corridor for the West Coast, ODOT considers a wider, seismically-resilient Boone Bridge to be of local, regional, state-wide, national and international significance. The I-5 Boone Bridge carries nearly as much traffic as the I-5

Portland-Vancouver Interstate Bridge and one-third more semi-trucks.

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freight movement and higher safety risks for those who use I-5 and the surrounding transportation network,” the study reads.

The study notes that the cost estimate does not include funds required to complete the French Prairie ‘Bike-Ped-Emergency’ Bridge, estimated at 1/10th of the I-5 bridge cost, as a preferred alternative for cyclists and pedestrians and emergency incidence response.

ODOT indicates that the next step is to undertake a more detailed “15%” engineering design study at the cost of about \$4 million. The City intends to work with legislators and other interest groups to seek state and federal funds to complete the study and advance the project.

In 2019, the Oregon State legislature passed House Bill 5050, which directed ODOT to complete the study in order to determine the best way to widen and seismically retrofit the I-5 Boone Bridge over the Willamette River.

To view the study, visit bit.ly/ODOTstudy



Cranes in Flight at Town Center

Charbonneau resident Linda Moulton’s homage to Oregonians lost to COVID-19 has been installed at the Parks & Rec. Admin. building (29600 SW Park Pl.). About 2000 origami cranes were fashioned by Moulton and other community members to complete the exhibit, which is open to the public weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm.

City Sets Up DEI Committee, Seeks Applicants

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to recruit one high-school aged member to engage the youth voice.

Initially, the committee’s work is being guided by DEI consultant Bill de la Cruz, who has worked exten-

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—Mayor Julie Fitzgerald

sively with several local municipalities to identify structural barriers and yield more inclusive cities. Establishing a DEI Committee was a recommendation made by the community at a listening session with the City Council in December 2020. As the committee establishes the City’s DEI Strategy, it may seek to address additional recommendations brought forth at the listening session. These include:

- More Diversity on City Boards
- Consistent City communication to brand Wilsonville as an inclusive community
- More Inclusive Cultural Events, Celebrations & Holiday Recognitions
- Education for the Broader Community (how to address bias, micro-aggressions, etc.)
- Opportunities for DEI Advocates to Network and Work More Efficiently Together

The Committee’s evening meetings will begin this summer, after appointed members receive bias awareness and conflict transformation development. Meetings are to be held virtually while COVID-19 restrictions remain in place.

The DEI Committee application is available in English and Spanish, and may be filled out and submitted online. Alternatively, printed applications can be obtained at City Hall or by e-mailing cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



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Learning to Read: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Get your child ready for Kindergarten with this free self-paced program.

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant or toddler with the goal of reading 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. Reaching the goal is easily achieved by reading one book a day to your child.

Looking for suggestions for books to read? Just ask one of our librarians by submitting a “Personal Reading Recommendation” form on our website or review our booklists, which are available online and at the library.

You can also enroll in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which provides a free age-appropriate book delivered by mail each month until the child’s fifth birthday. Sign up at the circulation desk or visit imaginationlibrary.com.

Visit our website for more details: The program gets underway on March 1.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/1000books

PROFILES: “Jill Tarter and SETI”

This Women’s History Month program celebrates the many achievements of a remarkable scientist

Jill Tarter has spent more than 40 years working on a Holy Grail search for life beyond planet Earth.

Tarter, an astronomer and co-founder of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in California, is also the inspiration for Ellie Arroway, the alien-hunting protagonist of Carl Sagan’s 1985 classic novel *Contact* and the award-winning 1997 Jodie Foster film *Adaptation*.

This program is being presented by Dr. Bill Thierfelder on Wednesday, March 3, 11 am-12:30 pm. Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code at WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes



A University Education: Is it Right For Everyone?

Looking to engage in conversation with other people about mind-expanding topics? Drop in on Article Club.

Each month, a half-hour is spent discussing a different article from a national publication.

This month we discuss whether the idea that “a university education is for everyone” is a destructive myth.

Wednesday, March 10, 1-1:30 pm
Zoom meeting ID: 843 9729 0006

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/articleclub.



Upcoming Classes and Events



Storytime LIVE

Live interactive videos on Thursdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

Toddler and Baby Time LIVE

Live interactive videos on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddertime

Teen events

Fridays, March 12 & 26, 6-7 pm
For students in grades 6-12. On Zoom.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens

English Conversation Groups

Friendly informal conversation circle on Zoom
Tuesdays at 6 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am

Sign up to receive the meeting code.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/ECG

Book Club

Live discussion with our reference staff on Zoom
Thursday, March 25, 6-7 pm

Sign up to receive the meeting code.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub

Visit our website for more events:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org





Addressing Tree Removal and Damage to Private Property

In the aftermath of February’s severe ice storm, the City is assisting residents with protocols developed to help expedite tree removals and building permits.

Tree Damage

Our City of Trees withstood severe punishment. We are yet unable to fully comprehend the scale of our loss, and we are asking for your help in sharing details about those trees impacted by the storm to help us protect and repair our urban forest.

Some trees may be salvaged. The City encourages selective pruning when it can be done safely. In this instance, no notification is necessary.

If you are removing (or have removed) a hazardous tree(s) from your property, please visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/treeremoval to fill out our online form, which asks for the following details:

- Property owner’s name and contact information
- Address or location of the tree(s)
- Descriptive details, if known (species, height, approximate diameter at breast)
- Photos of tree damage

Supplying this information helps the City identify how to approach the damage. It also allows our inspectors to visit your property to observe site conditions and to provide guidance if necessary. All tree removal fees are waived for emergency removals.

Commercial property owners are asked to submit a “Type B” permit, which can also be found online.

If you have additional questions, contact the

Optimal Health of Damaged Trees Requires Effective Pruning

This year, spring gardening may include caring for damaged trees.

Pruning can be dangerous work that often involves being high off the ground while utilizing power tools. A trained and certified arborist can spare you the dangerous work. They are required to carry liability insurance, so you won’t suffer should property damage occur. Using a professional may optimize a tree’s health and mitigate issues later.

Broken limbs should be pruned back clean with the next larger limb or trunk. Many trees can recover from large limb failure. Some sprout new limbs from the wounded area; these should be pruned carefully to ensure the new growth doesn’t become hazardous.

Generally, pruning to remove dead branches or to increase the amount of light that can get through the canopy, maintains tree health and structure and produces better looking trees. Proper technique includes cleaning, thinning, raising and reduction.

- **Cleaning:** the removal of dead or dying branches to prevent future hazards.
- **Thinning:** the selective branch removal to enable better light and air penetration.
- **Raising:** the removal of lower branches in order to provide appropriate clearance for streets, side-

walks and buildings.

- **Reduction:** adjusting the height of the tree by selective branch removal to clear utility lines.

Only landscape trees should require attention; forest trees are able to get by on nature’s pruning alone.

Avoid tree topping, the indiscriminate cutting off branches, with no regard for maintaining proper growth. Topping makes a tree more prone to disease or an infestation of insects, or cause rapid growth of smaller, more dangerous branches. Topping trees violates the Wilsonville City Code and can often result in costly maintenance expenses.

The Oregon Forestry Services has a wealth resources to address tree care after a storm. Visit oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/Pages/urbanforests.aspx

Additionally, proper pruning techniques from the International Society of Arboriculture are available at treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees



Planning Division at 503-682-4960 or planning@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Property Damage

Repairing cosmetic items — i.e. painting, gutters, siding, roofing, broken window replacement, interior drywall repair, fences less than 7’ in height — does not require a building permit.

Permits are not needed to temporarily secure a structure with plywood or bracing, or to weatherproof damaged areas with temporary coverings.

A permit is generally required for structural items, or life-safety items, including wall damage extending beyond the siding, roof damage extending into the sheathing, roof rafter or roof truss damage or chimney damage.

In this event, permits are expedited and issued as

quickly as possible, typically at the City Hall counter or within a couple days. Staff will provide an estimate of approval time when permit is submitted.

For property owners seeking additional guidance, the City’s Building Inspection staff provides free rapid damage assessments to help determine if a structure is safe, and to help determine next steps when repairs are needed.

As a precaution, property owners are advised to clear any roof drains or overflow drains of obstructions so that water can drain effectively from the roof. Excessive water weight can result in the collapse of flat roofs.

To schedule a damage assessment, call the Building Division at 503-682-4960 or email permits@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

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March 18: Transit Employee Appreciation Day

On national Transit Driver Appreciation Day, March 18, SMART is proud to recognize the amazing work that all of our employees perform.

Our Fleet staff keeps buses in top form to ensure a safe and comfortable ride.

SMART bus operators do it all — conduct pre-trip inspections, answer trip planning questions, provide caring transportation for seniors and people with disabilities — all while safely maneuvering an extra-large bus through traffic and all sorts of weather.

Our dispatchers, the “voice of SMART” provide help with your transportation needs and are dedicated to finding you a ride to your destination!

Our dedicated employees deserve a heartfelt thanks! On March 18, join us in celebrating our employees by saying thank you in-person, on social media @RideSMARTTransit, or by email: smart@ridesmart.com

18 de marzo: Agradecimiento a los Empleados de Transporte Público

En el Día nacional de reconocimiento al conductor del transporte público, el 18 de marzo, SMART se enorgullece de reconocer el increíble trabajo que realizan nuestros empleados.

El personal de nuestra flota mantiene los autobuses en plena forma para garantizar un viaje seguro y cómodo.

Los operadores de autobuses de SMART lo hacen todo: realizan inspecciones previas al viaje, responden preguntas sobre planificación de viajes, brindan transporte cuidadoso para personas mayores y personas con discapacidades, todo mientras maniobran con seguridad un autobús extragrande a través del tráfico y todo tipo de clima.

¡Nuestros despachadores, la “voz de SMART” brindan ayuda con sus necesidades de transporte y están dedicados a encontrar un transporte a su destino!

¡Nuestros dedicados empleados merecen un más sincero agradecimiento! El 18 de marzo, únase a nosotros para celebrar a nuestros empleados dando las gracias en persona, en las redes sociales @RideSMARTTransit o por correo electrónico: smart@ridesmart.com



TVF&R Safety Tips May Help Older Adults Remove Hazards, Avoid Falls

The older we get, the more severe the consequences can be after a major fall.

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for adults ages 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries and account for more than 95 percent of hip fractures, a leading cause of disability.



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue crews were dispatched to 6,267 reports of falls in 2020.

Yale University research shows that older adults are most at risk of falling when they fail to use handrails on stairs, reach for objects overhead, and climb on chairs or ladders.

TVF&R reminds seniors and children of older adults to take the following precautions to help prevent a fall injury:

Take Care of Yourself

Get regular medical check-ups and talk to your doctor to ensure appropriate levels and types of medication. Have your vision checked and replace eyeglasses as needed. Have your healthcare provider also check your feet to ensure you can walk comfortably. Exercise regularly to improve your balance and strength and eat nutritious meals to fuel your body.

Remove Existing Hazards

Fasten throw rugs to the floor with double-backed tape to keep them from slipping or remove them all together. Keep cords out of pathways and clean up spills as soon as they happen. Also, arrange furniture to minimize obstructions, and clear clutter from your living areas. Fix loose or uneven steps. Make sure carpet is firmly attached to every step or remove the carpet and attach non-slip rubber treads to the stairs. In the kitchen, keep items you use often in cabinets you can reach easily without using a step stool.

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

As Weather Warms, Consider These Pedestrian Safety Tips

As we move towards spring and begin heading outdoors more to enjoy the better weather, Deputy Ben Toops, our traffic safety specialist, wants you to be aware of some important pedestrian safety guidelines to keep in mind. Take it away, Ben! — Chief Wurpes



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

As warmer weather approaches, I thought this would be good time to review some Pedestrian Safety Tips. Nationally, we have seen a slight increase in pedestrian-related accidents. We can all do our part to remain aware and avoid becoming part of this statistic.

It's well known that technology, especially our cell phones, can distract drivers by drawing their attention away from the road. The same holds true for pedestrians. Anytime you draw your focus toward your device, you are less likely to see what is going on around you, potentially placing you in a position to be hit by a passing vehicle.

Safekids.org shared these simple tips that all of us can use to remain safer in the presence of vehicle traffic:

- **When you are out enjoying the fresh air, consider putting your phone away.** If you are using headphones to listen to music, consider turning the volume down to allow you to hear approaching vehicles.
- **Use sidewalks or designated walking paths and cross streets at designated crosswalks.** When there is no sidewalk or path available, walk with traffic facing you and as far from the roadway as

possible. When approaching an intersection, use designated crosswalks and follow the direction of the crossing signal. If no signal is present, cross only when the roadway is clear of oncoming traffic in both directions.



Deputy Ben Toops

- **Keep your head up.** Look far down the street before deciding to enter a crosswalk. Check in both directions right before crossing. Make eye contact with drivers who are approaching and those who have stopped. As you cross the street continue to look for approaching in both directions.
- **Start making good decisions before you begin your walk.** Wear reflective clothing or items that can catch a driver's attention. Many products on the market include reflective material that makes it easier for drivers to locate. When walking in the early morning or after dark, consider wearing or carrying a light to make yourself more visible.

Taking the time to remain aware of our surroundings, visible, and attentive to the vehicles around us can help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience outdoors.

Deputy Ben Toops,
Traffic Safety Specialist, Wilsonville Police

Add Protection

Wear well-fitting shoes with good support and non-skid soles. Turn on lights when walking through dark rooms or hallways. Use night lights in all rooms. Install grab bars in the bathtub, shower, and toilet areas,

and add handrails on stairwells.

Place phones in multiple rooms or keep a cellphone with you in case you need to call for emergency assistance.

For more life safety information, visit tvfr.com.



www.WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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Community Center
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.
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Introducing Spring Fling 2021

Spring Fling is a new event series that focuses on environmental sustainability through activities such as worm composting, building bee hotels, WERK Week park improvement projects, a used shoe drive, a self-guided nature walk, garden share contest, and more! Find additional information and event descriptions at:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling

Vermicomposting 101

Join us on April 10 for Vermicomposting 101 at the Stein-Boozier Barn at Memorial Park. Two sessions (10 am & noon) will be offered; pre-registration is required.

This class is designed to help people determine what kind of worm bin works for them by illustrating different worm bed layouts and showing how to maintain them for optimal use.



We will be discussing what you can feed worms and how often. For example: using banana peels and coffee grounds to create fertilizer.

Vermicomposting is a great way to reduce waste while creating a natural fertilizer that can be used indoors or outdoors. Attendees will receive a starter pack of red wiggler worms and a small worm bin to get them up and going.



Virtual Craft: Bee Hotels

Join Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler for a Facebook Live tutorial on Sunday, April 18 at 10 am. Learn how to make a Bee Hotel!

Bee hotels are a great way to attract pollinators to your backyard or vegetable garden. They attract solitary bees that live alone, not honey bees that live in nests; these bees are therefore less likely to sting since they are not protecting their hive.



Park Rental Season Opens Soon!

Memorial Park is a popular location for company gatherings, family parties, weddings and a variety of sporting events.

Reservations for the Stein-Boozier Barn, the River Shelter, Forest Shelter, Grove Shelter, Splash Shelter and sport fields may be made by residents and local businesses beginning March 8.

This year's rental season runs April 10-Oct. 10. Please note that all park rentals and gatherings must abide by the applicable State health guidance in place at the time of the rental. For more information, please call 503-783-PLAY or visit the Parks & Recreation website: WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.

Upcoming Classes and Events:

Virtual St. Paddy's Day Crafting

All Ages
Sunday, March 14
10-11 am

Facebook Live @WilsonvilleParksandRec

Soles4Souls Drive-Thru Shoe Drive

New and Used Shoe Collection
Friday, April 9
10 am-3 pm

Parks and Rec Admin Bldg. Parking lot
Drive-thru only, no walk-ups please

Vermicomposting 101

Ages 18+
Saturday, April 10

No Charge, but must Pre-Register
Session I: 10-11:30 am (Course # 9696)
Session II: noon-1:30 pm (Course # 9697)
Stein Boozier Barn

Virtual Craft: Bee Hotel

All Ages
Sunday, April 18
10 am-noon

Facebook Live @WilsonvilleParksandRec

WERK Week Park Improvement Projects

April 19 - April 24
Times Vary

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling

Visit our website for more info:
WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Legislature Convened, Reviewing Issues of Concern to Wilsonville

The 2021 session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly is now in session, and scheduled to adjourn at the end of June.

Under review are several pieces of potential legislation of interest to Wilsonville, including:

ODOT's I-5 Boone Bridge and Seismic Improvement Project feasibility study was released in January, showing that the recommended project to replace the Boone Bridge with a wider bridge with additional I-5 north- and south-bound auxiliary/merge lanes would cost \$450 - \$500 million. ODOT recommends advancing the project with an estimated \$4 million "15%" engineering design study that provides greater assurance on projected construction costs. The project originates from a City-ODOT Wilsonville I-5 Facility Plan study conducted in 2018 that recommended the addition of a south-bound merge auxiliary land. Wilsonville Representative Courtney Neron (House District 26) indicated that she would seek a legislative appropriation to fund the next phase.

A bill to resolve long-running controversies regarding operations and expansion of the Aurora

State Airport has been sponsored by Wilsonville Representative Courtney Neron. House Bill 2497 would establish an intergovernmental forum for communications and collaborative planning between the Oregon Department of Aviation and impacted local governments, including Clackamas and Marion Counties and Cities of Aurora and Wilsonville. The bill would also require the Aviation Department to update the 2012 Aurora State Airport master plan and conduct an environmental review, and advance a plan for eventual annexation to the City of Aurora for the provision of municipal governance and urban infrastructure.

Legislation to create the Willamette Falls Locks Authority public corporation has been introduced. HB 2564 is bipartisan legislation to create a public corporation that can accept ownership transfer of the Locks to the State by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps has indicated that if the Locks cannot be transferred to the State that the agency plans to cement shut permanently the Locks; the Corps is doing basic maintenance now and seeks an authorization and appropriation for the transfer.

City Councilors Assigned to Regional Intergovernmental Bodies

During January, Mayor Julie Fitzgerald led the City Council discussion on assigning Council members as City representatives to numerous regional bodies, both governmental forums and association organizations. The City participates in a total of nine different forums that require and elected city officials to be the representative.

As a city located in two counties (Clackamas and Washington) and the Metro regional government

district boundary that engages on a range of water infrastructure, economic-development and tourism promotion issues, Wilsonville participates in a variety of meetings designed to enable collaboration, as well as to advance our local interests in the regional context.

These duties are on top of current Council responsibilities. Most boards meet monthly; some hold quarterly meetings.

Leadership Body	Primary Representative	Alternate
Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4)	Julie Fitzgerald	Joann Linville
Clackamas County Coordinating Committee Metro Subcommittee	Joann Linville	Julie Fitzgerald
Washington County Coordinating Committee	Julie Fitzgerald	Kristin Akervall
Willamette Intake Facilities Commission Board, Tualatin Valley Water District	Kristin Akervall	Ben West
Regional Water Providers Consortium Board	Ben West	Kristin Akervall
French Prairie Forum Local Governments Working Group	Charlotte Lehan	Julie Fitzgerald
Greater Portland Inc. Small Cities Consortium	Julie Fitzgerald	
Willamette Falls & Landings Heritage Area Coalition	Charlotte Lehan	
Willamette Falls Locks Commission	Joann Linville	

Kenemer Appointed to Complete Olsen's Term in Senate Dist. 20

Bill Kenemer has been appointed to the Oregon Senate by Clackamas and Marion County commissioners. His District 20 includes Charbonneau.

Following last month's resignation by Sen. Alan Olsen from the Oregon Senate, the Clackamas County Republican Party tabbed Kenemer, Steve Bates and John Lee to advance as finalists in a process to fill the vacant seat.

Commissioners held a joint session in February to interview all three candidates; Kenemer was selected to complete the term, which ends in 2022.

A psychologist by trade, Kenemer has previously served in both the Senate (1987-96) and the House (2009-18).

Wilsonville's Elected State Representatives

North of the Willamette River

House District 26
Representative Courtney Neron (Wilsonville)

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South of the Willamette River (Charbonneau)

House District 39; House Minority Leader

Representative Christine Drazan (Oregon City)

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Senate District 20

Senator Bill Kenemer (Canby)

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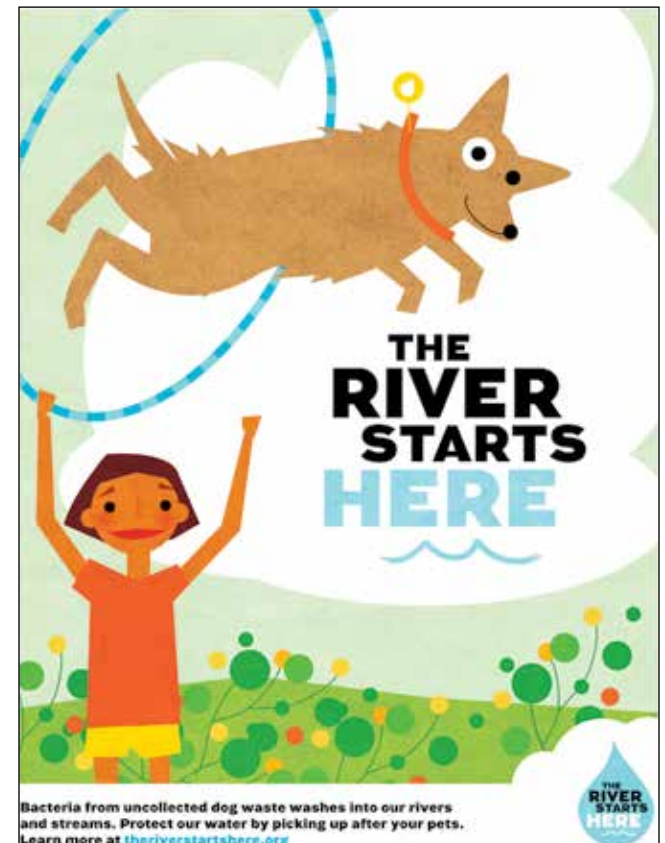


Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
Feb. 1	The Council approved a resolution authorizing the Finance department to pursue the refinancing of about \$26 million in remaining debt from bonds issued in 2011 to finance the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project.	With the reduction in interest rates, the City could see anywhere between \$1.5 to \$3 million dollars in interest savings over the life of the debt.
Feb. 1	The Council approved an amended contract with DOWL, LLC, which allocates an additional \$1.15 million.	The project funds the advance engineering design of the I-5 Pedestrian Bridge.
Jan. 21	The Council voted in favor of supporting House Bill 2497, which develops a process for local City and County governments and the Oregon Department of Aviation to work together to update the Aurora Airport Master Plan.	The bill's intent is to guide a collaborative and transparent process aimed at reaching solutions rather than requiring parties to seek remedies through litigation.
Jan. 21	The City Council and the Urban Renewal Agency each held public hearings to approve supplemental budget adjustments.	A requirement of State budgeting laws, the actions fund several recent and future projects, including an \$80,000 program to provide additional COVID-19 relief funds to Wilsonville restaurants to help mitigate financial losses.

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Online: ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV
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Clackamas County Has Resources for People Experiencing Food Insecurity

There is free food available in and near Wilsonville for people in need. For food assistance across Clackamas County, please visit: clackamas.us/coronavirus/resources#food or try the following community resources.

Oregon Food Bank's Food Finder locates affiliated pantries that are currently offering food: oregonfoodbank.org/find-help/find-food

- **Tualatin Food Pantry (schoolhousepantry.org)** is located on the lower level of Rolling Hills Community Church at 3550 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin. Mondays 4 pm-7 pm, Wednesdays 10 am-1 pm, Fridays 10 am- 1 pm
- **Wilsonville Community Sharing (wilsonvillecommunitysharing.org)** is located at 28925 SW Boberg Rd, Wilsonville. Tuesdays 12:30-2:30 pm, 6-8 pm

Clackamas County Meals on Wheels (ccmow.org/meal-program):
Offering low-cost home-delivered meals to seniors.

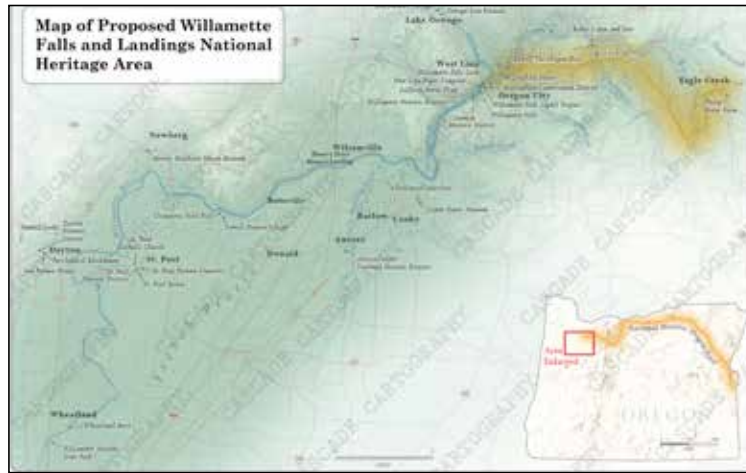
- **Wilsonville Community Center**
Call 503-682-3727 to arrange delivery.



Food Box Pop-Up Events provide USDA free food boxes, distributed by the Archdiocese of Portland (pastoralministry.archdpdx.org/usda-food-box):
Quantities are limited; early arrival is encouraged. While the program is open to all, please call the distribution site before arriving to confirm if more than one box can be picked up for others in need.

City Joins Coalition to Promote National Heritage Area

The City Council accepted an invitation to participate as a named member of the board of directors of the Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition (WFLHAC), a partnership of local and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, business associations and private companies. WFLHAC is working to obtain Congressional designation of the proposed Willamette Falls and Landings National Heritage Area.



The City has had extensive involvement over the past decade with various issues pertaining to both the Willamette River in general and Willamette Falls in particular, including working with federal and state agencies and tourism organizations to promote river recreation and to

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reopen the Willamette Falls Locks and Canal. The National Heritage Area program is operated by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Parks Service. The Congressional NHA designation provides federal technical assistance and funds and marketing promotion at a national scale without any new regulations. Siting an NHA in the Wilsonville area provides an excellent destination marketing attraction that benefits tourism promotion and economic-development efforts. To date Congress has designated 49 NHAs across the country – but none in the Western U.S.

Over the past several years, the City Council has adopted various resolutions relating to the Willamette River and Willamette Falls, including a March 2015 resolution supporting efforts to create a national heritage area.

The motivation to create a National Heritage Area (NHA) started in 2005 from a community desire primarily by residents of Oregon City and West Linn to share a nationally important story, preserve historic buildings, support museums and heritage sites, and kick-start economic revitalization in the area of the Willamette Falls. As momentum for the designation increased, up-river communities of Wilsonville, Butteville and St. Paul become more involved.

In 2015, the Oregon legislature formally urged Congress to create the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area just as the northern portion was designated a

state heritage area.

In 2017 Heritage Area Coalition submitted the required Feasibility Study, which the Park Service deemed inadequate for focusing too much on the Willamette Falls and Locks area without addressing the agriculturally rich Willamette Valley that supplied the commodities for shipping past the Falls and through the Locks. At the same time, historical upriver communities such as St. Paul left the Coalition due to the lack of recognizing the value of the upriver communities.

Subsequently, the organization renamed itself Willamette Falls and Landings Heritage Area Coalition and resubmitted the Feasibility Study that included extensive research and history of the upriver communities, stretching from Willamette Mission State Park area north past Canby. In 2020, the National Park Service indicated that the proposed Willamette Falls and Landings National Heritage Area met the criteria for Congressional designation.

Congressman Kurt Schrader, whose district includes the proposed NHA, is willing to sponsor legislation, so long as issues of concerns pertaining to Oregon's federally-chartered Native American Indian Tribes are addressed in advance. This process of working with the tribes, several of which "claim" Willamette Falls area, is now underway.



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City Calendar

All meetings may be held virtually until further notice. For current information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

MARCH

- 1 Mon • City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 2 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 8 Mon • DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 10 Wed • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 15 Mon • City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 16 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 22 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 24 Wed • Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library

APRIL

- 2 Fri • Red Cross Blood Drive Wilsonville Library, 10 am-3 pm
- 5 Mon • City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting • DEI Board Application Deadline Applications accepted until 5 pm
- 6 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 8 Fri • Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Meeting 4 pm, Parks & Recreation Building
- 12 Mon • DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 14 Wed • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 19 Mon • City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 20 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 26 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall

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Are you Vaccine Eligible?

For information about your eligibility, vaccine safety, sequencing plans and other frequently asked questions, visit covidvaccine.oregon.gov

Reliable Sources for the Latest COVID-19 Information

News about COVID-19 prevention, response and recovery changes rapidly. The City recommends relying on reliable, factual sources of information: Links to these and other resources are available at ci.wilsonville.or.us/covid-19

Public Health & Information Sources:

- City:** ci.wilsonville.or.us/covid-19
- WLWV Schools:** wlwv.k12.or.us/Page/15953
- County:** clackamas.us/alert
- State (OHA):** HealthOregon.org/coronavirus
- State (OEM):** oregon-coronavirus-geo.hub.arcgis.com
- Federal (CDC):** coronavirus.gov
- Federal (FEMA):** fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control
- Global:** who.int

COVID-19 Symptom Checker
c19oregon.com

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Wilsonville City Council

The City Council usually convenes on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall, with work session generally starting at 5 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziplly Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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