



From the Director:

As we spring our clocks forward, the opportunities to visit the City's Parks after work, increase. This includes taking our dogs for walks or to the Dog Park, playing ball with our children or simply enjoy watching them participate in activities or relax sitting in one of Wilsonville's beautiful parks reading a book. Realizing that City parks serve as the primary green spaces for citizens, we are truly fortunate to have parks second to none in Wilsonville.

In April, the Parks and Recreation Department has a few special events including Community Garden sign up day on April 4th. On April 20th come to Memorial Park and enjoy the always popular Community Egg Hunt made possible with the help of this year's sponsor's; Al Kader Shriners Center, Hope Assembly, Therapeutic Associates, and Wilsonville Orthodontics. On April 26th (Arbor Day) at 2pm we will be having a Cable Tree Dedication. This event will take place in Memorial Park at the River Shelter where guests will walk down to the River Dock and be met by "Rainbow" the Tug Boat. The following day, on April 27th we will host W.E.R.K day where residents can volunteer to help our parks crew complete special projects in our parks. The day kicks off at 8am at the Community Center with a free breakfast provided by the always busy Rotary Club.

I want to thank volunteers Ken Rice and David Davis for serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. Ken was a board member for 8 years and David for 4 years. Both helped make Wilsonville a better place to live by providing great suggestions and vital input to Parks and Recreation staff. I would also like to welcome two new members to the board Amanda Aird and Dahe Chen. The public is always welcome to attend board meetings. Please check the City's website for exact times and locations.

-Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

Daddy Daughter Dance— The annual Daddy Daughter Dance was held on Friday, February 22nd from 7-9pm at the Community Center. There were 130 people signed up for the dance. The theme for the evening was “A Night in Hollywood” and everyone came dressed in their finest. There was a photo booth, punch, cake, popcorn, a DJ and several prize giveaways including Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and Skyhawk's Sports camp gift cards. A big thank you to Donna Atkinson and Susie Sivyer from the Wilsonville Community Seniors who came and volunteered at the event.



Dog Run Public Input Meeting— The Dog Run Public Input Meeting for the new Memorial Park dog run was held on Tuesday, February 12th from 7-8pm at the Community Center. Thirteen participants were in attendance and gave feedback on what amenities should be included/excluded from the new dog run area. Several voiced concerns about the mud and drainage issues at the current park and would like to see those issues mitigated at the new site. Others voiced their appreciation for the walking trail, benches, and shade structures. All attendees were excited at the prospect of a new dog washing station at the new site as well as an updated parking lot and a new bathroom facility.

Field Sign-Up Night(s): The Department welcomed both local and non-local sports organizations for the annual field sign up nights held on February 4th for residents and February 11th for non-residents. Sport fields in Memorial Park were allocated for the 2019 season.

Community Tourism Grant: Five applications were received for the Community Tourism Grant, totaling \$29,013 in requests. A total of \$25,000 will be awarded on March 21.

Board Updates:

Parks and Recreation Board: The Parks and Recreation board welcomed 2 new board members, Dahe Chen and Amanda Aird. The board is working on assessing current goals and setting priorities for the next fiscal year.

WCSI: The Board sold 17 tickets for the Chamber Holiday raffle & earned \$225 which covered their Chamber annual dues. Preparations have begun for the second annual WCSI Fashion Show which is scheduled for September 28th.

Upcoming Events:

- Citizens Academy Presentation— March 21
- Community Tourism Grant— March 21
- Community Garden Sign Up Day— April 4
- Summer Activity Registration Opens— April 15
- Community Egg Hunt— April 20
- Cable Tree Ceremony— April 26
- WERK Day— April 27

Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Organized and cleaned Murase nut shed
- Removed two trees for Water treatment surge tank replacement
- Clean up for tree down on Boeckman trail
- Snowy weather sanding

