



Several Parks and Recreation activities took place in the month of April. The success of each and every one of these events is made possible by the amazing citizens of Wilsonville, through volunteering, participating and by local sponsors who enhance these endeavors. Thank you to the generous sponsors of the Egg Hunt: Hope Assembly, Al Kader Shriners, Wilsonville Orthodontics and Therapeutic Associates. Because of their help, we had enough "staff" to have a safe/fun event. There were 17,000 eggs and prizes including bicycles, large Easter Baskets, and Teddy Bears for a few of the 2,000 attendees.

WERK day saw over 125 volunteers who helped our park staff by removing invasive species, painting picnic tables, and spreading bark dust. The Wilsonville Rotary once again provided an AMAZING (and organized) breakfast. Wilsonville's City Manager, Bryan Cosgrove and Assistant City Manager, Jeanna Troha helped hand out shirts. The registration table was operated by the Parks Board who also volunteered their time. Along with a shirt, participants also received coupons from Wilsonville Lanes and Bullwinkle's Entertainment Center.

Staff hosted a Cable Tree Ceremony at Memorial Park that was orchestrated by City Council Member Charlotte Lehan, Oregon Travel Information Council Staff, and our Assistant to the City Manager, Zoe Monahan. The event was flawless, entertaining, and educational.

Erica Behler's Hidden Egg Contest was a HUGE hit with the community, as you can tell by the smiling faces of the treasure hunt winners. It was a great activity and we hope to have more creative ideas like this in the near future.

The Park Crew also took over maintenance of three struggling parks: Landover, Hathaway and Willow Creek. After just one long day, all three parks have already been transformed. Staff will be replacing the playground amenities at these parks within the next few months and making other improvements as we move ahead. Thank you to all volunteers, sponsors, and the incredible parks and recreation team.

-Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

Hidden Eggs and Hammocks!

During the month of April, the Parks and Recreation department hid a series of eggs in the lesser known parks and trails around town including, Courtside Park, Boeckman Creek Trail, and Park at Merryfield. Each egg was hidden on a Friday around 5pm and was accompanied by a riddle which was posted to social media.

The riddles, one of which was, "In these ancient arms I sit, nice and snug I do fit. I can see the red barn yonder, this one shouldn't make you ponder" were posted with a vague picture of the egg's location. While the Parks and Recreation team was quite proud of their riddle work, Wilsonville residents proved to be quite crafty as all. The eggs were found in 45 minutes or less from the time they were placed! (Just in case you were wondering... the answer to the above riddle was an egg hidden in a large tree "ancient arms" by the Murase Plaza playground– hence the "red barn")

Each hidden egg contained a certificate for a camping hammock that is portable and can be set up between any two trees without harming them- which makes it great for our parks. All in all, it seems to have struck a streak of adventure in Wilsonville residents and we will continue the tradition next year.



Recreation Updates:

Wilsonville Community Egg Hunt

The Wilsonville Community Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 20 at the Memorial Park ball fields. Sponsors for the event included Al Kader Shriners of Wilsonville, Hope Assembly, Wilsonville Orthodontics, and Therapeutic Associates. The Imagination Library and Mad Science summer camps were also present to promote upcoming programs.

A total of 17,000 eggs were dispersed on the ballfields at Memorial Park. There were four separate age groups, including 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-11. Among the field of eggs were special prize eggs which had certificates to win things like teddy bears, large Easter baskets, large prize eggs, and even bikes! Bailey the Bunny also made a special appearance for photographs and hugs before the hunts began.

In an effort to mitigate confusion and age groups going out of turn for their hunt, volunteers held large stop signs in the middle of each field. This made sure each age group ran smoothly and will continue to be used for future egg hunts. An estimated 2,000 people came to the event.



WERK Day

Wilsonville residents gathered at the Community Center on Saturday, April 27th for WERK day. A pre-event breakfast of pancakes, omelets and coffee was hosted by the Wilsonville Rotary Club. Participants received an event t-shirt and coupons from Wilsonville Lanes and Bullwinkle's Entertainment Center. WERK day projects included invasive species removal, picnic table painting, and mulching. An estimated 125 people participated and completed projects at 5 different sites.



Recreation Updates:

Nutrition Program

Current Nutrition Coordinator I, Janice Mash (right), has been selected to take over the reins of the Community Center Nutrition Program (as Nutrition Coordinator II) when Evie Proctor (left) retires in June. Evie has put in 24+ years of service at the Center and all of her contributions will be missed. Janice has shown a great passion for the program and things are in good hands moving forward.



Upcoming Events:

Mother and Son Night of Fun– June 21

A Night Among the Stars – June 22

Board Updates:

Parks and Recreation Board:

The Parks Board met on April 11th to distribute funds for the Wilsonville Community Opportunity Grant. Four organizations were awarded funds totaling \$12,500. The organizations included Kohl Creek Golf, Meridian United Church, West Linn-Wilsonville Music and Arts Partners, and Wilsonville Stage.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.:

WCSI trips continue to be popular, and often fill up the first day of registration. WCSI is also preparing for their board elections which will be on Friday, June 14 at noon at the Community Center.

MOTHER & SON NIGHT OF FUN

FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST 6 - 8 PM

MEMORIAL PARK RIVER SHELTER

\$20 PER PERSON- ONLY 50 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Join us for this year's Mother & Son Night of Fun at the Memorial Park River Shelter! This year's theme is Tie-Dye! Enjoy pizza, music, selfie-station, lawn games, tie-dye (bring one piece of white clothing to tie-dye) wiffle ball, and BUBBLE SOCCER! (Must be 8 years or older to play bubble soccer)

Course#: 9061



A Night Amongst the Stars

Saturday, June 22nd at Memorial Park Ballfields

9:15 pm , Free Event!

Join Wilsonville Parks and Rec. and Rose City Astronomers for a night amongst the stars. This free event will give participants the opportunity to look at the stars through a real astronomer's telescope! Bring your own blanket or lawn chair and binoculars, and come learn with us!

Hot cocoa and tea will be provided.

Rain/Cloud Out date: Saturday, June 29th



Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Hosted Cable Tree Ceremony at Memorial Park River Shelter
- Hosted WERK day
- Installed new signage at Memorial Park Dock
- Began crushing rock for new dog park trail
- Opened Community Garden
- Took over Hathaway and Willow Creek/Landover parks

