



October 2020 Parks & Rec Monthly Report

Director's Report:

Even with limited face to face activities being allowed, the Parks and Recreation Department was extremely busy in October 2020.

The Parks Crew completed the much anticipated “new” Dog Park located in Memorial Park. This park was officially open to the public Friday, October 16 and has been very well attended each and every day. With a new parking lot that can accommodate up to 30 vehicles, an area that is a half-acre for small and/or timid dogs and 1.5 acres for large and/or more active dogs, there is plenty of space for a large pack of pups. This park also includes a permanent restroom, a four-stall washing station, covered shelters, benches, dog waste bags, a water bottle fill station and the completion of over 4,000 feet of new trails through the adjacent forest. It is truly first class, as is your Parks Crew that made it all happen

Recreation activities included a drive-thru Ice Cream Social put on by Brain Stevenson and his amazing team at the Community Center. This same team also cooked and delivered over 1,900 meals for the month of October.

Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler organized a very successful drive-thru pumpkin and craft pick-up, as well as a virtual fall door décor’ contest, virtual wand making, and 5 hidden pumpkin hunts held in various City Parks. She also created a virtual pumpkin carving contest, a guess the weight of the pumpkin event and a Chalk the Park Costume Day at Town Center Park. All activities were extremely successful and well attended by many Wilsonville residents and the prizes for all winners were outstanding.

Look for even MORE events in the last two months of 2020!

Please stay safe, and visit the City’s beautiful parks! We look forward to seeing more residents at our future events.

-Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

Harvest Festival 2020

Harvest Festival 2020 was no doubt different than in prior years, but what a wonderful success it was! Instead of a 3 hour, in-person event at the barn, we hosted a 15 day extravaganza of virtual contests, scavenger hunts, drive through events and more! We are so thankful for how our community participated and made this event such a success! Thank you Wilsonville! We had over 300 folks come to our drive through pumpkin and craft pickup, and we collected more than 300 pairs of shoes at our Soles 4 Souls shoe drive event. All of our virtual contests, including pumpkin carving, fall door décor, guess the weight of the pumpkin, and Howl-O-Ween all had great participation. We will definitely continue to host events like these in the future!





Recreation Updates:

New Dog Park: The new dog park site by the Community Garden in Memorial Park opened this month! So far, feedback has been quite positive and the park looks fabulous! If you haven't had a chance to take a walk on the new trails, get out there— they are absolutely beautiful! The new park also features a single stall bathroom, new benches and shelters, a dog washing station, and bottle fill stations. The Parks and Recreation department had a small ribbon cutting ceremony (pictured above) to celebrate all the hard work that the team has put in to making this park a reality.

Community Center Updates:

Drive-Thru Ice Cream and Craft Pick-Up: The older adult drive thru ice cream and craft pickup at the Community Center was a big hit. Approximately 50 community members came by to get an ice cream treat, arts and craft package and to say "hi" to Community Center staff. This was the first "in-person" event the Center had hosted since March. It was great to connect with familiar faces that, pre-pandemic, were seen on a daily basis. Center staff also distributed another 95 craft packages to home-delivered meal clients.

Medicare: Jeff Dunham hosted 5 clients for a Medicare resource meeting. Jeff is able to answer questions about Medicare and help folks navigate the process to enroll and make changes. He will be available to assist additional clients in November by appointment only.

Upcoming:

Holiday Toy Drive: The Parks and Recreation department will be collecting new, unwrapped toys beginning November 2 through December 8. Toys will be brought to Clackamas County Compassion in Action to be distributed to those less fortunate in our community this holiday season. Toys may be brought to the Parks Admin building at 29600 SW Park Place Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Opened new dog park in Memorial Park
- Repaired storm water bio swales in Memorial Park and Murase Park
- Tommy Reeder helped Eagle Scouts with an irrigation project
- Worked towards the completion of the Park at Merryfield Trail
- Mitigated blackberries in Regional Park 8

