



Parks and Recreation Report | April 2022

Recreation Updates:

April was a very busy month for the recreation team with three special events taking place; community garden registrations, field and shelter reservations and Summer Registration opening! Check out WilsonvilleParksandRec.com for a full listing of summer events and programs– including a wide variety of summer camps!

Spring Fling: The second annual Spring Fling series was hosted from April 25-30. This event series, focused on environmental awareness was comprised of a volunteer event, film screening, plant giveaway, goat petting, a photography contest, and more! We're blaming it on historic levels of rain but the event series seemed lower in attendance than it's inaugural year. The Recreation team will go back to the drawing board to see what new events and/or timeline can be added next year to make this event series more appealing for our community.

Community Egg Hunt: The community egg hunt returned to Memorial Park this year after several years on pause. The event was a huge success with an estimated 2,000+ in attendance. The rain even held off and the sunshine came out! Several lucky kiddos received a special prize egg which held a ticket to win a bicycle giveaway sponsored by Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy of Wilsonville.

Community Garden: The community garden is OPEN and plots are still available! Each in-ground 10'x10' plot is \$22 for the year! The Parks and Recreation team planted a demonstration garden and had a blast planting together!





Cherry Blossom Week: April kicked off with the first ever Cherry Blossom Week Event Series hosted by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. The overall purpose of the event series was to spread awareness about the sister city relationship to Wilsonville residents. The board plans to debrief the event series at the May meeting.

2022 Movies in the Park Series:

Encanto: July 22, Town Center Park, ~9:20pm

Soul: August 5, Town Center Park, ~9:00pm

The Goonies: August 19, Memorial Park River Shelter, ~8:45pm

Luca: September 2, Memorial Park River Shelter, ~8:15pm

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Community Center Updates:

Grants Awarded: The Tourism Promotion Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board both awarded grants this month. The Community Tourism Grant provided an \$8,000 award to the Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council in support of the organization’s annual Wilsonville Festival of Art and Summer Performance Series, as well as, a \$5,000 award to the Wilsonville Rotary Foundation in support of the Rotary’s Wilsonville Summer Concert Series at Town Center Park. The Community Opportunity Grant provided a \$7,500 award to the City of Wilsonville’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in support of the committee’s second annual Juneteenth Celebration and a \$3,000 award to Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc., in support of a summer trip to the beach.

Programs Returning: As the Community Center continues to rebound from the pandemic, more and more programs are coming back. This month we were excited to bring back Duplicate Bridge, a once per week drop in group. Another sign interest in programs is returning, the two sessions of the Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class taught by Brad Moore both filled to capacity at their original maximum. We were able to add a few more spots and the programs are once again full with 20 participants in each class. Finally, the community center team is preparing for the return of in person meals on May 18. Meals will return on Wednesdays and Fridays at this time.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. – The WCSI has begun their planning process for a senior bus trip to the beach which will take place this summer. The Board is also beginning preparations to host a BINGO fundraiser in the fall.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon – The KWMFO received 100% design plans for the Interpretive Center. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

Board Highlights:

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board—The Kitakata Sister City Advisory board hosted their first event series in early April– Cher Blossom Week. The event series featured a film screening, traditional tea ceremony demonstration, crafts, and more. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at Kirin Ramen Wilsonville at 6pm.



Arts Culture & Heritage Committee— The Arts, Culture, & Heritage Committee held their first meeting in April – the board members introduced themselves and gave a brief background on their experience/interest in the arts. We also went over general expectations and a brief background of the last several years work in setting the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy and the events leading up to the formation of the Commission. ACHC members were given an assignment to review the strategy and select their top priorities for the five year work plan and one year implementation strategy prior to the May meeting, which will be held in person at the Library on May 18.

Parks Team

Arrowhead Creek Park Revitalization

Arrowhead Creek Park is getting a landscape update. The Parks Team is working to remove invasive species and restore the water feature. The landscaping update is happening in collaboration with two major Water Treatment Plant Projects in the park.



Removing Invasive Plants



Invasive Plants in Water Feature

Edelweiss Forest Invasive Removal

The Parks Team worked closely with a contractor to remove invasive plants in the wooded section of Edelweiss Park. This will be an ongoing project intended to restore a native forest floor to the area. The team will plant native undergrowth in the late fall of 2022.



Before Cleanup



After Cleanup

Parks Team Project Updates

Memorial Park Central Restroom

Projected Completion—June 2022

- Currently experiencing delays



Nearing Completion Awaiting Electrical Connection

River Fox Park Playground Project

Current Project Completed— June 2022



Early Demolition



Old Playground Ready for Removal