



Parks and Recreation Report | August 2023

Director's Report

The big event in August was our Community Party in the Park held on August 24 in Town Center Park. This event was an opportunity for each City department to showcase their work and engage with the community. We also had live music, food trucks, chalk art, art for kids, duck races, the SMART train and so much more. The event was very well attended. It is great to be a part of a city organization that is so involved in the community, and reciprocally, a community that shows up so enthusiastically at special events.

On the Parks side of things, after a very long time coming, Villebois Regional Parks 5, 6, 7 and 8 (Trocahero, Cavallo, Oulanka, and Tivoli respectively) have officially transitioned out of the construction phase. All amenities at these parks are now open to the public! Thanks for a wonderful summer Wilsonville!

~ Kris Ammerman



Recreation & Community Center Updates:

Fall Registration Now Open:

Fall Registration opened on August 21. The most recent activity guide spans the months of September through December. It features annual events like Fall Harvest Festival, the Community Tree Lighting, the Annual Toy Drive, and more! New class offerings are available like Youth Improv, In-Person Watercolor, and Acrylic Painting.

Fall registration is off to a strong start for Community Center wellness classes. Eight sessions of Healthy Bones and Balance have filled to capacity with over 200 registrations between the eight classes. Tai Chi has eight (8) registered so far, and the ever popular, Sit and Be Fit program continually draws 15-20 per day for the drop-in fitness class.

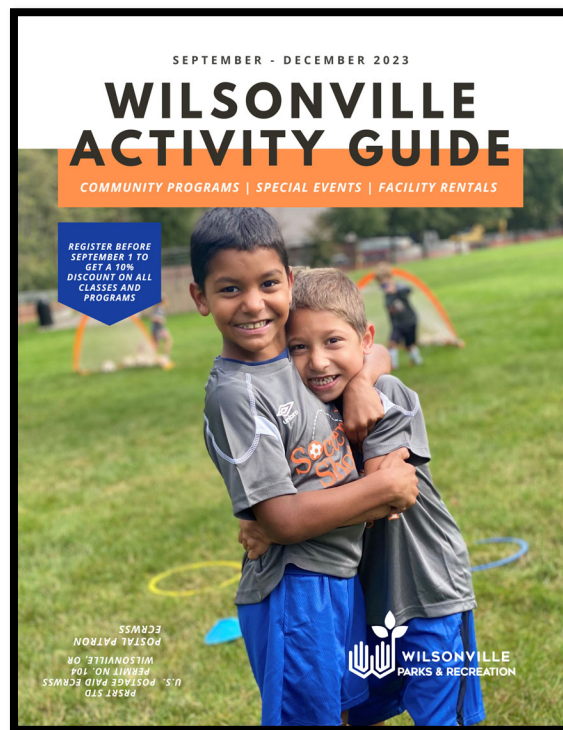
Mini Hoopers Basketball, the City's 1st and 2nd grade basketball program organized by the Parks and Rec Department has opened registration and seen a great response from the community. 57 kids have registered for the program with an expected total participation of 120.

Community Party in the Park a Success!

The annual Community Party in the Park Event (previously known as the Block Party) was held on August 24 in Town Center Park. The event featured live music from Anna Gilbert and band, chalk art from local Chalk artist, Brittany Resch, food trucks from Wilsonville Blazing Taco, Cousins Maine Lobster, Koi Fusion and Kona Ice. The event also featured Mystiques Fancy Faces Face Paint, Dewdrop the Unicorn from PNW Unicorn Therapy, inflatable games from Portland Party Works, and more! City departments each tabled with an activity or engagement opportunity, and the Parks and Rec team ran rubber duck races in the water feature. Overall, the Parks and Rec team thought it was the most well attended Party in the Park event since it began in 2017.

Community Center Update:

The Community Center's nutrition program welcomed the Clackamas County Senior Advisory Board in August. This volunteer Board visits all Community/Senior Centers in the County to enjoy a meal and give feedback on the various Center's nutrition program and overall Center operation. The Board was impressed with the quality of the meal provided by the Center's nutrition staff and was overwhelmed with the positive comments from Center attendees.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

Although the ACHC did not meet in August, staff brought the Public Art Program Guidelines and Policy Draft to City Council work session for feedback this month. The ACHC has been working on these guidelines and policies for several months in an effort to establish the City's Public Art program. The first art gallery exhibit at City Hall also got installed this month which features work from local Wilsonville artist and ACHC Member, Susan Schenk. The art gallery program is through a partnership with Clackamas County Arts Alliance and exhibits will rotate every three (3) months. Additionally the ACHC, along with Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council, were pleased to participate in the Party in the Park event where they tabled and encouraged kids to create their own chalk art.

Lastly, staff was excited for the opportunity to attend the Northwest Public Art Consortium for Arts Administrators which took place at the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton.



Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City board worked diligently in August to recruit local host families for the incoming Kitakata middle school group in late October. The board is still looking for a few additional host families. Applications may be found at ci.wilsonville.or.us/sistercity

A total of 13 students and two (2) chaperones will be visiting Wilsonville from Kitakata from October 28 through November 5. Their itinerary during their stay will include days at local Wilsonville Schools, a hike at Silver Falls State Park, Halloween activities and more! Council members and staff are encouraged to join any and all planned activities. Reach out to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us if interested.

Other Group Highlights

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.—Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. began ticket sales for their Fall Spaghetti fundraiser which will take place Saturday, September 23 at 5pm.

Upcoming Events

Wilsonville Community Seniors Spaghetti Fundraiser— September 23, 5pm, Wilsonville Community Center

35th Anniversary of Sister City Relationship with Kitakata, Japan: October 17

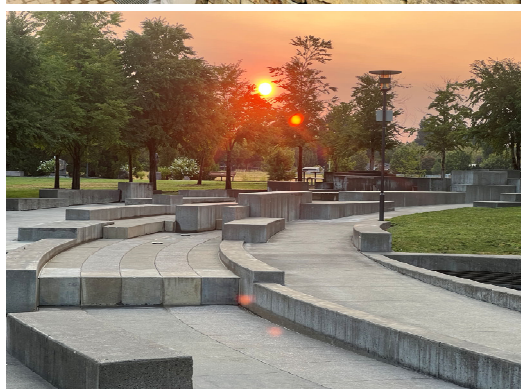
Harvest Festival: October 21, 10am-1pm, Stein-Boozier Barn

Kitakata Student Visit to Wilsonville: October 28-November 5

Parks Team

Summer Season Comes to a Close...

The Parks team has had a very busy Summer season. With water features coming to a close on September 5, and special events season winding down, the team will begin to focus on Fall maintenance routines, and special projects.



End of Water Features



Murase Play Equipment



**Disc Golf Tournament
Winners**



**Twist Bioscience Volunteer Day
At the Tauchman House**



Party in the Park Support



Routine Equipment Cleaning