



Parks and Recreation Report | May 2022

Recreation Updates:

May is the official start to our busy season; a time when you might find us running around a little frantic with our shirts on backwards. Shelter reservations pick up, the water features turn on, special events get busy, and more of the community is outside enjoying our parks. It always feels like summer when the sound of the laughter from the water feature in Town Center Park carries into the office.

Wilsonville Family Dance:

The recreation team was gearing up for the annual Wilsonville Family Dance this month. This dance has evolved out of the Wilsonville Daddy Daughter Dance in an effort to be more inclusive. This year featured two nights at the Stein-Boozier Barn, with a theme of woodland fairy wonderland! Each evening saw about 65 participants, and featured a live DJ, professional photo booth, a craft table, dancing, prize giveaways, snacks, and a scavenger hunt!

Summer Camps:

Summer camps and classes are beginning to fill, as the school year comes to a close. With over 70 camp options to choose from this summer, community members are sure to find something to keep their little ones busy! The parks and rec department does offer a financial assistance program, with a limit of up to \$300 per calendar year.

Pride Month:

As we move into June, the Parks and Rec Department is celebrating pride month! Free Wilsonville Pride stickers can be found at the Parks and Rec Admin Office, the library and City Hall. A pride month chalk art installation can also be found at Town Center Park.



National Credit Union Federation of Korea (NACUFOK) visits Korean War Memorial: The six-member Korean team, along with officials from the World Council of Credit Unions, traveled to Seattle, Las Vegas, and Southern California before coming to Oregon. While in Oregon the group stopped at the Oregon Korean War Memorial where they presented wreaths in memory of those lost in the Korean War and met two Korean War veterans, Chuck Lusardi and Burnie Jarvis, who shared stories of their experiences during the Korean War.

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:

Lunch Returns to the Community Center: On May 18, the Community Center's in-person congregate lunch returned for the first time since the pandemic. The program is averaging 30 seniors per day and is currently operating on Wednesdays and Fridays, with the goal of returning to the pre-pandemic frequency of four days per week some time later this year.

Virtual Reality Fitness Classes Begin: Community Center staff has transitioned from drop-in programs to a more formalized approach to the virtual reality fitness program spearheaded by Fitness Specialist, Brad Moore. The average age of class members is 75, with the oldest being 90, showcasing that older adults are not afraid to jump into exploring modern technology.

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony: 150 community members, veterans and military families honored those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during a Memorial Day ceremony at Town Center Park. Reflective speeches were given by Council President Akervall and by members of the Oregon Air National Guard and the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon. A flyover by the West Coast Ravens flight team graced the event in the Missing Man Formation with one pilot exiting the formation to the west, and heading towards the sunset – honoring those who have died.



Board Highlights

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. (WCSI) – Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc has begun collecting recipes for their WCSI Heritage Community Cookbook. The Cookbook will feature the favorite recipes of community members, be professionally published and serve as a fundraiser for the WCSI and their associated activities.

Parks and Rec Advisory Board— The Parks and Rec Advisory board met this month to discuss future goals and receive a park projects update presentation.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon – The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon continues to finalize the design for the Interpretive Center. The project which was initially expected to be completed by this summer is now targeting a November completion.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board—Board Chair Ashleigh Sumerlin, and board member Adrienne Scritsmier attended various school functions this month to help spread awareness about the sister city relationship. Board Chair Ashleigh Sumerlin attended the International Festival hosted by Lowrie Primary, and board member Adrienne Scritsmier hosted Wood Middle School Social Studies classes for a day during their planned Japanese curriculum.

Arts Culture & Heritage Committee— The newly formed Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission held its second meeting on May 18. Just two meetings in, Commission members have already elected a Chair and Vice Chair and identified priorities for the first year's work plan. We are also very fortunate to have Mayor Fitzgerald as our Council liaison. The Commissions next meeting will be held in person at the Wilsonville Public Library on Wednesday, June 15 at 5 PM where they will learn about and discuss Public Art 101 and the former Community Tourism Matching Grant Program to the renamed Community Cultural Events and Programs Matching Grant Program.

Parks Team

City of Wilsonville and School District Collaboration

May brought an opportunity for the Parks Team to collaborate with the West Linn-Wilsonville School District on the revitalization of a storm water garden at Boones Ferry Primary School. The project, which began pre-pandemic, was in its final phase when the team had the great privilege of helping out. The team was tasked with renovating the storm water garden by excavating and reinstalling 100 yards of soil media. This full team project allowed the students who started the project in 2019 to complete it before they headed off to High School next year.



Removal of Material Begins



Loading Out Old Fill



Students and City Teammates Replanting

Parks Team

Memorial Park Central Restroom

Projected Completion—Late June 2022

- Project's Remaining Items—Electrical and Concrete



Nearing Completion Awaiting Electrical Connection

River Fox Park Playground Project

Project to be Completed— Mid June 2022



Nearly Complete River Fox Park Playground