



Parks and Recreation Report | August 2026

Director's Report

With shorter days and kids back in school, Parks and Recreation is already looking ahead and preparing for a full lineup of fall and winter activities. So long Summer, now on to Fall!

It is exciting to take a moment to reflect on everything our team accomplished this summer and the many experiences they created for our community. So much happened this summer, from concerts and new park openings to everyday summer fun in our parks. If you haven't had a chance to visit Frog Pond Neighborhood Park, please do! You may notice some open dirt areas in the park. This fall, those areas will be planted with a native meadow designed to support our pollinators. It may not look like much right now, but just wait until next summer. It will be buzzing with life!

Registration continues for upcoming classes and workshops, so be sure to check out what's being offered. And mark your calendars for Harvest Fest on October 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be here before you know it!

Thank you for supporting our Parks and Recreation team and programs. We are grateful for the opportunity to create places, programs, and experiences that bring our community together.

Community Center, Recreation & Arts Updates

Party in the Park

The annual Party in the Park took place in August. The event included collaboration with the Farmers Market, live music by the Brandon Jones Band and great outreach by City Departments and partner agencies who had booths and engaging activities for the community to enjoy. The event also had face painters, balloon animal maker, train rides, inflatable games and more!



Skate Jam

Skate Jam, hosted by the Wilsonville Skatepark Association, showcased area skateboarders through a variety of competitions. The event also included two jam sessions for beginner and intermediate skaters. A highlight of the event was when a young skateboarder was attempting to drop in from one of the taller ramps. As she was attempting to gain the courage to go for it, one of the older advanced skaters ran up the ramp to give her some extra encouragement. When she finally dropped in and successfully rode through the park, the MC of the event highlighted her efforts and those in attendance all gave her a big round of applause! This event showcases a strong partnership between Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and local nonprofit organization, Wilsonville Skatepark Association.



Summer Camp Wrap Up

Each summer we see a large increase in participation for our youth camps as kids are out of school and on summer break! This summer was no different with a wide variety of camps offered. Camps ranged from YMCA Camps, Jordan Kent Sports Camps, Coyle Camps which focus on nature, Play-Well Teknologies which focus on Lego-inspired engineering and STEM, KidoKinetics which focus on sports, Chess Wizards, Soccer Shots, Timbers Soccer and STARS camp which is a free camp intended for families who receive SNAP benefits or other forms of government assistance.

Camps Offered	53
# of Campers	750+



Korean Consulate Visit

The City, in partnership with the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon, hosted visitors from the Korean consulate office in Seattle, WA. Consul General Sung Gil Chan met with Mayor O'Neil to tour the Oregon Korean War Memorial and Interpretive Center located in Town Center Park.





WILSONVILLE WRAPPED
A Utility Box Public Art Program

Calling All Artists — Apply by Oct. 21!




Utility Box located in Keizer, Oregon.
Photo & Artwork by Mackenzie Melody.
Courtesy of The City of Keizer.

New Public Art Program Launches - Wilsonville Wrapped

Applications are now being accepted for new public art project Wilsonville Wrapped, which will transform the City's Utility Boxes into works of art with vinyl wraps that feature artwork.

Movies in the Park

At Town Center Park, we screened Zootopia 2 on August 7 and Hoppers on the August 14, with an attendance of over 500 people between the two movies. With Que Sabroso and Mocha Mango as food options and Wilsonville Orthodontics supplying complimentary popcorn, we had a crowd of happy movie goers. Attendees were arriving hours before the movies started to snag the best spot, and as the sun continued to go down, the field became full of Wilsonville residents.



Music in the Park

Sabroso, a Latin funk band, closed our Music in the Park series on the August 13. Showcasing their skills on the bongos, bass, drums, saxophone, and trumpet, they got concert goers up and dancing throughout the show. We had a great attendance of over 200 people, not including all those listening to the music at the farmer's market. From 6pm to 8pm, Town Center Park was filled with music and laughter.



Frog Pond Neighborhood Park Opening-Play in the Park Event

We were excited to welcome the community to visit the newly opened Frog Pond Neighborhood Park this month. Activities included had coloring sheets, a name the frog activity, origami frog craft station, and a cake decorated with frogs!



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

The ACHC met in August and approved design for a temporary mural celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and Latino Culture, reviewed the Call For Art application for the Utility Box Public Art Program, continued their discussion on Public Art Maintenance, and provided feedback on the summer event Many Cultures, One Community.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board did not meet in August.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in August and has their next scheduled meeting is on September 10 where they will conduct a parks tour.

Upcoming Events

September 16 3pm—5pm **Memorial Park Playground Opening**

October 24 10am—1pm **Harvest Festival**

***Fall Class Registration is now open**

Parks Team

The Parks Maintenance team had a productive month. Throughout August, they have focused on wrapping up the Water Feature season, working through on-going irrigation repairs, and have helped support the tail end of the reservation season. The team also supported many community events such as Rotary Concerts, Farmer's Market, Music in the Park, Party in the Park and more!

One of the highlights of the month was the opening of Frog Pond Neighborhood Park. This new park provides an additional recreational and gathering space for the community and represents an important investment in the City's parks system.

The Memorial Park ballfield safety improvement project started with improvements to the dugouts and safety netting being installed, along with a new shelter between ballfields #1-#3.

We are pleased to welcome our Lead Maintenance Specialist, Luke McKinnon, and Parks Maintenance Specialist, Dallana Contreras, to the team this past month. Their addition has already provided valuable support.

