



Parks and Recreation Report | June 2025

Director's Report

Summer is in full swing and as you would imagine, our department is very busy with park maintenance, overseeing projects, booking reservations, and running programs. Some specific highlights for the month include:

- Temporary pride month mural at the Parks & Rec Administration Building
- Korean War Remembrance Ceremony
- Start of summer camps including STARS Camp
- Tournament prep
- Free skateboard lessons
- Juneteenth and Pride event support
- Disc golf course expansion
- Community garden updates
- Water features opened for the season
- Volunteer group coordination
- Memorial Park gate improvements

For further details on these and other June highlights please read on...

~Kris Ammerman

Recreation & Arts Updates

STARS Camp

The annual STARS Camp took place June 16 -18! The camp, which is intended for those on the free or reduced lunch program, is run by Wilsonville High School volunteers. 36 campers attended camp this year! They enjoyed field games, science experiments, nature hikes, and more. We are happy to be able to offer this camp to the community.

Summer Camps are in Full Swing!

Summer camps began the week of June 16. Already we have seen several sports camps including tennis, basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, and flag football, along with many multi-sport camps! The ever-popular Chess Wizards chess camp also ran at the Parks and Rec Admin Building, their first week had 25 kids enrolled! There are still lots of camps available. Those interested should register at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register



Temporary Pride Month Mural at Parks & Rec Admin

Previously at the April Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee (ACHC) meeting, the Commission selected Daren Todd and his design for this year's temporary pride mural to be installed for the month of June. Daren enjoys "funky abstract designs" and "making larger than-life sized artworks and installations designed to inspire." He has recently completed work for the Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland Streetcar. His unique design for Wilsonville Pride is called "Celebrating In Every Color" and it expresses a vibrant and joyful celebration of queer love, identity and community. The mural is inspired by the Progress Pride Flag and is designed with a rainbow gradient from left to right. Monochromatic hues make up each of the seven panels, a nod to the visual spectrum depicted in the illustrations that honors the full diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community. The design allows for light to come into the building and also invites people to pause, reflect and celebrate Pride in all its forms. The purpose and goal of the mural is to provide visual representation to uplift, recognize and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community and celebrate and honor Pride Month which was achieved by Daren's thoughtful design.



Recreation & Arts Updates cont.

Skateboard Lessons

In partnership with the Wilsonville Skate park Association, free skateboard lessons were offered this month. 22 young community members had the opportunity to learn the basics of skateboarding during three sessions taught by volunteer coaches.



Korean War Remembrance Ceremony

Nearly 300 individuals were in attendance on Saturday, June 29 at Town Center Park for a ceremony remembering the 75th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Korean War. Speeches were made by Mayor O'Neil, The Honorable Eunji Seo, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Seattle, Francesca Kim, President, Korean Society of Oregon and Dr. Nakeia Daniels, Director of Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA). Veterans were recognized throughout the event, seven memorial wreaths were placed and taps were played at the culmination to honor those who were lost.



Parks Team



The team has been busy with normal operations and helping with other department's events such as Pride and Juneteenth!

Other project include community garden upgrades, disc golf expansion work, gate improvements at Memorial Park and coordinating volunteer groups in the parks.



A diseased white oak tree was removed at Murase Plaza.



The team has also been working on the shelter replacement at Willow Creek.

Board Highlights

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board welcomed two new members at their June meeting. The Board also took time to review the grant criteria of the Community Opportunity Grant. At this time the Board is not recommending any changes to grant applicant criteria.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

While the ACHC did not meet in June they got to see the design they selected come to life for the 2025 Temporary Pride Month Mural completed by Daren Todd.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met and built out the itinerary for the student delegation scheduled to visit in December 2025. In addition to playful stops at Bullwinkles, Frog Pond Farm and the World Forestry Center, the delegation will be touring City facilities and enjoying breakfast with the Executive Team on Monday, December 8. The Board also finalized designs for two stickers that will be used for tabling at events and handouts for the delegation visitors.



Upcoming Events

July 4 Concert and Laser Light Show: Friday, July 4, 8 pm, Town Center Park

Skate Jam: Saturday, July 19, 1 –3 pm, Memorial Park Skatepark

Movies in the Park Series

Friday, July 25, dusk, Town Center Park—Moana 2

Friday, August 8, dusk, Town Center Park—Inside Out 2

Friday, August 22, dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter—Wild Robot

Rotary Summer Concert Series

Thursday, July 17, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park—Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park—Kalimba

Thursday, July 31, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park—Hit Machine

Thursday, August 7, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park—Norman Sylvester Band

Party in the Park: Thursday, August 21, 5-8 pm, Town Center Park