



Parks and Recreation Report | November 2024

The annual toy drive and senior stocking collection began this month. Donations are being accepted at the Community Center through Tuesday, December 10. Toys will be distributed through Clackamas County Toy n' Joy and the Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center. Thank you to all the families who have donated so far! The Toy Drive is always a shining example of the generosity of the Wilsonville Community. The team has been hard at work on several big projects this month including the Memorial Park Athletic Field Lighting Updates, and the Community Tree Lighting Event which will take place on Thursday, December 5 at 5pm in Town Center Park. The Tree Lighting will feature choir performances from our local schools, pictures with Santa, a hot cocoa station, crafts, and of course, the lighting of the holiday tree. A big shoutout to our Parks team for the installation of all the holidays lights in Town Center Park this year– they certainly bring cheer to these shorter days.

Happy Holidays Wilsonville! ~Kris Ammerman



Recreation Updates

Veterans Day

On November 11, in partnership with the Korean War Veterans Association-Oregon Trail Chapter, the City helped to host a Veterans Day event at The Oregon Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park. Mayor Julie Fitzgerald offered a welcome to the crowd. She and Councilor Berry represented the City of Wilsonville placing a Memorial wreath to pay their respects.

Toy Drive and Senior Stockings

The Holiday Toy Drive and Senior Stocking program is in full swing. The community response has been great with loads of toys finding their way to the Community Center, as well as many items for the Senior Stocking program. Community members have until December 6 to bring items to the Community Center. The toys are donated to the Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center and Clackamas County Compassion in Action Toy and Joy Makers, while the stockings are delivered to home delivered meal clients. Donations are being collected at the Community Center through December 10.

Letters to Winter Wonderland

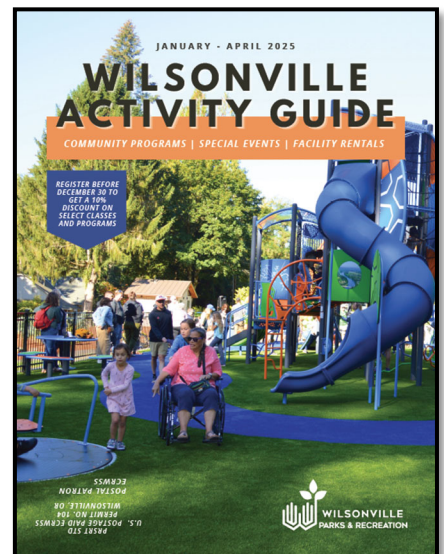
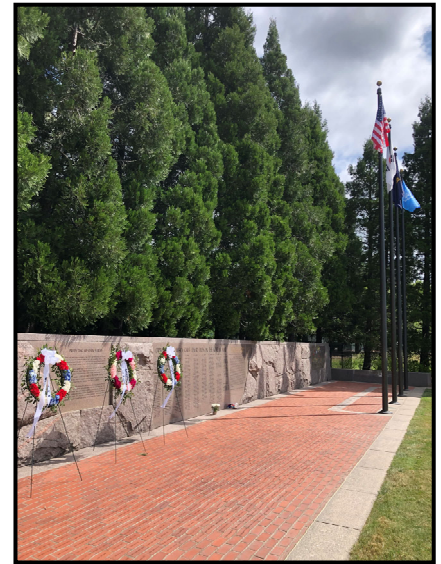
The letters to Winter Wonderland program kicked off on December 2. Letters will be accepted through December 18 at the Parks and Rec Admin Building. Participants can choose to receive a reply letter from several Winter Wonderland characters including Santa, Peggy the Penguin, Peter the Polar Bear and the Gingerbread Man. Letters turned in with a return address by December 18 will receive a reply letter back from Winter Wonderland.

Winter/Spring 2025 Activity Guide & Registration

The Winter/Spring 2025 Activity Guide, which spans the months of January through April, was completed in November and sent to print. Events in this guide include the Wilsonville Family Formal, a Spring Break 'Kindness Crew' Volunteer Program, WERK Day, the Community Egg Hunt, the Hunt for Cupid's Hearts, Lunar New Year, and more! Registration opens for classes and programs on Monday, December 9.

NEW Spring Break Opportunity for Teens Ages 15-18 The Kindness Crew Volunteer Program, March 24-28

The Recreation team is excited to announce a new program— The Kindness Crew, Teen Volunteer Group! This new opportunity will take place over Spring Break, March 24-28 and is aimed at teens ages 15-18. The Recreation team has paired up with several area non-profit organizations such as Rose Haven, the Albina Community Garden, and the National Bird Alliance, among others. The program has already gained sponsorship support from Nichols Family Agency, Therapeutic Associates and Edward Jones. Sponsorships will cover the cost of a 15 passenger rental for the week, which the group will use to get around to various project sites. For more information, or to get involved with the Kindness Crew, please reach out to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us



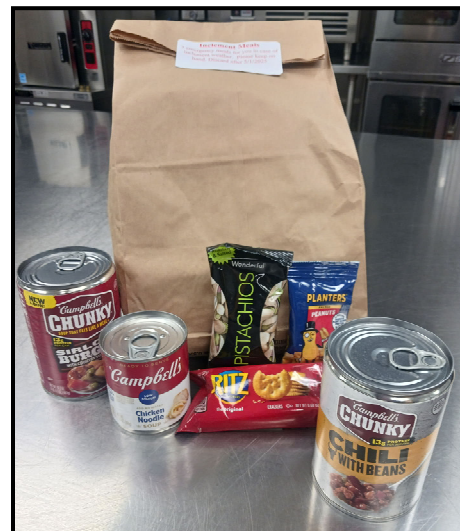
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Community Center

Shelf Stable Meals

In November, three shelf stable meals were put together by the Center's nutrition staff and sent out to home delivered meal clients. The meals which included hearty soups, snack bars, tuna/crackers and more are an important part of the home delivered meal program. In the event of weather that does not allow the Center's volunteer drivers to reach homebound seniors, these meals ensure their nutritional needs can be met for three meals.

Additionally in November, a special Thanksgiving themed meal was held at the Community Center and drew in 65 attendees. Guest were treated to traditional Thanksgiving fare with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and everyone's favorite....pie!



Life 101

In November, the Community Center continued its Life 101 lecture series with two learning sessions. Nutrition and food expert, Christina Lucy provided some clarity amidst the confusion on the best foods to eat, as well as knowing what to look out for on food labels as manufactures and advertisers can be tricky with their terminology. Attorney Michael Rose of Rose Elder Law presented a workshop centered around estate planning basics such as wills, trusts, probate, powers of attorney, advance directives, and Medicaid Planning.

Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

At the November meeting the ACHC along with two members from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee discussed artist applications and their respective designs for the HeARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart Project which consists of 10 large fiberglass hearts which will get installed in front of City Facilities and in City Parks. A motion was made for what 10 designs to award the project to. This project was funded by a Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement grant. Additionally, the ACHC reviewed requests for qualifications (RFQ) presented by staff on the Boones Ferry Public Art Project.

At the Nov.18 City Council Meeting, Council Adopted the ACHC's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Five Year Action Plan and Annual One Year Implementation Plan which summarizes the work accomplished by the ACHC as well as provides a longer-range give-year plan.

Hearty Hug

A bunch of people sharing a warm hug - just the way Wilsonville feels



ARTIST NAME:
Abhinaya Sudharsanam

Upcoming Events

- December 5, 5:30 pm | Community Tree Lighting, Town Center Park
- December 9, 8 am | Winter/Spring Registration Opens– [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/register)
- February 21, 7-9 pm | Wilsonville Family Formal, Wilsonville Community Center
- March 24-28 | Spring Break Kindness Crew, Teen Volunteer Program
- April 19, 10am | Wilsonville Community Egg Hunt, Wilsonville Memorial Park

Parks Team Updates

November brought a full slate of activities and projects for the parks team. The team was busy installing holiday lights and new benches in Town Center Park. They also worked to complete the music in Murase project, funded by the Wilsonville—Metro Community Enhancement grant, by installing new landscaping to elevate the space. One of the large projects happening in November was the installation of new LED athletic field lights in Memorial Park. The team is excited for this project to be completed as it will expand youth sports capacity in Memorial Park.

