



Parks and Recreation Report | May 2025

Director's Report

On Saturday, May 10 we held our annual WERK day event. After a hearty omelet and pancake breakfast served with a smile by the Wilsonville Rotary Club, volunteers headed out into our parks to provide service. Participants had two projects to choose from. One was planting plants to enhance the pollinator area by the community garden and another was beautification in Murase Plaza. In addition to our human powered work force we also enlisted the help of a herd of goats and a llama to munch away at invasive species, which made for a nice goat petting opportunity for our volunteers. The weather was perfect for working outside which no doubt helped boost our attendance. We had roughly 100 volunteers for the event and we are grateful to all of them for helping to make Wilsonville Parks better.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out for WERK Day!

-Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates

STARS Summer Camp Training

The STARS camp completed their Red Cross First Aid, CPR, and AED training to prepare them to take care of campers this summer. Our STARS camp is coordinated by high school volunteers. The camp is free of charge and is intended for families on SNAP or government assistance. This will be our fourth year offering the STARS camp to the community.

The camp still has openings available for this season's session taking place June 16-18 from 9am-3pm. Registration is online at: wilsonvilleoregon.gov/register



Japanese Cooking Class

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board presented a Japanese cooking class for free. The Instructor and Chef Jane Hashimawari taught participants how to make their very own hiyashi chuka ramen. Students made their own bowl of ramen and went home with a copy of the recipe. The class was so successful we ended up opening it up for a second session! There were many smiles and bowls filled with yummy food.



Community Center and Event Update

Nutrition Program and Mother's Day Lunch

The month of May saw the Center's nutrition team produce over 2,000 meals. 807 were served as part of the Center's in-person lunch program with 1,245 being sent out as part of the City's home delivered meal program. Additionally, 84 community members came to the Center and enjoyed a special Mother's Day themed meal.

AARP Smart Driver

This past month also brought volunteers from AARP to the Community Center to present their classroom course, "AARP Smart Driver". Participants learned proven methods to reduce traffic violations and keep themselves and loved ones safe on the road.

WERK Day & Goats Recap

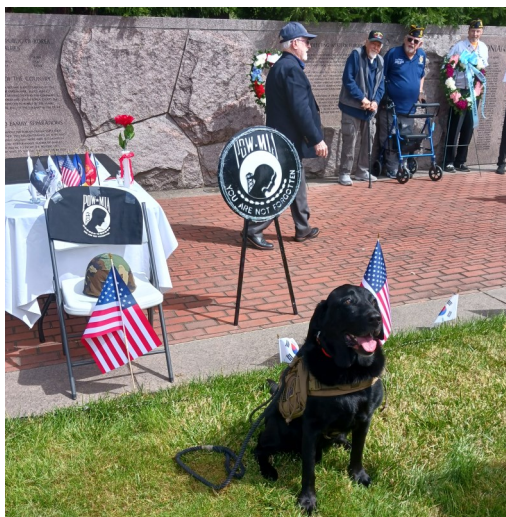
The annual WERK (Wilsonville Environmental Resource Keepers) Day event, drew roughly 100 people. The Wilsonville Rotary Club generously cooked up a delicious breakfast of omelets and pancakes. This year's projects included planting the pollinator garden, bark chipping around trees and the showcase garden in Murase Plaza. In addition to WERK Day projects there was a free goat petting event. The goats were part of a contract to help munch away invasive species in Memorial Park.



Event Updates

Memorial Day Ceremony

In partnership with the Korean War Veterans Association—Oregon Trail Chapter, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. Nearly 200 community members were in attendance including first responders from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Mayor O’Neil gave welcome remarks and Council President Berry assisted the Mayor laying a memorial wreath on behalf of the City.



Mayor O’Neil shares a moment with Korean War Veterans Chuck Lusardi and Mike Williamson

Temporary Pride Month Mural Install

Artist Daren Todd was selected by the Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission to complete this year’s temporary Pride Month Mural. Daren completed his work in May and there will be a mural reception and pride event June 7. The purpose of the mural is to provide visual representation to uplift, recognize and celebrate members of Wilsonville’s LGBTQIA+ community. Daren’s design 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



Parks Team Updates

May Kept the Team Busy!

The parks team has been busy with the increase in facility rentals, park improvement projects and preparing for water feature season! The team has also been busy with training seasonal staff and helping support both internal and external special events.



The crew was busy clearing brush and chipping at the Park at Merryfield Trail

A concrete pad was done in-house at the new edible landscape; a picnic table will be added to the pad.



Two of the parks pollinator gardens received Backyard Habitat Certification. Murase was awarded silver certification and the community garden received top honors with platinum certification.



Parks Team Updates continued...

heARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart Installation

The Parks Maintenance team promptly worked together the day after the opening reception event to install the 10 large fiberglass hearts; which is the city's latest public art project. The entire installation was handled by the team from building the bases, installing the signage, placing them throughout town, and adding material to the bases for weight and safety. The Parks & Recreation Department continues to receive positive feedback on the project.



Upcoming Events:

Pride Celebration and Mural Reception: Saturday, June 7, 2-4pm, Town Center Park

Juneteenth Event (Hosted by Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee): Thursday, June 19, 5-7pm, Town Center Park

Korean War Remembrance Ceremony: Saturday, June 28, 10 am, Town Center Park

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