



Parks and Recreation Report | June 2024

Director's Report

June highlights:

- Pride Mural (pictured above) unveiling and reception at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building
- Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center Grand Opening
- Summer camps began
- Boones Ferry Playground work began
- Boones Ferry Park and Park at Merryfield trail projects break ground

Upcoming Events:

- Fourth of July Laser Light Show and Concert
- STARS Camp July 8-11
- Movies in the Park

Happy Summer!

~Kris Ammerman

Community Center & Recreation Updates

STARS Camp

The annual STARS Camp is gearing up to take place July 8-11 at the Memorial Park River Shelter. The camp, which is intended for those on the free or reduced lunch program, is run by Wilsonville High School volunteers. The camp is 9am-3pm each day and includes activities like arts and crafts, sports, and STEM experiments. The counselors had their training on Sunday, June 30 where they reviewed each day's activities and went over safety precautions. Ten counselors from the group also took and passed a CPR exam through the red cross earlier this summer. In total, 38 kids are registered for the camp.

Summer Camps are in Full Swing!

Summer camps began the week of June 17. Several sports camps including tennis, basketball and flag football, along with a 3-5 year old multi-sport camp kicked off the summer! The week of the 24th saw the season's first Jordan Kent Skills camp with over 75 kids enrolled. The ever popular Chess Wizards chess camp also ran at the Parks and Rec Admin Building that week with 12 kids enrolled. There are still lots of camps available. Those interested should register at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register

Community Garden Work Parties

New at the Community Garden this year is a volunteer requirement of four hours per garden plot. To encourage participation, the Recreation team has been hosting monthly work parties where gardeners get together and work on service projects with one another. June was the second work party of the season, and while few gardeners attended— they were very hard working, and cleared an abandon plot for a new gardener on the waitlist. The next garden work party is scheduled for July 18 at 5:30pm.



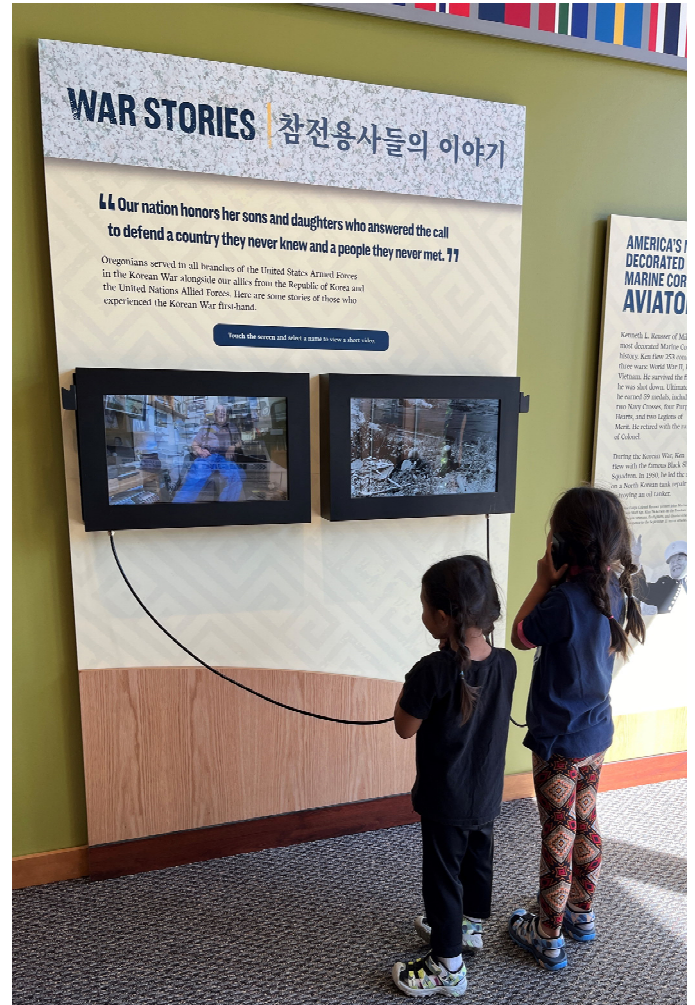
Skateboard Lessons

In partnership with the Wilsonville Skate park Association, free skateboard lessons were offered this month. The program filled to capacity with 20 skaters and a waitlist. The group hopes to offer the lessons again this fall.



Interpretive Center Opens!

The long awaited Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center opened on June 29 as part of the Korean War Remembrance ceremony. A large crowd gathered at Town Center Park to hear speeches from Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Governor Tina Kotek and Congresswoman Andrea Salinas. Additionally, 13 Veterans who had yet to receive their recognition were given the Congressional Medal of Freedom on behalf of the Republic of Korea.



Community Center Updates

Life 101 Lecture Series

The summer session of the lecture series continued in June. Physical therapist and vestibular specialist Sydney Neumann, spoke about the most common causes of dizziness and what can be done to decrease your symptoms. An AARP representative presented on how to protect from scammers and identity theft. And the last lecture was on brain health and activities that support brain health.

AARP Smart Driver

A full class of 13 took part in an all day classroom training learning tips and techniques to be a safe, defensive driver. As an added bonus, those completing the course are eligible for discounts on their auto insurance.

Nutrition Program

In June the nutrition program served up 589 meals as part of the Center's in-person lunch program and sent out 1,440 meals to home-bound clients enrolled in the home delivered meal program. There was also a special Father's Day lunch.

Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

The Pride Month Mural Reception took place On Saturday June 1 and was a great collaboration between the ACHC and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. The event was a chance for the Pride Mural to be showcased and unveiled, which was painted by local artist Lauren “Ren” Kyles. The mural was up the entire month of June for Pride Month located outside the Parks & Recreation Administration Building. The purpose and goal of the mural was to provide visual representation to uplift, recognize and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community and celebrate and honor Pride Month. Ren “wanted to create a visual language that celebrates the essence of the LGBTQIA+ community.” She also featured a folk-art aesthetic and the illustrations symbolized growth, transformation, love, happiness and the connections that bind us together. The event featured speeches, artist FAQ, Story time from the Library, treats and refreshments, as well as handing out the City’s Pride Pin. The mural will remain up until mid-July for any late viewing.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI)

The WCSI held its annual congregate meeting which included Board member elections. All Board members were voted in to continue their role. The Board also held Officer elections in June and secured their leadership roles for the upcoming year.

Upcoming Events

Laser Light Show: July 4, Town Center Park—Music begins at 8pm, Light Show begins ~9:45pm

Movies in the Park Series:

- **Barbie:** July 12, Dusk, Town Center Park
- **Elemental:** July 26, Dusk, Edelweiss Park
- **Migration:** August 9, Dusk, Town Center Park
- **Wish:** August 23, Dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter

Party in the Park: August 22, 5:30-8:30pm, Town Center Park

Skate Jam: August 24, 1-3pm, Wilsonville Memorial Park Skatepark



Parks Team

There is a lot going on in the parks as we move through the summer months. The team has been busy with projects and maintenance of all types and sizes. The Boones Ferry Park Playground, Restroom and Trail Projects all continue to move forward, with major site prep happening for the playground project.



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The team spent some time finishing up an unexpected project in Trocadero park. A Sink hole appeared near the Ice Age Tonquin trail in the spring. The team acted quickly and was able to resolve the situation in a timely manner with no amenity damage. The team finished off the project by installing new sod in June.

The team has been focused on irrigation repair and water conservation as the summer heat moves in. Valve repairs like the one pictured here helps to ensure the parks stay vibrant but water is not wasted in the process. These repairs have been critical in both water and fiscal stewardship.

