



## Parks and Recreation Report | August 2025

### Director's Report

Headlining events for August was the community Party in the Park. This annual event is an opportunity for each city department to showcase their work to the community with a family-friendly activity. Other activities include live music, food trucks, chalk art, art for kids, face painting, duck races, and the SMART train. The duck races (pictured above) are a kid favorite. Every hour during the event the Parks and Rec team coordinates a duck race down the Town Center Park water feature and the winner receives a prize.

Another highlight this month was the opportunity to support the City Council in honoring Oregon State Senator Aaron Woods with a Memorial Service and Bench/Plaque dedication in Town Center Park on August 13. It was a touching and heartfelt tribute to a beloved, long time Wilsonville resident and public servant. We were grateful to be able to support the event.

Additionally, many of our summer events wrapped up this month including movies, concerts and summer camps. As we begin the transition into the start of school we will see the end on the water feature season and look ahead to events such as the Fall Harvest Festival.

~Kris Ammerman



## Community Center, Recreation & Arts Updates

### Fall Brings New Classes!

Several new classes are being offered this fall including stained glass workshops, , seasonal cake decorating workshops, youth dance and gymnastics. Beloved classics will also make their return this season, like Mini Hoopers Basketball, Harvest Festival and Community Tree Lighting. Find a class that's right for you at [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register)

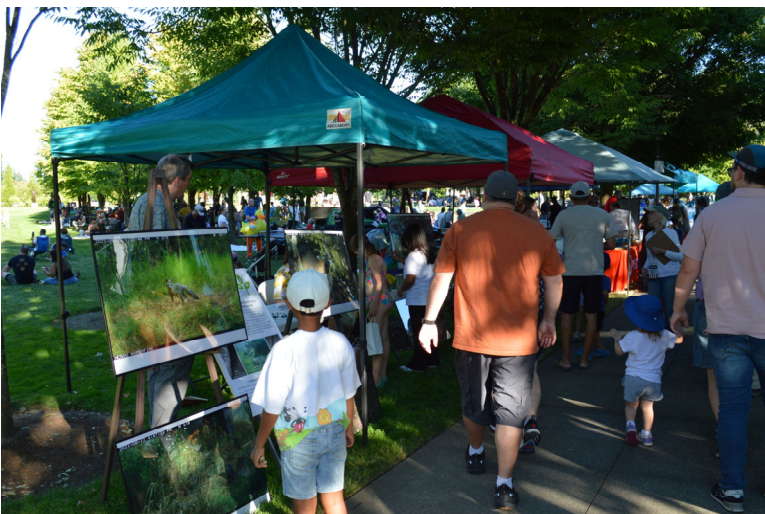
### Movies in the Park

The final movies in the park of the season took place in August with Inside Out 2 and Wild Robot.



### Party in the Park

Community favorite Party in the Park returned this year with many family friendly activities provided by city departments and coordinated by the Parks and Recreation department.





## Upcoming Public Art Projects

### Boones Ferry Park Public Art

This month, the three artist finalists, determined by the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC), submitted design proposals for the Public Art Project at Boones Ferry Park. This project's development started back in 2023. The Request for Qualifications was released in December 2024 and the City received 150 applications. The ACHC reviewed the proposals and selected three artist finalists. The finalists have been working on their site specific and unique designs for this project which has the theme of "The Essence of the River." The finalists are: Pete Beeman; Todji Kurtzman; and Lin McJunkin & Milo White (Team). The ACHC will receive presentations from the finalists, review their design proposals, and award the project at their October 15 meeting which is open to the public. The estimated installation for the final work is in the fall of 2026, as the sculpture(s) will need to be created and fabricated.



This aerial image shows the potential three zones for art-work.

Artists could pick one zone, or develop projects for multiple zones.

### Children's Section Murals at the Wilsonville Public Library

Parks & Rec (Arts) staff in collaboration with the Wilsonville Public Library Staff are moving a new mural project forward which includes four walls in the Children's Section at the Library. The Library Foundation is funding this project with an artist stipend of \$20,000. Library Staff conducted a data gathering project over the summer to receive patron feedback on what they would like to see in a mural in the children's area and over 700 responses were received. When patrons are in the library/children's room, the three most common feelings they felt were happy, calm, and excited. Other popular feelings mentioned were welcome, peaceful, relaxed, and safe. When patrons were asked what they would like to see in a mural, the most popular themes were animals, nature, books, book characters, and mythical characters.



### **Children's Section Murals at the Wilsonville Public Library...continued**

When visitors step into the Children's Section and see the murals, we want them to feel all the feelings mentioned above but also feel inspired, curious, and creative. The murals should include elements such as the elements mentioned above with a general sense of whimsy, fun, and freedom. There will be a formal selection process to award the project to an artist/artist team consisting of Library Staff, Library Foundation members, and Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission members. The Call for Art application is currently out, with a due date of September 10.

### **Community Center Highlights**

A new session of Healthy Bones and Balance started with 50 participants spread over two classes. The Center's nutrition program provided just over 900 meals as part of the in-person lunch program with 1,579 going out to home delivered meal clients.

## **Board Highlights**

### **Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)**

At the August ACHC meeting the Commission received a presentation from the Wilsonville Historical Society about recent and future projects, as well as a presentation on the project status for the Boones Ferry Park Public Art Project, which the Commission will be awarding at their October 15 meeting. They also discussed plans for the heARTs of Wilsonville Silent Auction, and upcoming mural project in the Children's Section at the Wilsonville Public Library.

### **Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board (KSCAB)**

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in August and reviewed the itinerary for the December student delegation and prepared for the Host Family information night.

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in August. Their next meeting will be in October when they review Community Opportunity Grant applications.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Fall Harvest Fest:** October 18, 10am– 1pm at the Stein Boozier Barn

**Community Tree Lighting:** December 4, 5:30 pm at Town Center Park





## Parks Team

As summer comes to an end, the Parks team is still busy with reservations, projects and both internal and external events. The team is also preparing to wrap up water features on September 3.

The team assisted with movies in the park and other city events such as the Senator Woods Memorial. The team did an excellent job of coordinating with city staff to plan the event, sprucing up Town Center Park, along with set up and tear down of the event.



The parks team was all hands on deck at Party in Park with the team ensuring the park was in tip top shape for the event! The duck races were thoroughly enjoyed!



The team finished cleaning up the Willow Creek Park sign and received great feedback from a community member:

*“Not sure who we give a shout-out to but EVERYONE here has noticed how nice and clean our park sign is. Can you forward a huge thanks on behalf of the Wilsonville Meadows residents and HOA? Another homerun! “*

