



## Parks and Recreation Report | May 2026

### Director's Report

May is an exciting time for Parks and Recreation because it marks the transition into our busiest season of the year. While summer activities are just around the corner, this month is all about preparation. We are making sure everything is in place to provide a fun, safe, and memorable experience for our community!

Behind the scenes, our team is hard at work preparing parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and water features for increased use. We're finalizing summer classes and events, coordinating seasonal operations, and ensuring our facilities and public spaces are ready to welcome residents and visitors throughout the months ahead. At the same time, we continue to provide the programs, services, and maintenance that our community relies on every day. It takes a great deal of planning and teamwork to prepare for the summer season, and I am continually impressed by the dedication and commitment of our staff!

As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, we look forward to seeing our parks and recreation spaces come to life. Whether you're planning to attend a community event, participate in a program, or simply spend time outdoors with family and friends, we hope you'll enjoy everything our Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Department has to offer.

Cheers,  
Megan Big John, Parks & Recreation Director

## Recreation Updates

### Summer Preparations Underway & New Seasonal Recreation Assistant

Summer is right around the corner, and the Recreation staff were busy with preparations in May for summer camps, classes and events; booking bands, lining out entertainment and food trucks, organizing supplies and more. With just under 65 different summer camp offerings, and 10+ special events, there's bound to be something for the whole family. The Recreation team is also thrilled to announce the addition of a seasonal Recreation Assistant, Olivia Snyder. Olivia will be assisting with summer camps, social media content creation, class notifications, programming, special events and much more! Olivia comes to us with her Bachelors of Science in Planning, Public Policy and Management from University of Oregon and has experience working in craft centers, pickleball clubs, bike camps, and has even worked abroad in Japan.

### 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 (TVF&R) and Wilsonville Police. Mayor O'Neil gave welcome remarks and Council President Berry assisted the Mayor laying a memorial wreath on behalf of the City. Korean War veteran Mike Williamson shared his thoughts on Memorial Day and his experiences in the Korean War.

Picture: Members of the Civil Air Patrol – Aurora Squadron present the colors at this year's Memorial Day ceremony.



### Upcoming Events:

**Pride Celebration (Hosted by DEI Committee):** Saturday, June 13, 2-5pm, Town Center Park

**Drag Me Outside Nature Walks:** Sat. June 13 & Sun. June 14 at 10am—Memorial Park (pre-registration req.)

**Juneteenth Event (Hosted by DEI Committee):** Thursday, June 19, 5-8pm, Town Center Park

**Concert in the Park:** Thursday, June 25, 6pm, Town Center Park—Aaron Nigel Smith

**Korean War Remembrance Ceremony:** Saturday, June 27, 10 am, Town Center Park

**Skate Jam:** Saturday, June 27, 1–4 pm, Memorial Park Skatepark

**July 4 Concert and Laser Light Show:** Friday, July 4, 8pm, Town Center Park, Live Music from SoulProof

**Many Cultures, One Community:** Thursday, July 9, 5:30-8:30pm, Town Center Park

#### Rotary Summer Concert Series

Thursday, July 16, 5:30pm, Town Center Park—Hit Machine

Thursday, July 23, 5:30pm, Town Center Park—Conjunto Alegre

Thursday, July 30, 5:30pm, Town Center Park—Jennifer Batten & Full Steam

Thursday, August 6, 5:30pm, Town Center Park—Band After Midnight

**Movie in the Park:** Friday, August 7, dusk (~8:30pm), Town Center Park—Super Mario Galaxy

**Concert in the Park:** Thursday, August 13, 6pm, Town Center Park—Sabroso

**Movie in the Park:** Friday, August 14, dusk (~8:15pm), Town Center Park—Hoppers

**Party in the Park:** Thursday, August 20, 5:30-8:30pm, Town Center Park, Live Music from Brandon Jones Band

## Community Center Updates

### Fall Prevention Workshop

May brought a fall prevention workshop as part of the Center's Life 101 lecture series. Presented by a retired Occupational Therapist, the lecture focused on factors associated with falls and how to mitigate those risks at home and in the natural environment.

### AARP Smart Driver

This past month also brought volunteers from American Association of Retired Persons (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.

### Conversational Spanish Returns

After a brief hiatus, the conversational Spanish group returned to the Center. This free drop-in group meets weekly on Fridays and provides an opportunity to individuals with a small Spanish speaking background an opportunity to meet up and improve their Spanish fluency.

### Nutrition Program and Mother's Day Lunch

The month of May saw the Center's nutrition team produce over 2,550 meals, up from 2,000 in May 2025. 810 were served as part of the Center's in-person lunch program with 1,745 being sent out as part of the City's home delivered meal program. The home delivered meal program saw a 500 meal increase from May 2025. Additionally, 65 community members came to the Center and enjoyed a special Mother's Day themed meal.



Picture: The Center's nutrition staff pride themselves on converting in-person lunch items to frozen home-delivered meals. Pictured is some of the 700+ frozen meals waiting to go out to home bound seniors.

## City Boards and Commissions Updates:

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

At the May ACHC meeting, the Commission received a presentation regarding the City's Tourism Program. The ACHC also discussed next steps on completing a public art assessment of the City's current collection. Commissioners volunteered for different locations and pieces and will inspect and document each piece. Additionally, the Commission recapped the recent Light-Art installation in Murase Plaza Park and discussed the upcoming Cultural Event taking place on July 9 at Town Center Park.

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

During the May Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, members discussed the Community Opportunity Grant guidelines, reviewed the 2025 goals for possible refinement and adjustment, and received staff updates on current events and projects.

## Othe Board Updates:

**Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO):** The KWMFO met in May to prepare for their upcoming Korean War Remembrance Ceremony. The event will take place on Saturday, June 27 at 10am in Town Center Park.



## Arts and Culture Updates:

### Pride Month Mural at Parks and Recreation Administration Building

Wilsonville is once again recognizing Pride Month with a community celebration and a temporary mural on the glass exterior of the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at Town Center Park. For the third consecutive year, the City’s Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) has commissioned a mural that provides visual representation to uplift, recognize and celebrate members of the LGBTQIA+ Community. Paola De La Cruz, a second-generation Dominican artist and community organizer, was selected by the ACHC and members of the City’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, and recently completed the mural which is viewable for the month of June (Pride Month). Her work navigates the intersection of art, advocacy, and lived experience, drawing inspiration from her own experiences with migration, queerness, and resilience. Her design — currently on display — centers the emotional intimacy within queer communities, an homage to the ways people show up for and with one another in soft, intentional ways. The colors of the Pride flag emerge through the clothing of the figures, forming the flag when they come together, as a symbol of connection, belonging, and collective care.

### Light-Art Installation from Foxlight Labs

Staff recently collaborated with Foxlight Labs, a Eugene-based artist group including physicists-turned-artists. Foxlight labs designs and creates mesmerizing, interactive art displays from Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. The installation which was completed on April 30, took place in Murase Plaza Park and the community was able to enjoy the installation for 10 days.



## Parks Team Updates

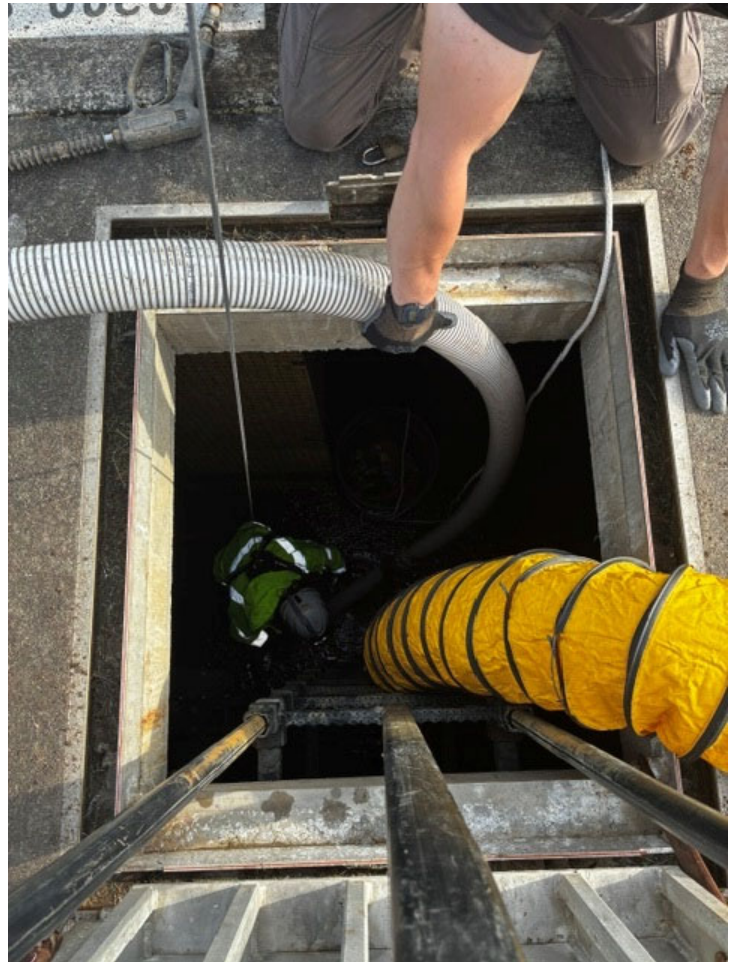
### The Parks Team Prepares for Summer

The Maintenance Team is excited to announce the addition of new seasonal teammates, Amari Hodges and Jorge Diaz Alvarez. Amari and Jorge bring their landscaping experience and skills to help the City of Wilsonville's Parks and Recreation Maintenance Division. Welcome Amari and Jorge!

The newly refurbished aquatic feature mechanical room at Murase Plaza is ready for the season, which begins on June 3. Parks Maintenance has been working diligently getting the system prepared for a season of fun (see pictures). The Town Center Park water feature is currently being upgraded and will be open in early July.

Our Maintenance Team has also been busy beautifying parks' landscapes with regular occurring maintenance and tasks such as planting annuals (see pictures), blowing in bark dust throughout the City, raising tree canopies in Town Center Park and the Community Garden has been spruced up for our gardeners.

### Water Feature Maintenance:



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### Annual Plantings, Before & After at Murase Plaza entrances and Town Center Park

