



Parks and Recreation Report | May 2024

Director's Report

Highlights this month...

- Annual WERK day event
- David's Chair Program
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission—Skate Park Mural artist selection
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission/Diversity Equity Inclusion Collaboration—Pride Mural work began
- Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board—finalized fiscal years 2024-2025 goals
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board—Community Opportunity Grant review meeting
- Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon—Installation of interpretive center at the PR admin bldg. began and is near completion
- Parks team—various landscape improvements, graffiti removal, preparation and opening of water features

Bring on Summer!

Community Center, Recreation and Arts Updates

WERK Day & Goats Recap

The annual WERK (Wilsonville Environmental Resource Keepers) Day event, which was hosted on May 18, drew roughly one hundred people. The Wilsonville Rotary Club generously cooked up a delicious breakfast of omelets and pancakes to fuel participants for their park improvement projects. This year's projects included weeding at the community garden, bark dusting and ivy pulling in Memorial Park. All attendees were given a \$10 arcade card compliments of Bullwinkle's. In addition to WERK Day projects, goats from Go Goat took part in a petting event on the same day. The goats were part of a contract to help munch away invasive species in Memorial Park.



Community Garden Support Wilsonville Community Sharing

The Wilsonville Community Garden now hosts a produce donation bin for Wilsonville Community Sharing. Gardeners now have the option to donate any extra produce they may have from their garden plots to community sharing by placing it in the bin on Monday evenings. Produce from the bin will then be brought to community sharing on Tuesday mornings.

Estate Planning Education

Attorney Michael Rose of Rose Elder Law presented a free workshop centered around estate planning basics such as wills, trusts, probate, powers of attorney, advance directives, and Medicaid Planning. 15 community members joined Mr. Rose for this educational lecture at the Community Center.



Community Center, Recreation and Arts Updates Continued...

MAY IS NATIONAL MOBILITY AWARENESS MONTH

To celebrate, Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is teaming up with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and non-profit David's Chair to provide **Track Chair Appointment Week Monday 5/27 - Sunday 6/2!**

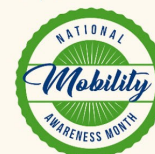
Come test out an action track chair at the Memorial Park maintenance barn.

Appointments available daily. To make an appointment email Recreation

Coordinator Erica Behler at behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us

Learn more at:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/MobilityMonth



David's Chair Program Brings Inclusive and Accessible Recreation to Wilsonville

The David's Chair program was hosted for the second year in May at Memorial Park. David's Chair is a non-profit group that rents out action track chairs for free to the general public. Action Track Chairs are a type of wheel chair designed to get the user into more rugged terrain than a typical standard or motorized wheel chair. Several general tabling events were hosted, as well as several one-hour appointments that the general public could sign up for. The team hopes to bring more events like this to our local parks in the future.

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. Over 200 community members were in attendance including first responders from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and officers from the Wilsonville Police Department. Mayor Fitzgerald gave welcome remarks and Council President Akervall assisted the Mayor laying a memorial wreath on behalf of the City. Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West was also in attendance to pay his respects.



Community Center, Recreation and Arts Updates Continued...

STARS Camp CPR Training

In partnership with the American Red Cross, Wilsonville Parks and Recreation hosted an adult & pediatric CPR/First Aid training for STARS Camp counselors this month. In total, 10 counselors attended and all passed with flying colors. These counselors will be staffing the upcoming STARS Camp beginning July 8. The camp already has 30 kids enrolled, with 10 more spots open for the public to register.



City Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

At the May ACHC meeting a decision was made on which artist to award the Memorial Park Skatepark Mural project. The ACHC was joined by members of the Skate Community to come to a decision. The project was awarded to Washington Artist and Skater, Abigail Penfold. Her concept narrates the story of building a skateboard, as each section features different animals or insects carrying the various components that make up the board.



Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in May to finalize the fiscal year 2024-2025 goals. The board plans to present these to city council during a future meeting. The board also voted to approve a donation of \$3,800 to go toward the Wilsonville High School student delegation to Kitakata, Japan in July. Specifically, this donation will cover bus fees for students while they are visiting.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met in May to issue grant funds for the Community Opportunity Grant. The following was awarded:

The Charbonneau Country Club received \$ 2,257 to help fund the purchase of new radios to upgrade their community emergency radio network.

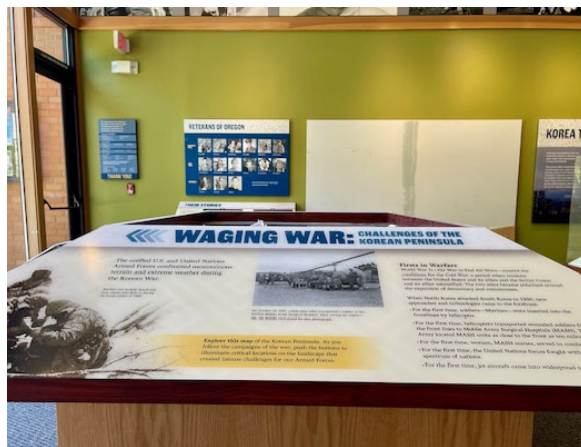
Wilsonville Little League received \$10,000 to fund dugout enhancements at Wood Middle School. The project is a partnership between Wilsonville Little League and a local Eagle Scout.

Wilsonville Skatepark Association received \$3,000 to help fund Skate Jam 2024 which is scheduled for August 24 from 1-3pm at the Memorial Park Skatepark.

Unofficial City Boards

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

Installation began and is nearly complete for the Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center located inside the Parks and Rec Administration Building. A grand opening is scheduled for June 29 at 10am.



Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.

The Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc have made the decision to discontinue their “Bakery Day.” The donations from Fred Meyer had become less over time and the time and effort that went into picking up and setting out the treats turned out to be more effort than the donations were worth.

Upcoming Events:

Pride Month Mural Reception: Saturday, June 1, 2pm-4pm, Town Center Park

Juneteenth Event: (Hosted by DEI Committee) Wednesday, June 19th, 5pm-7pm, Town Center Park

July 4 Concert and Laser Light Show: July 4, 8pm, Town Center Park

Movies in the Park Series

Friday, July 12, dusk, Town Center Park—Barbie

Friday, July 26, dusk, Edelweiss Park—Elemental

Friday, August 9, dusk, Town Center Park—Migration

Friday, August 23, dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter—Wish



Parks Team Updates

May Kept the Team Busy...

The parks team has been hard at work this past month. The team helped facilitate WERK Day projects in May 18 with a total of around 100 volunteers. Water features opened successfully for the season on May 29, and are open on a daily basis from 10am-8pm. Boones Ferry Park inclusive playground construction has begun, and summer maintenance is in full swing. Park Shelter rentals have been very busy.



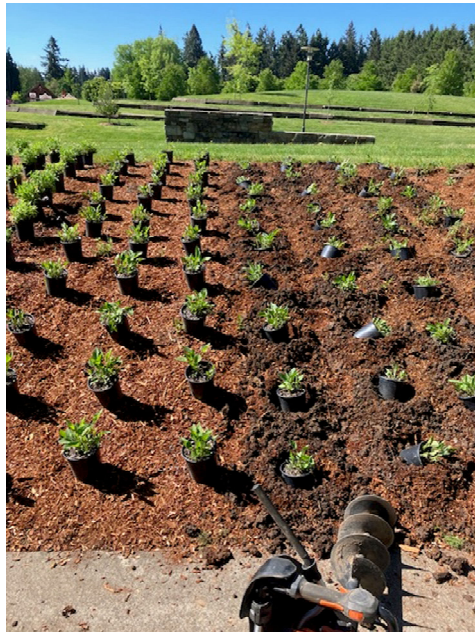
Graffiti removal



Forming Concrete Pad



Pouring Bench Pad



New and old landscape beds get a refresh for Summer