

**From The Director's Office:**

One of the ways we are able to ensure **'Wilsonville is clean, green and safe community for all'** is the City's ***Adopt-a-Road program*** which gives businesses, service groups and individuals a chance to care for a designated section of road.

Adopt-a-Road (AAR) participants are tasked with removing debris along their assigned portion of the street network on a quarterly basis. These efforts help to keep our community clean, preserve our waterways, protect local wildlife, and remove potential hazards to public safety.

Clean-up events are scheduled by each group at their convenience and the City provides the required safety equipment such as grabbers, safety vests, roadside warning signs and trash bags.

Once a group has completed at least three clean-up events a sign is installed in their adopted area with the member's name.

To become a AAR volunteer individuals must read the Terms and Safety Rules, watch an ODOT Safety Training Video, fill out the Online Volunteer Application Request Form and sign and submit a Volunteer Agreement.

Scheduling a clean-up event can be done by phone or email. Once the event is finished, participants complete a Road Clean up detail form to let Public Works staff know if there are bags of debris to be pick-up along the road and to give us information to track the number of volunteer hours and amount of trash that has been removed.

In the first half of 2021 there have been 38 clean-up events, involving over 200 volunteer hours and collection of 74 bags of litter.

There are 43 sections of road identified in the AAR program. Currently, 21 sections have been claimed by participants and we are seeking volunteers for the remaining 22 sections. Anyone interested in helping to keep our community clean and safe can find more information on the City website.

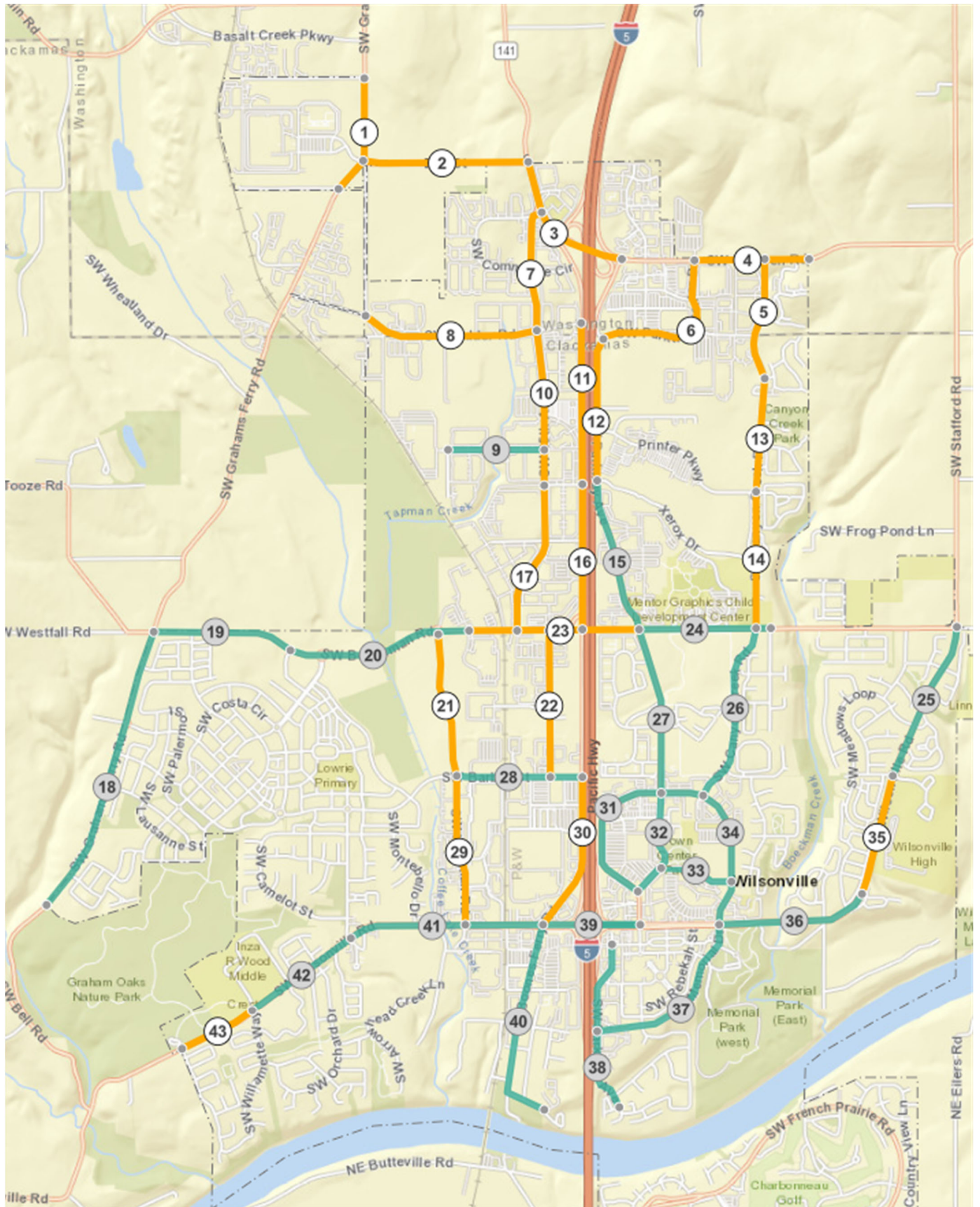
<https://www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/publicworks/page/adopt-road>



**Best Regards,**  
**Delora Kerber, Public Works Director**

# Adopt-a-Road Program

Sections available for adoption are shown in **orange**





## Adopt-a-Road Program—Volunteers





## Utilities—Water

### Yo, Ho, Fix the Blow Off Valve

This past month the Water crew focused on completing work order requests from Utility Billing, meeting with contractors, and repairing a blow off valve. With the unusually warm temperatures, residents are increasingly using their irrigation systems, which leads to more calls about possible leaks. Additionally, staff have received a higher number of requests to investigate high consumption where water technicians check the meter for issues that might contribute to a spike in usage.

The crew tackled blow off valve repair near Willamette Way West. A blow off valve is located at the dead end of a water main and allows the water main to be flushed out similar to clearing out a fire hydrant. The “wheel valve” style, which corrodes over time and becomes prone to failure, was replaced with a longer lasting standard gate valve.



*Accessing the blow off valve*



*The 'wheel valve' style*



## Utilities—Wastewater

### Summertime and the Locating is Easy

Summer is construction season which creates an increase in requests from contractors working in the City to locate our utility lines. When a locate request is generated, the Utilities crew is responsible for marking out the publicly owned underground infrastructure including water, sewer, storm, and City-owned fiber optic lines.



*Showing the layout of the pipes*



*Paul Walker marking sewer lines*

### Rescue Me - Training

The Utilities Division participated in a Confined Space training this month. Crews regularly need to enter vaults and manholes to check gauges or perform repairs. Training covers how to identify and address hazards as well as operate rescue equipment. All trainees performed an entry and practiced a rescue retrieval.



*Public Works and Parks Staff in training*



## Stormwater

### Place, Prep, Pour, Smooth

The Stormwater team recently replaced a collapse storm water inlet cover on Parkway Avenue. The crew ordered the prefabricated lid from a local vendor and deployed for a day to tackle the project. They demolished the old structure and reinstalled the new lid. This was an excellent opportunity for our senior staff to train less experience staff on the process and procedures for this type of construction work.



*Placing the lid*



*Prepping for pouring*



*Pouring concrete*



*Smoothing*



## Roads & Stormwater

### Clean up on Aisle—Transit Lot

Roads, Stormwater, Facilities, Fleet and the County Corrections Crew joined forces to finalize clean up at the Wilsonville Transit Center parking lot. In one day, staff spread 15 yards of mulch in to the parking lot islands to help with weed control. The remaining 20 yards of mulch was trucked away to landscaping company to be used as commercial compost.



*Freshly mulched islands*



*Car stops back in place*

Since the February ice storm, the parking lot has been a worksite for all the tree debris. Staff reinstalled the 90 car stops that had been temporarily removed to accommodate the massive piles. After all the work of pushing and chipping tree debris with heavy machinery, the parking lot surface is showing wear. There are plans to reseal the pavement and restore the parking lot this summer.

## Roads & Stormwater—cont.

### Mr. Roboto Mower

Roads and Stormwater staff are required to work in challenging conditions, including dense brush and uneven terrain, in order to keep our system working properly. We have recently acquired a remote controlled mower to reduce the amount of time spent gaining access to off-road assets, such as storm outlets and sewer manholes. Regular inspection and maintenance is vital to preventing backups in the drainage system. The remote mower is going to make the job a little easier and more fun.



*Working 'remotely'*