

# AUGUST 2020

## Parks & Rec

### Monthly Report



#### From the Director's Desk:

As the “summer like no other summer before”, comes to an end, your Parks and Recreation staff are looking to the future by planning new and unique Fall activities and classes, Holiday season events, and more. Keep an eye on our social media accounts for updates about classes and programs. You can find us on Instagram @wvparcsandrec and on Facebook @WilsonvilleParksandRecreation

GREAT NEWS for youngsters; all City Playgrounds have been given the OK to re-open, per updated guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. It has been far too long since we've seen our young park users on the playgrounds, and we are incredibly excited to welcome you back.

More good news from the Parks Crew—the new, relocated, Dog Park at Memorial Park, complete with new shelters, benches, walking paths, restroom, irrigation and turf is scheduled to open by the end of September. It is a beautiful area that we hope you and your pup will enjoy. In addition, the Park at Merryfield has a brand new playground structure, and will soon have a wider improved trail, making it safer and more accessible for our park users.

Our recreation staff offered four, “Chalk the Park” events this month, all at different locations in the City. Every event was quite successful, (even the first one that was held in the rain)! Thank you to all who came out to one of the events and expressed yourself through chalk art!

Our Fitness Specialist, Brad Moore continues to offer additional programs including face to face personal training and weight loss support group.

Last, but certain not least, the Parks and Recreation Department welcomes our new Park Supervisor Dustin Schull. He has only been on the job for a few weeks and has already made a positive impact. Welcome Dustin!

Stay healthy and look out for one another as we learn to live, play, and grow in this “new normal”

Be well, and play safe.

- Mike McCarty



### Community Center Updates:

- This month kicked off in person small group personal training sessions at the Grove Shelter in Murase Plaza. Personal Trainer Brad Moore has put in a considerable amount of effort designing sessions utilizing the Grove Shelter and just a small amount of equipment. He has also paid an extreme amount of attention to keeping participants safe with cleaning and disinfecting practices. Each week there are 4 groups of 4 participants each meeting 2 times per week. Additionally, Brad hosts an in person personal training client twice per week, also at the Grove Shelter.
- Residents of Creekside Woods Apartments surprised Community Center staff with a big thank you poster containing hand written notes. The residents were so appreciative of the home delivered meals Catherine and Janice produce, the friendly faces of Sadie and Brittany on a daily basis and the uplifting notes and messages Brenda and Brittany create - one woman said she reads them all each time she walks by and has started bringing a pen and paper with her so she can write one or two down so she can keep them.

### Recreation Updates

- **Modified Harvest Festival Planning:** The Recreation team began to plan for a modified Harvest Festival, set to be held in mid October. This event would include virtual activities and contests such as a virtual pumpkin carving contest, virtual crafts like wand making and DIY pumpkin spice lattes, as well as a drive through pumpkin pick-up and 'haunted park'. The team is very excited to get to work on this modified event to provide a safe and positive activity for the community.





### Chalk the Park Series:

August was host to four “Chalk the Park” events throughout City Parks including, Town Center, Murase Plaza, Courtside and Palermo parks. Each event was free to participants and featured free chalk, a Parks and Rec blanket giveaway and staffed information table. It was a real treat to be able to interact with the public in a safe and creative way. These events helped our department disseminate important information to the public about what was open and closed in the parks, upcoming classes and programs, etc... while providing a family friendly activity. We’d specifically like to thank Councilor Akervall for her support by coming to all four Chalk the Park events!



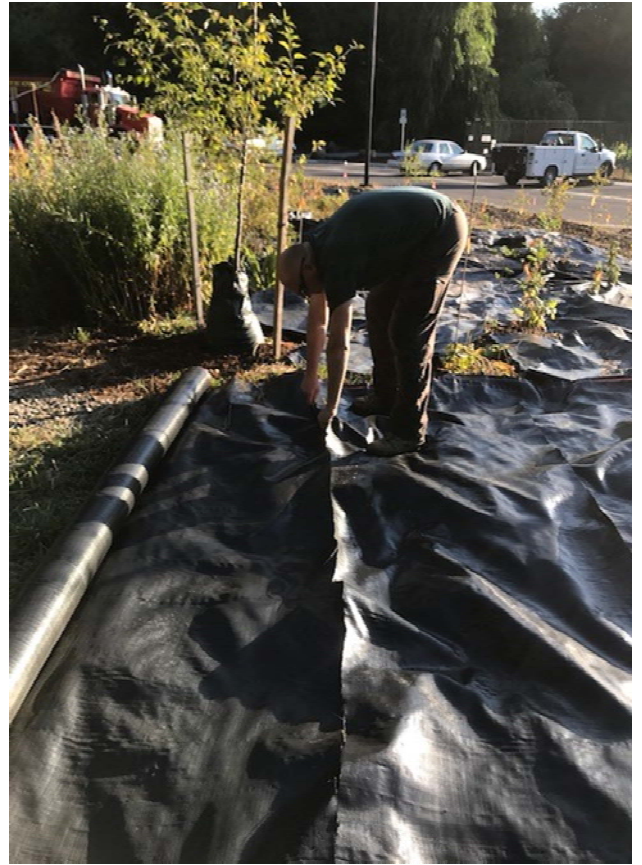
### Upcoming Activities & Classes:

- Soccer Shots Camps begin Saturday, 9/12
- Skyhawk’s Fall Sports Camps begin Tuesday, 9/15
- Harvest Festival 10/14—10/29
- Virtual Watercolors begin Tuesday, 11/3



## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Installed ground cloth at pollinator garden
- New mulch and landscaping at pollinator garden



## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Continued improvements at new dog park
- Installed benches at new dog park
- Oversight installation of bathroom
- Poured paved walking paths at pollinator garden
- Oversight installation of new shelters





## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- New playground equipment at Park at Merryfield



\* Please note that while the pictures in this report show playgrounds closed and fenced off, we have since (as of 9/5) reopened city playgrounds per Oregon Health Authority guidance

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