



February 2021 Parks & Rec Report

Director's Report:

2021 hasn't been much different from 2020 especially with that recent snow, ice and rain storm. I walked around the City, with my pup, and I couldn't believe all of the damage in various neighborhoods and how bad our beautiful City Parks were left due to the storm. Parks were temporarily closed due to safety issues, however, because of your amazing Park Crew some have already opened and most are very close to being cleaned up.

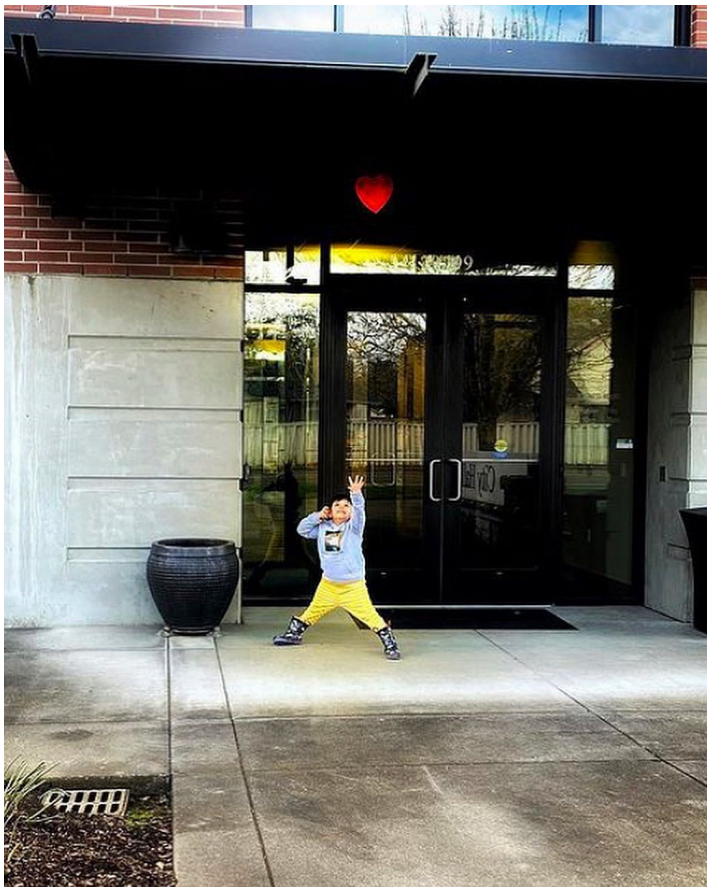
Congratulations to the winners of the Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Contest, Jaxson, Emerson and Eisley. We had many, many citizens participate and the event was extremely successful. Staff also provided materials for residents to make all different types of Valentine's Day cards for first responders. About 100 cards were delivered by staff to first responders. Our fantastic Community Center Staff conducted a drive-thru Valentine event where participants received craft activities and cookies. Even with inclement weather, the event was quite well attended.

As I mentioned in last month's report, thanks to Linda and her family the Parks and Recreation Administration Office is home to approximately 2,000 homemade colorful Cranes hanging from our ceiling. The Cranes represent lives that have been lost due to the on-going Pandemic. Come by and see it in person 8-5 Monday-Friday.

Be on the watch for "Spring Fling" events.

As always stay safe and healthy from your Parks and Recreation Staff.

-Mike McCarty



Recreation Updates:

Valentine Activity Wrap-Up

February concluded many Valentine's Day activities for the Recreation team. Over 250 valentines for front-line workers were collected from community members and distributed to local businesses just before Valentine's Day. In the pictures above you'll see our winners of the Hunt for Cupid's Hearts scavenger hunt. These lucky kids won a valentine themed gift basket with games, books and other activities. The virtual crafting event, "love bugs" was a hit and has over 600 views on our Facebook page— we even had a few seniors participate.



Spring Fling 2021

April 9 - April 24

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling



Upcoming Event Series— Spring Fling 2021

This new event series from Wilsonville Parks and Rec is all about environmental sustainability! Through a series of activities (both in person and virtual) participants will learn about the environment around them and small changes they can make in their every day lives to help protect it. Activities throughout Spring Fling will include worm composting classes, virtual crafts (learn to make a bee hotel), WERK Week volunteer projects, a used shoe drive, a self-paced educational nature walk, and much more!

Vermicomposting 101- PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Vermicomposting 101 is designed to help participants decide what kind of worm bin works for them. This class will illustrate different types of worm bed layouts and how to maintain them for optimal use. We will be discussing what you can feed your worms and how often. For example, using banana peels and coffee grounds to create fertilizer. Vermicomposting is a great way to reduce waste while creating a natural fertilizer that can be used indoors and outdoors. Furthermore, attendees will receive a starter pack of red wiggler worms and a small worm bin to get them up and going.

Where: Stein Boozier Barn

Session I: Saturday, April 10, 10 am - 11:30 am

Session II: Saturday, April 10, 12 pm - 1:30 pm

Virtual Craft- Learn to make a Bee Hotel: Join Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler for this Facebook Live crafting event. Bee hotels are a great way to attract pollinators to your backyard or vegetable garden. They attract solitary bees that live in nests; these bees are less likely to sting because they are not protecting a hive. A supplies list will be posted in mid March.

Where: Facebook live

When: Sunday, April 18, 10 am

Learn more by visiting the event website at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling



Community Center Updates:

- Community Center staff hosted a rescheduled Valentine's Day drive thru event. 30 local seniors stopped by to pick up festive crafts, brain engaging activities and some sweet treats.
- Personal Trainer, Brad Moore continues to expand virtual programming options. This month kicked off the start of a virtual Strength and Stamina class which has 17 individuals signed up for the twice per week fitness class. The class is being offered at no-charge for participants.



- AARP Tax Appointments opened on February 16. Center staff handled nearly 200 phone calls from community members wishing to book appointments and looking to find more information. All appointments for the tax season are currently full, as is the wait list.
- The field allocation process for local Sports Organizations is underway. Staff is currently finalizing spring and early summer field allocation to local groups and will then turn to out of area organizations wishing to use the Memorial Park Fields.



Board Highlights

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board— The Kitakata Sister City Advisory board met in February to learn more about the long standing relationship between the two cities and to discuss the current connection between the group and the school district.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon – The KWMFO Interpretive Center Committee met to review and discuss the 25% plans for the Interpretive Center. Comments were sent to Formations (designer) and an updated plan set is expected in the upcoming weeks.

Parks and Rec Advisory Board – The Parks and Rec Advisory board met in February to discuss goals and areas of interest that the board would like to pursue.

Park Updates: Drop, Chip, Repeat

The Parks Maintenance team spent the majority of their time in February working with team members throughout the city to respond to the ice storm that hit over Valentine’s Day weekend. This was a collaborative effort throughout the city and this is just a snap shot of the work done and work that still remains.







