



Parks and Recreation Report | November 2023

Director's Report

We hosted our annual Community Tree Lighting event on November 30. It was a festive, well attended event that consisted of many great singing and dancing performances and, of course, the lighting of the tree by Mayor Julie Fitzgerald. A big thank you to all that attended and showed their support for the performers! Of course, this event would not be nearly as special without all of the hard work of our dedicated parks team who installs all of the beautiful lighting and decorations. It truly is a team effort and I am grateful to be a part of it.

Earlier this month we hosted the annual Veteran's Day Commemoration held at the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park. The event was organized by the Korean War Veterans Association, The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon, and the City of Wilsonville. It was well attended and participants were treated to some great speeches honoring our veterans.

The last thing I will mention is our ongoing senior stocking collection and toy drive. Donations are being collected at the Community Center through December 14.

Happy Holidays!

~Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates



Annual Community Tree Lighting

The annual Community Tree Lighting took place on Thursday, November 30 in Town Center Park. A wide variety of performances took place, including choirs from Boeckman Creek Primary, Wood Middle School, Meridian Creek Middle School and Wilsonville High School. The Wilsonville Choral Arts Society had both a youth and adult choir perform. The Wilsonville Ukulele Players Society hosted a ukulele performance and Innovative Dance had several groups perform dance routines. Amanda Harmon and Jim Barnes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board hosted a hot cocoa table. Nichols Family Agency hosted a prize raffle and were the title sponsor for the event. Inside the office was a make your own winter bookmark craft room and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus station. At roughly 6pm, Mayor Fitzgerald lit the big Holiday Tree using a home-made 'light switch' created by our very own parks team. All in all, the event was a big success, and the recreation team looks forward to adding to the event in the years to come.

Winter/Spring Activity Guide

The Winter/Spring 2024 activity guide was finalized this month and is expected to be in mailboxes the week of December 4. Registration will go live on Monday, December 11. Camps and classes include Barre, Yoga, Sit & Be Fit, a "Life 101" lecture series, Baking, Body Sculpt, drop in programs, youth school break camps and more! A full listing of classes can be found at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register.



Community Center Updates

The Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11, in partnership with the Korean War Veterans Association-Oregon Trail Chapter, the City helped to host a Veterans Day event at The Oregon Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park. Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Commander Larry Edwards of American Legion Post 65 in Wilsonville and 90-year old veteran Ernest Butts, spoke at the event. The event had good attendance with around 150 people attending to pay their respects.



Piecemakers Placemats

Members of the Wilsonville Piecemakers (Quilting Club), created 90 handmade placemats that will be delivered to the Center's Home-Delivered meal recipients.



Life 101

The Life 101 Lecture series continued with Attorney Michael Rose of Rose Elder Law presenting a workshop centered around Medicaid planning, preserving and protecting assets, and veteran's benefits. The Alzheimer's Association also presented in November with a workshop for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's with a focus on managing someone else's finances and preparing for future care costs.

Volunteer Recognition

Community Center staff prepared a small note and treat to say thank you to the 35 congregate lunch volunteers and 22 home-delivered meal volunteers that help to make the Center's lunch programs successful.



Nutrition Program

During November the Community Center's nutrition program served 583 in-house lunch meals and 1,657 meals to home-bound clients as part of the home delivered meal program. The Center also celebrated with a special lunch the Friday before Thanksgiving with a festive meal of turkey, stuffing, cranberry and dessert - 55 community members enjoyed this lunch.

Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHA)

In November the ACHC and The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board had a joint work session meeting where both boards received a presentation on the Community Services Block Master Plan. Following the work session the ACHC had their regular meeting where they received and provided feedback on the Memorial Park Skatepark request for qualifications (RFQ) as well as brainstormed future temporary and community based public art projects.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board said farewell to the student delegation on November 4. The group has safely returned to Kitakata, Japan. The board met to debrief the student visit in December and will work towards creating an even more successful schedule of events for their next visit.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had a joint work session meeting with the ACHC this month to receive a presentation on the Community Services Block Master Plan.

Other Group Highlights

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

Board members of the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO) met in mid-November for an end-of-year wrap up and a progress report on the Interpretive Center. It was reported that in September 2023 the Interpretive Center Committee had completed and turned over to Formations, Inc. 100% of the biographies, photos, videos and archive pieces of approximately 90+ Korean War veterans from Oregon who will be featured in the Interpretive Center.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.

The Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. is preparing holiday cards that will be sent out to home-delivered meal clients. The Board is also preparing for their spring fundraising event which will be a BINGO night at the Center on the evening of March 9.

Upcoming Events

Hunt for the Holiday Symbols: December 4-15, 8am-5pm, Various Locations

Winter/Spring Registration Opens: December 11, [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/register)

Daddy Daughter Dance: February 23, 7-9pm, Wilsonville Community Center

Community Egg Hunt: March 30, 10am, Memorial Park Sports Fields

Parks Updates

The team was busy this month chasing leaves, installing seasonal plantings, working with Adult Transition Services, lighting up town center park for the tree lighting, attending and presenting at the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association (ORPA) conference, and more. As always, they followed through on tasks with a good attitude, great teamwork and a smile.



Chasing Leaves



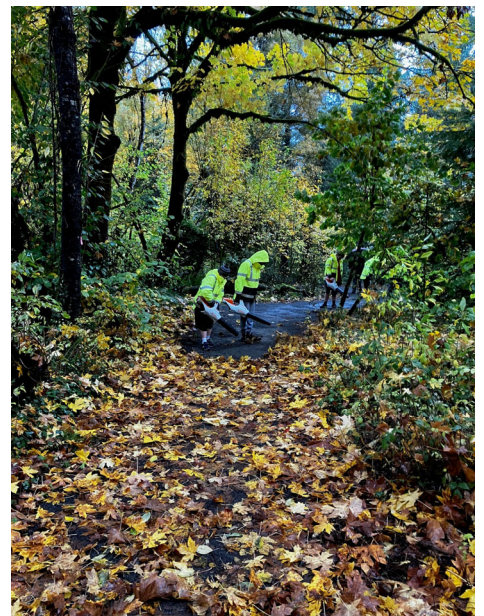
**Installed Holiday Lights in
Town Center Park**



**Getting Creative with the Tree
Lighting Switch**



**Attended and Presented at
ORPA Conference in Portland**



**Worked with Adult Transition
Services**