



## Parks and Recreation Report | October 2022

### Director's Report:

October's big event was our annual Harvest Festival, which was held on Saturday, October 22 at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Murase Plaza. It was a beautiful fall day, which assisted in making this our best attended Harvest Festival ever. Over 700 pumpkins were given away! Kudos to Erica Behler, Recreation Coordinator for planning and coordinating another outstanding community event and the rest of the Parks and Recreation team for their hard work and support.

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) held a joint meeting with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee on Wednesday, October 19. This was a great opportunity for the two groups to introduce themselves, share their purpose, and discuss ways they can collaborate for future success. It was a robust discussion with many great thoughts and ideas shared. Now that the two groups are more familiar with each other, they can avoid duplicating efforts and can work together where there is mission overlap.

The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the hiring of Erika Valentine as the City's first Arts and Culture Program Coordinator. Erika will join our team on November 14 from San Ramon, California. Erika has been working in the arts and culture capacity for 7 years. Her background in arts, culture, and local government will make her a great addition to our team. Happy Halloween!

Kris Ammerman, Parks and Recreation Director





## Recreation Updates:

### Harvest Festival Recap—October 22

This year's Harvest Festival, despite the weather, had the largest community turnout in the event's history—with an estimated 1,200 people in attendance over the 3 hour period. Three bins of pumpkins (roughly 750) disappeared before the event was over! This year's event featured live music from 'The W Lovers' a Seattle based folk duo, horse and carriage rides from Chafin farms, a scavenger hunt, crafts, dance performances by Innovative Dance, a face painter, a magician, library storytime, and costume parade. We hope to continue the growth for years to come. A big thank you to this year's title sponsor, Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy—Wilsonville.

### Upcoming— Community Tree Lighting, December 1, Town Center Park

This year's Community Tree Lighting event will be held on Thursday, December 1 in Town Center Park from 5:30pm to 7pm. This event will feature musical performances by local youth and adult choirs, a lighting of the holiday tree, and pictures with Santa. Vendors will also be on site handing out cookies and cocoa.

### Upcoming—Toy Drive and Letters to Santa

The annual Wilsonville Toy Drive begins on Tuesday, November 1st and runs through Thursday, December 8. Donate new and unwrapped toys to the Wilsonville Parks and Rec Administration Office in Town Center Park Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm. Toys will be distributed to families in need via Clackamas County Compassion in Action and The Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center.

### Mini Hoopers Basketball

The Mini Hoopers Basketball League for 1st and 2nd grade children kicked off with a coaches meeting and league orientation as well as practices starting the end of October. In total, 52 participants of 2nd grade boys, 39 participants of 1st grade boys and 36 participants of 1st and 2nd grade girls in this Parks and Recreation managed league. This program utilizes Wilsonville school gyms and community volunteer coaches.

## Community Center Updates:

### Life 101 Lecture Series

The Community Center's Life 101 Lecture series continued with October's presentations including: Hip and Knee Replacement 101, Estate Planning 101, Genealogy 101, Eat, Move and Think Well and Long Term Care 101. These free educational sessions are offered once and provided by local business, community members, and our friends at the Library.

The Center's Meal program continues to be a valuable asset to the Community with 540 meals served to 101 different individuals at in person lunch and 1,285 going out to home bound seniors in October.

## Board Highlights

**Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.**— The board continues to prepare for the November 12 BINGO fundraiser. They have sold 36 of the 44 available spots.

**Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO)** – The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon plans to host a veterans day ceremony on Saturday, November 11 in Town Center park.

## City of Wilsonville Board Highlights

**Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board**— The Kitakata Sister City Advisory board continued to finalize the itinerary for the upcoming high school student delegation in December. All host families have been selected. A host family orientation night will be held at the Wilsonville Parks and Rec Admin office on Tuesday, November 15.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**— The Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Department distributed funds for the Wilsonville Opportunity Grant. The four applicants and their awards were distributed as follows: Wilsonville Robotics (\$1,000), Wilsonville Choral Arts Society (\$3,600), Wilsonville Stage (\$2,610), and the City of Wilsonville Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (\$3,000).

## Upcoming Events:

**Holiday Toy Drive & Stockings for Seniors Drop Off:** Tues. Nov. 1—Thurs. Dec. 8 | Parks and Recreation Administration Office

**Wilsonville Community Tree Lighting:** Thurs., Dec. 1 | Town Center Park | 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Kitakata Sister City Visit:** Dec. 3—10

**Winter/Spring Registration Opens:** Dec. 12

**Letters to Santa: Nov. 28**—Dec. 16 | Parks and Rec Administration Office, Town Center Park

**Hunt for the Holiday Symbols:** Dec. 5—19 | Wilsonville City Parks

## Parks Team Updates:

### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements

The parks team spent October investigating and implementing needed ADA improvements within the parks system. A new sidewalk was installed at the Memorial Park Skate Park, as well as a pad to ensure proper accessibility at a drinking fountain. The team is also preparing for ADA projects in several neighborhood parks, which will be completed in the coming months.

### Winter Annuals

This month the parks team installed winter annuals. These eye-catching displays can now be seen at Memorial Park, Town Center Park and Murase Plaza. The displays offer a great visual appeal but also help with weed and erosion control during the wetter weather months.



**New Sidewalk at Memorial Skate Park**



**Planter Prepped**



**Flowers Installed**

## Parks Team Project Updates

### Regional Park (RP) 7/8 Phase 2-Villebois

Projected Completion—Fall 2022

- Playground and shelters installation is ongoing
- Landscaping is being installed



Overlook Amenities



Landscape Installation in RP7

### Regional Park 5/6-Villebois

Projected Completion—Winter 2022

- Ice Age Tonquin Trail being installed
- Tennis Court surfacing and fencing soon to be installed



Playground Area Border



Tennis Court Construction