



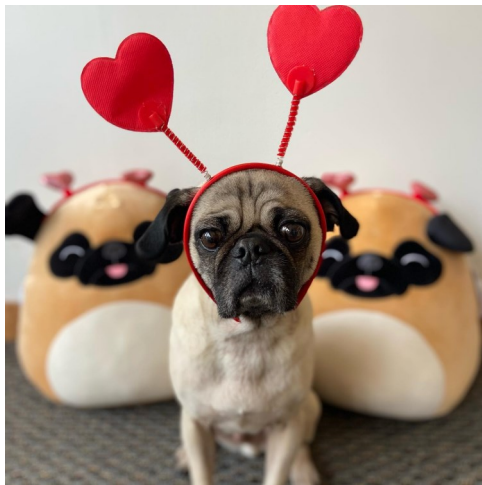
Parks and Recreation Report | January 2023

Director's Report:

There are so many great things going on in the Parks and Recreation Department. From the planning and design of upcoming parks, to new programs and offerings, to construction projects, and of course in-person meals and social services. Our team is committed to serving the community in many diverse and meaningful ways and we are always looking to innovate to serve new segments of the population. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of this team and to be actively engaged in the life enhancing services that we provide for the Wilsonville community. Please read on for more details on what the team has been up to in January.

-Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates



THE HUNT FOR CUPID'S HEARTS

DIRECTIONS

Seven red hearts with poems on them are hidden in Memorial Park. Use the clues to find at least five of the seven hearts, and email their locations to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us to be entered to win a children's valentine themed gift basket.

Receive a bonus entry if you include a picture!
Happy Hunting Wilsonville!

THE HUNT FOR CUPID'S HEARTS

ALL HEARTS ARE HIDDEN IN MEMORIAL PARK

Clue 1: I love you so much, I can *bear-ly* stand it!

Clue 2: You're a *home-run*...

Clue 3: You're my *shelter* from the storm...

Clue 4: I would jump through *hoops* for you...

Clue 5: You'll always be by my *slide*...

Clue 6: You make my heart *soar*...

Clue 7: Our love is as steady as the *river*...

The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Scavenger Hunt:

The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts kicked off at the end of January. This event is a scavenger hunt which asks participants to find seven red hearts hidden throughout Memorial Park. Clues leading to each hearts location were posted to social media for participants. Participants email in the location of each heart to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler and then are entered into a prize drawing to win a valentine's themed gift basket. One of the prizes in the gift basket is a valentine pug squish-mallow stuffed animal, which continues to be popular with kids.

Sounds of Japan:

Don't miss the upcoming Sounds of Japan event hosted by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. This event will take place on March 18, at 10:00 am at the Wilsonville Community Center, pre-registration is required, and only 14 spots remain! This event will feature live musical performances from Oregon Koto-Kai (Japanese harp) and Portland Taiko (Japanese drum). Tea and lights snacks will be provided.

PRESENTED BY THE KITAKATA SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD

SOUNDS OF JAPAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 | 10 AM - 12 PM | WILSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED | COURSE #10442

THE KITAKATA SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD WELCOMES YOU TO 'SOUNDS OF JAPAN' AT THE WILSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER. THIS FREE EVENT WILL FEATURE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES FROM OREGON KOTO-KAI AND PORTLAND TAIKO. TRADITIONAL JAPANESE TEA AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO COST WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. WHILE THIS EVENT IS FREE, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO ROOM CAPACITY LIMITS.

Recreation Updates

Community Garden:

The Wilsonville Community Garden provides year round gardening opportunities to the Wilsonville community. On February 20, all available community garden plots will go live on our website at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com for online registration. In-ground garden plots are roughly 10'x10' and cost \$22 for the year, and raised beds are roughly 4'x8' and cost \$25 for the year.



Victory Academy Work Experience Program:

The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered up with Victory Academy Work Experience program to provide on the job training experiences for students. The purpose of this program is to help students transition into the job world by providing real world experiences in the work place, and in return the department receives volunteer help on various projects and parks maintenance tasks. The Recreation team is working with two students on Mondays from 9am-10am primarily in the Administrative Office. The Parks team works with 4-6 students on Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm. Victory Academy (Victory) is Oregon's only dedicated year-round private school, serving Oregon's children, teens, and young adults affected by Autism and related learning differences (<https://www.victoryacademy.org/>). This semester of the Work Experience program runs from February 6 through June 6.



Community Center Updates:

- The Community Center's Nutrition Program produced 1,800 meals in January. 1,300 went to the 74 Home Delivered Meal clients and the other 500 went to those enjoying the in-person congregate lunch at the Community Center.
- Life 101 Lecture series kicked off for 2023 with free educational sessions being offered on topics around Alzheimer's and Dementia, Estate Planning and SMART/Ridewise Travel Training. Future lectures include: Healthy Bones and Aging, Long Term Care, and Genealogy.
- All available appointments for AARP's free tax assistance have been booked.
- 2023 class and activities began with Tai Chi (18 participants), Healthy Bones and Balance (24 and 22 participants), and drop in program Sit and Be Fit (averaging 18 per class) all having strong participant numbers.



Recreation Updates

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon announced plans for a ceremony to commemorate Korean War Armistice Anniversary and opening of Interpretive Center. On Saturday, July 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. our community will commemorate the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean War (July 27, 1953); the 70th Anniversary of the alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea; and, the grand opening of the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center! Consul General Seo of the Korean Consulate in Seattle will speak at the event.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI)

At the most recent meeting of the Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc., BINGO Totals were shared. 523 people attended, playing 215 games. A total of 310 prizes were awarded which included 256 regular prizes and 54 special gifts. The February WCSI Senior Trip is planned for Thursday, February 9 with lunch at Pastini and then to the Oregon Historical Society for the Motown exhibit.



Board Highlights

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met in January to discuss board goals and action items for the upcoming year. The board also received a presentation from Kerry Rappold, Natural Resources Manager about Bee City USA.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board did not formally meet in January, however, select board members have been participating in ongoing school meetings with Kitakata students. A total of 11 online meetings has/will take place from January-March. Interested in joining one? Email Erica Behler at Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission

At the January meeting, the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission established their mission and vision statements to guide their purpose and scope of work. Additionally they provided feedback to staff on their 5 year Action Plan Draft. They will continue to work through their action items and prioritize timelines for completing the Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy objectives. The ACHC are continuing to learn about the City's existing Public Art Collection including locations, artists, year acquired, which pieces were donations vs. purchases, materials used, condition, etc. This information will be utilized to formulate future Wilsonville Public Art policies and procedures. The next ACHC meeting is Wednesday February 18, 2023.

Upcoming Events

Sounds of Japan: Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 am, Wilsonville Community Center

Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am, Memorial Park baseball fields

Spring/Summer Registration: Saturday, April 15– WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Goat Petting Day: Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am, Memorial Park (near maintenance barn)

Parks Team Updates

Boones Ferry North Trail

The team has made great progress on the new .19 mile trail extension in the north section of Boones Ferry Park in January. Clearing away invasive blackberry and prepping the path area as well as clearing problem trees were on the to-do list this month. The team will continue to work into the summer to begin a forest restoration and trail installation in this area.



Start of Trail near Tauchman St.



Forested area on Trail

Memorial Park Lighting Infrastructure

Park and Recreation Teammates worked closely with a contractor to implement an updated support structure for the power panels in Memorial Park. These panels ensure lighting on most of the athletic spaces in Memorial Park. The improvement will help ensure safe and reliable function for years to come.



Removing Original Wood Supports



New Metal Supports

Parks Team Updates

Regional Park 7/8 Phase 2

Projected Completion—Early 2023

- Playground and shelters near completion
- Landscaping is being finalized



Testing the New Playground



New Retaining Wall Installed

Regional Park 5/6

Projected Completion—Early 2023

- Dog Park Being Installed
- Landscaping nearing completion



Dog Park Shelters



Understory Cleared of Blackberries