



Parks and Recreation Report | July 2023

Director's Report

As always July was a very busy month for our team. On July 4th we hosted our 2nd annual Independence Day Laser Light Show in Town Center Park. Once again we had a great turn out for the event. Our team added some fun family friendly activities to the event this year to compliment the Laser Light Show. There was a free face painting booth, free glow sticks, and Shave Ice available for purchase.

Our very own Memorial Park also hosted the Oregon State Little League Tournament for the first time ever. Teams from around the state converged on the athletic fields of Memorial Park for this multi-day event that brought hundreds of folks to our area.

To cap off the month, on July 29 at the Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park, our community commemorated three important events: (1) the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice agreement; (2) The 70th Anniversary of the Republic of Korea / US Alliance, and (3) a preview of the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center. The event was very well attended with many local elected officials, international dignitaries, and even Oregon State Governor, Tina Kotek in attendance. It was a special and touching event for all those in attendance.

I am so grateful to be a part of this team and the greater City organization that works so hard to make these events as well as every park visit a positive and memorable experience for residents and visitors.

~ Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates:

Tournament Season Kicks Off in Memorial Park

July saw the start of a busy tournament season in Memorial Park. Beginning the weekend of July 14, Wilsonville Little League (WLL) hosted teams from across Oregon in the Majors State Tournament, which is a qualifying tournament for regionals before the Little League World Series. WLL received grant funding from the Community Opportunity grant for this tournament.



The following weekend, Lake Oswego Soccer Club (LOSC) hosted a series of games in Memorial Park for their annual Nike Cup Tournament, which welcomes teams from across the western United States and Canada to play in games throughout the Portland Metro area.

Summer Camps

July is one of the busiest months for Summer Camps in Wilsonville. In July alone, 23 different camp sessions were offered serving over 250 kids. Camps included cheerleading, flag football, soccer, chess wizards, outdoor survival, tennis, multi-sport, chef camps, and more! It has been really great to watch camps fill up again post covid and it feels good to see packed fields and lots of kids playing and learning together.



Movies in the Park Series began in July

Two of four Movies in the Park took place in July. 'Lightyear' took place in Town Center Park on July 14, and 'Vivo' took place at Edelweiss Park in Villebois on July 28. The Lightyear movie featured a Buzz Lightyear entertainer who handed out stickers and interacted with kids at the movie.



Community Center Updates

Community Center –

- The Community Center introduced a Poetry Group which will meet the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month. Each week, a group facilitator will select a few words as prompts for writing. These words will serve as inspiration for the individual creative processes. The following month participants will share and discuss their work. The group believes that by sharing poems attendees can learn from each other's unique perspectives and grow together as writers.
- The Life 101 lecture series continued with a number of free educational lectures. Community Center, Health and Wellness Coach, Brad Moore presented on breathing methods to promote optimal health, internal calmness and overall wellbeing, The Alzheimer's Association shared information on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's and Attorney Michael Rose gave an overview of long term care centered around Medicaid planning and preserving and protecting assets. Finally, at the end of the month, Dr. Dave Duemling shared information on nutrition and food myths and how to make the most of one's trip to the grocery store. The Life 101 lecture series has been a huge hit drawing new participants to the Center and providing attendees a wide range of information in a simple, easy to understand format.
- The nutrition program stayed consistent in July delivering 1,550 meals to 80 homebound members of our community.

The Korean War Armistice Event –

On Saturday, July 29, in partnership with the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon, the City of Wilsonville co-hosted an event to honor veterans of the Korean War, celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and to offer a preview of the Korean War Interpretive Center honoring service members with Oregon ties. The event included remarks from Governor Tina Kotek, Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Consul General Seo, Eunji, Senator James Manning and Chuck Lusardi a Korean War veteran. Additionally, there was a wreath ceremony, music, and an opportunity to view an M35 Series cargo truck from the Korean War.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission

During the July meeting, the ACHC received a refresher presentation on ACHC purpose, mission, duties, etc. The ACHC also received the updated draft of the Public Art Program and Guidelines and Policy. The Legal Department did a thorough review of the policy so it was important for the ACHC to look at it again, before staff brings it to an upcoming City Council work session. Lastly, the ACHC received a presentation on the upcoming skate park mural project which staff was able to receive Community Enhancement Program Funding for. The ACHC will serve as the main review panel for this project and be integral throughout the process of commissioning an artist.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board gained a new member in July; the board welcomed Mas Yatabe. The board held a host family interest night at the Wilsonville Public Library in July. The board is still looking for host families to host a Kitakata Middle School student from October 28-November 7 of this year. The 35th anniversary of the Sister City relationship is on October 28, the day the students arrive to Wilsonville. See the host family info flyer on the following page for reference. Applications for host families are due September 1.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in July.

Other Group Highlights

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc - The Board gave a 6 month report on BINGO participation. For the January – July timeframe, 108 games were played with 300 participants. Beginning in October, the monthly Gazette Newsletter will no longer be mailed. Those wishing to receive the Newsletter will be able to have it emailed, access it on the WCSI website, or pick up printed copies at the Community Center.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon - All KWMFO efforts in July were focused on the July 29 event – highlighted earlier in this report.

Upcoming Events

Movies in the Park Series:

- **Super Pets:** August 11, Dusk, Town Center Park
- **Strange World:** August 25, Dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter with a special reptile show!

Skate Jam: August 12, 1pm, Memorial Park Skate Park– prizes, jam sessions, giveaways!

Party in the Park: August 24, 5:30-8:30pm, Town Center Park– food truck, live music, games and more!

SISTER CITY

Homestay Program

HOST A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT FROM
OUR SISTER CITY OF KITAKATA, JAPAN

10 DAY HOST FAMILY EXPERIENCE
OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 7



Who is visiting?

Middle School students from our Sister City of Kitakata, Japan will be visiting Wilsonville from October 28 through November 7. All students speak some English, and may use phone translators to help with communication.



What would I be Responsible for?

The Homestay program requires that host families provide transportation to and from City Hall and/or Parks and Rec Admin building on weekdays. Drop off is typically at 8am, and pick up around 5pm. Host families are not responsible for airport pick up or drop off. Weekends are spent with host families. Some organized meals are provided, but host families need to provide breakfast and dinner most days, plus a brown bag lunch or two during the week. Students must be provided with their own room with a door that shuts for privacy.



Where do I apply, and When is the deadline?

Those interested in hosting may apply at ci.wilsonville.or.us/sistercity
Applications are due by September 1. Please email completed applications to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us - a home visit and background check are required in order for approval.



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Parks Team

Events, Repairs, and Irrigation Abound

The Parks team has had a very busy July. Tournament season is in full swing in Memorial Park. This July has also brought forward a large number of irrigation repair needs. The team works quickly to identify and repair irrigation issues to both limit impact and conserve water. The team has also been working closely on projects with community partners this month. Projects include resurfacing the athletic courts in Memorial and replacing the bridge art Arrowhead Creek Park. The team is excited to see the parks so loved during the summer and hopes to see you at this years Party in the Park.



Irrigation Inspection



Bridge Repair



Hoop Install



Valve Repair



Floor Repair



Court Resurfacing