

# The Boones Ferry Messenger

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

February 2021



# A Clear Leader in Sustainability

Local Glass Manufacturer Working to Keep Waste Out of City's Water Systems

The work at Wilsonville's Hartung Glass, 10450 SW Ridder Rd., never stops.

Day and night, the company's 130 employees clean, cut and temper glass. The company ships about six truckloads of glass a day — destined to become doors, windows, mirrors and more — to construction sites, real estate developers and window manufacturers.

Jamal Elgobbi's job is to ensure that glass is the only thing leaving the plant.

"If there's a better way, we want to do it. We want to innovative and protect our future." As Production Manager, he's charged with keeping industrial waste out of Wilsonville's sanitary sewer and stormwater system. It's a difficult task, but he isn't

working alone. Hartung Glass and the City of Wilsonville partnered years ago to create Best Management Practices (BMPs) to ensure a clean environment.

By its very nature, manufacturing creates waste. By implementing BMPs, Hartung Glass keeps that waste (including untreated process water, chemical residue or broken bits of glass) from entering Wilsonville's waterways and sanitary sewers.

The company implemented a closed loop system to control their process water. This innovation allows water to be used and reused several times before it is pumped into safety containers and hauled away.

"The waste water never hits the ground so there's no chance it can go down a drain," explains Elgobbi. "Plus, we save water by reusing it."

Other best practices include the sealing of old trench

drains, the removal of invasive plants from a swale and the proper labeling and protection of holding tanks. These and other housekeeping modifications go a long way in enhancing the environment and company spirit.

"All our employees are motivated in this effort," Elgobbi said.

Plant Manager Ted Crowell joined Hartung Glass in March 2020 and "was immediately impressed by the values and environmentally-conscious practices of our leadership team."

Hartung Glass is going further to shrink its carbon footprint. They have reduced packaging, encouraged recycling and invested in energy-saving technologies like LED lights and variable frequency drives on their high-temperature ovens.

"We continue to make incremental improvements in everything we do, keeping the environment and community at the forefront of our decisions," Crowell said.

Mia Pan, the City of Wilsonville's industrial pretreatment coordinator, appreciates the company's commitment to environmental stewardship.

"It's great to see a company being proactive and leading like this," Pan said. "It nudges other industries to rise to the occasion."

Dan Hill, Industries Materials Manager for Hartung, points to more personal reasons for safeguarding the environment.

"We live here, our employees live here and we raise our kids here," he said. "If there's a better way, we want to do it. We want to innovative and protect our future." Mayor's Message

# **New Year Brings New Hopes** at Home and in Our Sister City

With my sister and daughter-in-law working in patient care, I am beyond grateful that they are among those in high-priority categories who have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

I know that people are weary from the stress and deadly effects of the pandemic

and eager to get vaccinated and put this chapter behind us.
Until I am vaccinated, I'm continuing to limit my in-

Until I am vaccinated, I'm continuing to limit my inperson interactions with other people and am following the health recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority.

Maintaining our distance,

following health and safety protocols and receiving the vaccine as it becomes available to us is the quickest path toward improving the lives of our many residents and business owners who have suffered financial loss.

I'm hopeful about our future, and look forward to that day when we can move about freely. I'm looking forward to gathering with friends, family and coworkers, and visiting Wilsonville businesses.

No longer will I take for granted important faceto-face conversations so valuable in building understanding, friendship, innovation and opportunity. (That said, I am grateful that video conferencing has been such useful, well-accepted adaptation.)

In addition to the weekend getaways and vacations we've sacrificed, I think about all the youth who had field trips and cultural exchanges interrupted, including Wilsonville students who missed an opportunity to visit our sister city, Kitakata, Japan.

For years, student delegations from Wilsonville and Kitakata have alternated trips overseas to learn from each other and see life beyond our borders. This valuable cultural enrichment program provides so many social and educational benefits to those who participate.

I'm pleased by the City Council's decision to adopt the bylaws that establish the new Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. Our Board now has a formal connection to our City.

In December, I had the pleasure of (virtually) interviewing a diverse group of board applicants. Some are first-time volunteers; others have experience as a visiting delegate, host family, liaison, event planner or chaperone. The Wilsonville Sister City Association's dedication to this program for more than three decades is inspiring, a success story that spans much of Wilsonville's history.

Even while we're grounded by COVID-19, the cities are still finding ways to connect and share. Kitakata sent about 800 hand-sewn masks for the people of Wilsonville; our citizens reciprocated with a signed New Year's card. I understand our Sister City is eager to host virtual exchanges online, and is exploring ways to share their fine exports, including ramen and rice wine, with American consumers.

I can't wait to see how we can grow this wonderful program, which stands as a shining example of the value of diversity. We can learn so much from people when we are willing to open our minds and our hearts to understand and appreciate our differences.

Stay safe.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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### Happy New Year! Wilsonville Wishes Received in Kitakata

The City's Parks & Recreation staff organized a project to send Happy New Year's wishes to Kitakata City, Japan.

Wilsonville's sister city received the greeting and posted the above picture on its Facebook page.

Pictured are Megumi Dote who from the Aizu Kitakata International Association and Masanori Tomita, the Subsection Chief, Kitakata Dept. of Education, Lifelong Learning Center.

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### City Housing Regulations to Be Revised to Support More Inclusive "Middle Housing" Options

Tn 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed a bill that **▲** requires cities to conform to new requirements to hasten the growth of "middle housing," homes that fall somewhere in between apartments and detached single-family homes in terms of affordability. These include row houses, duplexes, and triplexes.

Wilsonville is updating its Development Code and other documents to ensure compliance with House Bill 2001 while simultaneously pursing strategies identified in the City's Equitable Housing Strategic Plan, adopted in June 2020.

One forthcoming change, designed to build more inclusive communities, eliminates the public hearing process previously required when middle housing is planned. Historically, these processes have been used to exclude communities of color. With the new law, middle housing developments go through the same review process as detached single-family homes.

For much of Wilsonville, where middle housing is already zoned and present, the primary change is in process (as described above) as well as regulations that now exempt some middle housing from density requirements. The City maintains reasonable control of how people experience density in the community, i.e. "perceived density," including the regulation of such elements as setbacks and bulk of buildings, as well as architecture. These rules are referred to as siting and design standards.

In terms of mathematical (actual) density, the new law requires that cities exempt middle housing types except row houses from density limitations, and allows row houses to be constructed up to 4 times the otherwise allowed density (not to exceed to 25 units

Any increase in density in developed areas would be gradual over an extended time; while the new law prohibits developers from restricting middle housing in new Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), the law does not apply retroactively. In undeveloped areas, including Frog Pond East and Frog Pond South, there is the potential for additional density.

As the City begins a period of public outreach to inform an update of the Development Code in compliance with House Bill 2001 and recommendations of the Equitable Housing Strategic Plan, a focus on siting and design standards is to ensure that middle housing effectively integrates into existing and planned neigh-

To learn more about the Equitable Housing Strategic Plan, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/EHSP

To learn more about House Bill 2001, visit: oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Choices.aspx

For additional information, contact the City's Planning Manager, Dan Pauly, at 503-570-1536, pauly@ci.wilsonville.or.us



Changes in State law and the City's implementation of the Equitable Housing Strategic Plan support the growth of more homes like these Villebois row houses.

### Wilsonville First Citizen Award: Three Finalists Announced

Three finalists for the Wilsonville First Citizen ▲ Award have been announced by the Rotary Club of Wilsonville.

The First Citizen Award program honors an individual or couple who lives, works and/or volunteers in Wilsonville; fi-

nalists are selected for active community engagement

**Heart of Gold Auction/Awards** Thu, Feb. 25, 6-8 pm WilsonvilleHeart.com

that improves the lives and well-being of Wilsonville residents.

This year's finalists are:

- Elaine Swyt: Long time Charbonneau resident and highly-engaged volunteer in community and non-profit organizations, including Clackamas County Cultural Coalition, the City's Arts, Culture and Heritage Task Force, Charbonneau Art Festival, Boys and Girls Aid CypressBranch and CharbonneauLive.com
- Lyn Whelchel: Wilsonville leader and advocate for the city's marginalized population who works and volunteers to reach those in need through Heart of the City, Grace Chapel, From Where I Stand, Wilsonville Community Sharing, DHS, St.

Vincent de Paul and Canby Pregnancy Center.

• Aaron Woods: Prominent community leader at the neighborhood, local and regional levels who serves a variety of community members through organizations that include Wilsonville Meadows Homeowner's Association, City of Wilsonville, National Cristina Foundation, Clackamas Community College and Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Communities.

"During this year that brought our community so much adversity, we are extremely proud to present these exemplary community leaders," said Joe Schwab, Rotary Club President and Chair of the First Citizen Committee. "Each of our finalists have impacted our community in unique and meaningful ways to make Wilsonville a better place."

The First Citizen finalists will be honored, and a winner announced, at Give Together: Heart of Gold 2021 Auction and Awards Night on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 pm. Proceeds from this online event support numerous Wilsonville Rotary Foundation projects.

To learn more or register for the event, visit wilsonvilleheart.com.



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### Winter Reading Challenge Continues Through Feb. 28

This winter, read books, share your thoughts on what you've read, and try your hand at some 'cozy' activities.

Complete 10 badges and get entered into the Grand Prize drawing. All ages are welcome to participate!

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/winter

### **Youth Programs Are Back**

Join our Youth Services librarians for our weekly programs, which start online on Feb. 2.

"Spanish Read-Alouds for Niños" premieres on Mondays at 10:30 am on YouTube.

"Toddler and Baby Time LIVE" streams on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and

"Storytime LIVE" streams on Thursdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

### Feb. 3: "Unsung Heroes of the **Civil Rights Movement"**

Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and Malcolm X are each household names for their contributions to the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.



Our Black History Month program explores the lives of some of the other heroes whose influence shaped American civil rights.

Presented by Dr. Bill Thierfelder. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11 am-12:30 pm Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code: WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

### Why They Left, Where They Went, and What Their Journeys Reveal

Why did our ancestors dare to leave their homes? Why did they settle where they did?

We'll see what secrets our ancestors' migrations can reveal as we track them from place to place, across the ocean, across the country and even across town.



Presented by Pam Vestal, Association of

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 11 am-12:30 pm Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code: WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes.

Professional Genealogists.

### **Upcoming Classes** and Events



### **Storytime LIVE**

Live interactive videos on Thursdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

### **Toddler and Baby Time LIVE**

Live interactive videos on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddlertime

### **Teen Events**

Fridays, Feb. 12 & 26, 6-7 pm For students in grades 6-12. On Zoom. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens

### **Article Club**

Live discussions with our reference staff on Zoom Wednesday, February 10, 1-1:30 pm Sign up to receive the meeting code.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/articleclub

### **Book Club**

Live discussion with our reference staff on Zoom Thursday, February 25, 6-7 pm Sign up to receive the meeting code. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub

> Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





# DESIGN CONCEPT: RIVER

### **City Seeks Public Input on Town Center Streetscape Plan**

The City's ongoing work to achieve the vision of the L 2019 Town Center Plan is currently centered on developing a Streetscape Plan that establishes design guidelines for Town Center sidewalks and streets.

The plan considers furniture, fixtures, landscaping,

**Town Center Streetscape Forums** Tue, Feb. 9 at noon and 6 pm LetsTalkWilsonville.com/ streetscape

public art and pavement design. As the Town Center develops over time, the design

of these elements yields a distinctive streetscape that establishes a sense of place.

Project planners are hosting a one-hour virtual forum on Feb. 9 to share details about the current design concept themes and hear public feedback. At two virtual forums — at noon and 6 pm — the City is introducing three draft design concepts, and gathering input from those in attendance. To view the draft designs and/or attend the public meeting, visit LetsTalkWilsonville.com/streescape to locate links.

After public input is collected and analyzed, planners are to refine the design concepts into a draft final plan for the Town Center Streetscape.

For more information, contact Philip Bradford, Associate Planner, at 503-570-1623 or pbradford@ ci.wilsonville.or.us.

### Winterizing Your Home Can Prevent Costly Water Leaks

↑ Then temperatures drop, remember that taking a few seasonal precautions around your home can prevent frozen water pipes ... and costly property damage from water leaks that may result.

When water freezes, it expands. If the temperature of your pipes drops below 32 degrees, even for a short period, the risk of a leak increases.

Know where your main waterline shut-off valve is before problems arise. Depending on the age of your home, the valve could be inside the garage, crawlspace, laundry room or in your yard, underground. Some homes do not have a shut-off valve.

If you turn on your faucet and nothing comes out, your pipes may be frozen. If you hear water or have reason to believe your pipe has split, shut off your water immediately. Otherwise, try to thaw pipes using a hair dryer on low setting. Wave the warm air back and forth along the pipe, not on one spot. Never use a torch or open flame, which could cause the pipe to burst or set the house on fire.

Checking your water meter can be an effective way to identify leaks. If the low flow dial is turning or, if numbers are moving while you are not intentionally using water, shut off your water. You may have a water leak. Monitor your water bill. High consumption with no changes to your usage habits can be an indicator that something is wrong.

Preventative maintenance is the best way to avoid problems. Follow these winterization tips, especially when extreme weather is forecast:

### **Inside Your Home**

Keep the temperature in your home at 55 degrees



Covering exposed hose bibbs is one easy way to reduce your chance of suffering a burst water pipe.

or higher

- Open cupboard doors below sinks to allow warm air to circulate
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas (crawl space, garage, outside, etc.)
- Run a small trickle of water from a faucet during extreme cold (a 100-cubic-foot unit of water costs \$3.44, much less than the cost of fixing a leak.)

### **Outside Your Home**

- Cover crawl space vents around the exterior of your home.
- Disconnect hoses and cover hose bibbs.
- Shut off irrigation systems and drain the lines so no standing water remains in the pipes.

If you believe you may have a water leak, call the Utility Billing Department at 503-570-1610; the City will dispatch a water crew member to help determine whether you have a leak. For more information on common leaks and meter checks, visit ci.wilsonville. or.us/utility-billing/page/water-leak-information

### Protect Local Waterways — Only Rain Down the Drain!

Have you seen these 'Don't Pollute' storm drain markers around town? Catch basins located along the street curbs collect rainwater and drain directly into local streams and the Willamette River.

Please contribute to the health of our local waterways. Remember – Only Rain Down the Drain! If you see someone dumping oil, grease or other pollutants down a drain, please contact Sarah Sand, Stormwater Management Coordinator, at 503-570-1552 or Public Works at 503-682-4092.

DRIVE SAFE





503-682-7790 RideSMART.com 28879 SW Boberg Road

### **HABLO ESPAÑOL?**

In response to a more diverse ridership, SMART aims to have more information, materials and signage in Spanish.



Public transportation is often a lifeline, helping get people to work or medical appointments and students to class. Navigating the transit system for the first time can be scary. SMART has employees fluent in Spanish and ready to assist. Call 503-682-7790.

El transporte público es a menudo un salvavidas que ayuda a que las personas vayan al trabajo o las citas médicas y los estudiantes a clase. Navegar por el sistema de tránsito por primera vez puede dar miedo. SMART tiene empleados que hablan español con fluidez, listos para ayudarlo. Llámanos al 503-682-7790.

### **BOOKS ON THE BUS**

SMART and the Wilsonville Library bring you Books on the Bus!

This pilot project, starting at Autumn Park Apartments (10922 SW Wilsonville

Rd.) begins on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 11:30 am -1:30 pm.A variety of books for all ages — in both English and Spanish — will

be available in a

safe and sanitized environment.

This event is open to the public. For more information, please call Michelle Marston at 503-682-7790.

### LIBROS EN EL AUTOBÚS

SMART y la biblioteca de la ciudad de Wilsonville le ofrecen ¡Libros en el Autobús!

Este proyecto piloto, que comienza en

Autumn Park Apartments (10922 SW Wilsonville Rd.), comenzará el martes 23 de febrero de 11:30 am a 1:30 pm. Una variedad de libros para todas las edades, tanto en inglés como en español, estarán disponibles en un ambiente seguro y desinfectado.

Este evento está abierto al público. Para obtener más información, llame a Michelle Marston al 503-682-7790.

### **Holiday Service Hours**

### **Presidents Day**

Monday, Feb. 15 Regular Bus Service **SMART Offices Closed**  Horas de Servicio del Día Festivo

Día del Presidente Lunes 15 de febrero

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### **Origami Crane Display Honors Oregon Victims of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Charbonneau resident Linda Moulton understands profound loss, having lost her husband in 2019 after 53 years of marriage.

Last year, as the COVID-19 pandemic started to claim the lives of Oregonians, Moulton channeled her own sorrow into an idea that would recognize and honor the lives of those who have died.

Moulton felt that victims were being relegated to numbers on a daily report. She sought to honor the memory of each Oregonian who has passed with an origami crane to be displayed at the City's Park & Recreation Admin. Building, 29600 SW Park Pl.

"Hopefully, all who see it understand that each beautiful crane is a life that has been lost to us and that we grieve together," Moulton said. When Moulton presented the idea to the City, Oregon's death toll numbered a few hundred. By mid-January, that number had swelled to more than 1,800 Oregonians whose lives had been lost.

Moulton encouraged community members to participate; many of the cranes were fashioned and donated by community members.

The installation, "Soaring Spirits," is to be displayed throughout 2021. Now in place, "Soaring Spirits" can be observed during building hours, Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm.



### **TVF&R Begins COVID-19 Vaccinations of Frontline Personnel**



Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has completed more than 400 COVID-19 vaccinations of its front-line personnel and 200 law enforcement officers as of mid-January. Vaccinations are continuing through the coming weeks and months.

"This is a long time coming," said TVF&R Fire Chief Deric Weiss on the first day of vaccinations. "For me to see the first few people go through, it's a culmination of all the hard work by the men and women across the organization. They're excited and they're encouraged about the future now. There's a lot of work ahead, but today's a good day."

TVF&R started vaccinating firefighters and paramedics on Jan. 3 at its South Operating Center in Wilsonville.

In partnership with county health partners, TVF&R moved on to vaccinate police and fire partners, including personnel from Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, Tualatin Police Department, Tigard Police Department, Beaverton Police Department, and Sherwood Police Department. More agencies and partners are in the process of scheduling vaccination events.

Paramedic Megan Rye was TVF&R's first vaccine recipient. She's been a paramedic since 2007 and joined TVF&R in 2017.

"I feel great," she said. "I'm excited for the opportunity to get it and excited to start protecting our residents. It just provides everyone a little bit of hope in a time that's not the greatest. I think it will give me a little more confidence when treating patients."

The fire district received an initial round of 1,000

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses from the Oregon Health Authority on Dec. 30. In preparation for the vaccine's arrival, TVF&R's vaccine branch of its COVID-19 task force worked



with public health partners over the previous month to create scalable distribution plans for more than 550 employees, as well as city and county partners to support the vaccination of first responders in the Group 1a category established by the state of Oregon.

Those receiving the COVID-19 vaccine will return for a second dose about a month after their first vaccination.

These vaccinations are a first step toward blunting the impact of COVID-19 and protecting the communities TVF&R serves.

Until more vaccine doses can curb transmission of COVID-19, TVF&R reminds people to remain vigilant by wearing a mask, washing hands, and maintaining physical distancing whenever possible.



www.WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Parks & Rec Administration 29600 SW Park Pl. 503-783-7529 Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd. 503-682-3727



### **Enjoy Our Valentine's Day Celebrations**

**Drive-Thru Valentine's Treats:** Calling all Wilson-ville residents 55 years or better! Join us for a Drive-Thru Valentine's Day event at the Community Center parking lot, 1-2 pm, on Friday, Feb. 12! Community Center staff are handing out goodie bags! No walk-up, please, and all guests must wear masks.

The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts: Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 2, eight red hearts will be hidden throughout Wilsonville. Clues to the locations of "Cupid's Hearts" will be posted to social media (on Facebook @WilsonvilleParksandRec and Instagram @wvparksandrec). Find at least five of the eight hearts, show proof by sending in your photos to Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler (cupidshearts@ci.wilsonville.or.us) and be entered to win a kids' Valentine's Day basket valued at \$50. Two winners will be chosen at random and announced on Friday, Feb. 12



### Pick Up a Hand-Made Mask from Our Sister City:

Seven boxes of hand-made face masks arrived from Kitakata, Japan, in January. Each mask was individually wrapped with a personal note of positivity and best wishes; some even include a laminated four leaf clover! These beautiful face masks are available (one per household, please) to Wilsonville residents at no charge while supplies last.

Stop by the Parks and Rec Admin Building, 29600 SW Park Place, Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm. If you feel comfortable doing so, please take a picture wearing your handmade mask so that we can send them to our friends in Kitakata.

Tag @WilsonvilleParksandRec on Facebook or @ wvparksandrec on Instagram, or email them to Erica: behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us

**Virtual Craft- Love Bugs:** Join Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler for this Facebook Live crafting event on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 10 am. Learn how to make a Love Bug!

# Upcoming Classes and Events:

### Kitakata Face Mask Pick-Up

Open to All Wilsonville Residents While Supplies Last Monday - Friday 8 am-5 pm Parks & Rec Admin Office

### The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Feb. 2-11

Winners chosen on Feb. 12 Email Picture to: cupidshearts@ci.wilsonville.or.us

### Virtual Craft-Love Bug

All Ages Sun., Feb. 7 10 am-11 am Facebook Live @WilsonvilleParksandRec

### **Drive-Thru Valentine Treats**Ages 55+

Fri., Feb. 12 1-2 pm Community Center Parking lot

### Note from Staff:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first virtual Winterfest! While our events have looked a little different during these times, it has been wonderful to hear the community's feedback about recent virtual/drive-thru events. If you have an idea, or there is something else you'd like to see from our department, please e-mail Erica Behler: behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us

Visit our website for more info: WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

### **POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**

### New Clackamas County Sheriff, Same Commitment to Wilsonville

Cheriff Angela Brandenburg has been sworn in as Othe new Sheriff of Clackamas County, taking the

reins from retiring Sheriff Craig Roberts.

Sheriff Brandenburg is Clackamas County's 33rd sheriff since William Livingston Holmes first took up the post in 1845. Brandenburg, who has served with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office for 28 years, is a veteran who served nine years in the Oregon Army National Guard.



Police Chief **Rob Wurpes** 

During her career at the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Brandenburg has served the County in a variety of capacities. She has worked as a Reserve Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Civil Deputy working at the Clackamas County Courthouse, Patrol Sergeant overseeing daily patrol operations, Civil Sergeant and Civil Commander Lieutenant. She also spent five years as the Public Information Officer, and has been a member of the Search & Rescue and S.W.A.T.

Before taking over as Undersheriff in Febru-

ary 2019, Brandenburg served for five years as the Director of A Safe Place Family Justice Center, and led CCSO's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT). She was elected Sheriff in the May 2020 Clackamas County primary.

"I know from my experience patrolling the City of Wilsonville as a Patrol Deputy and Patrol Sergeant that the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing excellent public safety services for our contract cities," said Brandenburg, who lives in Molalla with her husband and two children. "That tradition will continue under my leadership and I am excited to serve as your sheriff."

We look forward to serving with Sheriff Brandenburg as we navigate the new year ahead of us with 21 dedicated officers assigned full-time to the City of Wilsonville, including 13 patrol officers, a community service officer, a school resource officer, two detectives, three sergeants and myself.

Your community remains in good hands. Here's to a great year.

Robert Wurpes, Chief of Police

### New Sister City Board to Strengthen Cultural Exchange Program

The City Council recently adopted a charter to ▲ establish the new Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board, which is to guide activities that support the 32-year cultural exchange between Wilsonville and its sister city, Kitakata City, Japan.

Nine citizens have been appointed by the City Council to serve on the new Board. They are: Adrienne Phillips, Tracy Sailors and Robert Yokoyama (three-year terms); Dave Schalk, Seiji Shiratori, and Ashleigh Sumerlin (two-year terms); and Jason Jones, Aaron Reyna and Cathy Rice (one-year terms).

Additionally, long-time sister city program custodians Susan Raxter, Lois Reimer and Bev Schalk were provided emeritus status.

Board members serve as program ambassadors, advocating for and supporting program activities, maintaining strong relationships with delegates from Kitakata and promoting a positive image of the program locally and abroad. The Board participates in the cross-cultural exchange of ideas and information, also plans itineraries and identifies host families for visiting delegations, recommends annual program budgets and performs community outreach to support the program.

For more information on the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-kscab

### **Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions**

<b>City Council</b>	Action	What it Means
Jan. 4	Swear-in ceremonies were held to incoming Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Councilor Kristin Akervall and Councilor Dr. Joann Linville.	All three elected officials began terms in January that continue through Dec. 31, 2024.
Jan. 4	The Council unanimously voted to re- elect Kristin Akervall as Council Presi- dent.	Councilor President Akervall will continue in this role through the end of the year.
Jan. 4	The Council voted to extended the City's local state of emergency until March 15, 2021.	This action allows staff to continue to coordinate an effective COVID-19 response by redirecting funding for emergency use as needed, implementing mutual-aid agreements with other public agencies and more.
Jan. 4	The Council approved the appointment of Jami Arbon to the Development Review Board.	Arbon begins a new two-year term that continues through December 2022.
Jan. 4	The Council approved a \$393,000 contract with Brown and Caldwell.	The contract funds engineering consulting services for the Stormwater Master Plan Update.
Jan. 4	The Council approved a \$108,000 contract with Keller Associates.	The contract funds engineering consulting services for the Elligsen Well Facility Rehab and Upgrades Project.
Dec. 21	The City Council approved the appointment of 21 individuals to City Boards and Commissions.	New Board terms begin in January.
Dec. 21	The City Council voted to direct City legal staff to appeal the recent Land Use Board of Appeals decision that dismissed the City's petition for review regarding the Aurora Airport Mater Plan.	The Councilors voting in favor seek a Master Plan update through a transparent and inclusive land use and public process, consistent with Statewide Planning Goals, before any additional construction or expansion occurs at the Aurora Airport.

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### **Council Passes Resolution to Compensate Elected Officials**

n December the Wilsonville City Council passed Resolution 2869, which provides a monthly stipend for Wilsonville's future elected officials. After July 1, 2021, the City's three newly-seated Council members (Julie Fitzgerald, Kristin Akervall, Dr. Joann Linville) may elect to receive this benefit.

The vote passed by a 2-1 margin, with Councilors Akervall and Linville abstaining citing a conflict of interest. Outgoing Mayor Tim Knapp and Councilor Charlotte Lehan cast the votes in favor of the measure; neither will directly benefit because of the term limits measure passed in May 2020.

"The idea of having a modest level of compensation to enable those people who might not otherwise be able to participate in local government is increasingly important," Knapp said. "If we are only represented at the City level by people who have certain advantages, then we're not truly hearing from the community."

It was not evident at the meeting that the measure had passed. Because the vote was not unanimous (Councilor Ben West voted against), City Attorney Barbara Jacobson consulted with legal counsel at the Oregon Government Ethics Commission to review the vote and language of the City Charter in conjunction with Ethics regulations.

The Charter states that "a majority of incumbent the members of City Council shall constitute a quorum for its business" (Chapter 4, Section 15) and that "except as this chapter otherwise provides, the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Council voting when a quorum of the Council is present shall decide any question before it" (Chapter 19). The Ethics Commission advised that the City Charter would govern the vote and control as long as no party voting in favor would receive the benefit.

"In other words, the 2-1 vote at the last meeting, although obviously not unanimous, was sufficient to pass the Council compensation, which — if Councilors elect to choose it, or accept it — would begin July 1," Jacobson said.

The measure provides \$2,300 per month for the Mayor, \$1,150 per month for the Council President and \$850 per month for remaining Councilors.

### Ten Appointed to New Terms on City Boards and Commissions

The new year brings a new round of appointments to City Boards and Commissions. Candidates were interviewed and recommended by Mayor Tim Knapp and Mayor Julie Fitzgerald; their appointments were confirmed by majority vote of City Council:

**Budget Committee:** Katie Hamm and Shawn O'Neil have been appointed to serve three-year

**Development Review Board**: Michael Abernathy, Jami Arbon, Rachelle Barrett, Michael Horn and Ben Yacob have been appointed to serve two-year terms; Kathryn Neil has been appointed to serve a one-year term.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Nathan Early has been appointed to serve a four-year term.

Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement **Committee:** Jordan Snyder has been appointed to serve a six-month term.





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**Prevention Tips** 

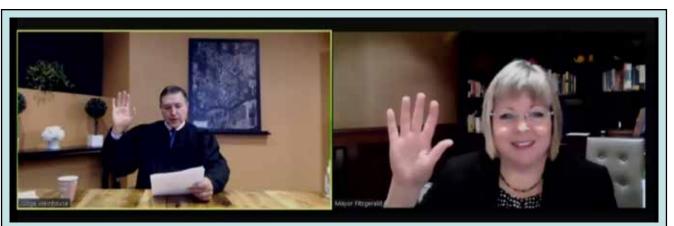




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### Social Distancing Yields A Most Unconventional Swear-In Ceremony

On the left is Municipal Court Judge Fred Weinhouse, who presided over the traditional swear-in ceremony for newlyseated Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Councilor Kristin Akervall and Councilor Joann Linville from a conference room at Wilsonville City Hall. On the right is Fitzgerald, who took her Oath of Office at home.

### Briefs

### World of Speed Museum Leaves Lasting Gift to Oregon Non-Profits

regon car enthusiasts lost a treasure when the World of Speed motorsport museum in Wilsonville closed its doors last spring, a financial victim of COVID-19.



Now, with the dissolution of the organization, the World of Speed is leaving a lasting legacy by giving farewell gifts to schools and nonprofits across the state.

The museum's board of directors agreed that the museum's assets would be distributed to 501(c)(3)museums and schools, allowing World of Speed's collection to live on for future generations.

A total of 51 entities received donations from World of Speed, with Clackamas and Clatsop community colleges splitting the cash funds. Each college received a \$375,000 donation through their colleges' foundations to benefit ongoing education of automotive technol-

In addition to being a world-class motorsport museum, World of Speed's mission supported education and hosted local high school students in conjunction with Clackamas Community College. Students were taught accredited automotive classes, providing the

In December, 39 new medical lab science profes-

program administered by Oregon Institute of Tech-

nology (Oregon Tech) and Oregon Health & Science

Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) practitioners

perform the crucial testing currently needed to diag-

nose coronavirus. The 87-year-old nationally accred-

ited MLS program was established by OHSU in 1933

sionals graded from a rigorous bachelor's degree

opportunity to learn skills needed in the automotive

Both Clackamas Community College, located in the Portland metro area, and Clatsop Community College, located in Astoria, will use their portions of the donation for student scholarships in the colleges' automotive programs. The scholarships will help pay for tuition, tools for employment, and internships for students seeking career development and technical training.

"This is an amazing gift, and I look forward to awarding many students scholarships in our automotive programs," John Chang, Clackamas Community College Foundation executive director, said. "Often it is the expense of the tools and supplies that students need that prevent them from completing a program. Removing those barriers for students will help them cross the finish line to graduation and into a livingwage job."

The colleges also received some physical donations from World of Speed. Clackamas Community College received equipment including four vehicles, laptops, personal protection equipment, as well as automotive equipment and tools. Clatsop Community College received automotive equipment and tool donations.

### **New Lab Testing Practitioners Enter Workforce from OIT Degree Program**

uring the pandemic, the need for highly qualified individuals to do complex laboratory testing has never been more evident.

University (OHSU).





is now a collaboration administered by Oregon Tech. It is the only four-year degree program of its kind in the state, boasting a

job placement rate of nearly 100% within three to six months of graduation.

The highly competitive program, located at the Wilsonville campus, admits only 50 students a year. MLS graduates must pass a comprehensive, nationally administered exam that tests students' knowledge in a number of areas. Oregon Tech graduates have much higher average scores than are seen nationally.

MLS graduates are employed as medical laboratory generalists in hospitals, clinics or commercial laboratories; as specialists in areas such as microbiology, hematology, molecular biology/DNA, immunology, stem cell/bone marrow labs; or as quality management specialists in hospitals or industry operations such as pharmaceuticals. Graduates earn average starting salaries of \$56,000 and are in professional positions at virtually every medical lab in Oregon, with many working in nearby states.

For more information, visit oit.edu.

# City Calendar

All meetings may be held virtually until further notice. For current information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

### **FEBRUARY**

- Mon City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
  - The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Parks & Recreation Contest
- Mon DRB Panel A 6 pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission 10 Wed 6 pm, City Hall
- Drive-Thru Valentine Event (55+) 12 Fri 1-2 pm, Community Center
- Presidents Day City offices, Library closed 15 Mon
- Municipal/Traffic Court 16 Tue 5 pm, City Hall
- City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting 18 Thu
- 22 Mon DRB Panel B 6 pm, City Hall

### MARCH

- City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 2 Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- DRB Panel A Mon 6 pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission 10 Wed
- 6 pm, City Hall 15 Mon • City Council Meeting
- 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting 16 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court
- 5 pm, City Hall
- 22 Mon • DRB Panel B 6 pm, City Hall
- 26 Tue • Budget Committee Review/Strat. Planning 6 pm, Council Chambers or virtual

All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

### **Reliable Sources for the Latest COVID-19 Information**

News about COVID-19 prevention, response and recovery changes rapidly. The City recommends relying on reliable, factual sources of information: Links to these and other resources are available at ci.wilsonville.or.us/covid-19

### **Public Health & Information Sources:**

City: ci.wilsonville.or.us/covid-19

WLWV Schools: wlwv.k12.or.us/Page/15953

County: clackamas.us/alert

State (OHA): HealthOregon.org/coronavirus **State (OEM):** oregon-coronavirus-geo.hub.arcgis.com

Federal (CDC): coronavirus.gov

Federal (FEMA): fema.gov/coronavirus/rumor-control Global: who.int

**COVID-19 Symptom Checker** c19oregon.com

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### **Wilsonville City Council**

The City Council usually convenes on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall, with work session generally starting at 5 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast/Xfinity Ch. 30 and Frontier Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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