## The Boones Ferry Messenger

#### Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

June 2021



#### Signs of Summer: Fountains, Some Events Set to Return As State health guidelines allow, City seeks to restore a sense of normalcy

For more than a year, households have endured everything from loss and illness, to lockdowns and loneliness, to virtual schooling, staycations, business closures, and bad hair days. The pandemic has taken a physical and mental toll on virtually

everyone. This summer, the City of Wilsonville is gearing up to bring back some of the City's traditional sum-

mer events and attractions, while still prioritizing public safety by taking guidance from State and Federal public health agencies and the Governor's office.

"To the extent we can, I believe it's important that we help restore a sense of normalcy," said City Manager Bryan Cosgrove. "Especially outdoors, where we can most safely provide activities that don't jeopardize public heath, I've encouraged staff to move forward and begin planning activities."

Water Features: Provided that routine maintenance is complete, the City intends to open water features at Town Center Park and Murase Plaza on June 1. Both locations are to be open daily, 10 am-8 pm. Should State guidelines require any protocols to limit community spread of COVID-19, including capacity limits, signage will be present and City staff will assist with compliance efforts.

**Movies in the Park:** Four Friday night movies are tentatively scheduled to be screened. Mark July 16, July 30, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 on your summer cal-

COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to relax, and people are moving about the community more freely. Social distancing and frequent hand washing remain effective tools to reduce risk. Mass vaccinations (everyone over the age of 12 is now eligible) are the most vital step to reduce community spread. To get vaccinated, schedule an appointment at clackamas.us/ coronavirus/vaccine. endars. Locations and movie titles are to be announced in mid-June. You'll find that information at **wilsonvilleparksandrec.com**.

Summer Camps: See a complete list of the City's summer camps, including safety precautions, and register at wilsonvilleparksandrec. com/summercamps. All camps are scheduled to proceed in adherence to Oregon Health Authority

guidelines. Though guidance is changing frequently, camps are likely to include smaller groups, distancing modifications and the requirement that masks be worn.

**Farmers Market:** The Thursday evening Villebois Farmers' Market is on schedule to return on June 18, 4-8 pm. More details are available on their Facebook page: **facebook.com/thursdaymarket**/

**Rotary Concert Series:** At press time, organizers had not announced if a 2021 series is taking place.

**Community Block Party, Wellness Fair:** Because of the time required to plan successful community events, these traditional City-hosted events are not being held. Both are expected to return in 2022.

**Wilsonville Brewfest, Fun in the Park:** Both organizations have already announced that these events are not scheduled to be held in 2021.

Additional City events and other events hosted at City venues may be added. For current information, visit **ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar**.

#### **City Council Appoints 13 People to Serve on City's DEI Committee**

A t a May meeting of the Wilsonville City Council, the Council confirmed the appointments of 13 community members recommended by Mayor Julie Fitzgerald to compose the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

Named to the committee were:

El Manhawym and Lau join the committee as its two designated youth representatives; both high schoolers are eligible to com-



#### Mayor's Message

#### Assembling (In Person!) to Plan Wilsonville's Bright Future

In mid-May, I had the opportunity to join the City Council and the City's executive staff at a two-day goal setting retreat at City Hall.

Notably, this meeting was the first time during my tenure that the City Council has been able to

meet together, in one room, to discuss our community's future. I can't tell you how wonderful it was to be able to speak to one another directly, efficiently, without staring into a computer screen.



I believe everyone in the room appreciated this opportunity to re-connect. I'm

hopeful that people continue getting vaccinated so we can all resume seeing one another face-toface and making up for lost time with our friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Even more importantly, our weekend session allowed us the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities we have in Wilsonville, to share our aspirations for the city, to discuss how to remain cohesive through inevitable conflicts, and to start to zero in on our priorities for Wilsonville.

Our facilitator-led process was guided by first establishing our values and a shared vision. Without a vision, goal-setting has no grounding or direction.

The vision we drafted — "Wilsonville is a clean, green and safe community for all" — offers hints to a few of the values that the Council agreed upon to guide our goal-setting process.

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. I'm eager to see how our newly-seated 13-member DEI committee can help us view and direct Wilsonville's progress though a DEI lens to ensure that our programs and policies don't exclude or short change any community member.
- **Sustainability.** We must invest in our existing infrastructure to protect our most critical resources, including roads, water and wastewater systems, parks and facilities.
- Environment. Our City of Trees must remain committed to growing and protecting our air quality and other natural resources, including trees, stormwater, pollinators and wildlife habitats, parks and natural areas.
- **Safety.** Broadly, this value extends beyond public safety and informs how we can prioritize housing opportunity, mental health support, transportation options and food security.
- Economic Opportunity. Especially in the wake of COVID-19, we'll work in support of goals

#### To three-year terms through 12/31/24:

• Jay Edwards, Imran Haider, Eugenia Imel, Santiago Landazuri

#### To two-year terms through 12/31/23:

• Fay Gyapong-Porter, Tracy Hester, Joni McNeil, Sudeep Taksali

#### To one-year terms through 12/31/22:

• Luis Gonzalez, Erika Pham, Rudyane Rivera-Lindstrom, Malak El Manhawym, Camryn Lau

"Determining who to appoint was an incredibly challenging process because we had many more qualified, passionate applicants than we were able to seat," Fitzgerald said. "I'm inspired and heartened by my conversations with so many residents who are committed to making Wilsonville more inclusive."

Nearly half of the 45 candidates who applied for a seat on the committee participated in recent Zoom interviews with Fitzgerald, Councilor Charlotte Lehan and Bill de la Cruz, the City's DEI consultant. Each appointed candidate was among 24 preferred candidates recommended by a 5-member review panel that included City staff and two volunteer DEI advocates from the community.

plete two consecutive one-year terms. Term



lengths for other appointees are staggered to ensure that all seats are not simultaneously vacant.

Before the end of June, the new appointees are to participate in a bias awareness training with de la Cruz, who will guide the initial work of the Committee when it begins meeting in July.

The DEI Committee was established by the City Council to identify and address systemic barriers to inclusion that exist within the City's practices, processes, regulations, events and other initiatives.

The Committee is expected to meet monthly to establish the City's DEI Strategy, and to begin identifying and addressing that which excludes or marginalizes anyone on any basis.

By terms of the Committee's charter, DEI Committee members may serve two consecutive three-year terms before a one-year hiatus is required. Partial terms do not count against this limit.

For more information on the City's DEI Committee, visit **ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-diversity** or contact Zoe Monahan, Assistant to the City Manager, at 503-570-1503; monahan@ci.wilsonville.or.us. and strategies to revitalize local businesses, support arts & tourism, develop a vibrant Town Center and invest in recruiting living-wage employers to the Coffee Creek Industrial Area.

Agreeing upon these values is a good start. Soon, after we finalize and prioritize new goals to support the vision and values, we'll share those with you and set about developing a financial strategy to help ensure our progress.

We have considerable work to do, and we left the session energized and eager to begin to collaborate with our exceptional City staff to identify and achieve how to support our vision to provide everyone a clean, green and safe community to enjoy.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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#### Funding Available to Complete **Ice Storm Relief Projects**

The Wilsonville–Metro Community Enhancement Program, which allocates funding annually to organizations for projects that improve the community, has opened an additional grant application period to providing funding specifically earmarked for Ice Storm relief projects.

As much as \$80,000 is available for projects that meet eligibility requirements and support one or more goals posted online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-mce.

For this special allocation period, the Committee is considering only applications focused on storm recovery, including:

- Stump grinding for street trees
- Tree Pruning /Maintenance to preserve trees
- SROZ Hazard Clean Up

Applications must be submitted online by June 25 at 5 pm. Apply or learn more at ci.wilsonville.or.us/ stormrelief

For additional information, contact program administrator Zoe Monahan before June 11 at 503-570-1503, monahan@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

#### Can My Damaged Tree Be Salvaged?

As the City moves toward recovery and restoration, Emergency Tree Removal Applications for damaged trees are no longer accepted.

Many damaged trees can be pruned and saved at a much lower cost than it costs to remove and replace them. Before you proceed, check out City resources posted at ci.wilsonville.or.us/treedamage

#### Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Improvements Now Underway

t Wilsonville's Willamette River Water Treatment Plant (WRWTP), a major Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP) project is underway. The project is to improve the plant's seismic resiliency and increase intake capacity to support the development of a regional water system for the neighboring communities of Beaverton and Hillsboro.

In May, the Plant's 42-inch raw water header was cut and capped to eventually allow a future Willamette Water Supply System (WWSS) Water Treatment Plant to access raw water from the river. This work required a planned shutdown of the Plant for more than 10 hours, with contingencies

in place to allow Wilsonville and Sherwood to enjoy uninterrupted water service. The work passed inspection, completing a major milestone in the project, an extensive collaboration among WWSP staff, the City, Veolia, contractors and other project stakeholders.

The current phase of the four-year project includes the installation of a section of 66-inch diameter water pipeline through Arrowhead Creek Park (previously known as the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Park). As planned and approved by the City, the park closed June 1 through fall in the interest of public safety. Temporary fencing has been installed to curtail Brockway Drive and Ice Age Trail access into the park.

Seismic riverbank reinforcement is now complete. The new, large, underground piles prevent the Plant from being damaged in an earthquake.

The installation of new water and sewer utilities in Arrowhead Creek Lane — and connections of these new lines to existing utilities in Brockway Drive - is also underway. The utilities will serve a new electrical building at the site. A large underground vault to hold a large meter and valves is near completion.

Restoration of the park and trails will begin once the current phase of construction is complete.



Installing water pipeline at the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant is requiring the temporary closure of the adjacent park this summer.

Program managers note that the project is scheduled for completion in 2024, but that the timeline is subject to change.

Additional pipeline work through Wilsonville will begin in 2022. The pipeline route includes crossing SW Wilsonville Road, SW Kinsman Road, SW 95th Avenue, and SW Ridder Road. The recently completed Garden Acres Road Improvement project incorporated a section of 66" diameter WWSP pipeline.

#### **Long-Term Benefits**

For its support of this critical regional infrastructure development project to yield a more resilient water supply, the City has negotiated more than \$17 million in rents, long-term ownership of the Plant, Park improvements, as well as the seismic upgrades and additional plant capacity.

Work at the WRWTP is one of nearly two dozen projects being simultaneously managed by the WWSP, which is undergrounding 30 miles of water line, constructing a water treatment plant in Sherwood, building new water storage tanks and making other improvements to be completed by 2026.

For more information, including maps, schedules, progress videos and more, visit ourreliablewater.org.

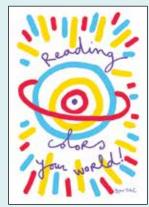


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#### Summer Reading Program **Begins June 1 For All Ages**

Let "Reading Color Your World" this summer with the Summer Reading Program. Anyone, from birth to 100+, can participate!

Readers (and prereaders) of all ages can participate by reading 20 minutes a day for 20 days. Download a reading log or go digital with the Summer Reading Program



#### Give Blood on June 11

The Library is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, June 11, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Red Cross will be observing COVID-19 protocols.

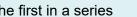
To make an appointment to donate, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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#### "Changing Your Perspective," a Three-Part Lecture Series

The first in a series





**Upcoming Classes** and Events



Stories and Science LIVE Live interactive videos on Thursdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom. Starts June 24. Zoom meeting code: 450-269-930 WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

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

Live interactive videos on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom. Starts June 22. Zoom meeting code: 450-269-930

app "Beanstack". Log your reading, take the Science Exploration challenge, or push your limits with the Summer Activity Challenge and earn entries into fabulous prize drawings.

- Children's online programs return June 22 with Toddler/Baby Time and "Stories and Science."
- Teen online programs start June 23 with games, books and fun for teens in grades 6-12.
- Monthly online programs for adults are ongoing. The English Conversation Groups resume meeting June 5.

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of three hour-long lecture programs, "Five Books" looks at books and authors that have changed our speaker's perspective about life and the world around us. Join Dr. Bill Thierfelder as he shares his



personal journey through the books - and those who wrote them - that have changed the way he perceives family, friends, politics, science, religion and the universe at large.

The program includes time at the end for participants to share some of their most influential literary encounters.

#### Wednesday, June 2, 11 am-12:30 pm

Sign up (at no charge) to receive the Zoom meeting code:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddlertime

#### **Teen Events**

Wednesdays 7-8 pm. Starts June 23. For students in grades 6-12. On Zoom: 901-104-467. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens

#### **English Conversation Groups**

Friendly informal conversation circle on Zoom Mondays at 6 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/ECG

#### **Book Club**

Live discussion with our reference staff on Zoom Thursday, June 24, 6-7 pm Sign up to receive the meeting code. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub

#### Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org



#### City Hopes Memorial Park Demonstration Garden Can Generate New Buzz On Behalf of Pollinators

Wilsonville's new demonstration garden, located near Stein-Boozier Barn at Memorial Park, is more than just a pretty site. The garden is a pollinator paradise, filled with native plants to attract and feed bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.



inspire visitors to create their own pollinator gardens, no matter the size of their garden or their knowledge of native plants.

The space has

"Think of it like painting by numbers," explained parks maintenance specialist Christopher Delk. He and colleague Courtney Burdick, roads maintenance

elements of the new Memorial Park pollinator garden. specialist, have created four distinct gardens that can

Jayme Taylor and Chris Delk install

be quite easily replicated by anyone at home. The plots range from a small-scale patio garden to a large courtyard garden.

To make replication simple, detailed plant lists are provided. Home gardeners can take the list to a nursery to purchase plants and start planting.

"Replicating our gardens at home is meant to be affordable, beautiful and achievable," said Burdick.

Pollinators play a key role in our ecosystem, fertilizing the majority of fruits and vegetables grown. These gardens provide support by supplying food, in the form of pollen and nectar, to keep birds, bees, insects and other creatures in the area to continue pollinating crops.

Carved out from a patch of under-used lawn, the

new demonstration garden helps Wilsonville meet longterm educational objectives. The project also fits well within the city's Integrated Pest Management Plan — the gardens are herbicide- and pesticidefree spaces. After two years, the garden should not require irrigation.

"There will be less mowing, less chemical use and less water consumption," said Zoe Mona-

han, Assistant to the City Manager. Monahan noted that the location is accessible, and far removed from the playground area where bees might be unwelcome.

Though Wilsonville has other pollinator gardens, this is the first plug-and-play garden specifically designed to educate and inspire. Funded by a \$8,500 grant from the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement program, the garden will feature interpretive signage and eventually host City educational programs.

"We are planning environmental programming for youth and adults at the site or in the nearby barn," said Erica Behler, recreation coordinator. Behler anticipates holding DYI bee hotel-making events, pollinator 101 and composting classes, and spring story time events in coordination with the Wilsonville Library. New

#### Business License Renewals, Fees Due to City By June 30

Wilsonville's Business License renewal period occurs each June; all business licenses expire on June 30. To expedite renewals, the City mails renewal application forms to all currently licensed businesses starting the first week of June.

#### Renewing a business license is an easy three-step process:

1. **Complete the information** at the top of the form. 2. Calculate the amount due according to the fee



The completed garden includes four separate demonstration areas and is also to include instructional signage to help residents build pollinator habitat in home gardens.

programs could start as early as this fall.

A "Bee City USA" member since 2017, Wilsonville has pledged to create sustainable habitats that feed and nurture vital pollinators. The City Council's 2019-2021 goals included additional support for a bee-friendly habitat.

"Our goal was to make it easy for people to visit, to learn about pollinators and to be inspired to start their own," Monahan said.

Learn more at ci.wilsonville.or.us/residents/page/ bee-stewards, which includes plant lists and includes a Bee Stewards Pollinator Toolkit. On site, a QR code is provided for easy connection to the site.

For more information, contact Zoe Monahan, Assistant to the City Manager, at 503-570-1503; monahan@ ci.wilsonville.or.us.

schedule. 3. Insert the signed and dated form with the fee in the return envelope and mail back or place in the drop

box at City Hall.

When the renewal application is processed, a new business license is issued and is mailed to the business for display.

If you have questions regarding a business or renewal application please contact Amanda Bryant at 503-570-1518 or licenses@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

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#### **Telecommuting Thoughts**

Through Get There, ODOT and its partners are helping shift business practices and workplace habits. It's not about encouraging everyone to ride a bike or take the bus, but considering what travel options work for different trips and different days. It's also about remote work or telework strategies and doing more business virtually. The aim is to change mindsets and behaviors to help businesses and workers realize the benefits of reduced costs and increased productivity, among other gains.

can come out of COVID-19 and get ahead of traffic congestion problems with new mindsets and habits."

It remains to be seen which business norms and work habits will stick and which will recede as the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis fade. Regardless, current behaviors leave room for improvement. With guidance from Get There, ODOT and its partners hope that remote work/telework strategies will become more the norm and, when life picks up again, businesses and individuals will emerge with a willingness to reconsider their transportation choices.



días. También se trata de estrategias de trabajo remoto o teletrabajo y de hacer más negocios de forma virtual. El objetivo es cambiar la mentalidad y el comportamiento para ayudar a las empresas y a los trabajadores a darse cuenta de los beneficios de la reducción de costos y el aumento de la productividad, entre otros beneficios.

"Es difícil cambiar las normas culturales y romper los hábitos. Las viejas formas han funcionado para hacer el trabajo. La gente habitualmente se sube a sus coches para ir a trabajar. Pero no tiene por qué ser así ", explica Stephanie Millar, planificadora senior y gerente del programa de opciones de transporte en ODOT. "Creo que podemos salir de COVID-19 y adelantarnos a los problemas de congestión del tráfico con nuevas mentalidades y hábitos". Queda por ver qué normas comerciales y hábitos laborales se mantendrán y cuáles desaparecerán a medida que se desvanezcan los impactos de la crisis del COVID-19. Independientemente, los comportamientos actuales dejan margen de mejora. Con la guía de Get There, ODOT y sus socios esperan que las estrategias de trabajo remoto / teletrabajo se conviertan en la norma y, cuando la vida se recupere, las empresas y las personas emergerán con la voluntad de reconsiderar sus opciones de transporte.

"It's hard to change cultural norms and break habits. Old ways have worked to get the job done. People just habitually get into their cars to get to work. But it doesn't have to be like that," explains Stephanie Millar, senior planner and transportation options program manager at ODOT. "I think we

#### Pensamientos de Teletrabajo

A través de Get There, ODOT y sus socios están ayudando a cambiar las prácticas comerciales y los hábitos en el lugar de trabajo. No se trata de alentar a todos a andar en bicicleta o tomar el autobús, sino de considerar qué opciones de viaje funcionan para diferentes viajes y diferentes



# SUMMER CAMPS JUNG - AUG 2021

#### Soccer Shots | Ages 3 - 5 | Saturdays, June 12 - Aug 21 | 11:35AM - 12:10PM | \$199 | Memorial Park

Soccer Shots coaches provide developmentally-appropriate curriculum that emphasizes creative play, enjoyment of sport, and character building lessons. Using creative and imaginative games, weekly sessions focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session, such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.

#### Skyhawks Tennis Camp | Ages 7 - 14 | June 21 - June 25 | 9AM - 12PM | \$135 | Memorial Park

Skyhawks tennis breaks down the fundamental skills of tennis through easily understood games and exercises to help improve the athlete's overall coordination and technique. Players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun and dynamic way. Athletes will learn the rules and etiquette that make tennis such an exciting game to play.

#### Moving with Science Ages 5 - 7 June 28 - July 2 9AM - 12PM \$200 Memorial Park

Join the Mad Scientist in a fun-filled exploration of how science keeps our world moving. Take a close-up look at a wide array of scientific disciplines including chemistry, biology, engineering, physics and optics. Take apart owl pellets to see what they cannot digest! Join a team of camp engineers and build bridges, domes, cubes and pyramids. Make your own sidewalk chalk, crystal garden and a chromatography-dyed T-shirt!

#### Girls Earth Skills | Ages 9 - 14 | July 12 - July 16 | 9AM - 4PM | \$320 | Mary S. Young Park

Participants will work in teams and independently to master new skills like knots, knife use, shelter building and fire. We explore the natural world, where participants discover connections that will enrich their lives and experience. Instructors guide and empower participants through lessons, scenarios, conversations and play. Other skills taught include cordage, signaling, first aid, self-care in the backcountry, and orienteering.

#### Secret Agent Lab | Ages 7 - 12 | July 19 - July 23 | 1PM - 4PM | \$200 | Memorial Park

Look out 007 - the Mad Science Spy Academy is in session! Step into the shoes of a spy in action from decoding messages, to metal detecting and using night vision goggles. Campers will have the opportunity to check out other spy equipment and even create their own edible messages learning how to communicate stealthily just like real spies.

#### Advanced Wilderness Survival | Ages 9 - 14 | Aug. 9 - Aug. 13 | 9AM - 4PM | \$320 | Mary S. Young Park

This camp goes in depth into critical survival skills and cool scenarios that are both challenging and fun. Participants work independently and in teams to problem solve and master the basics of shelter, fire, tool use, traps, rope and knots, plant uses, animal tracking, primitive skills, navigation and more. Campers build confidence, leadership skills, common sense, and responsibility while having a blast with new friends. We play survival themed games and the week ends with an exciting final scenario and a certificate of achievement.





Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SummerCamps for a full list of Summer Camp offerings! OVER 40 CAMPS OPEN!

Your child's safety is our number one priority. All Camps will adhere to Oregon Health Authority guidelines for Youth Programs.

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

#### Summer is Here. Enjoy it Safely, Mindful of a Few Helpful Tips

Tune 21 officially marks the start of summer, my favorite season and a great opportunity for people to enjoy outdoor activities, longer days and warmer weather.

We want to help you experience a safe, enjoyable summer by passing along a few useful summertime tips and reminders.

#### **Visiting Parks**

All Wilsonville parks are open from 5 am to 10 pm. To maintain the quality of life in the parks, alcoholic beverages are not allowed, except for pre-approved events and parties with reservations. Additionally, smoking is prohibited in all parks, and dogs must remain leashed except in designated off-leash areas. Avoid speeding and littering, and support each other by adhering to current COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Let's all do our part to make sure our parks remain a fun, safe and enjoyable place for everyone to enjoy.

#### Child Safety

Proper supervision of children can be a challenge during the summer, but it is critically important. Swimming and cycling are among those activities that can present dangers children might not recognize. I encourage parents to talk with their children (regardless of their age) about their expectations for safe behavior and which specific risks should be avoided. Generally, children should be supervised in a manner appropriate for their age, maturity and the risks inherent in the activity. Invest in helmets and

**Police Chief Rob Wurpes** 

other protective gear. Children under 13 are required to wear an approved flotation device when boating; cycling requires a helmet for anyone under 16. Even when it isn't mandated, protective equipment is a good idea.

#### Curfew

While many cities have more restrictive curfew hours, the City of Wilsonville follows State statute, which prohibits anyone under the age of 18 to be out between midnight and 4 am without the company of a parent of guardian. There are exceptions, including commuting to and from a job.

#### **Contacting Police**

When you are in need of police, fire or medical response, act to produce the best response. If you are experiencing (or witnessing) an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911. In non-emergency situations that require police involvement, by phone or in person, call the City's non-emergency dispatch line at 503-655-8211. Our officers are on the street, responding to calls and looking for issues of public concern; calling police dispatch is the best tool for getting the response you need rather than calling our business office.

I hope these tips and reminders help ensure you and your family enjoy a great, worry-free summer. If something does arise, please know the Wilsonville Police Department is always here to help, any time of the day or night. Stay safe and have fun.

Chief Robert Wurpes

#### Two Members of City's Executive Team Joining Retirement Ranks

fter serving for more than four Ayears as the City's Parks & Recreation Director, Mike McCarty officially retired — again — on April 30. A parks and recreation professional for nearly three decades in California, McCarty interrupted a two-year retirement to direct the City's parks programs.

While in Wilsonville, McCarty oversaw the completion of an updated

Parks Master Plan and new plans to guide future development at Memorial Park and Boones Ferry Park. Interivews are already underway with candidates to succeed McCarty.

Once the new fiscal year budget is complete this month, Finance Director Cathy Rodocker is retiring. Rodocker assumed her current role in 2018, and



Mike McCarty

#### tion" Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada. The process of identifying and hiring Rodocker's successor is underway. "Both retirements are well-earned

previously served as the Assistant

Director of Finance after joining the

17-year tenure, the City has received

City in 2004. For every year of her

a "Distinguished Budget Presenta-

after long, distinguished careers," said City Manager Bryan Cosgrove. "Wilsonville has been fortunate to have Mike and Cathy working on its behalf. Both have been terrific collaborators, respected leaders and great co-workers who will be missed. We wish them happiness chasing grandchildren and the pursuit of leisure."

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

#### **City Council** Action

May 3

The Council approved the purchase of three 21-passenger Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to be utilized by South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART).

#### What it Means

The purchase is funded substantially by more than \$310,000 in State and Federal grants. It means half the buses the half of the vehicles in SMART's fleet will soon operate with electricity or lower-emission alternative fuels.

#### It's Wildfire Season: **Take Steps to Reduce Risks**

roperty owners should take steps to protect their  $\mathbf{F}$  home and land from potential wildfires.

During a wildfire, time is crucial and resources are limited. What you've done before a fire strikes may determine whether firefighters can save your home and other structures on your property.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has taken deliberate steps in the past 20 years to ensure a quick and effective response to wildfires, including investing in specialized wildland



vehicles and equipment and in hands-on training for firefighters.

A 30-foot defensible space or safety zone around your home may help firefighters safely protect your home from an encroaching fire.

To create this space, take the following steps:

- De-limb trees at least 10 feet up from the ground and cut back tree limbs that are hanging over rooftops.
- Trim branches within 10 feet of a chimney.
- Consider replacing wood shakes or shingles on the roof with non-combustible or fire-resistant materials.
- Remove leaves, brush, and other debris from gutters and rooftops, and from underneath decks and crawlspaces.
- Regularly mow and water lawns and other green belts on your property. Keep your landscaping well pruned and watered.
- Plant low-growing, fire-resistant plants such as groundcover, perennials, and annuals near the home. Plant individual shrubs and hardwood trees at least 10 feet from your home and other structures.
- Store firewood and other combustibles at least 100 feet from your home.

Ensure firefighters can quickly find your home by posting your address at the beginning of a long driveway. Make sure your street is named or numbered and a sign is posted at each intersection of your driveway or road. For a rural address sign, call 503-697-9418.

Property access is also crucial. To ensure crews can safely respond, cut back low-hanging tree limbs and clear dense vegetation and debris from the road or driveway. Driveways should be 20 feet wide and have a minimum clearance of 15 feet overhead.

For more wildfire safety tips and preventative measures, visit tvfr.com/395 for "Ready, Set, Go!" wildfire resources.

#### In Memoriam: City Employees Mourn Loss of Two Public Works Colleagues

The City of Wilsonville is mourning the recent passing of two valued members of its employee family, both of whom capably served the City's Public Works department.

Chris Reece, 61, spent 15 years as a Water Technician until succumbing of natural causes on May 17. A 10-year resident of Wilsonville, Chris will be remembered by kind sense of eteran spent four a flight deck op-Forrestal. He is Chris Reece adult children, ney. was the City's for five years viously workte River Water an operator for Veolia. A caring and considerate co-worker, Jason was lost at sea on Jason Labrie May 14 during a fishing expedition off the Washington coast. Employed by Clackamas River Water at the time of his death, Jason leaves behind his wife Bethany, son Alden and daughter Sophia. "We are stunned and saddened by the loss of two kind, wonderful people who cared about their work and did it well," said Public Works Director Delora Kerber. "They will remain fondly in our memories, and our thoughts are with their families."



Cathy Rodocker

May 3	The Council adopted a resolution establish- ing by-laws for the City's new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.	The committee will develop the City's DEI strategy and advise the City Council on programs and policies to yield more equitable and inclusive outcomes for community members.	co-workers for his k humor. The Navy ve years (1981-85) as a erator on the USS Fo survived by his two Andrew and Courth Jason Labrie, 47, 9 Utilities Supervisor
Apr. 19	The Council approved a preferred approach for the "Boeckman Dip" to mitigate the steep slope for travelers on Boeckman Rd. between Canyon Creek Rd. and Stafford Rd.	The Council approved the staff's recommendation of a \$20.7 million plan to build a bridge that removes the dip to increase safety and connectivity, improve emergency response and limit environmental and wildlife impacts.	
Apr. 19	The Council also approved the extension of the professional services agreement with JayRay Ads & PR.	JayRay is providing marketing and promotional services to ignite the 'Explore Wilsonville' Tourism Promotion and Development and Destination Marketing Program.	(2013-18) after previ ing at the Willamette Treatment Plant as a

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#### A Park Full of **Goats?** Totes!

For 12 days in April, a team of goats helped rid Memorial Park of invasive Himalayan Blackberries and English Ivy. A welcome addition to the City's pest management team, these four-legged workers cleared more than an acre of overgrown terrain and yet, somehow, still had time to pose for

pictures with their adoring

#### City's 2021 Integrated Pest Management Activity Report **Now Available Online**

n annual report prepared by City staff outlines A the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan and details 2020 activities completed to keep City-owned parks and properties safely maintained for public enjoyment. To view this report, visit ci.wilsonville. or.us/IPM.

The development of the City's Integrated Pest

Management program is collaboration among the City's Public Works, Natural Resources and Parks Maintenance staff. Please call 503-682-4960 for more information.



#### **Briefs**

#### Road Resurfacing to Take Place on Town Center Loop, Park Place

**T**o support the City's I infrastructure and optimize traffic flow, the City annually schedules work to upgrade or reconstruct roads in need of maintenance.

This summer, that work is scheduled to occur on portions of Town Center Loop and Park Place. The project is providing new asphalt, pedestrian curb ramps, roadway striping and pedestrian signal improvements.

The City is reconstructing pedestrian curb ramps to meet current federal

standards, and also upgrading pedestrian signals to current federal accessibility standards. Pedestrian access is being maintained during construction.

Drivers and pedestrians may experience delays on these roadways while construction occurs. Curb ramp construction often requires adjustments to signal timing to always account for presence of pedestrians while crosswalk buttons are disabled.

All upgrades are scheduled to begin in June or July, and to be completed by the end of September.



#### Wilsonville HS Student Places Second in Art Contest to Promote Road Safety

arly Shanklin of Wilsonville High School was the second place finisher in the 2020 Drive to Zero Art Contest. Her work, and that of the other



top-five finishers, is to be integrated into the county's Drive to Zero traffic safety campaign that seeks to reduce all serious and fatal traffic crashes to zero by 2035. Clackamas County has sponsored this safety initiative biennially since 2008. The County received 21 entries from Clackamas County students. Kenzie Prock (Molalla High School) took the \$300 first prize, while Shankin won a \$200 prize for her runner-up finish.

## City Calendar

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

#### JUNE Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall 1 Tue City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting 7 Mon Wed • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall 9 Red Cross Blood Drive 10 am-3 pm, Wilsonville Library 11 Fri 14 Mon • DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall 15 Tue 21 Mon • City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting 23 Wed • Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Parks & Recreation Building 28 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall JULY Independence Day observed City offices closed Mon 5 Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall 6 Tue SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Next Level Chiropractic 7 Wed DRB Panel A 12 Mon 6:30 pm, City Hall • W'ville-Metro Comm. Enhancement Mtg. 13 Tue 6 pm, virtual 14 Wed • SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Wilsonville Transit Center Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall • Movies in the Park 16 Fri Dusk, TBD City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting 19 Mon Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall 20 Tue SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Goosehead Insurance 21 Wed DRB Panel B 26 Mon 6:30 pm, City Hall 28 Wed • SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Wilsonville Transit Center Library Board Meeting 4 pm. Parks & Recreation Building

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

Additional information can be found at

#### ci.wilsonville.or.us/2021roadprojects

If you have questions that the website doesn't address, please contact Project Manager Dominique Huffman, Civil Engineer, at 503-570-1546; huffman@ ci.wilsonville.or.us.

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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 Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziply 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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