

# The Boones Ferry Messenger

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

August 2022



To replace an inadequate bioswale at Boones Ferry Primary School, the City's Natural Resources staff sought a Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Grant to fund an innovative collaboration that taught the school's fifth graders to design a replacement system. Students and other volunteers re-planted the bioswale this spring.

### **Bioswale Restoration Project Connects Boones Ferry Primary Students to Nature**

 ${\bf B}$  ioswales are a wonder of engineering. When working correctly these mini, human-made wetlands capture and filter stormwater, slow its runoff, and help prevent flooding. Their plants provide shelter to a diverse ecosystem of insects, small animals, and birds.

When the bioswale at Boones Ferry Primary School was not working correctly — too choked with trees and inappropriate vegetation to function adequately restoring it became a community-wide collaboration among students, the City of Wilsonville, professional landscape architects, representatives for indigenous peoples, volunteers, and leaders from the Center for Research in Environmental Sciences & Technology

"Talk about synergy!" CREST director Amy Schauer said. "Every stage and phase of this project has been so highly collaborative."

The project kicked off in 2019, when the City's natural resources manager, Kerry Rappold, took on

the renovation. He saw the project as a great way to educate students about wetlands, the water cycle and stormwater management.

"We established the program with a grant from the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program," Rappold said, "and partnered with the

"The pandemic hit these students hard, so it was really important to finish this project."

school district to get the **Boones Ferry Primary** fifth graders involved." With the help of

CREST and a consultant, Boones Ferry

teachers developed lesson plans about watersheds and how to keep them healthy. Students read about native plants and animals, learned about stormwater management, and eventually designed the plantings for their own bioswale. The students' ideas were woven into the final plan developed by Leslie Campbell, Founder/Director of Habitat Landscape Design.

"Engaging students was the easy part," recalled

Schauer. "They knew that their plans would inform the final landscaping plan and that the renovated bioswale would be part of their legacy to their school as they moved up to middle school the following year. I can't imagine a more engaging learning experience and storyline."

Then the pandemic hit, pausing the completion of the project for nearly two years.

When work restarted in 2022, the project hit another snag. The school district had sufficient budget to remove trees but not enough to excavate and reinstall the necessary 100 yards of soil media. Wilsonville's Parks Team jumped in and led the effort to complete the project.

"The pandemic hit these students hard, so it was really important to finish this project," Rappold said. "We didn't want another disappointment."

About 25 members of Wilsonville's Church of Latter-Day Saints helped, as did West Linn High Continued on Page 5

### **Nate Botsford Headlines** Summer Concert Celebration The Community Block Party is Aug. 25

**¬**he City of Wil-■ sonville's Community Block Party returns on Thursday, Aug. 26, at Town Center Park.

Mingle among friends, family and neighbors at the City's annual end-of-summer gathering and enjoy live music from country crooner Nate Botsford. The fun and music begin at 5:30 pm. Bring a picnic or grab food from a food truck.

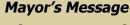
The Block Party is more than just a concert. Several City departments are hosting family-friendly activities, including

a book walk, lawn games, the SMART train and

For additional details about the Community Block Party, visit wilsonvilleparksandrecreation. com.

### Don't miss the final Rotary Concerts of the Season at Town Center Park

Aug. 4: Jennifer Batten & Full Steam Aug. 11: Radical Revolution (5:30-8:30 pm, headliners at 6:30 pm)



### Always Working to Do More to Help Our Neighbors in Need

In legislative circles, it's often said that Wilsonville **⊥** overperforms expectations.

Our locally-operated transit system (SMART) and our Water Treatment Plant might be the two best examples of Wilsonville's ability to achieve uncommon

Wilsonville resident. I take that commitment to heart,

It's not always easy. While larger cities receive direct federal funding earmarked for social services, smaller cities like ours are left to compete for funds with other jurisdictions within Clackamas and Washington County.

Nevertheless, we forge ahead and identify opportunities for progress. Recently, with the support of House Rep. Courtney Neron, the City secured a \$1.9 million grant from the Oregon legislature that supports construction of a new affordable housing project at the Wilsonville Transit Center. The transit-oriented development proposal includes ground floor amenities that support the community, including a Transit Information Center and a permanent new home for Wilsonville Community Sharing (WCS).

I have immense gratitude for Wilsonville Community Sharing, the work they do, and the overwhelming support they receive from the community. Your generosity at City events (including Bulky Waste Day, Shred Day, Fall Leaf Drop) helps WCS provide groceries, toiletries, gift cards and donations to support the social services they provide. The City augments your support with an annual grant of more than \$50,000 in utility and rent assistance for those with critical financial needs. We recently provided WCS with a temporary new home in the old Arts & Technology High School building so they can to provide critical services without interruption.

Appropriately, WCS is now located adjacent to the Wilsonville Community Center and the Creekside Woods Apartments. At the Community Center, lowcost meals are provided to residents each weekday. For years, the center has employed a full-time staff member dedicated to helping procure social services for Wilsonville seniors, many who live in Wilsonville's subsidized housing units at Creekside Woods and elsewhere.

The City is also taking strides to support those experiencing mental health challenges. With new funding allocated by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), we are providing funding for a full-time behavioral health specialist to join the Wilsonville Police Department. This critical step improves the department's ability to respond to those in crisis.

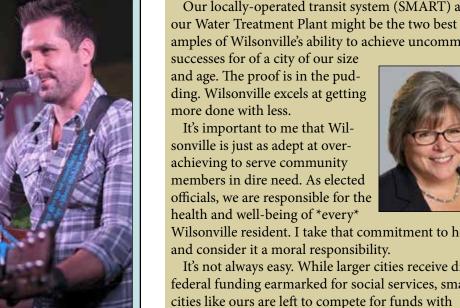
If you have new ideas to help us innovate and provide new services, I'm always interested in listening. We're a community that cares, and I am grateful for the many community members who give so generously to support your neighbors in need. Thank you.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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### **WACC Seeks New Board Members**

**¬**he Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council **▲** (WACC), is seeking new board members committed to advancing arts and culture within the Wilsonville community.

Members aid in supporting professional artistic

performances and the annual Festival of Arts. Accounting, legal expertise, web design, design, and social media acumen



are among the skills sought by WACC to help the board execute the strategies to support its mission, goals and values.

Each year, WACC expands new programming, supports arts education, and connects neighbors with artists. The organization seeks to become more involved with businesses and non-profit organizations, and to empower local artists.

To apply, send a current resume and cover letter to director@wilsonvillearts.org.

For more information, contact Jenni Kadwell, President, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council, 971.302.8988; president@wilsonvillearts.org.

### Little Free Library Donated In Memory of a Reader

ittle Free Libraries exist throughout Wilsonville to ✓encourage a free book exchange among neighbors. A national non-profit program, Little Free Libraries is supported locally by the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

Wilsonville's newest Little Free Library — installed in July at the entrance of the Rivergreen neighborhood on Willamette Way East — was donated by Rivergreen residents Dave and Sharon Lucas as a way of honoring their late son, Eric (1979-2021).

"Our son had a love of books. We called him Ericipedia as he had such a broad knowledge of so many different subjects," Sharon Lucas said.

The Foundation's call for volunteers to install the library was answered by Mark Reep (who had experience starting up more than 100 Little Free Libraries in California) and Joshua Burkes of Burkes Group Real

Through donations and the work of volunteers, six new Little Free Libraries have been installed since 2021. Wilsonville has at least 18 Little Free Libraries, including those supported by donors of the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation and those donated and installed by community members.

"This program is driven by a love of literature and making free books accessible to all children in Wilsonville," said Kristi Park, the project coordinator for Wilsonville Little Free Libraries.

Park said the Foundation has plans to install six more Little Free Libraries this year Autumn Park Apart- Eric Lucas. ments, Wilsonville



The new Little Free Library in including sites at the Rivergreen includes a dedication to

Meadows Neighborhood, Walt Morey Park, and the Tivoli Park along Coffee Creek.

To learn more about the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation and its Little Free Library Program, visit wplf.org or email WilsonvilleLittleFreeLibraries@ gmail.com.

### Summer Reading Program Recommended Reads: Go Beyond the Beaten Path

Take your summer reading "Beyond the Beaten Path" with these recommended books set at camp/ campsites.

The Summer Reading Program continues through August. Don't forget to turn in your reading log to be entered in prize drawings.



Pete the Cat Goes Camping, James Dean (Youth)

Excited about his camping trip, Pete can't wait to go hiking and eat smores by the campfire, until he hears about the mysterious creature named Bigfoot.

The Camping Trip, Jennifer K. Man (Youth)

Ernestine is beyond excited to go camping. But she quickly realizes that nothing could have prepared her for how hard it would be.

Holes, Louis Sachar (Youth)

A boy is wrongly accused of theft and sent to a juvenile detention camp in the Texas desert.

Ivy + Bean Make the Rules, Annie Barrows (Youth) Bean and Ivy make their own camp, where they give a whole new meaning to crafts and hands-on learning.

Campfire, Shawn Sarles (YA)

16 year-old Maddie's camping trip with family and friends in a remote mountain location turns deadly as stories told around the campfire begin coming true.

Dead Weight: Murder at Camp Bloom, Terry Blas (YA) A group of teens at Camp Blood find themselves in a real-life murder mystery when they witness the murder of a beloved counselor.

This One Summer, Mariko Tamaki (YA)

Every summer, Rose goes with her parents to a lake house, but this summer is different with secrets, heartache, and hope.

The Other Normals, Ned Vizzini (YA)

A boy is sent to camp to become a man--but ends up on a fantastical journey that will change his life forever.

The Interestings, Meg Wolitzer (F)

The summer that Nixon resigns, six teenagers at a summer camp for the arts become inseparable. Decades later the bond remains powerful, but so much else has changed.

YA = Young Adult (teens), F = Fiction (adults)

For more information about the Library's Summer Reading Program, visit wilsonvillelibrary.org.

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8200 SW Wilsonville Road 503-682-2744 WilsonvilleLibrary.org



### Write, Win Prizes in Library's **August Short Story Contest**

The Library is encouraging writers of all ages to submit a short story, up to 1500 words. You could win local fame and a prize.

Stories are being judged by a panel of expert librarians for creativity, style, and voice.

Three winners from each age group (toddlers through Adult) receive prizes and have their stories published on the Library's website.

Contest rules and official entry form are available online. Submissions are being accepted until August 31.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/story

### Summer Reading Ends Aug. 31

All ages can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Read 20 minutes a day for 20 days and receive entry into a prize drawing. Sign up for free online



with Beanstack or fill out paper logs, available at the library and online.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/SRP

### Live Music Returns in September

Live music returns to the library in September

with the Book **Notes Concert** Series.

The Wilsonville **Public Library** is pleased to present musical performances by local musicians.



This concert series is presented by the Wilsonville Friends of the Library.

These free performances take place in the Wilsonville Public Library's Reading Area (by the large picture windows) at 2 pm on the second Saturday of each month.

Sept. 10: Steve Hale: A singer/songwriter with a soul edge, Steve delivers blue-eyed-soul-Americana-pop in the tradition of Michael Bublé, Daryl Hall, Sam Cooke and Bill Withers.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/concerts

### **Upcoming Classes** and Events



### **First Friday Films**

Watch the latest releases, from blockbusters to independent films, for free on our big screen. Friday, Aug. 5, 6-8 pm Friday, Sept. 2, 6-8 pm

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/films

### **PROFILES Online Programs**

Explore the people, places, and events that shape our lives, our world, our universe. Wednesday, August 3: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Wednesday, September 7: Allen Ginsberg 11 am-12:30 pm Online on Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

### Space Talk: Paths to Saturn V

How the USA conceived the design for the Saturn V, the rocket that landed us on the moon. Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 am-12:30 pm WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

### Youth programs return in Sept.

Join our Youth Services staff with fun programs for ages from birth through high school.

> Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





### To Be "Two Weeks Ready" When Emergency Strikes, Do Critical Planning Now



Oregon has experienced a recent cycle of emergencies and disasters, including floods, drought, wildfires, ice storms, excessive heat, and the CO-

VID-19 pandemic. Each of these serves as reminder of the importance of individual preparation.



When the next disaster strikes, first responders may not be able to reach everyone impacted within hours or even days. That's why every Oregonian should proactively prepare to be self-sufficient for at least two weeks. This is especially the case in the event of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.

Being "2 Weeks Ready" means having a preparedness plan and enough food, water, and supplies for you and your household to survive on your own for a full two weeks in the aftermath of a disaster.

Being 2 Weeks Ready makes communities more resilient in a number of ways:

- Allows first responders to triage effectively and attend to critical, life-threatening situations
- Ensures individuals and families can survive if roads are impassable, and no one can deliver supplies or assistance
- Encourages neighbors to care for one another, and to protect vulnerable populations

Disaster can strike any time, without notice. Taking simple steps today can pay huge dividends when the next emergency arrives.

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management's 2 Weeks Ready program empowers Oregonians to take the most critical steps to preparedness.

### 1) Be Well-Informed

- a) Sign up for emergency alerts in your area at OR-Alert (**oralert.gov**).
- b) Make sure your cell phone has Wireless Emergency Alerts (**ready.gov/alerts**) enabled.
  - c) Know evacuation routes in your area.

### 2) Make an Emergency Plan

- a) Learn how to develop a plan. Visit **ready.gov/ plan**.
- b) Discuss the plan with your household members, loved ones, friends and neighbors.
- c) Practice the elements of the plan so you'll be ready when a disaster occurs.

### 3) Build an Emergency Kit

- a) Be equipped with at least two weeks' worth of food, water and critical supplies. Learn to assemble an emergency supply kit at **Ready.gov/kit** or **redcross.org**.
- b) Prepare a pet evacuation kit (**ready.gov/pets**) in a tote bag or pet crate.

Keep your emergency supplies in an easy-to-carry backpack, bucket or bag that you can use at home or take with you in an emergency.

Every family's kit will look different. There is no one correct way to put together two weeks' worth of supplies since everyone has individual needs.

Being prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks is an important and achievable goal. It means not just

having two weeks of food and water, but thinking about the many things

Emergency Preparedness Fair Sat, Sept. 17, 10 am-noon Stein-Boozier Barn, Mem. Park

you already do to make you better able to bounce back after a disaster.

You can get there over time; you don't have to do it all today. Start small and work toward the two-week goal. Pick up a couple items every payday and check out garage sales and thrift stores for tools and gear.

For more information, visit WilsonvilleReady.com.

### **August's Go Bag Challenge**

Wilsonville Ready is covering the basics of building a go bag. At September's Emergency Preparedness Fair, we'll give away Wilsonville Ready phone chargers to up to 100 residents who successfully complete their own bag.

This month's challenge is to account for the needs of all family members in your Go Bag. Consider that one bag may not be enough. The size of your family may help determine what size and/or how many bags you prepare. Do you have children or pets? Have you packed essential items for them? Do you need specific bags for family members? Consider what effects to pack that individualize your bag(s) to meet specific needs:

- Quiet games (books, coloring books, deck of cards, search and fine or puzzle books, etc.)
- Child's favorite toys or comfort items (blanket, stuffed animal, etc.)
- Favorite snacks to eat on the road





### **Walk Wednesdays in September**

SMART's sponsor-hosted group walks take a hiatus in August, and return on Sept. 14.

Join us for a short stroll during the lunch hour and learn more about local businesses and programs. Walks are about 30 minutes in length.

Date	Meeting Location	
Sept 7	No Walk	
Sept 14	City Hall (Civics Academy)	
Sept 21	Lux Sucre (Charbonneau)	
Sept 28	Clackamas Community College	





# Temporary Service Reduction



### **Driver Shortage Necessitates Temporary Service Reductions**

Because of a bus driver shortage, SMART is temporarily reducing service on selected routes effective Monday, Aug. 1. Driver shortages are a major transit issue nationwide, and SMART is feeling the impact. The City is working to hire new drivers, each of whom will complete SMART's intensive training program.

To minimize the impact and to allow all routes to continue operating, service reductions are spread across a few routes. To review the changes, visit ridesmart.com or call 503-682-7790

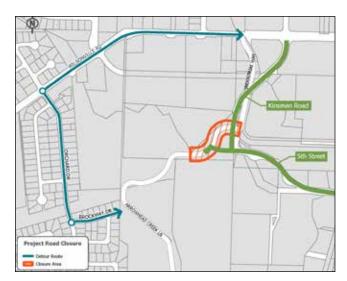
### Cambios al Servicio de SMART

SMART está reduciendo temporalmente el servicio a partir del lunes 1 de agosto en ciertas rutas debido a la escasez de conductores. La escasez de conductores ha sido un gran problema en todo el país y SMART está comenzando a sentir el impacto. La Ciudad está

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trabajando para contratar nuevos conductores que participaran en el programa intensivo de entrenamiento de SMART. La reducción del servicio ocurrirá en algunas rutas para minimizar el impacto y permitir que todas las rutas continúen operando. Visite ridesmart. com para revisar los cambios o llámenos al 503-682-7790.





# Arrowhead Creek Lane Closed for Road Re-Alignment

Construction is requiring a three-week-long closure of Arrowhead Creek Lane in August to realign the road with the new Kinsman Road/5th Street intersection.

Arrowhead Creek Lane at Industrial Way will be closed to through traffic, Aug. 1-19. The proximity of Arrowhead Creek and other constraints prevent the road from being open as this work is being completed. Access to Arrowhead Creek Park is closed for the duration of the project.

Willamette River Water Treatment Plant business traffic may gain access via the fire access at the end of Brockway Drive. Detour route signage is posted along Wilsonville Rd., Orchard Dr., and Brockway Dr.]

Once roadway improvements are completed, further access impacts and use of the Orchard/Brockway detour are not anticipated.

The project to extend 5th Street and Kinsman Rd. in Old Town provides an important link in the City's transportation network. The project extends 5th Street, west of Boones Ferry Rd., and Kinsman Rd., south of Wilsonville Rd. It reduces traffic congestion at Wilsonville/Boones Ferry Intersection by improving connections to west-side neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Zach Weigel, City Engineer, 503-570-1565; weigel@ci.wilsonville.or.us



### `Cats Golfers Cap Championship Season with City Council Visit

In June, the Wilsonville City Council welcomed the Wilsonville High School girls golf team to Council Chambers in recognition of the team's 5A State Championship.

The Council declared June 20-24 "Wilsonville

Wildcats Week," and issued a proclamation highlighting the team's 31-stroke victory in May's State tournament in Creswell, Ore. The proclamation also acknowledged the team's 5A Academic State Championship.



## Donate School Supplies Before Aug. 10 to Support WLWV Students In Need

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is hosting a school supply drive.

Notebooks, binders, Post-Its, loose leaf paper, dividers, folders, pens, pencils, crayons, and other supplies are needed

Donations may be dropped at the Park and Recreation Admin. Building (29600 SW Park Pl.) at Town Center Park weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm until Aug. 10

All donated school supplies are being donated to the West Linn/Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center to be distributed to local families in need.



WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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

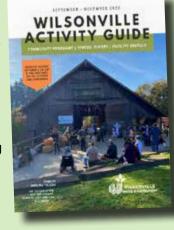


### Join Us at a Skate Park Grand Opening Event

Join Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and the Wilsonville Skatepark Association for the new skate park opening event in Memorial Park on Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 am-noon. Bring your own skateboard, and enjoy staking, a live DJ and a prize raffle.

### Fall/Winter Registration Opens Aug. 22

Fall and Winter Registration is right around the corner! On Aug. 22, registration opens for programs spanning September through December. Register early! Don't miss community events like Harvest Festival, the annual Holiday Tree Lighting and more! All Wilsonville addresses are mailed a copy of the activity guide, which is also available online.



### Reserve Stein-Boozier Barn for 2023!

Looking for a unique spot to host an upcoming wedding or special event? Reservations for the Stein-Boozier Barn in Murase Plaza are now being accepted for the 2023 season!



tables, folding chairs, and a bar area with a sink and large refrigerator. This beautiful, intimate space can accommodate up to 96 people. Applications are available online. Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SteinBoozierBarn.

### **Boones Ferry Trail Construction to Begin**

The Boones Ferry Park ADA Trail Connectivity Project is connecting the Old Town Neighborhood to Boones Ferry Park via a hard surface trail through mature forest.

The 800-foot hard-surface ADA accessible trail segment provides safe and convenient access, extending a trail that provides access from Boones Ferry Park all the way to Memorial Park. Because the Old Town neighborhood has few sidewalks, the trail is being forged through 2.5 acres of forest.

As part of the project, Parks Maintenance crews are mitigating a significant volume of noxious and undesirable plants, including blackberries and holly. Crews will revitalize the native understory.

Work is expected to begin this fall, with completion targeted for the summer of 2023.

# Upcoming Classes and Events

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

Fridays at 1 pm Ongoing, Drop-In Community Center No Charge

### Movie in the Park: "Soul"

All Ages Friday, Aug. 5 Movie begins approx. 9 pm Town Center Park Free

### **Anthony Newman Multi-Sport Camp**

Ages 6-14 Daily, August 8-12 8:30 am-3:30 pm Memorial Park \$215

### Movie in the Park: "The Goonies"

All Ages Friday, Aug. 19 Movie begins approx. 8:45 pm Memorial Park River Shelter Free

### YMCA Soccer

Ages 6-12 Daily, Aug. 22-26 9 am-3 pm

Visit our website for more events:
WilsonvilleParksandRec.com



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

### A Month in the Life of the Wilsonville Police Department

The Wilsonville Police Department is unique among City departments. We are the only unit that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Around the clock, we're responding to calls and patrolling our community. We often get asked about what our jobs looks like on a daily or nightly basis.

Every day is different, of course, but our service logs provide a pretty good idea of what we're doing when we're not on in training, at community events or in the office.



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

Let's take a look at service logs for June, which is typically a busier month for us (although this year the weather was less typical). For the month, we responded to 1,201 calls; about 40 per day. That total is up from 1,145 in June 2021.

These calls can be broken down into three types:

- Calls that came in from 911 or non-emergency lines: 697
- Officer initiated activity such as traffic stops and checking parks after hours as examples: 504
- Follow up calls, including work on existing cases (not including detectives): 23

The highest volume of calls occurs between 3 to 11 pm, when we receive about 41% of our calls. A dispatcher can typically enter an emergency call into the system in under one minute. Our average response time to an emergency call is about 4 minutes.

Most commonly, we were asked to check on suspicious circumstances, people, and vehicles (96 calls). We appreciate people being on the lookout for things that appear out of place in their neighborhood.

The next 5 most common calls were:

- Theft
- Public assists (including questions or non-criminal matters)
- Welfare checks (often requested checks on our elderly community members)



- Home and business alarms
- Parking complaints

In June, our traffic enforcement officers made 234 traffic stops; just less than 8 per day. Those stops resulted in 125 citations, 93 warnings, and 3 arrests for driving under the influence. We also responded to 7 traffic accidents.

More information on the type and volume of our calls is available on the Call Activity Dashboard, which is updated at the beginning of each month and can be accessed at clackamas.us/sheriff/stats.

We remain committed to delivering safe, high quality, and equitable police services.

In service,

Chief Robert Wurpes

### **Bioswale Restoration**

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School's Key Club and Permaculture classes. Several Wood Middle School seventh graders who were part of the original project chipped in, as did fourth and fifth graders at Boones Primary. Together, the volunteer crew installed more than 1,500 new plants to put the finishing touch on Boones Ferry Primary's beautiful, well-functioning bioswale. Schauer has already noticed a more diverse population of insects and birds within the microhabitat, which now serves as a living classroom for future students.

"In the future, students can study native plants, water quality, ecology, and even things like solar radiation and photosynthesis, right in this place, at their very own school, that students just like themselves made," said Schauer.

Rappold started a similar project at Boeckman Creek Primary School. While that school has no bioswale to renovate, fifth graders had three outdoor learning sessions about local watersheds. They created posters about watersheds, which were turned over to graphic design students at Wilsonville High School. When completed, three educational posters will be displayed in locations around the City.

Rappold's efforts to educate students didn't end there.



"We also invested in creating a table-top-sized 3D model of Wilsonville's watershed," Rappold said. "The model was painted by honor students from Wilsonville High School, and will be a great teaching tool for years to come."

For more information on the City's Natural Resources programs, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/natural.

# Get the real dirt. And a Master Gardanary!

### **Get Gardening Questions Answered by a Master**

The Master Gardener ™ program, an Oregon State University Extension Service, answers gardening and pest management questions to help people make informed decisions about their gardening challenges.

Is there a tough weed you want to kill? Is your lawn dying? What can you do about the black spots on your tomatoes? How should you get rid of aphids on your roses?

OSU Master Gardeners can help gardeners find the answers. Simply take photos of the garden or landscape problem, and send them with a description of the problem using our web form.

A Master Gardener will send an informed response and recommendations that include timing, risks and benefits.

Visit **metromastergardeners.org** to ask a question or learn more about the program.

# City Earns National Acclaim as "Walk-Friendly" Community

Wilsonville has been honored as one of 23 cities and towns from across the United States to be designated "Walk Friendly" in 2022.

For the third time, the Walk Friendly Communities program (WFC) has recognized the City's work to prioritize pedestrians and create safe and inviting places to walk. Wilsonville first earned the designation in 2011, and has now twice been re-designated as a bronze-level Walk Friendly Community. The designation is valid for a five-year period.

"Sustaining this designation for more than a decade is a substantial achievement," said Community Development Director Chris Neamtzu. "It's reflective of a long-held commitment to prioritize pedestrian safety and mobility. Walkable communities are desirable places to live and work."

Wilsonville has implemented changes to improve roadway safety for bikers and pedestrians, including reprogramming traffic signals to eliminate conflicts between pedestrians and motorists, adding bicycle facilities like bike lane buffers, cycle tracks, and bicycle specific detection at signals.

New York City and Arlington County, Virginia were WFC's two platinum-level WFC designees. The program recognized four gold-level, four silver-level, and 13 bronze-level recipients. The recognition follows a detailed review of each community's sustained efforts to elevate the needs of pedestrians across all areas of transportation programming.

The national WFC program was established to encourage cities and towns across the country to develop and support walking environments with an emphasis on safety, mobility, access, and comfort. Managed by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC), the program distinguishes communities leading the way in walkability and seeks to share their stories to inspire other communities to move toward their own innovative solutions.

To learn more about Walk Friendly Communities, visit walkfriendly.org.



The new 5th Street extension in Old Town includes "walk-friendly" sidewalks off-set from vehicle traffic.

# Fund a Community-Building Program! City Accepting Community Opportunity Grant Applications Through Sept. 13

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for the Community Opportunity Grant program through Friday, Sept. 23.

Each year, \$25,000 from the City's general fund is earmarked to provide funding for a wide range of local programs and projects in Wilsonville. Successful proposals support education, diversity, arts, entertainment and community-building programs.

"Our guidelines allow a wide range of community organizations the opportunity to apply," said Park & Recreation Programs Manager Brian Stevenson. "We encourage any community-oriented group to learn more about the program."

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviews applications and awards up to \$12,500 in grant funds twice a year. The fall grant review takes place Oct. 13.

Recent past recipients have included the Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council, Wilsonville Little League, Wilsonville Community Seniors and local robotics groups.

See complete grant guidelines and complete the application online at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/GrantPrograms.

For more information, contact Brian Stevenson, Program Manager, at 503-570-1523, stevenson@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

### Outdoor Open House on Aug. 9 to Inform Frog Pond East and South Master Plan

Master planning for the Frog Pond East and South neighborhoods continues with two public open house on Aug. 9 at the Murase Plaza Splash Shelter. The first is scheduled from noon to 2 pm; the second takes place from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Planners are currently focused on gathering com-

munity input to inform the design of the area's "public realm", which includes streets,

Frog Pond East & South Master Plan Open House Sept. 17, 12-2 pm, 4:30-6:30 pm Murase Plaza Splash Shelter Memorial Park

sidewalks, trails, and parks.

Informed by previous public input from the community, City planners have identified a variety of housing styles that meet current and future demand,

and that also support the City Council's goal to establish housing affordable to first-time and/or lower-income buyers.

The Frog Pond East and South Master Plan establishes the framework of Wilsonville's next great neighborhoods. The project identifies the types and locations of the homes, parks, open spaces, streets, trails and neighborhood amenities to be built over the next 10-20 years. The extensive process also identifies water, sewer, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure needs and funding sources.

Learn more about the project directly from planners at the City's Community Block Party on Aug. 25 or visit letstalkwilsonville.com.

For more information, contact Planning Manager Dan Pauly at 503-570-1536; pauly@ci.wilsonville.or.us



### Wilsonville Civics Academy Graduates the Class of 2022; Enrollment Begins Sept. 1 for 2023

Wilsonville's Civics Academy provides civicsminded community members with an indepth introductory course in City operations.

On Sept. 1, community members may begin applying for the 2023 Civics Academy. Applications must be received by Nov. 10. The seven-month program begins on Dec. 15.

The Civics Academy meets at City Hall with City staff, elected officials and others about various aspects how the City functions. Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of the month.

The curriculum includes lectures, field trips and other activities designed to chart a path for those interested in future roles on volunteer boards with the City or local non-profits. It also provides a forum for community members to meet others who share an interest in local government.

The Civics Academy is limited to about 25 members. The program is provided at no cost, and is open to Wilsonville residents, including high school students. If space permits, spots may be allocated to local business operators or employees who live outside of Wilsonville and work within City limits.

For more information, contact Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager, at 503-570-1503; Mombert@ci.wilsonville.or.us. or go online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/academy.



**Graduation Day!** The City Council welcomed the Civics Academy's Class of 2022 to Council Chambers in July for the program's graduation ceremony. The annual civic engagement program, which provides an in-depth look at how the City operates, will begin accepting applications on Sept. 1 for its 2023 program.

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

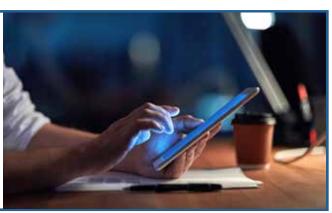
City Council	Action	What it Means	
June 20	The Council approved an amended contract with Murraysmith that funds inspection services for the Corral Creek and Rivergreen Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project.	Pumping, electrical, and control systems are be upgraded, among other improvements, to ensure the resilience of the City's wastewater infrastructure.	
June 20	The Council approved an amended contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) that funds additional work to incorporate Equitable Housing Strategic Plan priorities into the Frog Pond East and South Master Plan.	The funds, made available by a grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), allow planners to identify and pursue additional strategies to support the construction of affordable housing.	
June 20	The Council authorized the transfer of \$900 in unspent funds previously allocated to the Willamette Falls Locks Commission.	With the dissolution of the Commission, the money is to be used by the newly-established Willamette Falls Locks Authority.	
June 20	During Legal Business, the City Council approved two motions that update the City's contracting code.	The update addresses conflicting sections of the code.	
URA Board	Action	What it Means	
June 20	The URA Board authorized a lease agreement that allows Wilsonville Community Sharing to temporarily occupy the former Arts & Technology High School building (29796 SW Town Center Loop E.).	The City's local food bank operator can continue uninterrupted service to provide food and social services to residents in need.	

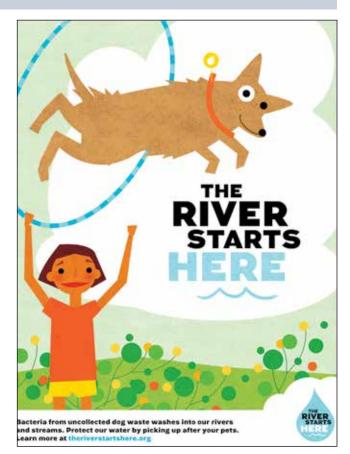
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# Juneteenth: A Festive Freedom Day Celebration

The City's second annual Juneteenth Celebration was scaled up to provide a more vibrant community event that included food, music, giveaways and a resource fair.

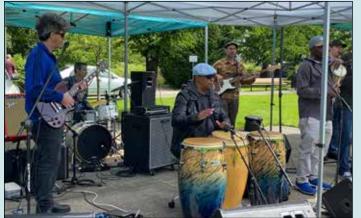
Planned and executed by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, the Juneteenth Celebration was funded substantially with an award from the City's Community Opportunity Grant program.

The keynote address, delivered by Dr. Mandrill Taylor, provided some perspective on the significance of the Juneteenth holiday, and of the inter-generational trauma the hardship of slavery continues to manifest today.

"It will take all of us to make this right. Because this is bigger than us, this is about our future," Taylor said.

Live music at the event was delivered by the 10-piece Portland juju band, Jujuba. Food was provided by Dar Essalam and Jelana's Bake Shop.

Mayor Julie Fitzgerald delivered opening remarks, including the reading of a proclamation declaring "Juneteenth Day" in Wilsonville.











Clockwise, from top left: Jujuba, Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, Dr. Mandrill Taylor, DEI Chair Imran Haider at the City's information booth, representatives from Wilsonville High School's Black Student Union.

### **Briefs**

# **New PGE Program Offers Discounts to Income-Qualified Customers**

This spring, Portland Gas & Electric (PGE) introduced a new program that offers income-qualified

customers a 15 to 25% discount on energy use. The first-of-itskind program is designed to yield a meaningful reduction in energy bills, alleviating hardship and providing easier, more affordable access to reliable power.



Customers with an annual gross household income at or below 60% of Oregon's median family income are eligible to participate. To enroll, customers need to provide identifying information as well as their household size and income.

Creation of this program was made possible by the passage of House Bill 2475 in 2021. PGE expects about 40,000 customers to participate within the first year, growing to 120,000 within five years.

Eligible customers may enroll online. To sign up and/or learn more about eligibility requirements, visit **portlandgeneral.com/iqbd** or call 503-228-6322.

# **Inform Washington County's Selection of Future Road Improvement Projects**

To help Washington County select street projects to improve travel throughout the county, visit the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) online open house.

Learn which projects are proposed for the 2023-2028 funding cycle. Because the cost of the proposed projects is much higher than the \$160

million available, the Washington County Board of Commissioners must trim the project list.

Participants can select up to three projects in each of the four Commissioner Districts that they believe will most benefit the community! The District 3 project list includes Boones Ferry Road upgrades between Norwood Road and the I-5 Interchange and a proposal to extend the Basalt Creek Parkway.

Visit MSTIPprojects.washcoopenhouses.org until Aug. 12 to participate.

### Clackamas County Program Provides Help to Expunge Past Criminal Records

People in Clackamas County whose desire is to work, but who are challenged by criminal records in their past, may benefit from a new County Program.



The Clean Slate Clackamas Project is a multi-agency partnership led by the Clackamas Workforce Partnership, funded through a grant from the Bob Barker Company Foundation.

The project hosts clinics twice each month, offering free legal services to people in the Clackamas County area seeking to expunge or "remove" criminal charges from legal records. The goal is to increase county residents' ability to achieve personal and economic stability.

Even a low-level offense — or an arrest without a conviction — can stand in the way of housing, employment and educational opportunities, foster parenting, or volunteering in schools.

Clean Slate Clackamas clinics are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, 2-6 pm at the Children, Family & Community Connections offices (112 11th St. in Oregon City).

Limited walk-in appointments are available, but pre-eligibility screening is highly recommended, since only certain records — such as non-violent misdemeanors and low-level felony charges — can be expunged. Interested residents are encouraged to email expungement@clackamasworkforce.org.

# Oregon Tech's President' List, Dean's List Include Several Wilsonville Residents

Seventeen students from Wilsonville were among those named to the president's and dean's lists at the Oregon Institute

of Technology for the spring term.

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President's list honorees completed the term with a 3.70 grade-point average and above.

Ali Rashad Ali Al-Salti (Renewable Energy Engineering), Brandon Austin (Electrical Engineering), Cameron Castillo (Electrical Engineering), James Cornforth (EMT - Paramedic), Amanda Hornibrook (Applied Psychology), Quinn Joslin (Computer Engineering Technology), Juhee Lee (Dental Hygiene), Scott Morris (Renewable Energy Engineering), Samuel Mukaida (Software Engineering Technology), Ryan Roberts (EMT - Paramedic), Forrest Short (Electrical Engineering), Alessandra Tawney (Emergency Medical Services Management), John Widell (Software Engineering Technology) and Melissa Williams (Medical Laboratory Science).

Dean's List honorees completed the term with a 3.30 to 3.69 grade-point average.

• Tendayi Mhlanga (Electronics Engineering Technology), Justin Pena (Mechanical Engineering) and Dakhota Pierce (Electrical Engineering).



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### Wilsonville Rotary Concerts Conclude with Two August Shows

The Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series continues at  $oldsymbol{1}$  Town Center Park with two August shows.

- Aug. 4: Jennifer Batten & Full Steam (with Rob Rainwater)
- Aug. 11: Radical Revolution (with Christina Cooper)

Wilsonville Rotary **Summer Concert Series** Aug. 4 & Aug. 11 Town Center Park 29600 SW Park Pl.

These Thursday night concerts begin at 5:30 pm; headliners take the stage at 6:30 pm. Town Center Park is located at 29600 SW Park Place.

Rotary concerts are free, but donations of any amount are encouraged to support End Polio Now.

Since 2007, Wilsonville concertgoers have contributed more than \$80,000 to efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world.



Jennifer Batten & Full Steam headline the Aug. 4 Rotary Concert at Town Center Park.

Rotary organizers are inviting food vendors (TBA); attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks.

For more information about the concerts and opening acts visit WilsonvilleConcerts.com.

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### Preparedness Fair: Get Your Home Ready!

isaster can strike anytime, without warning. To help community members learn the basics

about how to prepare for emergencies and natural disasters, the City

**Emergency Preparedness Fair** Sat, Sept. 17, 10 am-noon Stein-Boozier Barn, Mem. Park

is hosting a free Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 am-noon, at the Stein-Boozier Barn at Memorial Park.

Hear from local experts representing many of the City's partners in Emergency Management. You'll learn how to make a 'go kit' in the event of evacuation, get home preparedness tips, and checklists to make it easier to draft an emergency plan, safeguard your home, prepare your pets, and more. The event

includes handy giveaway items, and

other fun family activities to promote preparedness.

The Wilsonville Ready Emergency Preparedness Fair is part of the City's "Wilsonville Ready" campaign. This year-long effort is designed to help individuals and families become better equipped to endure the immediate aftermath of an emergency when access to critical supplies — power, water, food, medical aid, plumbing, phone, internet, transportation, etc. — may be restricted.

For more information about the City's "Wilsonville Ready" emergency preparedness program visit WilsonvilleReady.com

### **Wreaths Across America Exhibit** to Stop in Wilsonville on Aug. 14

reaths Across America (WAA) is bringing its **V** Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE) to the Korean War Memorial at Town Center Park on Aug. 14, from 9 am to 3 pm.

The touring program is designed to bring veterans, active-duty military and their families together in U.S. communities through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories. A mobile museum educates visi-

tors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes and serves as an official 'welcome home' station for Vietnam Veterans.

**Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit** Sun, Aug. 14, 9 am-3 pm Town Center Park

The event is free and open to the public. Community members are encouraged to visit, take a tour and speak with WAA representatives and volunteers about WAA's work to support military communities.

For more information, contact Scouts BSA Troop 199 Scoutmaster David Martin at 503-709-3987 or scoutmaster@coreyanddavid.com.



### **Enjoy Dinner, Music on Saturday Night at Historic Butteville Store**

ocated west of Charbonneau, the historic LButteville Store, 10767 Butte St., is hosting dinner and live music shows on most Saturday nights.

The store is requiring all patrons and staff to be vaccinated, and maintaining social distancing guidelines that limit the room to 40 diners. Upcoming shows:

- Aug. 6 McKinney Green Band
- Aug. 13 Texas Fiddle Jam
- Aug. 20 The Jamblers
- Aug. 27 Castletown Duo

Reservations are required, and the schedule is subject to change. Call 503-678-1605 or 971-400-6677 for pricing and reservations. Learn more at butteville. org/butteville\_store.html

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**Town Center Park** 

Thursday, Aug. 25 5:30-8:30 pm



**Live Music** from **Nate Botsford** Food Trucks Lawn Games &

Activities

# City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

### **AUGUST**

- Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- Rotary Concert, Jennifer Batten/Full Steam 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- Movies in the Park, Soul 9 pm, Town Center Park
- 8 Mon DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Tue Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- 10 Wed Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 11 Thu Rotary Concert, Radical Revolution 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- 13 Sat • Skate Park Grand Opening 10 am, Memorial Park
- 15 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Municipal/Traffic Court 16 Tue 5 pm, City Hall
- Movies in the Park, The Goonies 8:45 pm, Memorial Park River Shelter
- 22 Mon DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 24 Wed Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- 25 Thu Community Block Party 5:30 pm, Town Center Park

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Movies in the Park, The Goonies 8:15 pm, Memorial Park River Shelter
- Mon Labor Day City offices, SMART closed
- Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 8 Thu City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 12 Mon DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 13 Tue Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- 14 Wed SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, City Hall
  - Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- Emergency Preparedness Fair 10am-noon, Stein-Boozier Barn
- 19 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Municipal/Traffic Court 20 Tue 5 pm, City Hall
- 21 Wed SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Lux Sucre
- 26 Mon DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 28 Wed Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library

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

### **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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