

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

January/February 2022





H Season of Gratitude

Happy New Year, Wilsonville! We begin 2022 with a moment of gratitude for the many residents who contributed to the City's Holiday Toy Drive (above) and/or other charitable endeavors this year. Thanks for looking out for one another. We also want to express thanks to the City crews in Parks and Public Works who made City Hall (left) and other Wilsonville locations sparkle throughout the holidays.

Deadline Approaching to Submit Community Enhancement Projects

The City's annual campaign is underway to fund new projects that enhance Wilsonville. The Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement

Program funds a wide array of projects. Program criteria may be found online. Preference is

Community Enhancement Project Submission Deadline *Fri, Jan. 28, 5 pm* To submit: Call Zoe Mombert, 503-570-1503

awarded to projects that:

- Do not require more than \$20,000 in funds.
- Meet multiple program criteria.
- Include a financial or in-kind match
- Benefit diverse or underserved populations

The City's Community Enhancement Committee invites individuals and organizations to nominate projects until Jan. 28. The deadline allows ample time for applicants to prepare proposals and attend a required pre-application meeting.

All Community Enhancement Program applicants must particpate in a pre-application meeting in order for their project to receive consideration. To learn more and/or to initiate an application, please contact Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager, at 503-570-1503 or mombert@ ci.wilsonville.or.us. For more information about the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program, including the project criteria, visit ci.wilsonville. or.us/cep

Mayor's Message Optimistic About 2022 After an Educational and Inspiring First Year

 Λ fter a year of unprecedented challenges to

A Wilsonville — including the ongoing pandemic, wildfires and an historic ice storm — I'm look-ing ahead to 2022 with optimism, energy and gratitude for the many people who contributed their time and effort to Wilsonville's success throughout my first year as mayor.

While certainly demanding, the role of mayor has been enlighten-

ing and personally rewarding. I now have an even better understanding of just how much Wilsonville matters to the people who live, work and play here.

Beyond what I've learned leading City Council meetings and representing the City's interests in regional meetings regarding transportation, energy, housing, employment, fresh air, water and other needs, I've picked up even more from my one-on-one encounters with several dozen residents.

I've covered a diverse list of topics with residents of all ages, the youngest being three elementary-schoolaged girls who knocked on my door on their way home from school to find out what is happening in the mayor's office. As the mother of two of those girls learned over dinner when they shared the details of their civics inquiry, I had just wrapped up a two-hour video call to advance our council goal to align the SMART service boundaries with the City limits. The interest that these children had in getting first-hand



information about what is happening in their hometown was impressive. We can always learn a lot from kids.

I have taken great joy in listening to folks focused on the honest-to-goodness, tangible nature of a life much greater than the often unaccountable, strangely anonymous swirl of social media. I've heard so many versions of "there's no place like home" from people personally vested in the health of our community.

I find it heartening that we are receiving far more applications from people who want to join boards and commissions than we have openings, even after launching the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee in 2021.

Fortunately, there are always new opportunities for those eager to step in. Just this month, we'll be establishing a new Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission (see below) and welcoming a new class to the Wilsonville Civics Academy. Even more opportunities are available at ci.wilsonville.or.us/volunteer.

I look forward to a busy 2022 that will include a focus on city-wide investment in emergency preparation, diversifying housing choice, expansion of our Water Treatment Plant, development of new road infrastructure projects, and much more. To inquire first-hand about what's happening, I invite you to drop me a line at mayor@wilsonville.ci.or.us, or visit ci.wilsonville.or.us. Happy New Year!

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

Apply by Jan. 31 to Join New Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission Established by City Council

The City of Wilsonville is now recruiting community members to serve on a new Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) to be established by

ACHC Application Deadline Mon, Jan. 31, 5 pm Apply online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/achc the City of Wilsonville. Applications must be received by Monday, Jan. 31, at 5 pm. Community

members with knowledge and experience in arts, culture or heritage activities, events, facilities and/or programs are encouraged to apply. The Commission is to be ethnically diverse, and to include artists, business professionals, youth, and others with proficiencies relevant to the purpose of the Commission.

The ACHC is to advise the City Council on matters relating to arts, culture and heritage, oversee implementation of recommendations outlined in the Arts Culture & Heritage Strategy, and supervise the Community Tourism Matching Grant Program.

Commission members act on behalf of the entire community, not as representatives of specific constituencies. While residency is not a requirement to serve, at least five of the Commission's nine voting members must reside in the City of Wilsonville. Establishing an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission satisfies a City Council goal for 2021-23. Bylaws were scheduled to be considered for adoption at the Council's Dec. 20 meeting.

To apply, or to view the Commission's bylaws, the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy and related materials, visit **ci.wilsonville.or.us/achs**. For additional information, see page 2.

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New Commission to Guide the Growth of City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Programs

In mid-December, the City Council was scheduled to consider a resolution that would establish an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC).

Establishing the Commission satisfies a City Council Goal and achieves a key recommendation from the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy (ACHS) adopted by Council in November 2020.

The City plans to recruit ACHC commissioners in January (see page 1). Applicant interviews are to be conducted in time to seat the Commission for a first

Grant Funding Available to Support Programs, Tourism

The City is accepting funding applications for the Community Opportunity Grant and the Community Tourism Grant programs.

The Community Opportunity Grant Program,

distributes \$25,000 annually from the City's general fund to support a wide range of programs.

Opportunity Grant, Tourism Grant Submission Deadlines Opportunity Grant: Mar. 4 Tourism Grant: Mar. 11

Successful applications support projects and services that advance education, diversity, arts, or community involvement, and that entertain and/or strengthen the Wilsonville community.

Applications are due Mar. 4. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviews applications and awards funding twice yearly.

The Community Tourism Grant Program awards up to \$25,000 annually from the City's transient room taxes, assessed on overnight lodging visitors. Grants are available to organizations that produce projects, programs or events that promote local business and tourism, or host special events that draw visitors. The deadline to apply is Mar. 11. The Tourism Promotion Committee reviews requests and awards funding each spring.

To learn more, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec. com/GrantPrograms.

meeting in March or April 2022.

The Commission would provide recommendations to City Council and City staff on programs and activities relating to arts, culture and heritage, and oversee implementation of ACHS recommendations. These include developing a public-art program, recommending grant allocations and funding sources, and consideration of a community cultural arts center or facility.

An initial order of business will be to review and

Calling All Artists: WACC Seeking Submissions for Two Upcoming Shows

The Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council (WACC) is providing new opportunities for creative people to share their work in 2022.

WACC is hosting two juried visual art shows, and has posted a Call for Artists on its website, wilsonvillearts.org.

- "Going Home" asks artists to embody their ideal vision of Nest, Habitat, or Home in a single artwork.
- "Saved from the Landfill: Art Made from Re-Purposed Materials" asks artists to raise questions about the challenges we face with the amount of waste we produce and how little of it we are actually able to recycle.

Visit the website to learn more about additional guidelines and submission deadlines.

Nominate a Local Helper

Additionally, WACC is seeking nominations for its 2022 return of the Wilsonville Community Portrait Project, which seeks to honor Wilsonville's "Helpers." Do you know a Wilsonville resident dedicated to making our community kinder and more loving? Nominate a Helper at wilsonvillearts.org.

The Wilsonville Community Project debuted last year. Local art students created narrative portraits to recognize 20 local Helpers. Several "Helpers" portraits are on display at the Wilsonville Library through February. You can peruse the rest at Wilsonville locations and virtually at wilsonvillearts.org.

prioritize ACHS recommendations to complete a oneyear implementation/five-year action business plan.

The ACHS provides findings and recommendations for cultivating a sustainable, long-term plan that supports community aspirations for a vibrant cultural scene in Wilsonville. For more information, see ci.Wilsonville.or.us/ACHS.

For more information on the Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission, visit: **ci.wilsonville.or.us/ACHC**.



Wilsonville HS educators Janice Yang and Angennette Escobar showcase "Helpers" portraits, now on display at the Library.





Winter Reading Challenge: All Ages Welcome!

This winter, read books, track your time spent reading, and discover new library services with our all ages "Winter Reading Challenge."

Complete the Bingo and Reading challenges and receive entry into a prize drawing!

Our fun-for-all-ages challenge begins Jan. 3. Sign up online, pick up forms at the library, or download forms from our website.

The challenge runs through February 28.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/winter



Upcoming Classes and Events



Storytime at the Barn Join us at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park, and come dressed for the weather! Masks required for ages 5 and up Thursdays at 10:30 am Starting Jan. 13 WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

Library Celebrates 40 Years

On Feb. 14, the Wilsonville Public Library celebrates 40 years of service to the Wilsonville community.

Additionally, our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library reaches its 10th anniversary in February.

Join us for a week of celebration, Feb. 14-18. We've planned a variety of activities that remember the past and look forward to a bright future. Find out more at:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/birthday

Genealogy Club Meets Jan. 24

Librarian Malia moderates these lively discussions. New members are always welcome!

Monday, Jan. 24, 1-2:30 pm Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/GC

Upcoming Library Closures

The Library is closed on the following dates:

- Saturday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)
- Monday, Jan. 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Monday, Feb. 21 (Presidents' Day)

To renew checked-out items, select "My Account" on the Library website or call the automated phone service at 503-659-8634. **WilsonvilleLibrary.org**

Teen Lounge Events

Friday evening lounge events just for teens! Fridays, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 7-8 pm. For students in grades 6-12. In-person & on Zoom. **WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens**

English Class/Conversation Group

Friendly, informal group where non-native speakers can practice speaking English on Mondays at 6 pm. Meets on Zoom, moving to in-person. **WilsonvilleLibrary.org/ECG**

PROFILES Talks

Fascinating presentations explore history, science, literature & more! Wednesdays at 11 am on Zoom. Jan. 5: Our Solar System: Asteroid Belt Feb. 2: William Still & the Underground Railroad WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org



City Pursues Transit-Oriented Housing Development Adjacent to Transit Center

D ight now, it's just a 1.3-acre weed-covered hillock Kof dirt located next to the Wilsonville Transit Center. From the minute he saw it, though, SMART Transit Director Dwight Brashear has recognized the land's potential.

"Cities need to provide housing solutions that make mass transit viable, and this would be a perfect spot," says Brashear of the City-owned plot on Barber St. "A mixed-use building that offers residential units and community spaces would be a great fit for the neighborhood."

The City of Wilsonville is taking steps toward realizing Brashear's vision after a recently-completed Development Opportunity Study delivered promising results.

The most feasible — and most exciting — option would yield a mix of affordable and workforce housing in a single, four-or-five-story building at the site. The structure would house between 94 and 123 apartments, ranging from studios to three-bedroom units.

Ground floor amenities could include community meeting spaces, a fitness center, or a state-of-the-art regional transit customer service center to provide additional value to residents and neighbors. The plan also suggests an agreement with TriMet to carve out residential parking from the site's under-utilized parkand-ride lot.

If pieces fall into place, construction could begin in

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2-3 years. "This could be a real happening location," Brashear said. "I envision a vibrant community gathering spot with amenities like farmers markets in the

parking lot." A lot must happen before ground is broken. Leland Consulting Group is preparing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that the City will send to builders in the affordable housing and transit-oriented development community. After selecting a short list of two or



The Songbird Apartments in North Portland are one recent example of an equitable housing development that combines residential units and ground floor spaces for gathering and public use in close proximity to transit service.

three developers from among those who respond, the City will send a Request for Proposals (RFP) to gather detailed development proposals.

Wilsonville's Equitable Housing Strategic Plan, adopted in 2020, acknowledges the need for more housing choice. The plan seeks equitable outcomes that can only be attained by providing a wider range of housing types and costs.

The Plan specifically addresses transit-oriented development and tasks City staff with exploring that option at this site. Developing housing near public transportation provides people with convenient access to jobs, shops, services, and community spaces without relying on a car.

"Owning a car can be a burdensome cost for some families," said Kim Rybold, Senior Planner. "Building housing near transit relieves that burden."

By making cars less necessary, transit-oriented de-

velopment yields less traffic congestion, fewer exhaust fumes, and healthier communities. Plans to build the I-5 Pedestrian Bridge, the "Boeckman Dip" Bridge and the French Prairie Bridge support this type of development by allowing even greater connection to community amenities for residents without cars.

The development of affordable and workforce housing also addresses concerns expressed by elected officials and residents throughout the Portland-metro region. A state-wide housing shortage, limited land availability, and rising construction costs all contribute to the difficulty for many would-be residents to buy a home or locate an affordable rental property.

Do you have questions or comments about Wilsonville's transit-oriented development project? There will be plenty of opportunity for public input and engagement in the coming months. Visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/ housing for more details.



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



Route 4 Going All-Electric With a Digital Photo Contest Celebration

SMART commemorates a new milestone in 2022: when we deploy our third batteryelectric bus in February, SMART's Route 4 becomes the first all-electric bus route in Oregon!

Let's celebrate together! Share a photo of your adventure on SMART's Route 4 electric bus and be entered into our contest for a chance to win one of two SMART swag bags!

You do not need to ride the bus to enter, simply snap a photo of a SMART electric bus in service and share it on Instagram or or Facebook. Tag @RideSMARTransit and use the #wilsonvillesmartelectric hashtag.

The contest begins Feb. 1 and ends at 8 pm on Friday, Feb.18. The winning photos will be shared on Facebook and Instagram on Feb 28.



Your profile must be public for us to see your entry; by entering you consent to your photo being used in promotional materials.

This contest is not affiliated with Facebook or Instagram. SMART employees are not eligible to win prizes.

Holiday Service Hours

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 17 **Regular Bus Service** SMART offices closed

Presidents' Day Monday, Feb. 21 **Regular Bus Service** SMART offices closed Upgrade Your Phone: Add SMART's New Bus Tracking Mobile App

SMART is launching a custom mobile app for IOS and Android systems! The app is



similar to the mysmartbus.com website; it offers live bus tracking, service alerts, and reminders for favorite stops.



Custom built for SMART by GMV, our app can easily be found in app stores. Look for the SMART icon. This app will be available in mid-January! This, and the availability of WiFi, makes traveling by SMARTbus even more enjoyable!

Search for: mySMARTbus



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More than \$175,000 has been donated in support of a project to build a Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center at the Parks & Recreation Admin. Building.

War Memorial Interpretive Center Meets \$175,000 Fundraising Goal

A fter collaborating for years to raise money to construct a Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center at Town Center Park, the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) Oregon Trail Chapter and the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO) have met their initial fundraising goal.

More than \$175,000 has been raised in support of the Interpretive Center, to be built inside the Parks & Recreation Admin. Building (297600 SW Park Pl.). The building is adjacent to Town Center Park, where the Oregon Korean War Memorial has been located since 2000.

The Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center is to include artifacts, a video kiosk and educational materials that tell the story of the conflict and those who fought in it.

A \$27,000 grant from the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation and an \$8,000 Community Opportunity Grant from the City of Wilsonville hastened the conclusion of the fundraising cycle.

The KWVA and KWMFO have hired Foundation Inc. to design the center. Organizers would like to have construction complete by June 25, 2022, the anniversary of the war's beginning.

For more information about the Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center, contact Brian Stevenson, Recreation Program Manager, stevenson@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Project to Address "Boeckman Dip," Other Road Improvements Nears

CANYON CREEK

INTERSECTION

BOECKMAN RD DIP BRIDGE

An upcoming suite of projects on Boeckman Rd. will address the "Boeckman Dip" to

yield a safer roadway and support the growth of Frog Pond neighborhoods.

The City moving forward with plans to complete a series of improvement projects along Boeckman Road, one of the three primary East/West corridors that connect Wilsonville neighborhoods.

Most notably, the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvements address the "Boeckman Dip," just east of Canyon Creek Road. A bridge is being constructed over a portion of steep, narrow roadway to yield safer passage for cyclists, pedestrians, emergency responders and transit vehicles. The project also increases road and sewer capacity to accom-

modate future development, and provides additional protection for area wildlife.

With development of the Frog Pond area now

During bridge construction, Boeckman Road will be closed between Canyon Creek Road and SW Sherman Drive. underway, Boeckman Road has become an even more essential throughway to link schools, residential communities, employers and local businesses. The Boeckman Road Corridor Project encompasses four inter-related improvement projects:

- Boeckman Dip Bridge Construction
- Boeckman Road Sewer Improvements
- Boeckman Road Street Improvements
- Canyon Road/Boeckman Road Intersection Improvements

The \$28 million project is to be funded primarily with the use of Year 2000 Urban Renewal District funds, Transportation and Wastewater System Development Charges (SDC), and Frog Pond Infrastructure Funds.

To complete these improvements more efficiently

and cost-effectively, and to minimize traffic impacts, the City is using a "progressive design build" delivery model. This approach allows City staff, designers and contractors to better collaborate to review the progress of design at different checkpoints and gather detailed cost estimates. Construction can start earlier, and the project can finish sooner.

BOECKMAN RD SANITARY SEWER

BOECKMAN RD STREET IMPROVEMENT

Minimizing construction is critical, as the project will significantly impact traffic on Boeckman Road. During bridge construction, Boeckman Road will be closed between Canyon Creek Road and SW Sherman Drive. Lane closures and other traffic control measures will be implemented as necessary.

Project design and public outreach activities are expected to take place throughout 2022. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2023 and to be completed within 18 months.

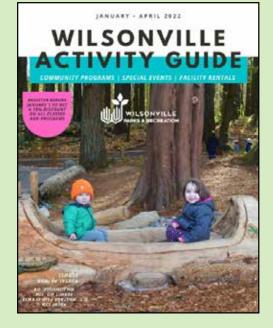
Learn more about Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement projects online at **ci.wilsonville.or.us**/ **boeckmanroad**

For more information, contact Zach Weigel, City Engineer, at weigel@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

WILSONVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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



to start their journey of self-improvement with Yang style Tai Chi. Participants improve balance, flexibility, memory, and mindfulness while learning the first section of the 108 form and a variety of Qi-Gong and warm-ups.

For those experienced in Tai Chi practice, the Center is offering "Tai Chi Studio." Participants learn to detail movements, learn the mechanics and energy in each movement, and come to a better understanding of what it means to be present in movement.

Both classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 8-Mar. 3. Beginning Tai Chi runs 2-3 pm and Tai Chi Studio runs 3:15-4:15 pm. The cost is \$65 for either class. Register at **WilsonvilleParksandRec.com**

Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

A new series of Crystal Bowl Soundbath Meditation classes is coming to the Community Center this season.

The vibrational sounds experienced during a sound bath help people drop into a meditative state of deep rest and relaxation, improving overall physical, emotional, and spiritual health and well-being. Give yourself permission to pause from the chaos around you and join instructor Melanie Meherin for this powerful and transformative experience. Bring your own yoga mat, blanket, and pillow. Classes are held 6-7 pm on Friday, Jan. 7; Sunday, Feb. 6; Friday, Mar. 4; and Sunday, Apr. 3.

Upcoming Classes and Events

Crystal Bowl Sound Meditation All Ages

Fri., Jan.7 6-7 pm Community Center Cost: \$20 Course #: 10051

Healthy Bones and Balance

Ages: 55+ Mondays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28 8:30-9:20 am Community Center Cost: \$53 Course #: 10078

No School Day Camps

Winter/Spring Class Registration Now Open!

A variety of classes, programs and special events are now open for registration!

This season's classes include yoga, meditation, oil painting, soccer shots, no-school day camps, organic gardening 101, vegetable seed starting, body sculpt, tai chi, healthy bones and balance, and more! Register at **WilsonvilleParksandRec.com**

Tai Chi Returns to the Community Center

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the return of Tai Chi classes at the Community Center.

Tai Chi with Ulises begins on Jan. 18, with two class offerings. Beginning Tai Chi encourages students

The cost of each class is \$20; pre-registration is required.

AARP Tax Assistance

Beginning on Jan. 3, appointments are being taken for AARP-eligible residents interested in receiving income tax assistance.

Tax preparation and electronic filing for both 2021 Federal and State Returns is being provided with the joint help of the IRS and AARP Tax-Aide Program.

This free service is provided by trained and certified IRS-AARP Tax Aid Volunteers. Call 503-682-3727 to schedule an appointment at the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Admin. Office on any Thursday between Feb. 3 and Apr. 14.

Ages: 5-12 Mon., Jan. 17 Mechanical Engineers 9 am-noon Ocean Life 1-4 pm Supervision provided noon-1 pm for those in both AM and PM camps \$50 per camp Tauchman House

> Vermicomposting 101 All Ages Sat., Feb. 5 10-11 am Community Center Cost: \$10

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Lose an item in a City Park? Our lost and found (at 29600 SW Park Pl.) is open M-F 8 am-5 pm. You can also call 503-783-7529.

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

When Walking, Your Priority #1 Should Be to Remain Visible

Recently, I was driving home after dark. As I turned onto a side street to

Lurned onto a side street to enter my neighborhood, I noticed a pedestrian entering the roadway to cross. This person was dressed in dark clothing; I didn't see them until the last minute. Fortunately, I was able to stop in time.



Rob Wurpes

When I worked as an EMT, I spent time in local emergency rooms. On several occasions I saw people who had been struck

by vehicles. These incidents often includes injuries to the hip, which can cause life-long ailments and discomfort.

Data from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) projects 2020 with the largest-ever annual increase in the rate at which drivers struck and killed people on foot. Most pedestrians are killed or injured on local roads, in the dark, away from intersections.

During the past 10 years, the number of drivers striking and killing a pedestrian after dark has increased by 54%, compared to a 16% rise in daylight fatalities.

To be seen, I highly recommend wearing reflective gear and using lights! There are many options of stylish lights and reflective gear beyond the vests we most commonly picture. My dog even has a rechargeable flashing collar. Headlamps and reflective bands are affordable and work well.

I also suggest taking a minute to get familiar with

these safety recommendations from The National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA):

- 1. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- 2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- 3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- 5. Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- 6. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- 7. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- 8. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- 9. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- 10. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

Let's make 2022 an active — and safe! — year. Happy New Year.

Chief Robert Wurpes

Winter Preparation Means Looking Indoors and Out to Keep Home Safe

Winter storms can be dangerous, bringing heavy winds, freezing temperatures, power failures, as

well as icy or flooded roads. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to prepare yourself and your family for winter storms by following these safety tips:



Indoor Safety

- Have a professional perform annual inspections of your heating system and make any necessary repairs. If you have a fireplace, have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually.
- Bring pets and smaller animals inside to keep them warm and dry.
- Keep heating sources at least 3 feet away from materials that can burn, and never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.
- Have a disaster supply kit with bedding, clothing, first-aid supplies, flashlights, food, a battery-operated radio, and water to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of any emergency. For more information on 72-hour kits, visit tvfr.com.
- Know the shut-off locations for your electricity,

natural gas, and water.

- During a power outage, turn off major appliances to reduce power demands when electricity is restored.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the home and test them regularly.

Outdoor Safety

•Minimize outdoor activities whenever possible. If you must venture outdoors, dress appropriately for the weather conditions you may encounter and avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

•Don't overestimate how far you can walk on extremely cold, rainy, or snowy days.

•Use extreme caution when stepping outside in icy conditions, particularly in the morning when it's coldest and the ice hasn't had a chance to melt.

•Insulate exposed water pipes with fiberglass or foam to protect them from freezing.

•Report power outages to your electric company and NEVER touch a downed power line!

•If you have pets or livestock that must be outside, provide a sheltered area and access to non-frozen drinking water.

Oregon Supreme Court Upholds Airport Ruling

The Oregon Supreme Court recently upheld a June 2021 decision by the Court of Appeals that declared that the Department of Aviation misapplied state land-use laws in approving the 2011-12 Aurora State Airport Master Plan.

On Dec. 9, the Supreme Court affirmed a Court of Appeals decision that reversed and remanded a December 2020 Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) decision on the master plan. LUBA was determined to have erred in excluding prior 2011-12 master plan work from the record, in erroneously finding that the master plan did not propose airport development on Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) land, and in erroneously finding that any proposed new uses at the Aurora Airport are considered rural uses for land-use purposes.

The Cities of Aurora and Wilsonville, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Friends of French Prairie and Aurora

Planning Commission Chair Joseph Schaefer appealed in March 2021, contesting LUBA's decision to dismiss their appeal challenging the legality of the 2011-12 master plan. LUBA ruled in December 2020 that it did not have jurisdiction to

"This ruling should mandate that the state aviation agency conduct a transparent, fair and equitable Aurora State Airport master plan update." —Mayor Julie Fitzgerald

hear the appeal as land-use decisions of the Department of Aviation's adoption of 'findings of compatibility' and approval of the 2011-12 Master Plan.

"The Oregon Supreme Court ruling validates the City of Wilsonville's long-stated concerns that the controversial 2011-12 Aurora State Airport Master Plan does not comply with state land-use laws," Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald said. "This ruling should mandate that the state aviation agency conduct a transparent, fair and equitable Aurora State Airport master plan update in accordance with Oregon public-process and land-use laws."

Fitzgerald and Aurora Mayor Brian Asher coauthored a Dec. 13 letter to Oregon Governor Kate Brown asking that the Governor intervene in the Aviation department's Aurora State Airport master planning process, which is now underway.

The letter asserts "we have never seen a state agency act with such disregard to the concerns of the local communities, and appropriate and fair public process." The mayors request that the Governor's Office intervene immediately "to provide for an unbiased process that produces trust-worthy results."

For more information, visit **bit.ly/ASAirportMP**

Follow the Public Process

Interested in following the master planning process? A project website provides upcoming meeting dates, resource links and a place



to comment and/or sign up to receive emails about the project. Visit **publicproject.net/auroraairport**

Winterizing Your Home Now Can Prevent Costly Water Leaks Later

to reduce restored.

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

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

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

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

Checking your water meter can be an effective way



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

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

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

Inside Your Home

- Keep the temperature in your home at 55 degrees or higher
- Open cupboard doors below sinks to allow warm air to circulate
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas (crawl spaces, garage, outside, etc.)
- Run a small trickle of water from a faucet during extreme cold (a 100-cubic-foot unit of water costs \$3.44, much less than the cost of fixing a leak.)

Outside Your Home

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

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

City Identifying Where to Allocate \$5.4m in ARPA Funds

he American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed ▲ by the federal government in March 2021 to help contain COVID-19 and jump-start the country's economic recovery. The program allocates more than \$360 billion in emergency funding directly to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

For the City of Wilsonville, this means an influx of about \$5.4 million over a two-year period; the first installment of \$2.76 million has already been received.

Informed by conversations with the City Council, the City's executive staff has been working to identify projects that adhere to United States Department of Recovery guidelines, which allow recipients to use funding in six broad categories. ARPA funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

Staff is recommending that the Council prioritize programs that fund public health initiatives, address COVID-19's negative economic impacts for residents and businesses and/or fund projects that support water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to invest this additional funding directly into policies and programs that can provide assistance to Wilsonville residents and business owners in need," City Manager Bryan Cosgrove said.

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Cosgrove and the City's executive staff are in the process of identifying and prioritizing a list of projects for the Council's consideration. In addition to federal guidelines, the City established two-year period. the following criteria to guide the prioritization process.

Priority projects should:

• Support one or more Council goals

• Provide biggest benefit for the most people and achieve geographic equity

• Provide the most bang for the buck/return on investment

• Be relatively easy to administer

• Provide behavioral health and assistance for economically disadvantaged

• Leverage other government resources whenever possible



The \$5.4 million that Wilsonville is receiving from the federal America Rescue Plan Act could provide additional support for Wilsonville Community Sharing, operators of the City's food bank.

Among the programs being earmarked for the Council's consideration: a mental health specialist to support Wilsonville Police Department response, additional support for economic development, eviction assistance, enhanced support for Wilsonville Community Sharing's food bank and utility bill assistance programs, investment in programs to advance affordable housing, enhancing the City's fiber-optic network, ADA upgrades for numerous city parks, and increased funding for City janitorial services for parks and city facilities.

The City Manager and the City Council will continue to refine a project list at City Council work sessions until a final plan is complete and ready to be considered by the Council for adoption.

For more information American Rescue Plan Act resources available to people in need, visit whitehouse.gov/american-rescue-plan/

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council Action What it Means Dec. 6 The Council adopted the City's first Urban The plan articulates the City's strategies to protect, main-Forest Management Plan (UFMP). tain and enhance Wilsonville tree canopy. Dec. 6 The Council authorized the debt refinancing This action allows the City to maintain resources of \$7.2 million to support the expansion at earmarked for water-related capital project needs while the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant. advancing a \$25 million collaboration with the City of Sherwood to increase the facility's water intake by 5 million gallons per day. Dec. 6 On first reading, the Council approved a The amendment rezones the 2.4-acre property to enable zone map amendment at the Boeckman Rd. its division into three parcels and facilitate the eventual property owned by Meridian United Church sale of the unused southernmost parcel. of Christ (Frog Pond Church). The Council adopted a resolution that reduc-Revised rates, which reduce the cost of roll cart service by Nov. 15 es garbage collection rates for all residenan average of 4.7 percent for residential customers, go into

City News



Photo Courtesy of the Wilsonville Spokesman.

City Attorney Barbara Jacobson (right) hands out cupcakes at the 2018 Community Block Party. Jacobson is retiring in March.

City Attorney Barbara Jacobson Set to Retire at End of March

n November, the City Council approved a four-I month extension to the City's employment agreement with City Attorney Barbara Jacobson. The amended contract extends the agreement through March 31, 2022, when Jacobson intends to retire.

Jacobson joined the City in 2011 as Assistant City Attorney. She was appointed City Attorney in 2015, following the retirement of her predecessor, Mike Kohlhoff.

"I have had the privilege of representing two amazing, hard-working mayors and a diverse group of dedicated City Councilors, all working together to make Wilsonville an extraordinary place to live. Now is a good time to retire, especially in the wake of the City's recent major Supreme Court victory, also a victory for public process and Oregon land use laws," said Jacobson.

Jacobson said that serving in her capacity on Wilsonville's behalf has been an honor.

"My legal career has been enhanced by interactions with Wilsonville citizens, dedicated City staff, business interests, and other government affiliations throughout my tenure," she said. "Wilsonville is a tremendous city, strongly supported by a progressive community that takes a proactive role in the direction of the city's development."

Schedule Set for City's 2022 **Budget Committee Meetings**

The City of Wilsonville's Budget Committee has ▲ scheduled upcoming meetings to review current financial operations and to consider and approve a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 budget for Council adoption.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6-9 pm: The Budget Committee completes a mid-year budget review to assess the City's financial status for the current fiscal year.

Wednesday, May 18, 6-10 pm: The Budget Committee is convening for the initial review of the City's Proposed Budget for FY 2022-23. The Committee is scheduled to inspect aspects of the budget, hear public testimony and complete initial deliberation.

Thursday, May 19, 6-10 pm: At the Budget Comonsider the Pr

	tial, commercial and industrial customers. A temporary recycling surcharge is being eliminated due to recovery of the domestic recycling market.	effect on Jan. 1.	mittee's second meeting to consider the Proposed Budget for FY 2022-23, deliberation continues and the City's Urban Renewal Agency budget is also consid- ered. The public is welcome to address the Committee
Nov. 15	The Council supported a Development Re- view Board resolution to approve construc- tion of a three-building mixed-use develop- ment in the Villebois Village Center	A Villebois resident had appealed the plan, objecting to a proposed parking area at the site. The appellant cited the narrow width of an adjacent alley, traffic safety and the loss of landscape among her concerns.	regarding either budget. At the end of this meeting, the Budget Committee may approve and recommend the budget for City Council adoption or convene a third meeting.
Nov. 15	The City Council approved a four-month ex- tension to the City's employment agreement with City Attorney Barbara Jacobson.	The amended contract extends the agreement until March 31, 2022, the date upon which Jacobson has indicated she is retiring.	Tuesday, May 24, 6-10 pm: The Budget Committee completes the review and approval of the FY 2022-23 budget during this third meeting, which is necessary

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only if the committee needs additional time after the May 19 meeting. Once approved by the Budget Committee, the City's annual budget is forwarded to the City Council for deliberation and potential adoption at a public hearing during the June 6 meeting. The Budget Committee consists of Wilsonville's five

City Councilors and five appointed citizens at large (Paul Bunn, Katie Hamm, Andrew Karr, Daphnee Legarza and Shawn O'Neil).

For more information about the City's budget and fiscal planning, see ci.wilsonville.or.us/Budget.

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Wilsonville Recycle Guide

Your guide to what goes where in Clackamas County. Available in 7 languages online. More extensive guide available at www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html



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Plastic Bags and Wrap

Drop off for free at participating retail locations. plasticfilmrecycling.org

Fred Meyer

30300 SW Boones Ferry Rd., Wilsonville

Target

25925 SW Heather Pl., Wilsonville

Waste Facility. Contact Information



Your Garbage Company: **Republic Services** 503-981-1278 republicservices.com



2001 Washington St., Oregon City

503-234-3000 | oregonmetro.gov

Sharps (Needles, Lancets, Syringes)

program, or take to Metro South's Hazardous

Check with your local pharmacy about

joining a pharmacy container exchange



Regulation, Oversight, & Online Comment Form: City of Wilsonville 503-682-1011 ci.wilsonville.or.us/recycling

CVS Pharmacy in Target (Argyle Shopping Ctr.)

no lead

Sign up for Garbage & **Recycling Notifications**

Learn more: www.clackamas.us/ recycling garbage/company.html



Reminders and service alerts by email, text, or phone call

Not sure? Send a pic! Next time you aren't sure if an item

Prescription Medications

25925 SW Heather Pl., Wilsonville

Drop off for free at:

can be recycled, send a photo to @recycleornot on Instagram. Learn more at RecycleOrNot.org



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January/February 2022



Tables Turned: Wilsonville Recruits Army National Guard

Mayor Julie Fitzgerald had the ribbon-cutting honors at a recent ceremony to officially welcome the Oregon Army National Guard to its results. Oregon Army National Guard to its new recruiting center. The Wilsonville Career Center is located at 8929 SW Wilsonville Rd.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Supports Senior Enrichment Programs

Wilsonville Rotary and Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. (WCSI) are collaborating to raise funds to support trips and other enrichment activi-

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Pre-order meals by Feb. 5 Pick-up: Feb. 12, 4-6 pm Wilsonville Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.

ghetti, salad, a roll and a cookie. The cost is \$15 for an individual, \$45 for a family of four.

Items must be pre-ordered at the Community Center (9 am-1 pm) by Feb. 5; orders can also be placed online at bit.ly/WCSIdinner

Sign Up For Free Weekly Wildlife- and Water-Friendly Garden Workshops

The Clackamas Community College L Environmental Learning Center is hosting free weekly Wildlife and Water Friendly Garden workshops that focus on adapting to the changing climate.

Each Friday, noon-12:45 pm, experts will share their experience, stories and best practices. Workshops will be held virtually; sign up at tinyurl.com/mn8f2r6b.

Jan. 21: Garden With Less Water

How can gardeners save water and still enjoy beautiful blooms and appealing outdoor spaces? Learn how to optimize a garden using less water.

Jan. 28: Birds in Your Garden

Climate changes have birds showing up in unexpected times and places. Provide the habitat these travelers need and build a thriving backyard haven.

Feb. 4: Healthy Trees

being prepared and packaged on Saturday, Feb. 12, ties for Wilsonville-area seniors. and can be picked The Spaghetti up at the Wilsonville Dinner Fund-Community Center raiser provides a between 4-6 pm that to-go meal that evening. includes spa-

For more information, email Donna Atkinson at wilsonvillecsi@gmail. com.

Dinners are



Feb. 18: Scrumptious Soil for Watershed Wellness

Healthy soil helps to mitigate the impact **Clackamas** of extreme weather events that go hand-in-hand with a changing climate. Learn to Community College improve your soil's ability to reduce flood-

ing and drought impacts. Feb. 25: Permeable Hardscapes

Permeable pathways allow water to soak into the ground, and not pick up pollutants before entering storm drains. Learn how and where to use wildlifeand water-friendly hardscape materials.

March 4: Non-chemical Weed Control

Weeds challenge gardeners with their invasive, persistent and perennial nature. Learn herbicide-free solutions to tackle weeds in the garden.

The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is a 5-acre site located on CCC's Oregon City campus. The site includes an outdoor learning laboratory, demonstration areas, amphitheater and natural areas that showcase innovations in stormwater management, landscape design and sustainable living practices. For more information, visit clackamas.edu/ELC or email heather.cyrus@clackamas.edu.

City	Cal	lendar

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

	ΑΝ	JARY
1	Sat	 New Year's Day SMART, Library closed
3	Mon	 City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
4	Tue	 Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
10	Mon	 DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, virtual
11	Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, virtual
12	Wed	 Planning Commission 6 pm, virtual
13	Thu	 Tourism Promotion Committee Meeting 1:00 pm, virtual Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Meeting 4:00 pm, virtual
17	Mon	 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City offices closed
18	Tue	 Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
20	Thu	 City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual 5 pm-Work Session 7 pm-Meeting
24	Mon	• DRB Panel B, 6:30 pm, virtual
26	Wed	 Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, virtual
F	EBR	UARY
1	Tue	 Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
2	Wed	 Budget Committee Mid-Year Review 6 pm, City Hall or virtual
7	Mon	• City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual
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All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar



Trees combat climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air. Learn how to choose resilient species and keep them healthy.

Feb. 11: Non-chemical Pest Control

A changing climate may yield more rats, ants and other pests. Learn how to safely control pests without introducing toxins into the watershed.

For the up-to-date vaccine news and availability in Clackamas County, visit clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine

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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