

The Boones Ferry Messenger

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

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Boeckman Road Project a Gift for Local Fish, Wildlife







Environmental monitoring cameras at wetlands near Boeckman Creek have identified about a dozen animal species including deer, raccoons and grey foxes — whose movement is restricted by the existing roadway. The Boeckman Creek Corridor Improvement Project provides safe passage under Boeckman Rd. for wildlife and fish.

or years, 300 feet of corrugated metal culverts have $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ allowed the waters of Boeckman Creek to freely flow under Boeckman Road.

While the solution allowed for the construction of the original roadway, it established a king-sized roadblock for fish and wildlife attempting to move through their native habitat.

"The only animals we observe traveling through the culverts are rats and mice," said Leslie Bliss-Ketchum, director at Samara Group, an environmental monitoring firm.

"Corridor connections are essential for healthy, viable wildlife. They need to move!"

Using a pair of motion detection cameras, Bliss-Ketchum's team has spent 10 months monitoring wildlife movement near the culverts to inform the design of the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Project.

Their analysis revealed that a substantial number of animals reside in the open wetland area — "grey fox, coyote, possum, rabbits, beavers, and even a river otter," says Bliss-Ketchum — but only non-native rodents were observed journeying through the dry, upper culvert.

"It's undersized," Bliss-Ketchum explained, noting that small native snakes, frogs, and salamanders don't even venture in. "We think it's because they prefer more cover and moisture found in bigger structures."

Resident cutthroat trout have also avoided traveling through the creek culvert, effectively cutting two fish populations off from one another.

"That isolation could have long-term impacts on their viability," said Kerry Rappold, the City's Natural Resources Manager. "Healthy fish populations need the full range of reproductive opportunity to thrive."

Creek Restoration

A vital component of the Boeckman Road Corridor

Project is the removal of the undersized culverts. With

the construction of the Boeckman Dip Bridge, the

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Shred Your Sensitive Paper Documents at City Hall on Nov. 19

Tn partnership with Shred Northwest, the City Lis providing a free community event to provide Wilsonville residents with a safe, secure method to dispose of sensitive documents.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, bulk paper materials may be brought to the City Hall parking lot for immediate shredding in one of two Shred Northwest trucks that will be on site. The event begins at 9 am and ends at 2 pm, or when both trucks are full.

Generally, organizers do not intend to limit the size of individual paper loads, though large com-

Paper Shredding Event Sat, Nov. 19, 9 am-2 pm City Hall Parking Lot 29799 SW Town Ctr. Loop E.

mercial loads may be asked to return at the end of the event to help ensure that every

resident who wants to participate has the opportu-

No plastics, binders, large metal pieces may be included with paper left for shredding; staples and paperclips are ok.

Residents simply drive up and unload paper items into large rolling carts. Each cart is then rolled to the



nearby truck to be shredded instantly.

Because this event is being provided free of charge, the City is requesting that participants cash, a gift card, or a check to Wilsonville Community Sharing. Donations help WCS provide food and social services for our neighbors experiencing need.

For more information, call 503-570-1502.

Drop Your Leaves at City Hall Parking Lot on Nov. 5



he City hosts the annual Leaf Drop-Off Day on ▲ Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 am-2 pm in partnership with Republic Services.

Wilsonville residents may drop-off leaves only — no other yard debris, please! — at the City Hall parking lot, 29799 SW Town Center Loop East. Responsibly collecting and disposing of leaves helps keep the roadway safety for drivers and cyclists. It also helps prevent flooding and supports a healthy aquatic habitat. City Public Works employees will be on hand to assist residents with disposing of leaves into large dumpsters provided by Republic Services.

While no fee is charged for dropping leaves, the City suggests that participants bring a cash, check or gift card donation for Wilsonville Community Sharing,

operator of the community food bank and socialservices referral agency. Learn more

Leaf Drop-Off Day Sat, Nov. 5, 9 am-2 pm Wilsonville City Hall 29799 SW Town Center Loop E.

at WilsonvilleCommunitySharing.org.

Those bagging leaves should use large, recyclable paper bags (available from local hardware stores) rather than using plastic bags that are not recyclable.

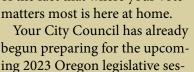
The leaf-collection event is a component of Republic Services' franchise agreement for solidwaste collection and disposal services with the City of Wilsonville.

Mayor's Message

Where Elections Matter Most is Closest to Home

Lection Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and I strongly en-Licourage all voters to exercise their right to vote in this (or any!) election.

As Election Night unfolds, you'll undoubtedly be led to headlines that focus on the intrigue of state and federal elections. As you do, don't lose sight of the fact that where your vote matters most is here at home.



sion by recommending four concepts to be considered by Wilsonville State Representative Courtney Neron of House District 26.

The legislative concepts are specific policy recommendations that support City Council Goals. Rep. Neron reviews concepts from Wilsonville and other cities and interests within her district, and relays them to the Office Legislative Council for further

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study. When the session begins, legislators may sponsor up to four bills that support the needs of their constituents.

Advocating for Wilsonville's needs in this

manner is the first step on the long path to lawmaking. Community-based ideas and strong public support can yield good policy outcomes, and here is where your City Council is advocating for State

- Development of a collaborative, intergovernmental agreement between key state agencies and affected local governments to oversee Aurora State Airport planning, a need that stems from years of frustration with Oregon Department of Aviation processes that fail to address local area community concerns.
- Adjustment of TriMet and SMART transit service boundaries, so Tri-Met doesn't continue to collect payroll-tax revenue from areas in Wilsonville that are served by SMART.
- Completion by ODOT of a study to identify the feasibility and benefits of expanding Westside Express Service (WES) train service from Wilsonville to Salem that could provide a safe, viable commuting option that avoids I-5 traffic congestion and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reauthorization and financial appropriation to support Business Oregon's Regionally Significant Industrial Sites (RSIS) program, which provides state funding to local governments to remediate or create shovel-ready industrial sites that can host high-wage jobs.

Developing these legislative concepts and the City Council's work to advocate for Wilsonville's needs requires good listening, thoughtful consideration, strong relationships, effective communication and the help of experienced City staff and consultants.

I'm proud to advocate for these and other policies that support the interests of Wilsonville residents and business operators, and I am looking forward to continuing to work on your behalf.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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The Civics Academy's Class of 2022 attended its graduation ceremony at the City Hall Council Chambers. Applications are due on Nov. 10 for those interested in participating in Wilsonville's civic-engagement program.

Applications Due by Nov. 10 for 2023 Civics Academy

Thilsonville's Civics Academy, which provides civics-minded residents with an in-depth introductory course in City operations, is accepting applications for the 2023 program until Nov. 10.

The seven-month program begins on Dec. 15, 2022, and continues one evening each month

Civics Academy Applications Due Thu, Nov. 10, at 5 pm ci.wilsonville.or.us/academy

at City Hall, typically on the third Thursday of the

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

Funding Available for Community Improvement Projects

The City is calling for new projects from com-I munity organizations and constituents to receive funding consideration through the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program.

To receive consideration, a project must meet at least one of the following goals:

- Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community.
- Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste.
- Increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
- Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a non-profit organization.
- Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forestlands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
- Result in improvement in safety.
- Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or under served populations

Applications must be received by Jan. 14. There are two application workshops on Nov. 30 (noon, 6 pm) to discuss project ideas and the application process.



The award-winning nature play area at Memorial Park is among the recent projects developed with funding from the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program.

Attend in person at the City Council Chambers or via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84024271276

The City receives \$1 from Metro for every ton of wet waste processed in Wilsonville at Republic Services, providing up to \$80,000 to re-invest in community improvement projects nominated and led by individuals, businesses, non-profits and/or City employees.

To learn more about how to nominate a project, contact Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager, 503-570-1503, mombert@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

City of Wilsonville Receives Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation

or the 25th consecutive year, the Govern $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ ment Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has recognized the City of Wilsonville Finance Department with the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for the City's fiscal year 2022-23 budget document.

Recognition from GFOA reflects the commitment of the City Finance staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting standards. To qualify, a budget document must be rated proficient as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications de-

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vice; additionally, it must satisfy 14 mandatory criteria within those four categories.

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program to encourage state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality and to recognize individual governments that succeed. The City of Wilsonville has received this award continuously since fiscal year 1998-1999.

For more information, contact Keith Katko, Finance Director, at 503-570-1516 or katko@ ci.wilsonville.or.us.



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

Library Thrilled to Welcome Two New Managers

The Wilsonville Library is delighted to announce the hiring of two new managers.

Lizzie Figueroa is joining the staff as Library Operations Manager. She comes to us from the Canby Public Library with a wealth of experience as a circulation supervisor,



and has experience coordinating volunteers, cataloging, and serving on county-wide committees.

Sarah Roller is the new Library Services Manager. Sarah joins us from Milwaukie Public Library with extensive experience coordinating large projects and providing customer service.

We are excited to have Lizzie and Sarah join our library team!

WilsonvilleLibrary.org

Youth Fall Programs End Nov. 17

Youth programs are winding down for the holidays. The final Toddler and Baby Time programs are on Nov. 15. The final Family Storytime is Nov. 17. Teen Drop-In Activities end Nov. 16. All programs return in January.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org

The Search for POW/MIA

In honor of Veterans Day, join us for this online program about the search for Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action with a director from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.



Wednesday, Nov. 2, 11am-12:30 pm (virtual). Sign up online to receive the Zoom meeting code:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes



Upcoming Library Closures

Please note that the Wilsonville Library is closed on the following dates in November:

- Friday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)
- Friday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving observed)

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

WilsonvilleLibrary.org

Upcoming Classes and Events



First Friday Films

Watch the latest releases for free on our big screen. Friday, Nov. 4, 6-8 pm WilsonvilleLibrary.org/films

Book Notes Concert: African Kora

Sean Gaskell performs the African Kora at this free concert in the library. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2-3 pm

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/concerts

Walking Book Club

Talk about books on a librarian-led walk through Memorial Park. November's theme: Non-Fiction. Thursday, Nov. 17, 1-2 pm

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub

Genealogy Club

Learn genealogy tips, tricks, and research with Librarian Malia Laughton. Monday, Nov. 21, 1-2 pm

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/GC

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





Winterize Your Home Now to Be Prepared When Severe Winter Weather Takes Hold

Although fall has delivered unseasonably warm weather, winter storms are just around the corner. Extreme cold, snow, freezing rain, and wind can cause power failures, icy roads, flooding, and all sorts of other emergency hazards.



To help you and your loved ones safely ride out severe winter storms, our Wilsonville Ready campaign turns its focus on winter preparedness this month. Here are some steps to take now to prepare for the winter weather ahead.

Stay Informed and In Touch

Follow local weather forecasts to know when severe weather may hit. Also, sign up for emergency alerts at **publicalerts.org/signup**. Have a plan and check in with friends, family, neighbors. Identify people you know who live alone to see if they need help before, during, and after a storm.

Weatherize Your Home

Give your home a once-over to prepare for winter weather before it sets in. Check and repair insulation, and take care of any caulking, weather stripping, and gutter cleaning. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors (and keep backup batteries!). Winterize your pipes to keep them from bursting during freezing weather.

Prepare to Stay Warm and Safe

To ensure that your home stays warm — and keeps the people in it safe — consider having your heating system serviced so it remains in good working condition. If you are using a fireplace or wood stove as a primary or secondary heat source, complete an annual inspection of your chimney or flue.

Be Prepared to Shelter in Place

In a severe winter storm, to be prepared to stay at home for an extended period of time. Check your emergency kit and replenish it with any missing items, especially food, water, medication and medical supplies. Do not forget extra batteries, battery-operated cell phone chargers and flashlights! Remember your furry friends, and keep sufficient pet food and other emergency supplies on hand.

Equip Your Car for an Emergency

Local roads can get treacherous. If you must travel during severe weather, install good winter tires with appropriate tread and keep a full tank of gas. Have an emergency supply kit in your vehicle that includes jumper cables, an ice scraper, small shovel,

warm clothes, blankets, flares, bottled water, and nonperishable snacks. If you get stuck, you'll be glad you did

sand, a flashlight,

For more tips, checklists, and other tools to help you get more prepared in the event of an emergency, visit wilsonvilleready.com.



Arrowhead Creek Park at Water Treatment Plant Re-Opens with Site Improvements

A fter two years of construction activity at the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant, Arrowhead Creek Park is once again open to the public.

Completed work includes the installation of new Willamette Water Supply System raw water pipeline, seismic stabilization of the riverbank, seismic upgrades to the pump station, and an expanded intake for Willamette Intake Facilities (WIF) partners.

The project also included several site improvements, including a new overlook to enjoy views of

the Willamette River (pictured).

The critical seismic resiliency work ensures a reliable and resilient regional water supply in the event of an emergency.

A joint project with the City of Sherwood to expand the plant's capacity from 15 to 20 million gallons per day, continues until May 2024. Scheduled work includes pumping and electrical upgrades, replacement of outdated equipment, seismic retrofits, and additional site improvements.



November Holiday Service



Note that SMART buses are in service on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. On Nov. 24-25, SMART is closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

For additional schedule information, visit ridesmart.com.



Nov. 7: Be Seen. Be SMART.

On Monday, Nov. 7, during commute hours. SMART is going to be out promoting safety and visibility for commuters by handing out safety lights and reflective leg/arm bands (while supplies last). Stop by the Wilsonville Transit Center, say hello, and pick up these free items designed to keep you safe and seen after dark.

SMART Launches New Mobile App

SMART is pleased to announce the long-awaited release of our new mobile app, which provides real time bus arrival information, service alerts, nearby amenities and more. With free WiFi on all SMART buses, you'll get the information you need when you need it.





Find the app on your phone from the Google Play store or Apple Store. Search: mySMARTbus.

Nov. 14: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Celebrates Civil Rights

In 1960, sixyear- old Ruby Bridges stepped into the history when she integrated William Frantz Elementary School in New



Orleans, becoming a national icon for the civil rights movement.

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, Nov. 14, celebrate's Ruby's courage. The event provides the perfect opportunity to teach children about the civil rights movement and make connections to today's collective efforts for change. SMART staff will be at participating schools along with volunteers to hand out special incentives.

En 1960, Ruby Bridges, de seis años, pasó a la historia cuando integró la Escuela Primaria William Frantz en Nueva Orleans, convirtiéndose en un ícono nacional del movimiento de derechos civiles.

El día de Caminar a la Escuela de Ruby Bridges les da a los niños la oportunidad de celebrar la valentía de Ruby caminando a la escuela y es la oportunidad perfecta para enseñar a los niños sobre el movimiento de derechos civiles y hacer conexiones con los esfuerzos colectivos de hoy para el cambio.

Este evento se llevará a cabo el lunes 14 de noviembre de 2022. El personal de SMART estará en las escuelas participantes junto con voluntarios para repartir incentivos especiales.



Boeckman Creek Corridor

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creek's natural flow is being restored and wildlife can pass safely underneath the bridge. The project opens an essential new corridor for local fish and wildlife.

"These corridors are very important for the health of our native species, especially as more development moves into their remaining habitat," said Bliss-Ketchum.

Rappold agrees.

"Restricting animal movement creates situations where their populations don't thrive," he said. "Corridor connections are essential for healthy, viable wildlife. They need to move!"

Removing the culverts is only part of the restoration plan for Boeckman Creek and the surrounding wetland. Invasive plant species, such as Himalayan blackberry, are being removed and replaced with native trees, bushes, sedges, and rushes. Native plants attract a wide variety of songbirds, animals, and even pileated woodpeckers.

"We'll also see more macroinvertebrates like mayflies and stoneflies in the creek," Rappold said. "These are a food source for fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles, and they also do a lot to keep the water clean."

Not all of the good news is for fish and wildlife. The project includes the construction of a new segment of the Boeckman Creek Regional Trail. Running above the creek and under the bridge, the trail eventually provides a trail connection to Memorial Park.

"The trail will offer a great view of the Creek and the surrounding wetland," Rappold said.

Design of the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Project is now underway. Visit **ci.wilsonville. or.us/Boeckman** for more information and/or text BOECKMAN to 866-935-0125 to have traffic alerts sent to your mobile phone when the project gets underway.

For more information on the City's efforts to protect Wilsonville's native fish and wildlife, contact Kerry Rappold, Natural Resources Manager, 503-570-1570, rappold@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



An Impressive Haul

A lot of work goes into processing the nearly 30 tons! of waste (at right) dropped by residents during Wilsonville's most recent Bulky Waste Day in mid-September.

Hats off to the crew at Republic Services (above) who made the event possible, and to the generous event participants whose cash and gift card donations yielded \$2,660 to support the social services provided for residents in need by Wilsonville Community Sharing.



New, Improved Portal Now Available for Utility Bill Payments

The City of Wilsonville's new online billing portal is now available for water and sewer bill payments. You can register online at invoicecloud.com/wilsonvilleor to enroll.

The new portal includes several convenient new features, including the ability to schedule your payment date, set monthly payment reminders, and review your invoice and payment history. The portal also allows you pay your bill with Venmo, Paypal, Google Pay, or Apple Pay.

Customers who were using the City's outgoing AutoPay system to pay their bill must re-enroll with Invoice Cloud. Those using their bank's bill pay system need to update that payment to include the account's new 13-digit account #.

Those who receive paperless invoices, please note that eBills will now be sent by Invoice Cloud on the City's behalf.

For more information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/utility-billing



WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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

Dec. 1 Tree Lighting at Town Center Park Headlines Our "Winterfest 2022" Events

This year's Winterfest 2022 includes the return of the Community Tree Lighting Event. Join us at Town

Center Park on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5:30 to 7 pm for performances by local choir groups, innovative dance, and more!

The beloved "Letters to Santa" station packets and drop off begin on Nov. 28 and continue through Dec. 16.

Tis' the season for giving. The City's annual Toy

Drive begins on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Drop off a new, unwrapped, toy donation under our holiday tree at the Parks and Recreation Admin building any weekday between 8 am and 5 pm, through Dec. 8.

Toys may also be dropped off at Wilsonville Orthodontics (9475 SW Wilsonville Rd.) during regular business hours. The toys collected are being distributed to local families in need.

Volunteer Drivers Needed to Deliver Meals

The Community Center is looking for reliable volunteers to help distribute fresh and frozen meals to community members through the Home Delivered Meals program.

Interested? Contact Nutrition Coordinator Janice Mash at mash@ci.wilsonville.or.us and fill out a volunteer application at ci.wilsonville.or.us/volunteer

Sister City Delegation to Visit Dec. 3-10

High school students from Kitakata, Japan are visiting Wilsonville Dec. 3-10. Students are staying with

local Wilsonville families through a home stay project coordinated by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board.

While visiting, the students are

scheduled to participate in several organized activities, including tours to Portland State University and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. They are also shadowing students at various schools throughout Wilsonville.

The students are eager to interact with community members to help them practice their English. Several opportunities to interact with our sister city students through activities like ornament making are being scheduled throughout their visit. For a schedule of activities open to the public, please visit ci.wilsonville. or.us/sistercity

Fill a Stocking for a Wilsonville Senior

The Parks and Recreation Department is enlisting the help of the community to fill and donate stockings for seniors enrolled in the Community Center's Home Delivered Meal Program. Filled stockings can be donated to the Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices through Dec. 9.

Get creative! Stockings may include small games/ puzzles, keepsakes, ornaments, and/or more practical gifts, such as personal care items, greeting cards/ stamps, gift cards to local grocery stores, coffee/tea/ cocoa and wrapped snacks.

For more information visit our website, WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SeniorStocking or call Sadie Wallenberg at 503-570-1526.

Upcoming Classes and Events

Restorative Yoga Session II

Ages 13+
Thursdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 29
7:15-8:15 pm
Community Center - Sun Room
Cost: \$77
Course #: 10426

Life 101 - Take the Right Steps

Ages 55+
Monday, Nov. 7
10:30 am-noon
Community Center
No Charge
Course #: 10414

Oil Painting- Snowfall Magic

Ages 12+
Saturday, Nov. 12
10 am-2 pm
Parks and Rec Admin Bldg.
Cost: \$50
Course #: 10399

Estate Planning

Ages 55+
Monday, Dec. 5
10:30 am-12 pm
Community Center
No Charge

Visit our website for more events:
WilsonvilleParksandRec.com



POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

Put Down Your Cell Phone: The Consequences Can Be Fatal When You Drive Distracted

This month I'm turning the column over to Officer Josh Brown, one of our dedicated traffic officers, to discuss the dangers and consequences of driving distracted on your cell phone.

-Chief Rob Wurpes

It goes without saying that cell phones are a staple of society, and are a necessary tool for everything from taking photos of an Oregon sunset, to talking to loved ones, to keeping up on social media, to navigating to new restaurant.

As wonderful as this connectivity is, it poses a problem when we bring it inside our vehicles. Driving is a complex skill that requires several simultaneous tasks to keep us moving safely down the road. Though we might think we are great multi-taskers, we're at our best when we are focusing on one thing.

In 2009, Oregon took a stand against distracted driving, making it illegal for teenagers to use cellphones while driving. In 2017, more restrictive State legislation making it illegal for anyone to hold a cell phone (or tablet, laptop, GPS device, etc.) and use it for any reason behind the wheel. Refer to Statute ORS 811.507 Operating motor vehicle while using mobile electronic device for more specifics.

You cannot hold your phone and interact with it in any way, and if you think your being sneaky, you are not. We see you. And when we ticket you, the fines are substantial (more on that in a minute).

There is a distracted driving crash about every 2-½ hours in Oregon. From 2013 to 2017, that equated to more than 18,000 injuries from distracted driving crashes. If that isn't sobering enough, 95 people lost their lives because of distracted driving. Please take a moment and ponder this senseless loss of life.



How to Avoid Distracted Driving

The first step to safer driving is to purchase a cradle to place your phone while driving. The best type is the one you will actually use, so take your time, do some research and find the model with the features and design that work for you.

Connect your phone to your Bluetooth system or plug it in to an auxiliary port. If you drive a classic, you can resort to a good old Bluetooth earpiece.

You are now set to safely and legally navigate the open roads!

Oregon law does allow you to advance songs, answer a call or even voice text as long as you're using a "hands-free accessory."

If you don't have that option, the law allows for "minimal use of a finger, via a swipe or tap, to activate or deactivate a function of the device." The law is clear that you can't text while the phone is in a cradle, but you could start or end a phone call with a swipe or tap. If you have the option, use voice commands to start or end a call, so you can keep your hands on

the wheel and your eyes on the road.

In the event, you have to take a call and don't have these features available, pull off the roadway without creating a hazard (and don't block bicycle lanes).

Now, about those fines I mentioned earlier: your first violation will cost you \$265; your second will cost \$440. Your license could be suspended if you are using your cellphone and start a crash. Your third offense comes with an even stiffer penalty. If you have previous convictions related to phone use within the last 10 years, it is a Class B Misdemeanor that includes a \$2000 fine, and could include a trip to jail and the impounding of your vehicle. We really do not want this for anyone.

The bottom line is simple: if you are driving and your using your cell phone, you have a much high chance of getting into a crash, hurting someone or even killing them. So stay off your phone and keep your focus on the road!

Safe travels.

-Officer Josh Brown

Put a Lid on Cooking Fires, Other Kitchen Hazards

Cooking is one of the leading causes of home fires and fire injuries. Last year, more than one-third of the residential fires that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded to, began in a kitchen.

TVF&R crews encourage you to minimize your risk of a fire by organizing a safe kitchen and practicing these safe cooking tips:



- Keep a watchful eye on what you are cooking never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking area clean, including the stove top, oven, and exhaust fan.
- Keep dish towels and pot holders away from the burners on your stove.
- Watch your sleeves to prevent them from catching fire or getting caught on pan handles.
- Cooking oil can ignite quickly. Heat oil slowly and watch it closely.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Store
it in an easy-to-reach location and know how
to use it. The discharge of a portable fire extinguisher only lasts between eight and 10 seconds.

Put a Lid on It

The easiest way to extinguish a small pan fire is with a pan lid. Turn off the burner and carefully slide a pan lid over the pan from the side. The lid will "smother" the fire, while turning off the burner removes the heat. Do not move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and the pan is cool. If you do not have a pan lid, you may also use a baking sheet or pizza pan.

Never transfer a burning pan from the stove top to the sink or out an exterior door. The fire may grow in size and burn you or spread to a counter top, cabinets, or curtains.

Grease and Water Do Not Mix

Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes



these fires to explode as the burning material stays on top of the water, causing it to spread and putting you at severe risk of getting burned.

If the fire is large and/or continues to grow, do not attempt to extinguish it. Quickly get everyone outside and immediately call 911 from a cellphone or neighbor's house.

For additional safety tips, visit tvfr.com.

A Great Affair for People Ready to Get Prepared!

The City's first Emergency Preparedness Fair brought more than 200 residents together in September to speak directly with local first responders and preparedness experts. The event included demonstrations, resources, great giveaway items, and a visit from "Ruff & Ready," our certified canine preparedness expert.

Thanks to all who participated, and who have worked to get their home "Wilsonville Ready!" Learn more about preparedness at wilsonvilleready.com.













A Quick Guide to Composting and Recycling Food Waste

R esidential customers of Republic Services, Wilsonville's recycling and waste franchise hauler, are invited to include food scraps with other residential organics in their yard debris bins.

As food decomposes in landfills, it creates methane, a powerful contributor to climate change. Separating scraps from your garbage keeps food waste out of landfills, and puts it to better use creating energy, compost or other products.

The sewer system also benefits; separating scraps may keep them from entering the garbage disposal, where grease, fats and oils can be harmful.

Homes with yard debris bins may begin participating at any time. Others may need to overcome barriers to participation.

Charbonneau residents: If you don't already have a yard debris cart, participation in food scrapping requires "opting-in" for a small fee to receive one.

Villebois residents: If you don't have a yard debris cart, you may request one at no charge from Republic

Multi-family residences: Talk to your property

manager/HOA about whether or not participation is feasible.

To make composting easier, use a one- or two-gallon kitchen compost pail to collect your scraps. These pails may be purchased from local retailers.

To avoid odors, pails should be emptied into yard debris bins frequently, and periodically hand-washed and sprinkled with baking soda. Pails may be lined with newspaper or Biodegradable Product Institute (BPI) certified compostable bags. (Plastic bags are not permitted, as they will contaminate the compost).

Yard debris bins should be set out weekly to be emptied, even when not filled to capacity.

To minimize lingering odors, bins may be lined with newspaper or paper bags, and periodically rinsed with soap and water (avoid pouring dirty water in the storm drain). By request, Republic Services can clean the bin for a small fee.

For more information on residential waste and recycling services, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/garbage or republicservices.com/residents.



Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

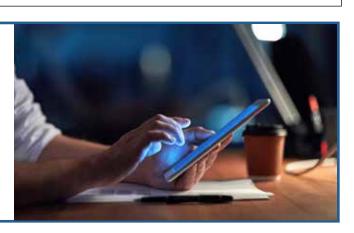
City Council	Action	What it Means
Oct. 3	The Council established less restrictive local limits (and repealed previous limits) regulating the type and quantity of pollutants discharged to the waste water treatment facility by non-domestic users.	Approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and informed by the City's efficient pretreatment, these limits are in compliance with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NP-DES) permits.
Sept. 19	The Council authorized the City Manager to amend a professional services agreement with MurraySmith, Inc.	The amendment provides \$2 million to fund owner's representative services for the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Projects, including engineering design review, independent cost estimating, construction management, administration, public engagement, and inspection.
Sept. 19	The Council authorized a \$450,000 contract with MurraySmith to fund final design and construction support services associated with the Charbonneau Lift Station Rehabilitation.	This improvement was identified as a priority in the 2014 Wastewater Collection System Master Plan. The station pumps wastewater collected from the Charbonneau District to the Wilsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).
Sept. 19	The Council authorized a development agreement with BTC III Grahams Ferry IC, LLC, the developers of a new 148,279-square-foot warehouse/manufacturing building within the Coffee Creek Industrial Area.	By terms of the agreement, the company is funding the construction of oversized (12-inch) public water system infrastructure, with costs to be refunded in System Development Charge (SDC) credits.
Sept. 19	To construct scheduled Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP) right-of-way enhancements, the Council authorized acquisition of property and property interests, with the potential for eminent domain procedures.	The actions are needed for approximately 6,389 square feet of right-of-way, 3,528 square feet of permanent easements, and 6,550 square feet of temporary easements.
Sept. 19	On second reading, the Council adopted two ordinances that annex and rezone 11.2 acres in the Frog Pond West neighborhood.	These actions accommodate development of the 19-lot Frog Pond Terrace residential subdivision, consistent with the Frog Pond West Master Plan.
Sept. 19, Oct. 3	The Council adopted two ordinances that annex and rezone 4.9 additional acres in Frog Pond West.	These actions accommodate development of the 12-lot Frog Overlook residential subdivision

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My Family's Thanksgiving Traditions May Surprise You

By Imran Haider

"Imran, do you celebrate Thanksgiving?" Theard this question constantly while growing up.

Leven now, decades later, I still get asked here and there. I never thought twice about the complexity of the question when I was growing up. As I have aged, answering it has become more exhausting.

Another popular question is "well, if you do celebrate, what do you eat?"



I'll end the suspense. My family does celebrate Thanksgiving, and we eat turkey with the traditional American sides (stuffing, most importantly!)

Because Thanksgiving is federal holiday, my whole family was always home with the day off. Ever since I was young, my family has observed the holiday like most Americans, sharing food with close family and friends.

As an adult living in a culture where we often work too long and hard, I now find great joy in taking a day off to eat anything I want while spending valuable time at our dinner table with the people who I most enjoy spending time with.

As a child, though, questions lingered. Why do people always ask me this question? Did my family deserve to celebrate? Were we doing it right? Were we doing something wrong?

The question contributed to my struggle with my identity, with knowing if I fit into this country, its culture, and with many of the long-standing American traditions.

In my experience, people who are minorities typically try really hard to fit in, only to be metaphorically gut-punched each time we have to prove we belong instead of just, well, belonging.

So even though the question is almost always asked with good intentions, it can inevitably lead to feelings of exclusion. If you are seeking to be welcoming, it is best to avoid asking questions of this nature. It's a simple win for both of us.

I share this with you because I believe there is great value in examining and understanding the perspectives of others. My perspective on Thanksgiving, for example, is likely much different than that of an Indigenous Person, or of someone who recently suffered the loss of a loved one.

Each of us brings a unique lived experience to our shared community, and I believe that understanding one another goes a long way toward eliminating fear, hurt and divisiveness.

Whether or not you celebrate Thanksgiving, and regardless of how you choose to observe it, I wish you peace and good health.

Wilsonville resident Imran Haider is a college professor and chair of the City's Diversity, Equity and *Inclusion Committee. Views and opinions expressed* by the author do not necessarily represent the views or opinions of the City of Wilsonville.

Learn more about the work of the DEI Committee at letstalkwilsonville.com/dei or contact staff liaison Zoe Mombert at 503-570-1503.



Get boosted! It's easy to find a clinic near you and schedule an appointment. Visit: clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine

Be Kind ... and Don't Leave Your Dog's Waste Behind!

Wilsonville is proud to be a dog-friendly community. The City happily invites its four-legged friends to enjoy frolicking outdoors in parks and other public places and even provides dogs their own space to roam and play off-leash at Memorial Park.

Alas, the City is less generous to owners who fail to clean up after their dogs. Wilsonville Code section 3.000(30) states: a dog owner or owner's designee is required to remove and properly dispose of any and all feces excreted by said dog or dogs in all city parks.

The City relies on park visitors to clean up after their dogs; we even provide multiple pet cleanup bag stations and trash cans in each park to make compliance easy.

Outside of the City parks, pet owners are asked to be just as diligent about clean-up. Wilsonville Code Section 10.240(2) states: it is unlawful for a dog owner to fail to pick up fecal excrement deposited by the dog owner's dog on public property. Private properties, such as apartments and condominium communities typically have similar rules.

Offenders can be cited, though enforcement of these rules is nearly impossible. The City relies on residents to do the right thing to keep Wilsonville safe and clean, and here are just a few reasons why.



- Ignore that misconception that dog waste is a natural fertilizer. Those piles will ruin grass, not help it grow.
- It carries disease and parasites. Dog waste is full of E. coli, salmonella and other stuff you don't want anyone ingesting, and the residue can remain in grass for years.
- As waste is broken down, it can end up in up in the storm water system. Protect the water supply by keeping waste out of storm drains.
- Common Courtesy! Nobody wants the mess —
 and the stink! of cleaning up a pair of shoes, a
 doormat or the floorboard of a car.

Please ... we're asking nicely ... take the extra moment to clean up your dog's mess. Let's work together to keep Wilsonville looking and smelling fresh!

Auto





New Nominations Sought for Community Portrait Project

Who are Wilsonville's "helpers," those people who Mr. Rogers promised would always be there when we needed them?

It's the many "helpers" who live in our community that make Wilsonville a special place to live.

The Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council (WACC) is once again working with Wilsonville art students to honor these unsung heroes in the second round of the 'Community Portrait Project.'

New portraits are to be presented at the 2023 Wilsonville Festival of Arts and at other venues throughout the coming year.

Help WACC continue this important work by nominating a helper deserving of our recognition by Dec. 15.

Email the nominee's name and a short description of why you have chosen to honor them to info@ wilsonvillearts.org; include your name and contact information.

First Series Portraits Showcased Online

If you missed last year's Community Portrait Project gallery, which honors 17 members of the Wilsonville community, you can check it out now at wilsonvillearts.org/wv-community-portrait-project

For more information on WACC's programs, visit wilsonvillearts.org

Exotic Beetle Poses Big Threat to Oregon's Ash Trees The merald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle that

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic beetle that infests ash trees. Larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of the trees, disrupting their ability to transport water and nutrients.

This summer, this destructive pest was discovered in Forest Grove, Ore., marking the first confirmed sighting on the West Coast. The infested ash trees were immediately cut and chipped.

EAB has the potential to inflict serious harm to America's trees — and create billions of dollars in damages — if not dealt with properly.

Wyatt Williams is the Oregon Department of Forestry's Invasive Species Specialist. He helped develop the state's EAB response plan, and has been managing a federal grant to try and save the gene pool of the state's only native ash species.

"Since it was first found in the Detroit, Michigan, area back in 2002, EAB has become the most destructive and costliest forest pest ever to invade North America," Williams said. "This little insect (a half-inch long and an eighth-of-an-inch wide) has spread to 35 states and five Canadian provinces, killing up to 99 percent of their ash trees in some locations."



Though only a half-inch in length, the Emerald Ash Borer is wreaking mass devastation on the world's ash trees. The pest was first discovered in Oregon this summer.

The City's park maintenance crews have not observed EAB, but have begun to take proactive steps to prevent infestation, including the hiring of an independent arborist to examine Wilsonville's ash trees for any signs of EAB.

For more information about impacts of EAB to Oregon's urban forests, risks to native ash trees, and how/where to report possible sightings, visit the Oregon Department of Forestry's forest health page at oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/pages/foresthealth.aspx.



Planting Trees Lowers Temps, Helps Native Fish Flourish

The Willamette River's native fish need cool, clean water to survive summer heat.

During July and August, the temperature of the Willamette River in Wilsonville regularly exceeds 68 degrees. Salmon populations become stressed in water temperatures above 68 degrees, and suffer increased mortality rates in water that exceeds 70 degrees.

Planting trees along streams, such as Boeckman Creek, shades the water from solar heat so cooler water reaches the Willamette River. Planting also provides food and habitat for aquatic wildlife and stabilizes erodible soils.

The fall is a great time to plant new trees. The City encourages property owners who live next to drainage ways and streams to help protect native fish and improve the water quality by planting trees.

Get Free Trees to Plant Near Streams

To promote healthy cool streams in Wilsonville, the City offers community members and local property owners up to five free native tree seedlings to plant on their

property.

The City encourages plantings along streams and other water bodies to reduce stream temperature and pollutants. The trees



are obtained from a local nursery.

For more information and to get a tree coupon for five trees, contact Sarah Sand, Stormwater Management Coordinator, at 503-570-1552; sand@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Briefs

County Program Provides Volunteers to Help Residents Enroll in Medicare

Clackamas County's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program is available to help residents enroll or change their Medicare Plan.



Medicare is a national health insurance program for people age 65 or older and people living with disabilities. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it does not cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care.

The window to enroll or make changes to current plans is Oct. 15 and Dec. 7

SHIBA is a federally-funded state program that offers free, objective, and local one-on-one health insurance counseling and assistance to people with Medicare and their families.

SHIBA counselors can explain how the Medicare program works, additional insurance options that work with Medicare, and help with reducing out-of-pocket costs.

Volunteers provide free, objective support by phone, in person, online and at a variety of public events.

Schedule an appointment by calling 503-655-8269 option 4, or attend an informational workshop. Visitclackamas.us/socialservices/shiba to find one convenient to you.

Two Wilsonville Residents Join Oregon Tech Board of Trustees

The Oregon Institute of Technology's (OIT) Board of Trustees recently welcomed Wilsonville residents John Davis and Celia Núñez to the University governing board.

Selected as Board chair in August, **John**

Oregon TECH

Davis is a business, non-profit, and estate planning attorney at Lynch Murphy McLane, LLP. Davis served District 26 in the Oregon House of Representatives, 2013-16. He was also a member of the Oregon Tech Foundation Board, recently serving as vice president.

Former Wilsonville City Councilor **Celia Núñez** returns to the OIT Board after a previous four-year term that ended in 2019. Núñez serves as deputy director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Previously, she served as the executive director of the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry.

OIT's Board of Trustees includes 14 individuals of varying backgrounds, from entrepreneurs and elected officials to CEOs, consultants, and managers. The Board's role is to approve the University's mission, programs, budgets, and strategies. It also works to extend partnerships for the benefit of campus communities of Klamath Falls and Wilsonville.

For more information, visit oit.edu.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8; Drop Your Ballot at City Hall

n Oregon and across the United States, **▲** Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Wilsonville electors will vote two new City Councilors to new four-year terms; two Wilsonville residents — Katie Dunwell and Caroline Berry — appear on the ballot.

The ballot includes State, County and regional races, as well as Clackamas County Measure 3-588 and Metro Measure 26-225.



Wilsonville's only ballot drop is located at City Hall; ballots may be dropped around-the-clock until 8 pm on Election

Don't forget to sign your envelope. For more information, including voter pamphlets, visit Clackamas.us/Elections or co.washington.or.us/ Elections

City's Annual Toy Drive Underway, Continues Through Dec. 8

ilsonville Parks and Recreation is coordinating the City's annual toy drive for the benefit of in-need children in Wilsonville and Clackamas County.

Until Dec. 8, residents may purchase and drop off new, unwrapped toys. Donations are being collected and distributed to provide holiday joy for individuals and families in need.

Toy donations may be dropped at the following sites in Wilsonville:

- Parks and Rec Admin Building 29600 SW Park Pl., Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm
- Wilsonville Orthodontics 9475 SW Wilsonville Rd., Mon.-Thur., hours vary
- Holiday Tree Lighting Town Center Park, Dec. 1 at 5:30 pm.

To learn more, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com or call 503-783-7529.



WCSI hosts Bingo Night on Nov. 12

↑ Tilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI), is **V** hosting a Bingo Night fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30-9 pm, at the Wilsonville Community

WCSI Bingo Night Sat, Nov. 12, 6:30-9 pm Wilsonville Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.

Center (7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.) Proceeds support the organization's programs and

activities for local seniors.

Enter a raffle to win a prize basket, enjoy light snacks and — of course — play some Bingo! (12 games). Doors open at 6 pm. The cost is \$25, and



anyone over the age of 18 may play. Cash prizes and gift cards will be awarded.

Seating is limited, tickets should be purchased in advance at the Community Center on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8:30 am and noon while they remain available.

For more information, visit wcsi.info or e-mail Donna at wilsonvillecsi@gmail.com.



Garden Club Swag Sale Returns Dec. 3

n Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 am to 2 pm, the Wilsonville Garden Club is hosting its popular holiday decoration and swag sale at the Wilsonville

Public Library (8200 SW Wilsonville Rd.).

Sat., Dec. 3, 9 am-2 pm Festive swags, table Wilsonville Library centerpieces, and décor

Garden Club Swag Sale

to brighten your holidays are available for purchase. Items are made by club members using freshly-gathered greens and a variety of decorations.

Welcome the holiday season with a beautiful decoration for your home or give one as a gift while helping provide funding for various community endeavors.

Wilsonville Garden Club is tax exempt and a member of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

For more information contact Lauren Dixon, 602-316-2402; or Darcy Starr, 415-717-6078.



The Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Returns to Town Center Park on Dec. 1

t's back! Join the fun on Thursday, Dec. 1, from **1**5:30-7 pm at Town Center Park. See the lighting of the tree and enjoy live choir and dance performances and other surprises.

City Calendar

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

NOVEMBER

- Municipal/Traffic Court Tue 5 pm, City Hall
- Leaf Drop Off Day 9 am-2 pm, City Hall Parking Lot
- 7 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 8 Tue Election Day
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- Wed Tourism Promotion Committee Mtg. 1 pm, virtual
- 11 Fri Veterans Day City offices, Library closed
- 12 Sat • WCSI Bingo Night

6:30 pm, City Hall

- 6:30-9 pm, Community Center 14 Mon • DRB Panel A
- 15 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 16 Wed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission 5 pm, TBD
 - Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- Community Paper Shredding Day 9 am-2 pm, City Hall Parking Lot
- 21 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 23 Wed Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- Thanksgiving Holiday 24-25 City offices, Library, SMART closed
- 28 Mon DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 30 Wed Community Enhancement Grant Workshop noon & 6 pm, City Hall and virtual

DECEMBER

- Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- Garden Club Swag Sale 9 am-2 pm, Wilsonville Library
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- 20 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court
- 5 pm, City Hall
- 21 Wed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission 5 pm, TBD
- 24 Sat Christmas Eve Library Closes at 2 pm
- 26 Mon Christmas Day Observed City Hall, SMART, Library closed
- 26 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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