



Destructive Pest Set to Eliminate Oregon's Ash Trees



Smaller than a penny, the destructive emerald ash borer (EAB) likely arrived in the U.S. via shipping crates in 2002. The pest was first discovered in Oregon last year.

Arborists everywhere are taking proactive aim at a new foe that is destined to substantially alter the world's treescape.

Emerald ash borer, or EAB, is a metallic wood-boring beetle that destroys ash trees, and also threatens olive trees and white fringetree. First discovered in the United States in Michigan in 2002, this invasive insect is considered the most destructive forest pest ever encountered.

EAB has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees across the east coast and Midwest over the last 20 years.

The cost of mitigating the past and future destruction of this pest could be in the billions in the United States alone, as there is no effective means of eradicat-

ing EAB once it is present.

Last summer, in Forest Grove, emerald ash borer was discovered in Oregon for the first time. The potential loss of native Oregon ash is of grave concern to arborists. Ash trees are an important riparian and wetland species west of the Cascades, and are also widely planted and cultivated in urban landscapes.

How EAB Destroys Ash Trees

Mature emerald ash borer emerge from mid-May through late-June. Adult females lay eggs on both stressed and healthy ash trees. In 1-2 weeks, the eggs hatch and tiny larvae bore through the bark and burrow into the cambium layer. They feed for several months, leaving the tree unable to transport water and nutrients throughout its tissues.

EAB can take a few years to kill a tree. Infested trees that appear healthy may decline rapidly as the insect population builds exponentially. While adult EAB are poor flyers, studies have shown that mated females can fly an average distance of nearly 2 miles.



Distinctive D-shaped exit holes are one indicator of EAB infestation.

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Mayor's Message

Equity Summit Showcases the Best of WLWV School District

We are fortunate in Wilsonville to send our children to some of the finest schools in the State of Oregon.

Not only does the West Linn-Wilsonville School District annually boast one of the state's highest graduation rates, our well-rounded students more than hold their own in athletics, theater, music, robotics and numerous other extra-curricular activities.



It's remarkable that this excellence has endured in the wake of three uncommonly difficult years that have taken a disproportionate and overwhelming toll on our students. I'm inspired by the parents, teachers, counselors and support staff whose dedication and care has lifted our student population through periods of virtual learning and the absence of connection.

Never has the power of education been more evident than in March, when Council President Kristin Akervall, DEI Committee Chair Imran Haider and I had the opportunity to participate in the district's Equity Summit. About 300 students, educators and student advocates gathered in support of a common goal — to increase equitable outcomes for students of every background.

We heard a beautiful keynote from author/poet Kwame Alexander, who shared his personal love of books and poetry, and told his story of growth and perseverance. He spoke of the time when a teacher's bias earned him a failing grade ("there's no way this student could have written an essay of this quality"), and how that slight didn't stop him from authoring nearly 40 books, and reaching the New York Times best-seller list.

Mr. Alexander demonstrated the values of perseverance and self-respect when he received a Newbery Award for "The Crossover," a title rejected by 22 publishers. Mr. Alexander said he tells that story because it shows you often have to keep taking your shot in order to succeed: "Dribble, fake, shoot, miss; dribble, fake, shoot, miss; dribble, fake, shoot, miss; dribble, fake, shoot, *swish!*"

The spirit and leadership I see in our students today tells me our community has many young leaders from whom we will be learning tomorrow.

His unique address included verbal volleys with students, who rallied with insight and courage. I am inspired by the students' ideas on productive responses to conflict, inclusiveness, and on shifting a narrative

from one of conflict and pessimism to one of great possibility and compassion.

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The Equity Summit underscored our schools' commitment to giving every student the attention, tools and support they need to excel. Thank you to West-Linn Wilsonville Schools — including the school board, teachers, administrators, parents, and most of all, students — for this great event.

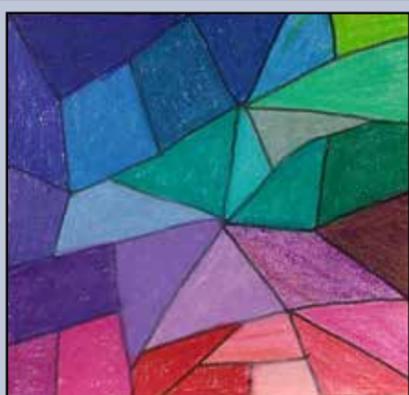
Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

**State of the City Address
Apr. 17 @ City Hall, 7 pm**

City of Wilsonville
29799 SW Town Center Loop East
Wilsonville, OR 97070

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The Color Theory
Sonia Hepburn
Winner, Grades 6-8



The Bookstore
Aasha Patel
Winner, Grades 9-12



Phyllis Cluckington
Jackie Humphreys
Winner, Adult

Local Teen, Adult Artists Dazzle at Library's First Tiny Art Show

The Wilsonville Library's first Tiny Art Show unearthed scores of fabulous local artists, who were handed blank 3"x3" canvases at the Library and returned with inspired artistic creations.

About 75 teens and adults submitted original works; the entries pictured above were judged to be the winners in a vote of library patrons.

The Tiny Art Show was open to community mem-

bers of all ages. Because of overwhelming response, the gallery was split into two viewings. Winners from among 70 kids' entries are to be displayed at the Library with the top teen/adult winners throughout April. The kids' winners will be featured in the May issue of the Boones Ferry Messenger.

The Tiny Art Contest was sponsored by the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

DEI Lecture Addresses the Mainstreaming of Antisemitism in the U.S.

Alarming data provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicates that a growing number of hate crimes are being directed at Jewish people and institutions.

Four out of 10 American Jews feel less secure than they did a year ago. A whopping 25% have experienced some form of antisemitism, either online or during face-to-face interactions.

Perhaps most disturbing, the report indicates that 35 to 44% of American adults don't know what the word "antisemitism" means. One in six hadn't heard the word before being surveyed. Defined as hostility or prejudice against Jewish people, antisemitism is on the rise locally and throughout the country.

As the Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs for the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Bob Horenstein spends considerable time educating communities about antisemitism. On May 4, Horen-

stein is presenting the third event of the City's DEI Lecture Series: "The Mainstreaming of Antisemitism in America," in the Lewis and Clark room at the Charbonneau Country Club 32020 SW Charbonneau Dr.) There is no charge for this event.

Horenstein hopes that speaking on the topic continues to help inform and educate the community about this dangerous trend.

"This is not like the antisemitism my father or grandfather faced," Horenstein says. "This hateful rhetoric found its way into extremist groups across the political spectrum and some of that messaging is seeping into the mainstream. It's being normalized in conventional discourse."

Locally, "normalization" has resulted in an uptick in antisemitic behaviors that has included threatening graffiti, school bullying, and the harassment of Jewish business owners.

"We need stronger education and more allies to start reversing this troubling behavior," Horenstein said.

DEI Lecture Series
Thu., May 4, 6:30 pm
Charbonneau Country Club
32020 SW Charbonneau Dr.



Bulky Waste Day Set for May 6

Republic Services and the City of Wilsonville are hosting a Bulky Waste Day event on Saturday, May 6, 9 am-1 pm, at Republic Services (10295 SW Ridder Rd.) in Wilsonville.

Dispose of large or unusual items that cannot be picked up curbside. Proof of Wilsonville residence is required to participate; there is no charge.

Instead, the City asks participants to donate gift cards from local merchants in small denominations (\$5-20) to help Wilsonville Community Sharing provide critical assistance to local families in need.

Gift card donations are to be dropped upon entry, after which vehicles are weighed and guided to disposal bays. Participants should only bring items that can be unloaded without staff assistance.

Bulky Waste Day accepts dishwashers, televisions, refrigerators, computers, monitors, stoves, dryers, water heaters, couches, mattresses, scrap metal, tables and chairs, and clean, untreated wood. All fuel must be emptied from gas-powered yard tools.

The program does not accept construction debris of any type, propane bottles or canisters, paint, batteries, solvents, thinners, household garbage, car tires, or yard debris.

For more information contact Matt Baker, City Public Works Supervisor, at mbaker@ci.wilsonville.or.us, 503-570-1548.

Bulky Waste Day
Sat, May 6, 9 am-1 pm
Republic Services
10295 SW Ridder Rd.

Camping Code Comes Into Focus Before May Adoption

The City has completed an initial draft of revised City Code that is to stipulate the guidelines under which overnight camping is permitted in Wilsonville.

By July 1, all Oregon cities must be in compliance with State laws passed in 2021 that provide compassionate protections for people experiencing homelessness. Cities may not ban camping outright; they must develop reasonable time, place and manner guidelines for campers to follow.

Wilsonville's draft Code, developed by City Attorney Amanda Guile-Hinman, has been informed by input from the City Council, social service providers, City staff, concerned residents, law enforcement, people experiencing homelessness, and peers in cities throughout Oregon.

"Our foremost priority has been to listen to and incorporate the health and safety concerns of residents, police, social service providers, and individuals experiencing homelessness," Guile-Hinman said.

Informed by the community's strong preference that City-owned properties be prioritized as camping locales, the City Council directed staff to accommodate campers at the City Hall parking lot. The Council supports the prohibition camping on all other City property, including City parks, bus shelters, sidewalks, and streets.

Draft guidelines stipulate that camping would be permitted between 9 pm and 7 am, and include provisions to prohibit open flames and other safety hazards.

Sanitary facilities are to be provided.

Guile-Hinman noted that these provisions are to apply to tent campers and those living in vehicles, and noted that most of those people experiencing homelessness in Wilsonville are vehicle campers.

Two more work sessions with the City Council are scheduled (April 3, April 17). The draft code is to be further refined by these sessions and by additional public comments before final Code is to be considered for adoption at a May 1 public hearing.

A compilation of the work sessions and staff reports that have informed this project is available online at [LetsTalkWilsonville.com](https://www.lets-talk-wilsonville.com). The project page also includes a video presentation from Clackamas County that details the County's significant investment in housing and homelessness initiatives.

For more information, contact Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney, at 503-570-1509 or guile@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Know someone who is in need of services?

Contact Clackamas County's Coordinated Housing Access Program, 503-655-8575. Complete an intake form at clackamas.us/communitydevelopment/cha.



Win a \$25 Gift Card! Enroll in Utility Billing AutoPay System by May 31

To thank residential utility bill customers who have enrolled in the City's new online AutoPay program — and to incentivize more customers to enroll to schedule monthly payments — the City is raffling off four \$25 gift cards to those enrolled.

Residents who are already enrolled, or who complete enrollment by May 31, will be automatically entered in a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards to the local restaurant of their choice. Winners are

also to receive City of Wilsonville promotional items.

To enroll, visit the City's website, ci.wilsonville.or.us/autopay, and follow the step-by-step guide to online registration with Invoice Cloud, the City's web portal host. Once a payment method (checking account or credit card number) is added and saved, and status shows as 'enrolled' on the portal's home screen, eligibility for the raffle is automatic.

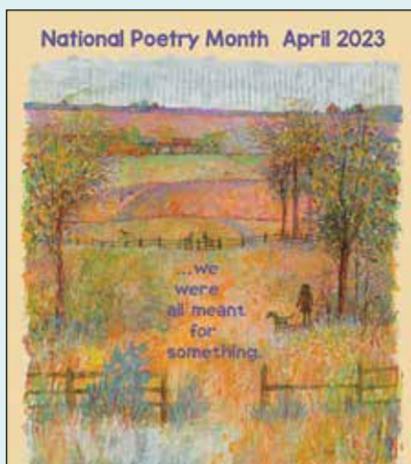


8200 SW Wilsonville Road

503-682-2744

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org)

Renew items at 503-659-8634



April Is National Poetry Month

Join us for National Poetry Month, the largest literary celebration in the world celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture.

Learn about American poet Robert Frost, the only poet to receive four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry, at our PROFILES online program on Wed. April 5, at 11 am.

Discover your inner poet with daily poems posted on the Library's Facebook page. On Fridays, we post a photo of a poem we've created using the titles on book spines; we invite you to post your own Book Spine Poems. Poetry doesn't have to be long, hard, or even rhyme!

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/poetry](https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/poetry)

Bring Your Broken Items to the Library's Repair Fair on April 8

Repair Fair is a free community event that brings skilled volunteers and people with broken items together on Saturday, Apr. 8, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Library.

What to bring:

- Clean clothes and textiles
- Bicycles
- Small electronics
- Small home appliances
- Tools or knives to be sharpened
- Jewelry

Some repairs may not be available, or may require a part we don't have. To confirm an item you want to bring can be repaired, please e-mail sustainability@clackamas.us.



Seed Library Coming Soon

At the request of several patrons, we are opening a seed library at the library in mid-April.

For six months, we have been collecting donations from seed companies and non-profits to develop our seed library.

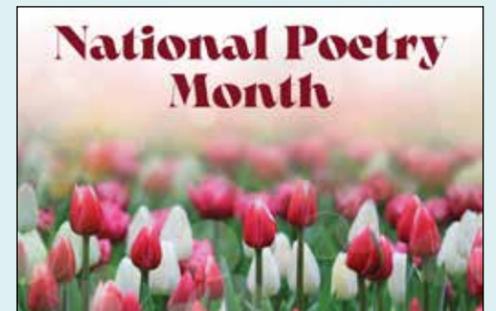
We are excited to begin sharing our wide selection of vegetable, flower, herb, grass, and other seeds with library card holders at no charge.

Watch for our opening announcement on Facebook and our website.



Upcoming Classes and Events

National Poetry Month



Artist of the Month: Brook Lords

Mixed media displayed on the Art Gallery Wall. Throughout April

PROFILES: Robert Frost

Wednesday, Apr. 5, 11 am-12:30 pm
Online with Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code: [wilsonvillelibrary.org/classes](https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/classes)

Book Notes Concert: Bernie Sims

Singer-songwriter performs songs with influences by Kenny Loggins, Stephen Stills, and Paul McCartney. Saturday, Apr. 8, 2-3 pm

STEAM Stuff

Drop in for hands-on STEAM activities on Early Release Days. For elementary-age kids. Wednesday afternoons, Apr. 12 & 26, from 1-2:30 pm

Toddler & Baby Time

Engaging songs, stories, and play. Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am & 11:15 am

Family Storytime

Storytelling and early learning fun for ages 3-6. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am

Visit our website for more events:

[wilsonvillelibrary.org](https://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org)



Before Summer Begins, Spring Into a Few Important Home Emergency Preparation To-Do's

For many, spring is a great time for cleaning, maintenance, and repairs around the home. It's also a perfect opportunity to tackle a few tasks that can help your property be more resilient and able to withstand an emergency.



Here are some simple Wilsonville Ready suggestions to add to your spring to-do list in order to ensure you're better prepared for home emergencies.

Test Smoke Alarms

Are your smoke alarms getting old? Alarms more than 10 years old need to be replaced, according to our friends at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. A manufacture date should be stamped on the back of the alarm. Don't forget to test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they're working properly.

Make Your Street Address Visible

First responders need to be able to see your address clearly even at night. Trim back shrubs, trees, or bushes that may obscure your address sign. Make sure all numbers posted on curbs, mailboxes and/or homes are easy to spot quickly.

Clean Roofs, Gutters and Yard Clutter

Assess the outside of your home. Have any flammable debris cleared from the roof, gutters, and around your home. Trim back any trees, bushes or shrubs that are very close to your home and roof. In the event of a fire, severe storm, or other emergency, this



maintenance can help protect your home and the people in it.

Inventory Valuable Items

Your home and many of your personal belongings have value. Should an emergency or disaster happen, and your property is damaged, proper insurance will fund costs to repair, replace, or rebuild. Review your homeowners or renters insurance policy to make sure you have the proper coverage. To make an insurance claim, you must know what you own, and its approximate value. Now is a great time to inventory and document your property.

Wilsonville Ready is a great source for checklists, information, tips, and tools to help become better prepared in the event of an emergency. For more information visit WilsonvilleReady.com.

Apply by Apr. 30 for Open Seats on City Boards, Commissions

Apply now to serve on one of the City of Wilsonville's boards and commissions that provide guidance and oversight of City programs.

New terms begin in July 2023 for 10 open seats on five City boards. Members typically attend evening meetings (no more than once a month) and assist in making policy recommendations to the City Council.

Positions to be filled include:

- Three seats on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission
- One seat on the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board
- One seat on the Library Board
- Three seats on the Tourism Promotion Committee
- Two seats on the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee

Diversity within the City's Boards and Commissions is critical to ensure that City policies and programs serve people of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion and ability. People of all

ages, genders, ages and nationalities are encouraged to apply.

"Anyone who is passionate about community involvement should consider applying," Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald said. "The valuable leadership, insight and oversight that our board members provide helps us sustain the high quality of life we enjoy in Wilsonville."

Qualified applicants are to be interviewed by Mayor Fitzgerald, who makes appointment recommendations to City Council that must be approved by a majority vote.

The application deadline, for new applicants as well as those existing members seeking re-appointment, is Sunday, April 30. Applications may be completed online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/boardsapp

For additional information on applying for board service, contact Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder, at 503-570-1506; cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



Take an Art Tour of Wilsonville

The Clock Tower at the Wilsonville Transit Center is just one of more than 30 pieces of public art displayed in Wilsonville.

To learn more about these unique works of art and to see where they are located, check out the City's online Public Art Map tool: ci.wilsonville.or.us/residents/page/public-art

SMART

SOUTH METRO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT

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

Walk at Lunch Returns in May

Lunch-time fitness is back. SMART's Walk at Lunch program returns May 3. Each 30-minute walk begins at a different location. Improve your overall health, build community, and keep your car off the road.



Wednesday @ Noon	Location
May 3	Academy Mortgage Josh Dalglish
May 10	Corner Coffee Shoppe
May 17	Nichols Family Agency Allstate
May 24	Edward Jones Josh Golston
May 31	No Walk



Join a SMART Vanpool

SMART is seeking commuters interested in finding a more sustainable way to commute.

Call SMART for assistance in establishing a vanpool program with other community members in your area. The program provides up to \$500 each month to support van rental costs!

A wide selection of low-mileage, recent-model SUVs, crossovers and vans are available to choose from. Lease is month to month; participants can cancel anytime.

Monthly vanpooling costs depend on the vehicle type, amenities, and commute distance. Everyone in the vanpool splits rental and fuel costs. Drivers must be 25 or older.

Comprehensive maintenance and repairs are covered by Commute with Enterprise. To learn more, e-mail: marston@ridesmart.com

Earth Month Walk + Roll

Earth Month is a celebration of the planet we live on. Wilsonville schools are encouraged to host Walk+Roll to School events anytime in April.



School participation encourages students to learn more about how to be kind to the Earth. There are several days on which schools can celebrate:

Tuesday, April 4

National Walk Around Things Day

Wednesday, April 5

National Walking Day

Saturday, April 22

Earth Day

Join us, and take steps to make our community and Earth healthier for all by walking or rolling to school!

Contact your school or SMART for more information. Volunteers and parent champions are needed! For more information, e-mail PTiburcio@ridesmart.com.



Emerald Ash Borer

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“The long-term reality is that we need to be prepared for the complete loss of thousands of ash trees throughout Wilsonville’s neighborhoods and green spaces,” said Parks Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Schull.

Schull said the cost of protecting the trees long-term is prohibitive, but that an effort is being made to invest in short-term protection measures that ensure that the loss of tree canopy occurs over many years.

“While we are taking great care to observe and protect as many trees as we can, we are developing longer-term steps informed by knowing that it’s only a matter of time before we lose them.”

Identifying, Mitigating and Reporting EAB

The City encourages residents to take an active role in tree preservation by identifying and observing your ash trees, and reporting suspected EAB sightings online to the Oregon Invasive Species Council hotline at oregoninvasiveshotline.org.

The City’s of Wilsonville’s arbor consultant, Morgan Holen, recommends the following additional steps to mitigate EAB’s spread:

- Review signs and symptoms of EAB with the help of the Oregon Department of Forestry’s fact sheet: tinyurl.com/odf-eab
- Don’t plant ash trees, but take good care of the ash trees you have with supplemental watering and



The distinctive marks left by feeding larvae are a tell-tale sign of emerald ash borer infestation.

- mulching during periods of drought.
- Once EAB is detected nearby, consider treating high-value ash trees with systemic insecticides on a two-to-three-year cycle, depending on the product. Treatment should occur before infestation for optimum protection, but studies have shown that treatment can be successful in infested trees with less than 20% canopy decline.
- Don’t transport firewood; avoid spreading insects and diseases.
- Remove dead and dying ash trees before they be-



Woodpeckers enjoy feeding on EAB larvae, so bark stripped bare by the birds can also be a sign of infestation.

come hazardous. Removal and replacement plans help distribute costs over time.

- When possible, ash tree pruning and removal should take place from Oct. 1 to March 31.
- Dispose of ash wood in accordance with state mandated protocols in quarantine areas. Currently, only Washington County is under EAB quarantine in Oregon.
- Share information about EAB with others!

Learn more about emerald ash borer online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/EAB

Public Hearings Scheduled for Wastewater Treatment Master Plan Review

The City of Wilsonville is updating its Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.

The Plan details improvements designed to provide optimal value to the City’s ratepayers by maximizing the use of existing infrastructure and improving system operation while continuing to protect water quality and human health and supporting economic development, consistent with goals and policies contained in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and 2021-2023 City Council Goals.

Before the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan is adopted, public hearings are to be held before the Planning Commission (May 10) and the City Council (June 5, June 19). The plan is available for review and comment at LetsTalkWilsonville.com.

The City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located at 9275 Southwest Tauchman Rd.

The facility was originally built in 1971. A major 2014 upgrade expanded the average dry weather capacity to four million gallons per day (mgd) to accommodate population growth. The City contracts with Jacobs for daily operation of the WWTP.

WWTP processes include headworks screening and grit removal facilities, aeration basins, stabilization basins, secondary clarifiers, biosolids processing, cloth filtration, and disinfection processes.

For more information on the Wastewater Treatment Master Plan update, contact Mike Nacrelli, Senior Civil Engineer, at 503-570-1540 or mnacrelli@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



Parks & Rec Administration
29600 SW Park Pl.
503-783-7529

Community Center
7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.
503-682-3727



April 8: Community Egg Hunt

The annual Community Egg Hunt takes place at the Memorial Park fields on Saturday, April 8, at 10 am.

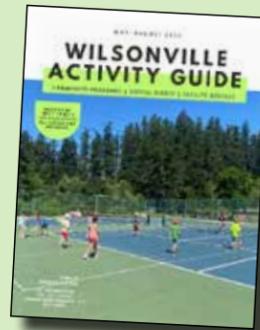
About 18,000 eggs are being dispersed for hunting. Egg hunters, ages 1-11, are divided into age categories. There is no charge for the event. Prizes and gift baskets are being given away, so grab your basket and come hunt for the perfect egg!

This annual event can be quite the egg-stravaganza, so give yourself plenty of time to find parking to be ready to hunt promptly at 10 am! Parking is available in Memorial Park and Murase Plaza. If you don’t mind a short walk to the event, skip the crowds and park at the Community Center or City Hall and walk down to Memorial Park!

A special thank you to our title sponsor, J. Hill Property Group; our silver sponsor, Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy Wilsonville; and supporting sponsors, Wilsonville Orthodontics, and Wilsonville Taekwondo Academy.

Summer Registration Opens April 10

Summer activity registration (including youth summer camps) opens on Monday, April 10. Many programs fill to capacity; early registration is encouraged! Register for any activity by May 1 and receive a 10% discount (excludes Skyhawks camps). Activities for all ages can be viewed and registered for online at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com



W.E.R.K. Day, Goat Petting Return May 6

W.E.R.K. Day is back on Saturday, May 6. Participating volunteers complete park improvement projects at Memorial Park (such as bark dusting and invasive species removal) from 9 to 11 am.

A complementary breakfast for volunteers is provided at the Wilsonville Community Center, 8-9 am, courtesy of the Wilsonville Rotary Club.

Goats, contracted through Westside Goat Gals, are joining us for parks work; they’ll eating their way through invasive blackberry. Come by and pet the goats between 10 am and noon.

Pre-register to be a W.E.R.K. Day volunteer at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com using course #10717. (No registration is needed for goat-petting).

Upcoming Classes and Events

Oil Painting- Night Light

Tuesday, April 4
Ages 12+
5:30-9 pm
Parks and Rec Admin Office
Cost: \$50
Course #: 10446

Community Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8
Ages 1-11
Hunt starts at 10 am
Memorial Park Ball Fields

Alzheimers Education: Understanding and Responding

Monday, April 10
Ages 55+
10:30 am-noon
Wilsonville Community Center
No Charge
Call 1-800-272-3900 to register

W.E.R.K Day

Saturday, May 6
All Ages
Breakfast 8-9 am
W.E.R.K. 9-11 am
Wilsonville Community Center
Course #: 10717

Community Garden Plots

Available Now!
\$22 in-ground plots
Register at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Visit our website for more events:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com



POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

Consider a Few Easy Steps to Discourage Burglars from Targeting Your Home

The terms *robbery* and *burglary* are often used interchangeably.

In Oregon, *robbery* is defined as taking property from a person by force, or by the threat of force, i.e. if someone had a knife and demanded your wallet.

Burglary, which I want to talk about today, is defined as entering or remaining unlawfully in a building with the intent to commit a crime therein.

Typically, a burglary occurs when someone breaks into a residence and steals or damages something. It's a crime that can and does affect many households.

We recommend taking a few simple precautionary measures help prevent burglaries and keep your home and family safe. Here are some suggestions:

Lock all doors and windows: The most critical step



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

in burglary prevention is to make sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave your home or go to bed. Burglars look for easy targets; an unlocked door or window is an open invitation.

Install a security system: Security systems, such as alarms, cameras, or motion detectors, can deter burglars and alert you and/or authorities when a break-in is in progress. These systems should be installed in strategic locations, such as entry points or high-traffic areas. Live monitoring systems are optimal, but they can be cost-prohibitive.

Keep your home well-lit: Burglars prefer to work in the dark, so keeping your home well-lit can make it less attractive to them. Install outdoor lights that are motion-activated or on a timer, and keep indoor lights on a timer when you are away.

Keep valuables out of sight: Burglars are often attracted to items that are easy to steal and sell, such as jewelry, electronics, and cash. Keep these items out of sight and in a secure location, such as a safe or locked

drawer.

Don't advertise your absence: If you are going on vacation or will be away from home for an extended period, don't advertise your absence on social media or other public platforms. Burglars can use this information to target your home. Porch packages or garbage cans left out can also signal that you are away.

Get to know your neighbors: I can't stress this one enough. The power of a strong neighborhood community pays off in a number of ways. You can help you keep an eye on one another's homes or share and report suspicious activity (you'll be more resilient in the wake of other emergencies, too.)

Remember, a little prevention can go a long way. By following these burglary prevention tips, you can make your home less attractive to burglars and help keep your family and belongings safe.

Chief Rob Wurpes



TVF&R Scout Day Event Teaches Basics of Preparedness

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is providing an opportunity for local Scouts to learn about fire safety and emergency preparedness from professionals.

TVF&R is hosting a Scout Day on Saturday, April 22, 10 am-noon at Wilsonville's South Operating Center, 8445 S.W. Elligsen Rd. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from across TVF&R's service area are invited to attend this free community event.

Participants have an opportunity to tour a fire station, learn about firefighting as a career, learn about fire safety and escape planning, explore first aid, and check out firefighting gear and apparatus.

This event is tailored for Scouts in grades 1-4. Participants will be divided into groups and rotate through several hands-on stations. Scout leaders and parents are encouraged to move through the activity stations with participating Scouts.



The event begins promptly at 10 am; it is recommended that groups arrive 15 minutes early.

To attend, register online at tvfr.com. For more information, call 503-259-1502 or e-mail Events@tvfr.com.

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
March 6	The Council granted annual property-tax exemptions to five multi-family facilities — Autumn Park Apartments, Charleston Apartments, Creekside Woods LP, Rain Garden LP and Wiedemann Park.	These exemptions provide 365 residential units of affordable housing; the program allows the facilities to provide lower-cost rent to families, seniors and individuals meeting income qualifications.
March 6	The Council directed the Parks and Recreation Department to pursue a grant from the Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) to fund a project to replace the 35-year-old rest room at Boones Ferry Park.	The new rest room, which would include two single, non-gender specific rest rooms, better serves the community and reduces maintenance costs.
March 6	The Council approved a contract with Global Rental Co., in the amount of \$162,000, for the purchase of a 40-foot bucket truck.	The truck allows Public Works staff to safely and efficiently complete overhead tasks, including tree work, signage, seasonal decorations, and building maintenance.
Feb. 23	The Council authorized the purchase of approximately a half-acre from five separate properties to advance the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Project.	The property acquisitions provide road right-of-way and easements for access, public utilities and temporary construction use.
Feb. 23	The Council approved the first of three anticipated "guaranteed-maximum-price" contracts for \$571,000 to authorize a Progressive Design Build (PDB) agreement with Tapani Sundt, a joint venture in association with KPFF.	The contract advances the first phase of the Boeckman Road Corridor Project, which involves installation of a temporary traffic signal at 65th Ave. and Stafford Rd. to detour traffic during construction and early procurement of sanitary sewer pipe and manholes.
Feb. 23	The Council approved a contract up to \$248,000 with Urban Solar to install real-time electronic-display signage at bus stops throughout the city.	These displays provide up-to-date information, including important advisories, to SMART passengers.
Feb. 23	Council approved a reduction in staff fees to rename a developer-named street.	A community member is seeking to rename Columbine Ave., located in the Frog Pond West neighborhood.

Briefs

Clackamas County Invests in First Transitional Housing Shelter

In February, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of the County's first transitional housing property, a former Quality Inn located in Clackamas at 9717 SE Sunnyside Rd. Occupancy is expected to begin this summer.

The hotel provides about 100 rooms in a safe location free from violence and substance abuse for people to get the care and support necessary to transition into permanent housing. The program will have 24/7 security, property management and crisis staff. Services will include case management, support finding and applying to permanent housing, physical and mental healthcare, substance use treatment, financial education, and healthy food.

No county general funds were used to fund the \$15.2 million cost of the hotel. Funding sources include about \$8 million awarded by the Oregon Community Foundation as part of Project Turnkey. The remainder is covered with state and Metro voter-approved funds.

The county is holding frequent meetings with adjacent businesses and intends to create a Good Neighbor Agreement with them

New Division to Oversee Housing, Homeless Services

The County recently announced a decision to bring together many housing and homeless services into the new Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) to better coordinate significant new programming and funding through the Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Measure. The move is to ensure that the County has the organizational infrastructure needed to deliver up to \$50 million in new services funded by the SHS Measure.

The new division, which is expected to be in place by July 1, will oversee the county's homeless outreach and engagement, safety off the streets, housing placement and retention, supportive housing, weatherization, community development, and building and maintaining affordable housing. Recruitment for a division director is underway.

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DEI Lecture Series Continues with Two Upcoming Events

The City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is presenting a series of educational lectures to help shed light on the history and lived experience of people in historically marginalized segments of our population.

In developing this series, the DEI Committee has sought a wide array of topics to help people gain a broader understanding of their neighbors and build a more cohesive community.

The series continues on April 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, and on May 4 at the Charbonneau County Club. All events are free to attend.

The series is funded by a Community Opportunity Grant from the Parks & Recreation Department. For more information about the DEI Lecture Series, contact Bill Evans, 503-570-1502; evans@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

**Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm
Hilton Garden Inn**
Growing up Muslim in Clackamas County
*Imran Haider, Washington State University,
Murrow College, Professor*

Haider, who chairs the City's DEI Committee, shares his experience growing up Muslim in Clackamas County. Throughout his life there have been questions and misconceptions about what he and his religion preach and practice. Pop culture and news media has typically portrayed it negatively. Haider will share the basics, Ramadan (fasting month) and answer questions.



**Thursday, May 4, 6:30 pm
Charbonneau Country Club**
The Mainstreaming of Antisemitism in America
Bob Horenstein, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland

A 2021 survey of American adults revealed that more than one-third did not know what antisemitism is; this at a time when we are seeing an alarming rise in antisemitic incidents and hate crimes in the U.S.

This workshop explores what antisemitism is and isn't, how it has evolved, and how it is being normalized in America. It also considers why anti-semitism is often overlooked or dismissed by those working in diversity, equity and inclusion.



Community Egg Hunt Returns to Memorial Park on April 8

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is hosting the annual Community Egg Hunt at Memorial Park on Saturday, April 8, at 10 am.

About 18,000 eggs are being scattered around the Memorial Park fields. Young hunters (ages 1-11) are divided into groups according to age, and sent onto



the field for the annual hunt for prize eggs.

Prizes, including gift baskets, are being handed out to several lucky guests.

A big thanks to J. Hill Property group for being this year's title sponsor!

Grab your kids and your baskets, and don't miss this springtime tradition.

Community Egg Hunt
Sat, Apr. 8, 10 am
Memorial Park Athletic Fields

There is no charge for this event. Parking near Memorial Park is limited, so visitors should consider arriving early or using SMART transportation services.

Al Kader Shriners to Host First Annual Community Garage Sale, June 16-17

The Al Kader Shriners are hosting the organization's first annual community garage sale,



June 16-17 at the Shrine Center (25100 SW Parkway Ave.) from 9 am to 3 pm.

The event provides a great opportunity to buy or sell. Individuals, families, and neighborhood groups can rent table space to sell their items for just \$15. Tables and chairs are provided.

Contact Forrest Hatch to reserve a table at f4knight@comcast.net or 541-974-1326

Those seeking unwanted items are encouraged to attend. Even those who aren't doing any shopping can gather and enjoy an old-fashioned hot dog, chips and a soda pop while others shop! There is ample parking space available.

Community Garage Sale
June 16 & 17, 9 am-3 pm
Al Kader Shrine Center
25100 SW Parkway Ave.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration

In celebration of Arbor Day, and to raise awareness about the looming threat of the Emerald Ash Borer (see page 1) the City of Wilsonville's Parks and Recreation staff is hosting an Oregon Ash tree-planting event at Murase Plaza on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30-11 am.



Knowledgeable parks crew staff are discussing the historic significance of Oregon Ash, providing tips for identifying and mitigating Emerald Ash Borer, and discussing how the imminent arrival of this pest may impact Oregon's treescape.

Arbor Day Ash Tree Planting
Sat, Apr. 29, 9:30 am
Murase Park Pollinator Garden

Arbor Day resources and coloring handouts are being given away, and attendees can enter to win an Arbor Day themed gift basket. Join us in recognizing and celebrating the importance of trees in urban settings.

City Calendar

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

APRIL

- 3 Mon • City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 4 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 5 Wed • Tourism Promotion Committee 1 pm, City Hall
• Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission 5 pm, TBD
- 8 Sat • Community Egg Hunt 10 am, Memorial Park Fields
- 10 Mon • DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 11 Tue • Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- 12 Wed • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 13 Thu • Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Mtg. 6 pm, Parks & Rec. Admin Bldg.
- 17 Mon • City Council Meeting. + State of the City 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting, City Hall
- 18 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 24 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 26 Wed • Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- 27 Thu • DEI Lecture Series: Growing up Muslim in Clackamas County, 6:30 pm, Hilton Garden Inn
- 29 Sat • Arbor Day Tree Planting 9:30-11 am, Murase Plaza

MAY

- 1 Mon • City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 2 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 3 Wed • SMART Walk at Lunch Returns Noon, Academy Mortgage
- 4 Thu • DEI Lecture Series: The Mainstreaming of Antisemitism in U.S. 6:30 pm, Charbonneau Country Club
- 5 Fri • First Friday Films 3 pm, Wilsonville Library
- 6 Sat • Bulky Waste Day 9 am-1 pm, Republic Services
- 8 Mon • DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 9 Tue • Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- 10 Wed • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 11 Thu • Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 4 pm, Parks & Rec. Admin. Building
- 15 Mon • City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 16 Tue • Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 17 Wed • Budget Meeting #1 6 pm, City Hall
- 17 Thu • Budget Meeting #2 6 pm, City Hall
- 22 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 23 Tue • Budget Meeting #3 (if needed) 6 pm, City Hall
- 24 Wed • Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- 29 Mon • Memorial Day City Offices, Library, SMART Closed

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 Ziplly 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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