

The Boones Ferry Messenger

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

August 2023



Mayor Julie Fitzgerald (fourth from left) was among the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board Directors, elected officials and School District staff who participated in a June groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future primary school in Wilsonville's Frog Pond West neighborhood. The 350-student school is scheduled to open in fall 2025.

PROGRESS IN FROG POND WEST

Major Projects Begin to Add New Park, Primary School Future Park Site
School Site

A 2.9-acre parcel adjacent the future primary school on Boeckman Road is the site of a future neighborhood park. The park property was purchased with a \$1.3 million grant from Metro.

Two concurrent projects within the Frog Pond West neighborhood are underway to add critical community amenities: a new primary school and a neighborhood park.

In mid-June, the West Linn-Wilsonville (WLWV) School District hosted a ceremonial ground-breaking at the future site of a new elementary school on Boeckman Road. The school, designed to accommodate 350 students, is slated to open in time for the 2025-26 school year.



Wilsonville's new primary school is a project funded by the District's 2019 Capital Bond to address enrollment growth as the Frog Pond neighborhood grows. A virtual tour of the new school is available at immrsv.ca/usa/or/wilsonville/

The school is located on a 10-acre property that previously located the CREST farm, an environmental education center that engages students in hands-on science, field research, and community stewardship. The school's design provides room for an eventual expansion that would accommodate as many as 550 students.

Metro Funds 2.9-Acre Park Purchase with \$1.3 Million Local Share Grant

In April, Wilsonville reached agreement with the WLWV School District to purchase a 2.9-acre parcel of the property to build a future neighborhood park.

In late June, Metro announced a funding award for the \$1.3 million purchase of the land through Local Share, a program from Metro's 2019 parks and nature bond designed to expand access to nature for everyone in greater Portland.

Design of the park, informed by public input, is already complete. Amenities include a large covered picnic shelter, lawn, a young kids' (2-5 yo) play area and about .6 miles of hard surface trail. A soft surface wetland path and adult fitness amenities are also planned. The project was designed by the City in collaboration with Mayer / Reed. The timeline for construction is undetermined.

When complete, the new park will provide neighborhood connectivity, a connection to the Boeckman Creek Regional Trail, and support the Safe Routes to School program.

View the park's design and learn more about the project at LetsTalkWilsonville.com.

Aug. 24: Annual Party in the Park Features Live Music & Family Fun

This year's annual Party in the Park (formerly the Community Block Party) takes place on Thursday, Aug. 24, 5:30-8:30 pm at Town Center Park.

Community Party in the Park Thu, Aug. 24, 5:30-8:30 pm Town Center Park This year's family-friendly event features a live concert performance from Oregonborn singer-songwriter Anna Gilbert.

In addition to a night of great music, guests at Party in the Park can purchase food from local food carts, and enjoy lawn games and other fun, interactive activities.

The City of Wilsonville staff hosts the annual Community Party in the Park to provide an end-of-summer gathering for community members to enjoy with friends, family and neighbors.

The event provides a great opportunity for City employees to meet with to community members to discuss what's happening in Wilsonville and what matters to the people who live, work and play here.

For more information, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.



Anna Gilbert headlines Wilsonville's final summer concert, the Community Party in the Park, on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Town Center Park.

Mayor's Message

Make Time to Connect, Enjoy Wilsonville's Summer Events

Summer in the Pacific Northwest is a generous gift that reminds us why we love living in Wilsonville.

Since 2020, I no longer take for granted the many occasions that this season provides to get outdoors among friends and neighbors. I enjoy chatting with residents when I'm out and about walking through my neighborhood, or enjoying one of the many community events I take the opportunity to attend.



Whether you are happiest soaking in the fountains, patio dining at your favorite restaurant, splashing in the Willamette, or hitting your favorite recreational trail, I hope you're enjoying summer to its fullest.

Regardless of your age or interest, Wilsonville offers so many ways to enjoy the season. I had the opportunity to attend the Juneteenth Celebration and the July 4 Laser Light Show; both were wonderful. I always appreciate the time, energy and creativity of the City employees and volunteers who make summer activities so enjoyable.

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Right now, our Parks & Recreation has a variety of great camps underway. The Library hosts an extraordinary number

of programs for children, teens and adults, including the fabulous Summer Reading Program. SMART's offers Wednesday lunchtime walks and Learn to Bike events.

On Aug. 12, there's a Skate Jam at Memorial Park. On Aug. 24, the City is proud to host the Community Party in the Park, featuring live music and family-friendly activities in celebration of summer

The list of community events seems endless. The Thursday Farmers Markets at Villebois, the Rotary Concerts, and the City's Movies in the Park series are all ongoing; all are fabulous ways to spend a summer evening. I'm excited, too, for the long-awaited return of the Wilsonville Brewfest on Aug. 19

I hope you'll get out and explore your community, whether at an event or simply to enjoy the City's parks, trails and recreational amenities.

However you find your happiness, you can do it here. As you pursue your passions and find your joy, I hope I have a chance to say hello.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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Tell Us a Story: Wilsonville Library's Short Story Contest is On for August

Writers of all ages are invited to enter the Wilsonville Public Library's annual Short Story

Submissions are accepted until Aug. 31. Stories are to be judged for creativity, style, and voice by a panel of library staff.

This contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Wilsonville Library. Three winners from each age group receive prizes, and will have their stories published on the Library's website.

The contest includes six age groups: Toddlers & Preschoolers, Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, Adults (18+)

All entries must be original and previously unpublished. No more than two stories per writer may be submitted. Each story must not exceed 1,500 words. Winners are to be announced on Friday, Sept. 29.

Additional rules of entry:

- Story content should be appropriate for a wide audience
- Entries must be typed (written legibly and/or transcribed if author is under age 10)
- Story titles and page numbers must appear on each page
- Entries are anonymous; author names should appear only on Entry Form.
- Writers (or a guardian) must be a LINCC library card holder.
- Story must be submitted in English.

Entries must be submitted with the official entry form, available at WilsonvilleLibrary.com/Story.

Submissions may be printed and sent by mail, or sent electronically via e-mail (PDF or Word file attachment). Submit to erickson@wilsonvillelibrary.org (include

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"Short Story Contest" in the subject line) or mail Andrea Erickson, Wilsonville Public Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

Summer Reading Program Recommended Reads: Find Your Voice

Our voices have power! Hear these authors' voices and find your own, with the recommended books below.

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

Aaron Slater, Illustrator, Andrea Beaty (Youth)

When Miss Greer asks each child in the class to write a story, second-grader Aaron, who loves to draw but struggles with reading, creates a story using pictures.

It's So Difficult, Raul Nieto Guridi (Youth)

A school day can be so overwhelming: so many people, so many noises, so many things to remember. Grown-ups say it'll get easier with time, but even saying hello is incredibly hard. Thank goodness for comforts like math, for anything that can relax a restless mind. Maybe this time a few words will come out at last...

Share Your Smile: Raina's Guide to Telling Your Own Story, Raina Telgemeier (Youth)

The bestselling creator of Smile, Raina Telgemeier invites young readers to turn their own stories into graphic novel memoirs. Learn how to combine words, pictures,

photos, and imagination into a unique story.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Erika Sánchez (YA)
Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family.
But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was
Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in
Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family.

Dragon Hoops, Gene Luen Yang (YA)

Gene understands stories - comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, every game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about.

On the Come Up, Angie Thomas (YA)

As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit big, Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time-- and has massive shoes to fill. She's been labeled a hoodlum at school, and the fridge at home is empty after her mom loses her job. So Bri pours her anger and frustration into her first song, which goes viral -- for all the wrong reasons.

Crying in H Mart, Michelle Zauner (NF)

Zauner, of indie band Japanese Breakfast, presents a memoir about growing up Korean-American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity. She tells of growing up the only Asian-American kid at her school in Eugene, Oregon; and of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond over heaping plates of food.

No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference, Greta Thunberg (NF)

The groundbreaking speeches of Greta Thunberg, the young climate activist who has become the voice of a generation, including her historic address to the United Nations.

Johnny Got His Gun, Dalton Trumbo (F)

Dalton Trumbo's stark, profoundly troubling masterpiece about the horrors of WWI brilliantly crystallize the uncompromising brutality of war, and became the most influential protest novel of the Vietnam era.

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

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

WILSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



August STEAM Events for Kids

The Wilsonville Library is excited to bring back free STEAM classes, activities, and events for kids in August.

- Aug. 2, 6 pm: The Museum of National and Cultural History takes off on an Oregon geology adventure.
- Aug. 3, 10:30 am or 1 pm: Join the Oregon Coast Aquarium's myth-busting celebration of sharks.
- Aug. 8-10: OMSI science explorations require registration due to limited space. Learn more and sign up at wilsonvillelibrary.org/science.
- Aug. 12, noon-4 pm: Try an instrument or two or three at the Instrument Petting Zoo.
- Aug. 15, 11 am: Experience the heartpounding rhythm of Japanese drums with a concert by enTaiko at Memorial Park.

Portland Lesbian Choir Performs

Enjoy a live performance from the Portland Lesbian Choir on Sat., Aug. 19, 2-3 pm. The concert features music to transform the world from a



variety of composers, classic to contemporary.

Summer Reading Ends Aug. 31

The challenge is fun and simple: Read 20 minutes a day for 20 days, complete 10 science explorations, or complete a book Bingo. Complete the challenge, and get entered into fabulous prize drawings. Forms are available at the library and on our website.

wilsonvillelibrary.org/SRP

"Fines for Food" Fundraiser at the Library, Sept. 10-16



Lend your neighbor a helping hand, and get a great deal! From Sept.10-16, overdue fines are 50% off at Wilsonville Public Library (for in-person

payments only). Every dollar you spend will be donated to Wilsonville Community Sharing, to fill the food bank with fresh, healthy supplies.

Upcoming Classes and Events



PROFILES Online Programs

Explore the people that shape our world.
Wed., Aug. 2: Cleopatra
Wed. Sept. 6: Tennessee Williams
11 am-12:30 pm. Online on Zoom.
Sign up for the meeting code.
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Space Talk: Flying on Mars

Learn about Ingenuity, the NASA helicopter that made its first flight on Mars in April 2021.
Sat., Aug. 19, 11 am-12:30 pm
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/space

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Celebrate in September by getting our special edition "Let Freedom Read" library card. A library card opens your world, helping you do more of what you enjoy!

Family Storytime Returns

Beginning Sept. 13, join us for Family Storytime at 10:30 am each Wed. & Thurs.

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





Boeckman Road Closure Scheduled to Begin This Fall

Now is the time for Boeckman Road commuters to begin preparing for the long-term closure of the road between Canyon Creek Road and SW Sherman Drive.

The complete closure of one of the City's major east-west roadways is necessary to construct a bridge over the "Boeckman Dip" and complete additional road improvements.

While an exact date is yet to be determined, the City of Wilsonville and its contractors estimate the closure to begin

this fall. The road is expected to remain closed for approximately one year.

During the closure, through traffic is being detoured on Elligsen Road via Canyon Creek and Stafford Road or on Wilsonville Road. Local traffic is able to access neighborhoods off of Boeckman.

Other, less impactful lane closures are scheduled soon on Boeckman Road to accommodate utility work and the replacement of culverts that carry Meridian Creek under Boeckman Road. Flaggers will be present



during this work to help keep traffic flowing smoothly. **Sign Up for Construction Alerts**

Stay up-to-date on the closure and project progress by visiting **ci.wilsonville.or.us/boeckman** and signing up for our enewsletter to get updates delivered directly to your email inbox. Or, to get text message alerts on upcoming traffic impacts, tex BOECKMAN to 866-935-0125. Standard data and messaging rates apply; never read or respond to text messages while driving.

Complete a Survey to Inform Work to Address Unmet Housing Needs

Housing Our Future, a project to advance Wilsonville's efforts to address housing availability and affordability, is now underway.

Building upon the 2020 Equitable Housing Strategic Plan, this project is to identify unmet housing needs in Wilsonville, with a focus on issues related to land need, demographic changes, and housing affordability.

To inform this work, the City wants to hear from

Housing our Future Survey Through September LetsTalkWilsonville.com

Wilsonville-area residents on their current and future housing needs. A short survey, available at **LetsTalkWilsonville.com** now through September, provides a forum for residents to discuss the state of housing in Wilsonville and to learn more about the project.

This project is to yield a Housing Production Strategy that provides more detailed information about Wilsonville's key unmet housing needs and propose actions the City can take to help address those needs.

To learn more about the project, or to register to receive project updates, visit **LetsTalkWilsonville. com/housing-our-future** or contact Mandi Simmons, at 503-570-1571; msimmons@ci.wilsonville.

Aug. 17 Open House to Showcase Boeckman Creek Interceptor & Trail Project

For several months, the City has been collecting and analyzing data to inform the upcoming Boeckman Creek Interceptor and Trail Project.

The City is hosting an open house on Aug. 17 at City Hall to present findings from the data analysis, provide proj-

ect updates and gather input from community members to help preliminary design planning.

Boeckman Creek Interceptor & Trail Project Open House *Thu, Aug. 17, 6-8 pm* Wilsonville City Hall 29799 SW Town Center Loop E.

Community members are invited to stop by any time between 6-8 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The Boeckman Creek Interceptor and Trail Project adds a long-envisioned regional trail link, connecting Wilsonville east side neighborhoods with Memorial Park and the I-5 Undercrossing Trail to Boones Ferry Park and the Ice Age Tonquin Trail.

The project also increases the City's sewer capacity to support future development, and provides access for crews to clean and maintain sewer pipes.

Completing these two capital projects together minimizes the overall construction cost, time, and impacts.

To learn more about the project, visit **ci.wilsonville.or.us/interceptor** or contact Andrew Barrett, Capital Projects Manager, 503-570-1567; abarrett@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



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

Date	Meeting Location	
August	No walks	
Sept. 6	No walk - holiday week	
Sept. 13	Boones Landing Physical Therapy	
Sept. 20	Siemens, rear doors	
Sept. 27	Civics Academy - City Hall	

Walk Wednesdays in September

Join Walk Smart each Wednesday in September at various locations. Walks begin promptly at noon and last about 30 min.

Community Bike Rides

Date	Meeting Location
Aug. 2	Hathaway Park - 10 am
Aug. 6	Walt Morey Park - 10 am
Aug. 24	Party in the Park - 6 pm Town Center Park

Free Minor Bike Repairs

Date	Location
Aug. 24 5:30-7:30 pm	Party in the Park Town Center Park
Sept 16	Wilsonville Public Library

1X-Salem Fare Reduction in Effect on Aug. 1

Effective Aug. 1, the SMART/Cherriots 1X-Salem fare has been reduced from \$3 to \$1.60. Passengers under 18 now ride for free on all SMART routes.

Punch pass cards remain valid on SMART buses only; balances may be transferred to new electronic fare cards, which may be used on both SMART and Cherriot buses. The electronic cards are available for purchase at City Hall.

The following passengers can ride SMART 1X buses at a reduced fare rate.

- •Riders 60+ years old
- •Riders holding red, white, and blue Medicare cards
- Riders who have a disability
- •Riders eligible to use SMART Dial-a-Ride

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La nueva tarifa de la ruta 1X-Salem comienza el 1 de agosto

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El SMART/Cherriots, 1X-Salem, tiene una tarifa reducida de \$1.60 a partir del 1 de agosto de 2023. Todos los personas con tarjetas perforadas pueden continuar usándolas o transferir el saldo a la nueva tarjeta de tarifa electrónica. SMART se está mudando a un nuevo sistema electrónico junto con el servicio de Cherriots.

¡Bienvenido a bordo! En SMART, los pasajeros jóvenes ahora viajan gratis hasta los 18 años en todas las rutas.

Las siguientes personas calificadas pueden viajar en los autobuses SMART a la tarifa reducida.

- •Pasajeros mayores de 60 años
- •Pasajeros con tarjetas de Medicare rojas, blancas y azules
- Pasajeros que tienen una discapacidad
 Pasajeros que son elegibles para usar SMART DAR (Dial-a-Ride)





This month's Skate Jam on Aug. 12 at the Memorial Park Skatepark is funded by a Community Opportunity Grant.

Grant Funding Available to Support Community Programs, Events

TATilsonville Parks and Recreation offers two funding opportunities for local groups and organizations.

The Community Opportunity Grant program distributes \$25,000 annually to support a wide range of local programs and projects in the community.

Successful applications for the Community Opportunity Grant program include proposals

Grant Application Deadlines Sept. 29, Nov. 17 WilsonvilleParkandRec.com

aimed at promoting education, diversity, arts or community involvement in the city. Applications for the next funding cycle are due Friday, Sept. 29.

Wilsonville non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply to the 2023 Community Cultural **Events & Programs (CCEP) Grant.** The grant aids local non-profits by funding projects, programs, or events that promote arts, culture, history and heritage, including festivals and special community events. This grant program distributes \$25,000 annually to multiple organizations. CCEP Grant applications are due by Friday, Nov. 17.

To learn more about the City's grant programs, or to apply, please visit WilsonvilleParksandRec. com/Grants. For more information, contact: Brian Stevenson, Program Manager at 503-570-1523, stevenson@ci.wilsonville.or.us

City Hall Gallery to Showcase Rotating Exhibit of Local Artists

The Artist Exhibit Program, a Clackamas County Arts Alliance (CCAA) program that showcases the work of talented visual artists, is coming to City Hall.

The City of Wilsonville is excited to partner with the non-profit CCAA to showcase local talent. A small gallery, located inside City Hall, is to be open to the public weekdays, 8 am to 5 pm (and after hours when public meetings are held). A new artist is to be featured about every three months.

In June, the City's Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission (ACHC) voted unanimously to partner with the CCAA in the development of this program.

A call for artists to participate in Artist Exhibit Program, which is offered commission-free, is to be placed annually by the CCAA. The initial roster of artists is to be announced when selections have been completed.

Local Wilsonville artist Susan Schenk, is the first to be featured. Schenk's exhibit, "Petroglyphs: Spirits of the Cave" is being showcased Aug. 9-Nov. 14.

"For millennia, people have represented their connection to the spiritual world through figures carved



Susan Schenk is the first local artist whose work is to be showcased in a rotating exhibit, beginning Aug. 9 at City Hall.

or painted on rocks. Literally rock-images, petroglyphs are visual connections to something greater than ourselves," Schenk said of her work.

An artists' reception is scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:15–7:15 pm.

To learn more about the Clackamas County Arts Alliance and its programs, visit clackamasartsalliance. org. For other inquiries, contact Erika Valentine, Arts & Culture Program Coordinator, 503-570-1629, evalentine@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Last Chance to Suggest Speakers, Topics for DEI Speakers Series

The City of Wilsonville wrapped up its first DEI ▲ Speaker Series in July. The five-event series was curated by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee to educate the community by shedding light on the history and/or the lived experiences of people in historically-marginalized segments of our population.

The DEI Committee thanks the community for its strong support of these programs, and is bringing the program back in the fall with new speakers and topics relevant to diversity, equity and inclusion.

To inform the committee's selection of future topics, the City is seeking feedback from the community.

Visit LetsTalk-Wilsonville.com before Aug. 5 to share topic ideas and/or to recommend speakers for the committee's consideration.



To learn more about the DEI Speakers Series or the work of the DEI Committee, visit ci.wilsonville. or.us/dei

For more information, contact Zoe Mombert, 503-570-1503; mombert@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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

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

Join Parks & Rec. at Movies in the Park!

In August, the Movies in the Park series continues with "Super Pets" on Aug. 11 in Town Center Park (start time roughly 8:45 pm), and "Strange World" on Aug. 25 at the Memorial Park River Shelter (start time roughly 8:15 pm). This year's series is sponsored by Wilsonville Subaru. Bring a lawn chair, snacks, drinks, and blanket.



2nd Annual Skate Jam Takes Place Aug. 12

Join Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and the Wilsonville Skatepark Association for Skate Jam '23 at the Memorial Park Skatepark on Saturday, Aug. 12, 1-3 pm. Enjoy jam sessions, prizes, and skateboard and clothing giveaways. This event is open to skaters of all levels.

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Multi-Sport

> Ages 4-7 Aug. 7-11 9 am-noon Memorial Park \$149

Jordan Kent Just Kids Multi-Sport

> Ages 7-12 Aug. 7-11 9 am-3 pm Memorial Park \$179.95

Registration for the Fall/Winter season spanning September through December opens on Monday, Aug 21. Register by Sept. 1 and receive a 10% discount on classes and programs. All Wilsonville addresses receive a copy of the Activity Guide in their mailbox. An online edition is available online. Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.

Fall/Winter Registration Opens Aug. 21

Enjoy Party in the Park Concert on Aug. 24

The Wilsonville 'Party in the Park' takes place on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Town Center Park. This event features live music from singer-songwriter Anna Gilbert, food trucks, and games for the whole family. Additionally, the water features are open for splashing around until 8 pm.

Sign Up Now for Grade 1-2 Basketball

Mini Hoopers is a first and second grade basketball program organized by Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and run by volunteer parent coaches.

The 2023 season runs Oct. 23-Dec. 16. The deadline to register is Sept. 29; the cost for the program is just \$50. Games are played 4 vs 4, with 8-foot hoops. To learn more, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/ MiniHoopers.

> **Skyhawks Tennis Camp**

Ages 7-14 Aug. 14-18 9 am-noon Memorial Park \$149

YMCA Ultimate **Sports Camps**

Ages 6-12 Aug. 21-25 8:30 am-2:30 pm **Edelweiss Park** \$370

Upcoming Classes and Events

Beginning Tai Chi

Tuesdays and Thursdays (until Aug. 22) 3-4 pm **Community Center** \$10 drop in

Bingo at Community Center

Aug. 2 & 16; Sept. 6 & 20 1-2 pm Community Center No Charge

Free Life 101 Lecture -**Functional Fitness for Older Adults**

Mon., Aug. 7 10:30 am-noon Community Center Call to reserve your spot 503-682-3727

Wilsonville Alzheimer's Support Group

Aug. 8 & Sept. 12 1-2:30 pm Charbonneau Activity Center Contact Sadie for more info 503-570-1526

Bob Ross Oil Painting - Evening Seascape

Ages 12+ Sat. Aug. 12 10 am-2 pm Parks and Rec Admin Building

Visit our website for more events:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

The Year 2000 Plan

Successful Urban Renewal Program Spurs Decades of Healthy Growth

Year 2000 Plan Duration

1990-2023



This year, the books close on The Year 2000 Plan, the City of Wilsonville's successful decades-long endeavor to use Urban Renewal to improve and revitalize areas within Wilsonville that were in need of infrastructure to support development.

The Year 2000 Plan was adopted in 1990 as a funding mechanism to support development, primarily east of I-5; voters approved the plan in 1992. By introducing this funding mechanism to upgrade "blighted" conditions with modern amenities, proponents noted, the City would become more attractive to private sector developers, who would then increase the City's tax base with new development.

"Developers have expressed to me that when they can see that a city is investing in itself, it is a good time to invest in the city," said Elaine Howard, a prominent local consultant who has worked on more than 100 Urban Renewal areas.

The Year 2000 Plan described the district's most critical blight "related to long-term water supply, waste water treatment capacity, water delivery system, lack of a comprehensive storm drainage system, and the existence of an inadequate and substandard street and transportation system."

Only a handful of cities across Oregon have been so successful in their urban renewal investments that they have been able to share their tax revenue with the affected taxing districts prior to the districts closing. Most taxing districts only see the direct benefit of urban renewal investments after the urban renewal area has terminated.

What is Urban Renewal

Urban Renewal allows for the targeted use of a portion of property tax revenues to facilitate development and tax-base growth in designated areas of a city or county. It does not raise property taxes.

Urban renewal is unique in that it has its own funding source: tax increment financing (TIF). When an urban renewal plan is adopted, a county assessor establishes the "frozen base" by calculating the total tax assessed value of the designated area. Property taxes from the frozen base continue flowing to all taxing jurisdictions throughout the term of an urban renewal plan. "Tax increment" revenues are the property tax revenues that come from the growth in the assessed values over the frozen base. Tax increment revenues go to the urban renewal agency annually to complete projects within the urban renewal area for the term of the plan.









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Keys to the City's Urban Renewal Success Strong Partnerships with Taxing Districts

The City believes in strong partnership and collaboration with affected taxing districts, including the West Linn Wilsonville School District, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Clackamas County, and others. Several Year 2000 Area projects were developed in partnership with WLWV School District to enhance livability and support student success.

Early Revenue Sharing

Taxing districts were benefiting from the Year 2000 Plan well before the plan's sunset. Beginning in 2003, the City began removing parcels from the district to limit tax increment collections to about \$4 million per year and releasing funds to the affected taxing districts.

Effective Public Input & Engagement

The Year 2000 Plan was approved by an advisory vote of the electorate. Urban renewal programs receive guidance locally by an Urban Renewal Task force comprised of residents, affected taxing districts, land owners, developers, and area businesses.

Urban Renewal By The Numbers \$107.2M 803% **Total Project Costs** % Increase in Assessed Value \$572.5M ssessed Value Value After Sunset of Zone Tax Increment \$71.3M Baseline "Frozen" Property Value **Time** 1990 2023

The "frozen" base of \$71.3M is inflation-adjusted using CPI. The original "True Cash Value," the basis for Oregon property taxation in 1989-90, for the plan Area was \$30.3M.

Major Projects Completed

Streets & Streetscapes

- Wilsonville Road Improvements including undergrounding utilities
- **Boones Ferry Road**
- **Memorial Drive**
- Canyon Creek Road North
- **Courtside Drive**
- 5th to Kinsman
- **Boeckman Road Corridor Project**
- Boeckman Bike/Ped Improvements
- Misc. Streetscape, Signals

Parks & Recreation

- Boozier/Murase Land Acquisition
- Stein-Boozier Barn Improvements
- City Hall Site Acquisition
- **Town Center Park** ✓ Murase Plaza

School Partnerships

- √ Wilsonville High School Gymnasium
- **High School Public Facilities**
- High School Girls' Field Improvements
- √ I-5 Underpass Enhancements

Facilities & Planning

- ✓ City Hall
- ✓ Creekside Woods Senior Housing
- ✓ Sewer Plant Upgrade
- √ Town Center Concept Planning



POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

When Your Phone Rings, Don't Get Fooled by Scam Artists

The Wilsonville Police Department fields about two calls a day related to phone scams, and some of the cases we see are heart-breaking.

Scammers employ any means necessary to deceive you and take your money, from a few dollars to your life savings. These callers are often amiable, addressing you by your first name, engaging in small talk, or inquiring about your family. They may falsely claim to be affiliated with a trusted company or use mail and advertisements to persuade you to contact them.



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

Typically, scammers aim to prevent you from contemplating their pitch. Their main objective is to elicit a quick "yes." Scammers possess cunning tactics, and are often sophisticated enough to direct you to websites under their control, complete with fabricated reviews.

While many of us are adept at recognizing a scam, older adults and individuals with limited English-speaking ability are often victimized. My own father once called in distress after he was informed of an alleged IRS warrant by a scammer. (During 23 years of experience, I have encountered many warrants, but NEVER one from the IRS.)

It is crucial to remain vigilant on behalf of your vulnerable neighbors, friends and family members who may be susceptible to scams.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers the following recommendations.

- Resist the pressure to make immediate decisions.
- Keep your credit card, checking account, or Social Security numbers private. Refrain from disclosing them to unknown callers, even if they only request to "confirm" them. It's a deceptive tactic.
- Avoid paying for something solely because you

will receive a "free gift"

- Request written documentation containing all relevant information before committing to anything.
- Check out a charity before you give. Inquire about the percentage of your donation that reaches the intended charity.
- Ask the caller to send you written informa¬tion so you can make an informed decision without being pressured, rushed, or guilted into a decision
- If the offer is an investment, check with your state securities regulator to see if the offer and the offeror are properly registered.
- Don't send cash by messenger, overnight mail, or money transfer, because you may lose your right to dispute fraudulent charges.
- Don't agree to any offer for which you have to pay a "registration" or "shipping" fee to get a prize or a gift.
- Do not grant remote access to your computer. If you get a call from an unfamiliar person attempting to sell you something you had not planned to purchase, politely decline. If a caller pressures you to give up any personal information like your credit card, Social Security number, access to your computer, etc. it's likely a scam. Hang up and report it to the Federal Trade Commission online at

Remember that scams can arrive in the form of text messages that use your name and direct you to a fraudulent website, and always proceed with caution.

We strongly encourage joining the National Do Not Call List, which may not eliminate sales calls, but should cut them down. Visit **donotcall.gov** to register your number.

Stay safe and scam free,

ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

Chief Robert Wurpes

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
June 19	The Council adopted a new Transit Master Plan, which details a work plan to guide South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) operations.	The plan guides future goals and strategies to help the City of Wilsonville improve transit services and maintain a sustainable public transit system.
June 19	The Council approved a \$850,000 contract with PIVOT Architecture to design SMART's facility expansion.	The project provides additional fleet parking, a reconfigured drive aisle, security gate, automated bus wash facility, and to underground electric utilities for battery-electric bus charging.
June 19	The Council approved an amended civil exclusion policy to increase penalties for repeat offenses.	The action provides City staff with latitude to issue exclusions from City property for criminal offenses and/or disruptive conduct,
June 19	The Council authorized the acquisition of a fourth group of properties and property interests to facilitate the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Program.	The program improves connectivity and safety concerns associated with the Boeckman "Dip," restores Boeckman Creek and completes additional improvements to extend sewer service and improve the Canyon Creek Rd./Boeckman Rd. intersection.
June 19	The City Council approved the allocation of nearly \$60,000 in grant funding, as recommended by the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee.	Four Community Enhancement projects are funded by the City, which receives \$1 per ton of waste processed at Wilsonville's waste processing plant.
June 19	The Council authorized an amendment that provides Carollo Engineers with nearly \$50,000 in additional funding to inform the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan.	This funds the analyses of possible seismic vulnerabilities at the City's wastewater facilities.
June 19	The Council approved lowering, by nearly half, the fare SMART assesses to passengers	The lower fare of \$1.60 is expected increase passenger trips.

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on the 1X route to/from Salem.

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COUNCILOR'S CORNER: Dr. Joann Linville

A Busy and Very Rewarding Four Years Serving Wilsonville

As I near the end of my fourth year as one of your City Councilors, this is a fine time to reflect on our City, my position and experiences. I have enjoyed most every minute of the experience, including the easy and difficult decisions.

I often get asked "What's new with the City?" I find this to be both comforting and surprising. It's comforting because people care. Wilsonville continues to be a place where people want to live, work and play. It means the work of our City continues — providing great parks, a clean environment, free bus transportation, public



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safety, well-managed growth, economic development and many other services — without the drama and angst that plagues many other cities. Yes, there are times when our residents have issues and concerns; we are always there to listen and assist as best we can.

At the same time, the question is surprising because dozens of community members participate in the City's numerous boards, committees and commissions, and their work often goes unnoticed. Additionally, we have incredible City employees that magically make holiday lights appear, create awardwinning parks, sponsor fun events, deliver meals

Our service to the community is accomplished through communication, problem solving, leadership, negotiation, compromise and humility.

to homebound seniors, provide exceptional library resources, help us clean up our neighborhoods, and so much more. Your city employees love and care for our community in the energy, effort and expertise they bring to their work each day.

We are one of the few communities to have a high-quality water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant. We are providing water to other cities,

including Sherwood, Beaverton and Hillsboro.

I have learned so much about this great community during my tenure on the City Council. I have had the opportunity to serve on city, regional and statewide boards and committees to ensure sound fiscal policy and budget, enhance our community, open the Willamette Falls Locks, address regional transportation issues (including concerns with tolling) and, most recently, to work with other leaders to help impact the opioid crisis.

As City Councilors, our service to the community is accomplished through communication, problem solving, leadership, negotiation, compromise and humility. I hope those qualities are front and center in my work as I represent our great city and make decisions on your behalf.

Dr. Joann Linville was appointed to the Wilsonville Council in 2019 and re-elected in 2020. She is a resident of Charbonneau.





Wilsonville Civics Academy Graduates Class of '23; **Enrollment Begins in Mid-September for 2024**

n Sept. 15, community members may begin applying for the 2024 Civics Academy, the City's six-month program to provide residents with an in-depth overview of the City's business operations.

Civics Academy participants meet with City staff, elected officials and others to learn how the City functions. Meetings are typically held at City Hall on the second Thursday of the month, from January to June.

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. The program also provides a forum for community members to meet others who share an interest in local government.

Each year, participation in 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. When space permits, spots may be allocated to local business operators or employees who live outside of Wilsonville and work within City limits.

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



Graduation Day! The City Council welcomed the Civics Academy's Class of 2023 to Council Chambers in July for the program's graduation ceremony. The annual civic engagement program, which provides an in-depth look at how the City operates, will begin accepting applications on Sept. 15 for its 2024 program.

TVF&R Invites Interested Parties to Explore Careers in Fire Service

ualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is gearing up to offer a unique Career Day, Oct. 14, tailored with activities to give people an inside look at life as a firefighter.

TVF&R's Career Day offers an opportunity for adults who may be interested in a career in the fire service to learn more about the job's benefits, require-



ments and responsibilities. The program includes hands-on experiences in primary duties as well as presentations about Tualatin Valley station life, career and volunteer opportunities, hiring, emergency

medical services, fire prevention, public safety education, and more.

Participants rotate among activity stations at TVF&R's training center in Sherwood from 8 am to 5:30 pm, and can talk with education partners from several colleges and universities about their respective emergency medical services and fire science programs.

"One of the things I'm passionate about is creating a fire department that is welcoming to everyone," said TVF&R Fire Chief Deric Weiss. "Our ranks should better reflect the community we serve. I want young



people to understand how the fire service works, how they can help create safer communities, and how they can be a part of our organization."

TVF&R will select as many as 35 participants to participate in Career Day. The application period begins on Aug 1. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1, or earlier if the District receives a sufficient number of applications to fill the program.

Candidates must be 18 or older and can apply online at tvfr.com/careers under "Outreach."

Briefs

Seniors Group Hosts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sept. 23

The Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI) is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Wilsonville Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 23,

Proceeds from the dinner support senior activities and monthly trips organized by WCSI.

The menu includes spaghetti with meatballs, green salad, bread, soft drink and des-

WCSI Spaghetti Dinner Sat, Sept. 23, 5 pm Wilsonville Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.

sert. The cost is \$20 for adults; \$15 for anyone over the age of 60. Seating is limited. Tickets are on sale from Aug. 21

until Sept. 16. They can be purchased at the Community Center (available M-W-F, 9 am-noon) or online at rb.gy/tf6wn.

For more information, contact Donna Atkinson at WilsonvilleCSI@gmail.com.

A Few Extra Precautions Can Prepare Older Adults for Emergency

While everyone is at risk during a natural disaster or emergency, older adults can be especially vulnerable. Your family's emergency planning should consider mobility issues, isolation, and any health conditions requiring medications, special di-



ets, assistive devices, or other treatments. Every step taken

to prepare now makes older people more resilient when disaster strikes. This month, Wilsonville Ready provides some simple, low-cost steps for older adults (and those who care for them) can take to be better prepared for an emergency:

- Consider how medical, physical, and cognitive needs may affect each person's ability to respond to an emergency.
- Create an emergency plan that includes any special assistance that may be needed.
- Identify and keep an up-to-date contact list of family, friends, neighbors, caregivers, and care providers who may be able to assist during an emergency.
- Plan ahead with members of this support network to provide assistance in the event of an

emergency.

- Consider how to communicate with older adults during an emergency.
- Plan ahead for transportation needs should evacuation become necessary.
- · Personalize emergency kits to meet each individual's needs, including special dietary requirements, medicines, medical supplies, batteries, and chargers.
- Include updated medical information in your emergency kit. Include health conditions, allergies, medications with dosages, prescription records, doctors, Medicare, and other proof of
- Plan how to ensure that assistive devices (like walkers, wheelchairs, hearing aids and eyeglasses) are brought during an evacuation.
- Individuals who undergo routine treatments at a clinic or hospital should consider emergency plans and those facilities, and work with them to identify back-up service providers.

For additional tips and tools that people of all ages can use to become better prepared for an emergency, visit WilsonvilleReady.com.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CONSTITUENT SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH 11 AM - 12 PM Please join me for coffee and conversation. I am looking forward to hearing about issues that you care about.

REP. NERON

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UPCOMING CLEAN-UP EVENTS

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HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP WILSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER

BULKY WASTE DAY REPUBLIC SERVICES

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PAPER SHREDDING DAY





Brewfest is Back! Event Returns to Piazza at Villebois Aug. 19

The Wilsonville Brewfest returns on Saturday, Aug. 19, noon-8 pm, at the Piazza Villebois, 28900 SW Villebois Dr.

The event features a wide variety of craft beers and cider from several local breweries, as as food vendors and live music.

Wilsonville Brewfest Sat, Aug. 19, noon-8 pm Piazza at Villebois 28900 SW Villebois Dr.

A portion of proceeds from the Brewfest support NW Cancer Resource Fund. No pets, except service dogs, are allowed. Participants may bring their own chairs

Parking is limited; participants are encouraged to walk or take alternative modes of transportation. SMART Transit is providing onthe-hour bus service to the festival from Town Center Park, 12–8 pm.



Tickets, available at the door for \$30, include 10 tastings and a commemorative glass. Buy \$25 tickets in advance and/or learn more about the event at Wilsonville-Brewfest.com.

Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series Continues with Two Events

The Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series continues with two August shows.

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

Rotary concerts are free; donations are encouraged

Wilsonville Rotary Summer Concert Series Thursday nights Town Center Park to support End Polio Now. Since 2007, concertgoers have contributed more than \$80,000 to efforts to eradicate polio

throughout the world.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks; food is also available to purchase on-site.

For details, visit WilsonvilleConcerts.com.



Hit Machine, a popular Portland-based cover band, headlines the final night of the 2023 Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series.

Thursday, Aug. 3: Conjunto Alegre Thursday, Aug. 10: Hit Machine

Join Other Local Creatives at Aug. 29 Summer Art Symposium

A rtists and creatives who work and/or live within the Wilsonville community are invited to gather in the Stein Boozier barn in Memorial Park on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 6-8 pm for a Summer Art Symposium.

Attendees can enjoy light refreshments and take the opportunity to talk art and expand their network of local

creatives. Participants may bring samples of their work to contribute to a pop-up gallery designed to help



break the ice. Artists of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend.

This event is hosted by Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council (WACC) with support from the City of Wilsonville's Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission (ACHC). Both organizations look forward to strengthening Wilsonville's network of local artists, and to

planning future art events and programs in Wilson-ville.

Emergency Preparedness Fair: Get Your Home Ready!

Disaster can strike without warning. Learn the basics about how to prepare for emergen-

cies and natural disasters at the City's second annual Emergency

Emergency Preparedness Fair Sat, Oct. 28, 10 am-noon Stein-Boozier Barn, Mem. Park

Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Oct 28, 10 am-noon, at the Stein-Boozier Barn at Memorial Park.

Learn from local experts representing many of the City's partners in Emergency Management. Find out how to make an evacuation 'go kit', get home preparedness tips and checklists to make it easier to draft an escape plan, safeguard your home, prepare your pets, and more. The event includes giveaway

items, and other fun activities to promote preparedness.

The Emergency

tion, etc. — may be restricted.

Preparedness Fair is part of the City's "Wilsonville Ready" campaign, a continuing effort to help individuals and families become better equipped to endure the immediate aftermath of an emergency when access to critical supplies — power, water, food, medical aid, plumbing, phone, internet, transporta-

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

The City's DEI Committee Recognizes the following August Events:



- · Aug. 9: World Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Aug. 21: National Senior Citizens Day
- Aug. 30: Raksha Bandhan

Gultural Galendar

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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City Calendar

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AUGUST

- 1 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 3 Thu Rotary Concert, Conjunto Alegre 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- 7 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Tue Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg.6 pm, City Hall
- 9 Wed Planning Commission Meeting6 pm, City Hall
- 10 Thu Rotary Concert, Hit Machine 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- 12 Sat Skate Jam 1 pm, Memorial Park Skate Park
- 14 Mon DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 5 pm, City Hall

 19 Sat Wilsonville Brewfest

16 Wed • Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission

- Noon-8 pm, Piazza at Villebois

 21 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall
- 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting

 24 Thu Community Party in the Park
- 5:30 pm, Town Center Park

 26 Sat Rep. Courtney Neron Constituent Coffee

11 am, Wilsonville Library

- 28 Mon DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 29 Tue Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm, TBD

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Mon Labor Day
 City offices, Library, SMART closed
- 5 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 6 Wed Tourism Promotion Committee Meeting 1 pm,
- 7 Thu City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 9 Sat Metro Household Hazardous Waste Drop 9 am-2 pm, Transit Center
- 11 Mon DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
- 12 Tue Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
- 13 Wed Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 14 Thu Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm, TBD
- 18 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 19 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
- 20 Wed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission 5 pm, City Hall
- 25 Mon DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall

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

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