# The Boones Ferry Messenger

#### Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

January 2023



## Back-to-Back! Wilsonville HS Soccer Champs Return to City Hall

On the heels of their second consecutive Oregon State Athletic Association 5A State Championship, the Wilsonville High School girls soccer team visited Council Chambers in December.

Mayor Julie Fitzgerald declared Dec. 5-9 "Wilson-

ville Wildcats Week," in recognition of the Wildcats' 2-1 win over Crescent Valley on Nov. 12. Eleven Wilsonville players received first-team, second-team or honorable mention all-league honors. The team's cumulative GPA was 3.86.

## A Big Dig: Water Pipeline Installation Set to Begin

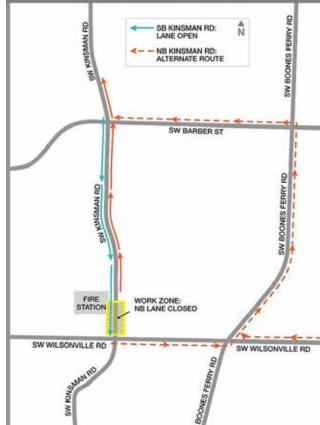
Construction is set to begin on the next phase of the multi-year, multi-agency Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP), a vital regional infrastructure project to develop a more resilient water supply.

This month marks the beginning of work to underground more than two miles of 66-inch welded steel water pipeline on portions of Kinsman Rd., Boeckman Rd., 95th Ave., and Ridder Rd. The project, which is expected to take the better part of two years to complete, is being completed in two phases to maximize safety, minimize traffic, and reduce disruptions for neighborhoods and businesses.

The first phase — to install pipeline on Kinsman Rd. between Barber St. and Wilsonville Rd. — requires a detour for passengers accessing Kinsman Rd. from Wilsonville Rd. For about two-months, northbound traffic is being detoured to Barber St. via SW Boones Ferry Road (see map). Southbound traffic on Kinsman Road is not affected, though delays may occur.

SMART bus stops are being closed, as needed, for safety. Access for cyclists and pedestrians is being maintained. Flaggers and electronic signage are being placed to minimize the disruption and to ensure the safety of travelers.

Local businesses along Kinsman Rd. whose driveway is directly impacted by this work are receiving direct notice from WWSP personnel. All businesses and residents within 2000 feet of the project are receiving a post card that provides details about the project. "We personally contact residents and businesses directly affected by construction and let them know what to expect," explains Marlys Mock, WWSP's *Continued on Page 2*  Willamette Water Supply Program Wilsonville Area Pipeline Project Construction Detour Mid-January to Mid-March 2023



#### Mayor's Message Protecting Our French Prairie Farmland is Critically Important

We all have some connection with local agriculture, from taking in the abundant views of lush fields as we head south on I-5, to shopping for

fresh produce, to actually tending to crops and/or livestock.

Willamette Valley agriculture is a highly lucrative and underappreciated asset. The treasured French Prairie farmlands just south of Wilsonville — which spans areas of Clackamas and Marion Counties — are vulnerable to extinction, and we work hard to protect them.



French Prairie has historic ties to Wilsonville. Boones Ferry Road was the I-5 of its day, acting as one of the primary farm-to-market roads of the Willamette Valley, from Woodburn ... over the Willamette River via Boones Ferry into Wilsonville ... and running up into Portland.

The deep topsoils of French Prairie were formed over millennia by "Missoula Ice-Age Floods" that inundated the Willamette Valley, depositing multiple layers of organically rich silt. This has yielded soils that the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture calls "the best of the best." French Prairie's Foundation Farmlands grow an incredible variety of crops and farm products for domestic consumption, contributing to \$2.6

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Centered on French Prairie, the state's greenhouse and nursery industry had a 2020 value of \$1.2 billion, a significant contributor to Oregon's \$5 billion agricul-

tural economy. In fact,

Marion County is the state's #1 ag-value producer with 14% (\$702 million) and Clackamas County is #3 at 8% (\$376 million).

Our French Prairie acreage supports a tremendous number of Willamette Valley jobs. Local companies, including Campbell Soup's Pacific Natural Foods, employ more than 600 food-production workers in Tualatin and Wilsonville, and farm thousands of acres of French Prairie lands to produce chickens and vegetable stock. Many century-farm businesses harvest crops for area communities and have diversified to host public farm festivals, sharing our agricultural heritage. Newer enterprises such as cideries and wineries are producing top-quality beverages, and farm-to-table establishments are flourishing Once these lush farmlands are paved over, there is no going back. Real estate speculation and conversion of prime farmland to urban uses erodes the key land base for the agricultural sector, which is dependent on a support network for farms and suppliers. The next time you walk, bike or drive through our French Prairie, think about what it might look like if it were to be paved over with urban sprawl and massive traffic jams. Once the rich topsoil from millennia ago is gone, so are the farms. By protecting the high-value agricultural lands of French Prairie, we're diversifying our economy, supporting our cultural heritage and providing a greater level of food security for Oregonians.



When the undergrounding of a segment of water pipeline begins in January, Kinsman Rd. is being closed to northbound traffic at Wilsonville Rd. Travelers will be detoured to Barber Rd. via Boones Ferry Rd.

## **ODOT Survey on Tolling Open to Public Until Jan. 6**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is inviting public comment on an study about ODOT's proposal to reduce traffic congestion

within the Portland metropolitan area by tolling I-5 and I-205. ODOT's Regional



Mobility Pricing Project studies variable rate tolls as a tool in its urban mobility strategy to reduce traffic jams and provide safer travel.

An environmental analysis is underway to identify the project's potential benefits and negative impacts. The analysis begins with "scoping," a process of inviting input on the range or scope of community and environmental issues that should be studied. The scoping survey provides an opportunity to share comments and interests regarding the project's purpose, the proposed project concept, and community and environmental resources to be evaluated, such as air quality, neighborhood traffic, and the regional economy.

Comments will inform ODOT's Environmental Assessment report, which is to be shared for further public review and comment.

The public comment period is open through Jan. 6, 2023. The earliest tolling could begin under the Regional Mobility Pricing Project is late 2025.

To learn more and/or to participate in the scoping survey, visit **bit.ly/3V7gu9B** 

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

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#### **Deadline Approaching to Submit Community Enhancement Projects**

The City's annual campaign to identify new projects that enhance Wilsonville is wrapping up this month.

The Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program funds a wide array of projects. Program

criteria may be found online. Preference is awarded to projects that:

**Community Enhancement Project Application Deadline** Fri, Jan. 13, 5 pm **Call Zoe Mombert** 503-570-1503

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

The City's Community Enhancement Committee invites individuals and organizations to nominate projects until Jan. 13.

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

Project ideas can be submitted at LetsTalkWilsonville.com. Or, for more information about the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program, including the project criteria, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/cep

## A Season of Generous Giving

nce again, the Wilsonville community demonstrated its generous support of the City's annual donation drives.

The tree at the Parks & Rec. Admin. Bldg. was brimming with toy donations. Staff coordinated the distribution of more than 600 donated toys, brightening the holiday season for many area children.

Additionally, through the Community Center's "Stockings for Seniors" program, staff and community members donated about 85 filled stockings to participants in the City's Home Delivered Meals program.





## Water Pipeline Construction to Begin This Month at Kinsman Rd.

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communications supervisor, during a December work session with the Wilsonville City Council.

The project team is hosting a Meet the Contractor Event on Monday, Jan. 9, at 6 pm. Community members may attend the virtual event via Zoom at **bit.ly**/ WilsonvillePipeline. Afterward, the event is available for viewing at ourreliablewater.org/wilsonville-areapipeline-project/.

The Willamette Water Supply Project is being funded by customers of the Tualatin Valley Water District, and the cities of Hillsboro and Beaverton. By terms of the agreement, it includes street improvements along several Wilsonville roadways. During Phase 1, these improvements include:

- Intersection improvements at KinsmanRd./ Wilsonville Rd.
- Intersection improvements at 95th Ave./ Boeckman Rd.
- 95th Ave. road panel replacement
- Intersection improvements along 95th Ave.
- Fiber optic conduit along 95th Ave.

WWSP has made it easy for Wilsonville residents to stay informed about traffic changes as the project continues. Sign up for monthly e-mail updates at ourreliablewater.org, call the project hotline at 503-941-4570, or send your comments and questions directly to communications supervisor Marlys Mock at: info@ ourreliablewater.org.



8200 SW Wilsonville Road 503-682-2744 Renew items at 503-659-8634 WilsonvilleLibrary.org

## Youth Play Group Starts Jan. 13

Enjoy indoor fun during the cold wet months with the Library's new Play Group.

Children under 6 (with a guardian) are



#### All-Ages Winter Reading Challenge

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



Complete the Bingo and Reading challenges and get entered into a fun prize drawing!

The fun for all ages begins Jan. 2, and continues through Feb. 28. Sign up online, pick up forms at the library, or download them from our website: wilsonvillelibrary.org/winter.

## LINCC Teen Art Contest Underway

#### **Upcoming Classes** and Events



**PROFILES:** 15,000 BCE: This Is Your Life What would life be like in the Stone Age? Wednesday, Jan. 4, 11 am-12:30 pm Online with Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code: wilsonvillelibrary.org/classes

invited to drop in and play with a variety of toys, and to socialize with the under-6 crowd.

Friday mornings, 10 am-noon Jan. 13 through Mar. 24

#### January Holiday Hours

The Library is adjusting typical service hours on the following January dates:

Sunday, Jan. 1: Library closed Monday, Jan. 2: Library open 11 am-3 pm Monday, Jan. 16: Library closed

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

The Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) are inviting teens to submit original artwork for their eighth annual Teen Summer Reading Artwork contest. This year's theme is "Find Your Voice!"

Submissions are welcome until Jan. 31. Artists must be in grades 6-12 at the time of submission. Artwork must represent the theme; Entries should be in color with no text.

The winning design is to be used by LINCC to promote summer reading. For more information, including contest rules, visit lincc.org.

#### Walking Book Club Meets Jan. 19



Walk around Memorial Park while discussing this month's featured book: Klara and the Sun, by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 1 pm.

#### **Toddler & Baby Time**

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

#### **Family Storytime**

Storytelling and early learning fun for ages 3-6. Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am Starting Jan. 11

#### **Book Notes Concert:** Fern Hill Bluegrass

Music in the library stacks! Free concerts on the second Saturday of the month. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2 pm-3 pm

#### Visit our website for more events: wilsonvillelibrary.org



## **Engineers Zeroing In on Boeckman Road Corridor Improvements**

T he City of Wilsonville is finalizing its plan to make the vital Boeckman Road Corridor safer and easier to use for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and riders.

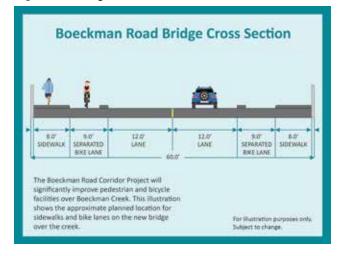
The Boeckman Road Corridor Project incorporates wider sidewalks, improved bicycle facilities, a smoother crossing over Boeckman Creek, school crossings and other innovative solutions to support residential growth in the Frog Pond area.

"We'd like to thank everyone who provided feedback on this project during 2022," said Andrew Barrett,

Boeckman Rd. Corridor Project Community Open House *Wed, Jan. 18, 4:30-6:30 pm* Meridian Creek Middle School 6300 SW Hazel St.

City of Wilsonville Capital Projects Manager. "We heard your priorities and concerns and we're excited to show you how your feedback is being integrated into this project."

The project team is hosting a community open house on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Meridian Creek Middle School to showcase details of the Boeckman Road Corridor Project. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2023.



#### Wider Sidewalks, Better Bicycle Facilities

At the community's request, the project is addressing pedestrian and cyclist safety, incorporating best practices from across the Pacific Northwest. Planned improvements include a 13-footwide shared-use path on the north side of the road. On the south side, a nine-footwide separated bike lane will augment the

existing five-foot-wide sidewalks and street

trees. For the creek crossing, eight-foot-wide sidewalks and nine-foot-wide separated bike lanes are planned. Designers are also devising a connection to the planned Boeckman Creek Regional Trail in coordination with the Boeckman Creek Interceptor and Trail Design project, which is designing a new trail from Boeckman Rd. to Memorial Park.

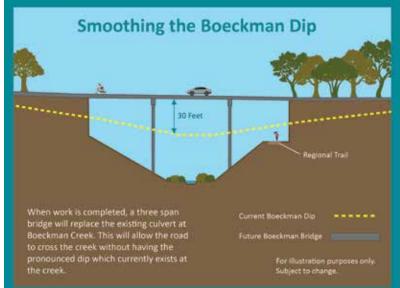
#### Smoother Crossing Over Boeckman Creek

After extensive analysis, project engineers are electing to design a three-span bridge that is wider than the existing crossing and significantly smooths out the dip at the creek crossing.

The new bridge is about 30 feet higher than the existing roadway, allowing for a smoother more gradual grade that mitigates the abrupt dip that must currently be traversed. In addition to making the road more suitable for non-motorized travel, this approach improves visibility, thereby increasing road safety. It also allows for the bridge to be built more quickly and for the restoration of the natural topography of the canyon.

#### **Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon**

To address the community's strong desire that the roadway provide safe passage to students attending the future primary school on Boeckman Rd., the project is locating a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) near the intersection of Boeckman Rd. and Sherman Dr. RRFBs use bright LED warning signals which flash at a high frequency to alert motorists when pedestrians are present, reducing pedestrian-vehicle crashes by almost 50 percent.



#### **Project Timeline**

Work is expected to start this spring with the installation of a new sewer trunk line along the north side of Boeckman Rd. In the summer, road improvements east of Boeckman Creek are scheduled to get underway. Work on the new bridge and road improvements west of Boeckman Creek are slated to begin in the fall.

#### **Boeckman Road Closure**

When bridge construction begins, Boeckman Rd. is being closed to all traffic from Canyon Creek Rd. to Sherman Dr. in order to maximize safety and minimize environmental impacts.

Recognizing the high impact of this closure, the project team is working diligently to reduce the length of the Boeckman Rd. closure. Designers have identified efficiencies that are expected to reduce the closure from 16 months to an estimated 12 months.

Stay up to date on construction activities by visiting **ci.wilsonville.or.us/Boeckman** and signing up for the project e-newsletter, or sign up for text message traffic alerts by texting BOECKMAN to 866-935-0125.





## Holiday Service Schedule

New Year's Day (observed) Monday, Jan. 2 No Service

#### SMART Biennial Rider Report

Every two years, SMART conducts a demographic survey to better understand how passengers use local transit services.

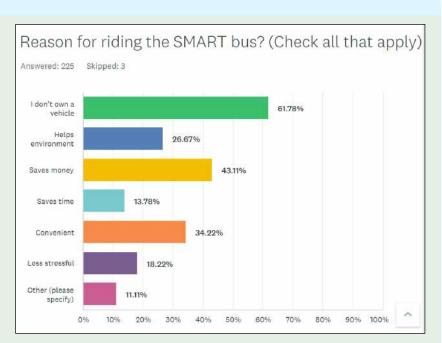
A brief overview of 2022 findings follows; a more comprehensive summary is available at ridesmart. com.

•More than 75 percent of passengers surveyed use SMART multiple times per week.

•70 percent must walk to get to the stop where they board a SMART bus.

 More half said they were coming from home.

•Almost 40 percent said they were



•The number of respondents indicating that they ride SMART buses because of convenience or less stress dropped from previous years

SMART offices closed

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 16 Regular Bus Service SMART offices closed

#### **Presidents Day**

Monday, Feb. 20 Regular Bus Service SMART offices closed

#### going to work

•70 percent indicated that they will walk to their final destination.

•When asked why they ride SMART, 62 percent said they don't own a vehicle

#### Begin a New Career as a SMART Bus Driver

SMART drivers not only help passengers get to work, go shopping, or move about town, they provide essential rides to those unable to utilize fixed route services. Rain, shine, or snow, SMART drivers deliver passengers to their destination safely.

Never driven a bus before? SMART provides training every step of the way to help new drivers learn the system and obtain licensing. You'll get paid while you train! If you're team-oriented and have a flexible schedule, apply today at **ridesmart.com/apply** 

•When asked how they would make this trip if they didn't have public transit for this trip, almost half said they would walk, 18 percent said they wouldn't be able to make the trip.



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Beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 7, the City's Municipal Court proceedings will be starting at 2 pm. On January court dates (Jan. 3, Jan. 17), court is starting at 5 pm as scheduled.

The City's Municipal Court has jurisdiction over traffic violations, parking citations, and local ordinances. Court is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Wilsonville City Hall.

All persons attending court are asked to check in at the front counter. Cases appearing before Municipal Judge Fred Weinhouse are heard in the order of check-in, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those cited must resolve the citation on or before the due date listed. Failure to receive a courtesy notice is not a legal excuse for failing to take appropriate action to resolve a citation.

For more information about resolving a citation, visit wilsonville.or.us/mtcourt or contact Amanda Bryant, Municipal Court Clerk, at 503-570-1587.

## New State Laws Require Legal Review of Prohibited Camping Code

In response to a change in State laws, the City of Wilsonville is preparing to undertake a review and revision of its prohibited camping regulations.

In early 2023, the City will be seeking public input to ensure that new policy considerations are informed by public input when the City's Legal staff begins the process of updating existing regulations.

In 2021, the State of Oregon passed House Bill (HB) 3115 and 3124, which impose new requirements on local governments' regulations around prohibited camping. The City must review (and likely update) existing regulations to be compliant with new laws that provide some compassionate protections for people experiencing homelessness.

Generally, the new laws stipulate that individuals



cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence of adequate alternatives, or unless the law imposes "reasonable time, place and manner" restrictions on the regulated activities in public space.

The City seeks to implement thoughtful policy that complies with these laws and best meets the community's needs.

Soon, a community survey is

being posted on "Let's Talk, Wilsonville!" and pushed out to the community via the City's social channels. Subscribe to the City's public engagement website at LetsTalkWilsonville.com to receive a notification when the survey becomes available.

If you have additional questions about the project, contact City Attorney Amanda Guile-Hinman at guile@ci.wilsonville.or.us or 503-570-1509.

#### Planning Ahead Now Can Take the Bite Out of Severe Winter Storms Later

Only two years removed from devastating ice storms, it's not hard to recall just how quickly severe winter weather can wreak havoc. Winter storms

can include the loss of power, the inability to drive to the



grocery store, frozen water pipes, an internet outage and other not-so-fun surprises.

With preparation, your family can more easily withstand the unexpected. This month, Wilsonville Ready reminds you to take a few basic precautions to endure extreme winter weather.

**Update your emergency kit** to include fresh nonperishable food, medicines, and 14 gallons of water on hand for every household member. That's a gallon a day for two weeks.

Battery operated cell phone chargers may be your

**best way to communicate** with the outside world should your power and/or internet fail. Have several, and make sure they have a full charge.

Keep tools to remove and/or mitigate ice and snow, including snow shovels, salt or other de-icing agent, car ice scrapers, as well as snow boots, gloves and ear coverings. Never start your vehicle in a closed garage. Avoid unnecessary travel, and when you must travel, keep blankets and emergency supplies in your vehicle.

Keep your pipes from bursting in sub-freezing temperatures by covering exposed outdoor pipes, insulating basements, crawl spaces, attics and other spaces in unheated interior areas. Letting water drip from faucets helps prevent freezing.

Sign up for emergency messaging from Public Alerts at clackamas.us/dm, and check the National

Weather Service or local media for up-to-date fore-casts.

If your home gets too cold for you to sleep safely, don't risk it. Never use outdoor heaters, ovens or BBQ grills for indoor heat; use only heaters built for indoor use. Seek shelter at a local warming center; call 211 to get information about shelters and other resources.

If you're stuck inside your home and need critical assistance, put a sign on a front door or in your window. When emergency responders are canvassing neighborhoods, they can heed your call for help.

Keep an eye on neighbors who live alone and/or who might require extra assistance. Your preparation can go a long way in helping others less prepared.

For more information on staying prepared for emergencies, visit WilsonvilleReady.com.



#### WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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

#### **Register Now For Winter/Spring Programs**

A wide variety of classes, programs and special events are now open for registration! Classes this season include yoga, Zumba, barre, oil painting, soccer shots, sit and be fit, body sculpt, tai chi, healthy bones and balance, and more! Regis-



#### The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts Returns Jan. 30

The Hunt for Cupid's Hearts returns on Jan. 30, when seven red hearts are being hidden around Wilsonville parks and facilities.

Find all seven by Feb. 12 and be entered to win a gift basket! E-mail the location of each heart to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at behler@ ci.wilsonville.or.us to enter. Get a bonus entry if you include a picture!

Look for clues posted to Wilsonville Parks and Rec Facebook and Instagram accounts on Jan. 30.

#### Free AARP Tax Assistance Available

AARP Income Tax assistance is available at the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Admin Office.

Income tax preparation and electronic filing for 2022 federal and state returns is provided by certified IRS-AARP Tax Aide volunteers at no charge.

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 3, appointments may be scheduled by calling 503-682-3727. Appointments are

#### Upcoming Classes and Events

#### **Gentle Flow Yoga**

Ages 13+ Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28 7:15-8:15 pm Community Center Cost: \$77 Course #: 10477

Body Sculpt Ages: 13+ Mondays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27 5:45-6:45 pm Community Center Cost: \$69

ter online at Wilsonvil-IeParksandRec.com



#### **Build Stronger Muscles? YES!**

The new Chair Y.E.S. (yoga, exercise, strength) class provides a gentle and effective workout that is done while sitting, eliminating the challenges of getting down on the floor or being on your feet.

This small class focuses on building stronger muscles, stimulating the cardiovascular system and increasing brain cognition, all of which are important for older adults. Sessions include yoga poses for mind/ body connectivity, strength building, and stress relief. Participants engage in a safe and effective workout designed to improve quality of life and decrease risk of injury.

This 8-week class meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 am at the Community Center, beginning Jan. 10. Sign up for the entire session for just \$60, or drop in for \$10 per class. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged due to the small class size. available on Thursdays between Feb. 2 and April 13.

#### Feb. 4: Black History Month Movie Screening

In celebration of Black History Month, Parks and Rec is teaming up with the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to host a screening of the film "Hidden Figures," the story of three African American female mathematicians who served a vital role at NASA during the Space Race.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 4

at 7 pm at the Community Center for this free screening, which includes an optional community discussion afterward.



Course #: 10475

Chair Y.E.S. Ages: 55+ Tues. Jan. 10-Feb. 28 8:30-9:30 am Community Center Cost: \$60 Course#: 10496

Bob Ross Style Oil Painting Ages 12+ Saturday, Jan.14 10 am-2 pm Parks and Rec. Admin Cost: \$50

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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

## Crime Data Flat, Despite Rumors to the Contrary

 $R^{\rm ecently\!,\,we've\,seen}$  a few online comments from people expressing concerns about an increase in

crime. It's natural for people to hear a few anecdotal stories about recent crimes, assume an upward trend, and express concern about the potential for regional "creep" of crime into Wilsonville.

As we review the data, though, that is not what we are seeing. Our team recently took a look back through crime data since August, examining trends on 15



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

different crimes. Here is a portion of that data:

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Crime	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Theft	43	61	30	40	7
Burglary	8	11	8	9	13
Trespass	13	20	9	17	2
Fraud	24	10	14	15	1
*As of Dec	12				

Other than a minor spike in September, numbers remain fairly flat. Note that often, one person may commit several crimes and have a significant effect

#### **NW Natural Program Lowers Gas Bills for Income-Qualified Applicants**

A new NW Natural program is saving eligible residential customers 15-40% on monthly gas bills.

Discounts are available to those whose household income is less than 60% of the Oregon state median income. Eligibility is based

on the average annual gross income for all household members 18 years and older combined; gross income is income received before taxes.

No proof of income is required to complete the online application, which takes just a few minutes to complete online. After the initial application is submitted, a NW Natural representative follows-up with additional program details.

Discounts cannot be retroactively applied to charges incurred before enrollment, which may take up to 30 days).

To check income eligibility guidelines and/or begin the application process, visit nwnatural.com/BillDiscount or call 503-226-4211.



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on these numbers. So, when we look back further (data is reviewed quarterly), we see the same trends over a period of several years. Overall, Wilsonville continues to enjoy a low crime rate.

This, in no way, minimizes the experience of being a crime victim, which can be quite shocking. I have had my car broken into more than once, and been the victim of credit card fraud. It's no fun, and it causes me the same concern as it does any victim.

#### **Problem-Oriented Policing**

Regularly reviewing our crime data allows us to practice Problem-Oriented Policing, defined as diagnosing and solving problems that are increasing crime risks, usually in areas that are seeing comparatively high levels of crime (e.g., "hot spots".)

Besides responding to calls for service via 911, we also monitor crime trends and identify problems. When we see a trend or identify a problem area, we look to respond with creative solutions to help address the problem. That may include extra patrols, cameras, crime prevention measures, or other tactics.

If you're interested, a recent history of police data is available at clackamas.us/sheriff/reports.html

#### Antisemitic Fliers, Hate Speech Should be Removed, Reported

T he City of Wilsonville was recently made aware of the distribution of antisemitic fliers within some residential neighborhoods in Wilsonville.

Propaganda is a common tactic for white supremacist groups, whose messages perpetuate and incite hostility and promote division.

"Hate speech of any kind is simply unacceptable and must not be tolerated in Wilsonville," said Mayor Julie Fitzgerald. "When you see it, you can fight it by eliminating it and reporting it."

Hate speech should be reported to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which tracks flier distribution campaigns nationwide. The ADL is a global leader in combating antisemitism, extremism and bigotry wherever and whenever it happens to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

Anyone who experiences or witnesses an incident of antisemitism, extremism, bias, bigotry or hate, can

#### **The Power of Information**

For those with the time to check it out, this firsthand data is the most credible resource about the crimes taking place in Wilsonville.

Although many rely on social media sites like Facebook, Nextdoor, or Twitter as a critical means of staying connected with family and friends, they are a double-edged sword; it's very easy for incorrect or incomplete information to spread quickly.

I recently saw that a study of Twitter revealed that false information traveled 10 times more quickly than facts. As humans, we are wired to be sensitive to information that might pose a danger to us.

This serves as a great reminder that we should all understand where we're getting our information. Especially on social media platforms, it's wise to take a moment to always consider the source of the information and to verify any information that isn't from a trusted source.

As we move into 2023 together, rest assured that the Wilsonville Police Department is doing all we can to address crime and hold offenders accountable. Happy New Year,

Chief Rob Wurpes



report it to the ADL at **adl.org/report-incident** or by contacting the Pacific Northwest ADL at 206-448-5349.

The Wilsonville City Council has established Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a core value, and the City strives to provide a safe and inclusive environment for people historically marginalized, excluded, and/or oppressed. Learn more about City's work to advance DEI initiatives at ci.wilsonville.or.us/bcdiversity.

## TVF&R Tips to See You Safely Through Winter Storms

Winter storms can be dangerous, bringing heavy winds, freezing temperatures, power failures, as well as icy or flooded roads. Prepare yourself and your family for winter storms by following these safety tips:

#### **Indoor Safety**

• Have a professional perform annual inspections of your heating system and make any necessary repairs. If you have a fireplace, have the chimney inspected

and cleaned annually. • Keep heating sources at least

Tualatin Vallev three feet away from materials Fire & Rescue that can burn, and never leave

natural gas, and water.

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

#### **Outdoor Safety**

- If you must venture outdoors, dress appropriately for the weather conditions you may encounter and avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.
- Don't overestimate how far you can walk on extremely cold, rainy, or snowy days.
- Use extreme caution when stepping outside in icy





lit candles or other flames unattended.

- Have a disaster supply kit with bedding, clothing, first-aid supplies, flashlights, food, a battery-operated radio, and water to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of any emergency.
- Know the shut-off locations for your electricity,

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

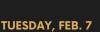
A brief history of

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Villebois & the

Wilsonville's origins





Tapping an unlikely water source: the Willamette River

**TUESDAY, FEB. 21** A history of preservation: trees, trails and Graham Oaks

controversial siting of Coffee Creek prison



conditions, particularly in the morning when it's coldest and the ice hasn't had a chance to melt.

- Insulate exposed water pipes with fiberglass or foam to protect them from freezing.
- NEVER touch a downed power line! Learn more at **TVFR.com**.

## LEHAN LECTURES

Charlotte Lehan is hosting a series of in-depth conversations about the moments that shaped Wilsonville's history.

> WILSONVILLE LIBRARY **OAK ROOM** 5:30-7 PM

NO REGISTRATION; LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

wilsonvillelibrary.org





## **SMART Earns National Transit Award**

Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica) has selected Wilsonville's South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) at the recipient of its 2022 NGV Achievement Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of natural gas as a transportation fuel. Fleet Manager Scott Simonton (center) holds up the hardware in Council Chambers, where SMART was joined by members of NW Natural and the Wilsonville City Council to commemorate the achievement.

Learn more at ridesmart.com.

#### Surveying, Field Work Gets Underway for Boeckman Creek Sanitary Sewer & Trail Project

**Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions** 

Surveying and other field work for the City's Boeckman Creek Interceptor and Trail Design capital improvement project has begun. Crews will be conducting engineering and environmental studies and other field work along the heavily forested Boeckman Creek corridor between Memorial Park and Boeckman Road through spring 2023 as part of the project design.

The long-planned capital improvement project brings together two projects under one umbrella to reduce construction time, costs, and disruptions to the area. It will include installing a new sewer interceptor to increase sanitary sewer capacity for the future Frog Pond East and South neighborhoods as well as a shared-use path connecting Boeckman Road with Memorial Park. The combined project provides needed infrastructure to support community development and provides a critical link to the regional trail system which expands recreational opportunities for community members.

Construction is set to begin in 2024 and is anticipated to be complete in 2025. To learn more about the project, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/engineering/page/ boeckman-creek-interceptor-and-trail-project

City Council	Action	What it Means
Dec. 5	The Wilsonville City Council, the Council, on first reading, adopted the Frog Pond East & South Master Plan, as recommend- ed by the Planning Commission.	This long-term plan identifies types and locations of future homes, parks, streets, trails, and amenities to be built over the next 10-20 years. The plan also identifies water, sewer, storm water, and transportation infrastructure needs and funding sources.
Dec. 5	The Council adopted an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to include "Good Neighbor Policies" to guide future policy objectives and clarify the City's in- terests related to the Aurora State Airport.	The amendment identifies the impacts of current opera- tions to Wilsonville and guides the City's priorities if/when it participates in Airport planning efforts.
Dec. 5	The Council adopted new structural and mechanical specialty building code, repeal- ing all prior Resolutions that previously adopted such code.	This action keeps the City in compliance with new State codes adopted in October.
Nov. 21	The Council adopted the Town Center Infrastructure Funding Plan.	The plan establishes a framework to identify and cre- ate funding mechanisms for the development of the new infrastructure identified in the Wilsonville Town Center Plan, supporting the long-term development of a vibrant downtown district.
Nov. 21	The Council and the Urban Renewal Agen- cy (URA) Board each adopted an Urban Renewal Strategic Plan as recommended by the Urban Renewal Task Force.	The plan establishes a road map and defines a clear vision for future urban renewal activities, including recommen- dations for potential new uses of tax increment finance (TIF) to be explored further.
Nov. 21	The Council approved the establishment of a new grant program — the Commu- nity Cultural Events and Programs Grant (CCEP Grant).	Replacing the Community Tourism Grant, this new pro- gram tightens the grant's scope to focus funding in support of programs consistent with its mission.
Nov. 21	The Council approved an Intergovern- mental Agreement (IGA) with Clackamas County and Washington County to install a temporary traffic signal at 65th Ave. and Stafford Rd.	This action is to accommodate increased traffic on Stafford Rd. next summer, when the Boeckman Road Corridor Project closes Boeckman Rd. to through traffic for up to 15 months.
Nov. 21	The Council adopted the 2022 Facilities Master Plan, updating a prior plan to re- flect changes occurring since 2015.	The plan, designed to accommodate the City's 20-year growth, identifies proposed projects, costs and priorities.
Nov. 21	The Council approved funding for a con- tract with DOWL to provide engineering consulting services during the construc- tion of several right-of-way enhancements being installed in conjunction with the Willamette Water Supply System's (WWSS) upcoming water pipe installation.	These services ensure that all infrastructure restora- tion and improvements made by WWSP conform to City standards.

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

The City of Wilsonville's Budget Committee has scheduled meetings to review financial operations and to consider and approve a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget for Council adoption.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6-9 pm:** A mid-year budget review is held to assess the City's financial status for the current fiscal year.

Wednesday, May 17, 6-10 pm: The Budget Committee begins the initial review of the City's Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24. The Committee inspects aspects of the budget, hears public testimony and completes initial deliberation.

**Thursday, May 18, 6-10 pm:** At the second meeting to consider the Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24, deliberation continues and the City's Urban Renewal Agency budget is reviewed. Public testimony is welcome. Afterward, the Budget Committee may approve and recommend the budget for City Council adoption or convene a third meeting.

**Tuesday, May 23, 6-10 pm:** This third meeting is held only if further deliberation is needed before the budget is recommended for adoption.

The City Council's deliberation and potential adoption of the FY 2023-24 budget is scheduled at a public hearing during the June 5 meeting.

The Budget Committee consists of Wilsonville's five City Councilors and five appointed citizens at large.

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

## **Council Appoints Members to City Boards & Commissions**

A t the Council's December meetings, Mayor Fitzgerald recommended individuals for appointment to City Boards and Commissions. Each appointment was confirmed by City Council vote:

- **Budget Committee:** Synthea Russell (three-year term);
- Development Review Board: Rachelle Barrett, Jean Svadlenka, Jordan Herron, Yara Alatawy, John Hildum, Rob Candrian (two-year terms); Megan Chuinard, Justin Brown (one-year terms);
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee: Erika Pham, Luis Gonzalez, Karla Brashear (three-year terms); George Luo, Aasha Patel (one-year term);
- **Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board:** Seiji Shiratori, Ashleigh Sumerlin, Yuki Param, John Bohlen (three-year terms);
- **Parks & Rec. Advisory Board:** Keith Gary, Amanda Aird (four-year terms);
- **Planning Commission:** Nicole Hendrix (fouryear term); Kathryn Neil (one-year term);
- Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee: Maripat Hensel (two-year term).

The City is still seeking one more qualified candidate for the Development Review Board and the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. Apply by Jan. 20 to be considered. Visit **ci.wilsonville.or.us/ bc\_apply** to learn more and/or apply.



## **Stay Informed**

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# **Wilsonville Recycle Guide**

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



# **Recycling Drop-Off Locations**

#### **Deposit Containers**

Return to BottleDrop Centers, retailers or grocery stores. bottledropcenters.com

Fred Meyer 30300 SW Boones Ferry Rd., Wilsonville

Safeway 8255 SW Wilsonville Rd., Wilsonville

#### **Paints and Stains**

Drop off for free at PaintCare locations. paintcare.org

Sherwin-Williams 19390 SW 90th Ct., Tualatin

**Sherwin-Williams** 20673 SW Roy Rogers Rd., Sherwood

	<ul> <li>✓ = No charge</li> <li>\$ = Fees required</li> <li>✓ / \$ = Fees required for specific items</li> </ul>	Appliances - lg/sm	Batteries (Alkaline & Rechargeable)	Computers, TVs & Monitors	Glass Bottles & Jars	Household Hazardous Waste	Light bulbs, CFLs, Fluorescent tubes	Motor Oil	Paper & Cardboard	Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Round Containers	Scrap Metal / Metal	Styrofoam™& #6 plastics	Tires	Yard Debris
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#### **Plastic Bags and Wrap**

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

#### Fred Meyer

30300 SW Boones Ferry Rd., Wilsonville

#### Target

25925 SW Heather Pl., Wilsonville

## Waste Facility. Contact Information



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





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

CVS Pharmacy in Target (Argyle Shopping Ctr.)

## Sign up for Garbage & **Recycling Notifications**

Learn more: clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html



Metro South Transfer Station

2001 Washington St., Oregon City

503-234-3000 | oregonmetro.gov

Sharps (Needles, Lancets, Syringes)

program, or take to Metro South's Hazardous

Check with your local pharmacy about

joining a pharmacy container exchange

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

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Prescription Medications

25925 SW Heather Pl., Wilsonville

Drop off for free at:

Next time you aren't sure if an item can be recycled, send a photo to @recycleornot on Instagram. Learn more at RecycleOrNot.org



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## **Charlotte Lehan Hosting Historical Lecture Series**

harlotte Lehan, a Wilsonville native whose knowl-Jedge of her hometown has been honed by three decades as an elected official, is sharing her institu-

tional knowledge at a series of interactive talks at the Wilsonville Library.

Lehan Lectures: Pivotal **Moments in Local History** Tue, Jan. 3 & Jan. 17, 5:30-7 pm Wilsonville Library 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd.

Four "Lehan Lectures" are being held at the Library's Oak Room in January and February. They are being presented in front of a live audience, and will include an opportunity for people to ask questions and learn more about some of the events instrumental in shaping Wilsonville.

The Topics:

- Tuesday, Jan. 3: A Brief History of Wilsonville's Origins
- Tuesday, Jan. 17: Villebois and the Controversial

## Feb. 4: Black History Month Community Movie Night

The City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is partnering with Wilsonville Parks & Recreation to host the City's first Community Movie Night commemorating Black History Month.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7 pm at the Wilsonville Community Center for a free screening of "Hidden Figures," which tells the phenomenal true story of three black women at NASA whose mathematical calculations fueled some of America's greatest achievements in space.

Conversation and light refreshments follow the

Siting of the Coffee Creek Prison

- Tuesday, Feb. 7: Tapping an Unlikely Water Source: The Willamette River
- Tuesday, Feb. 21: A History of Preservation: Trees, Trails & Graham Oaks

All presentations start at

5:30 pm. They are being pre-

sented free of charge, and include light snacks. To ensure that the City's local history is preserved, the talks are being recorded, to be aired on community television and archived for viewing anytime on the City's YouTube channel.

For more information, contact publicaffairs@ ci.wilsonville.or.us.

free screening of this 2016 "Best Picture" nominee, which stars Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle

**Black History Month Community Movie Night** Sat, Feb. 4, 7 pm Wilsonville Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.

Monae and Kevin Costner.

For more information on this event, contact 503-783-7529. For additional family-friendly activities on the City's calendar, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar



## **Briefs**

## **OIT Student Installs Solar Panels in Typhoon-Torn Philippines**



student from Oregon Tech's campus in Wilson-Aville recently traveled to Cebu, Philippines, to help install solar panels in areas impacted by Typhoon Rai.

Matthew Tugg, a graduate of Oregon Tech's Renewable Energy Engineering program, is currently completing his master's degree in Robotics, Automation, and Control Engineering.

When Typhoon Rai (known in the Philippines as Super Typhoon Odette) reached Category 5 last December, it became one of the costliest typhoons in the Philippines' history. Many islands lost electricity; some also lost communication services. This summer, Tugg kept his word to members of the Cebu community that he would be there to help rebuild. He led the design, installation, and verification of a small photovoltaic system to bring off-grid

lighting and additional energy storage, so surplus energy could be sold to the community for electrical

charging. "The project took many skills to



complete," Tugg said. "A knowledge of photovoltaic systems was needed to complete the site assessment and system design. Safety and electrical knowledge were needed to complete the installation and electrical building.

"My communication skills were extremely valuable because it can be difficult to find the things you need for a proper instillation in a different country. Technical knowledge and technical ability were great contributors to the success of this project because I needed to complete the installation in a very remote area without the same tools and conveniences of a normal job site."

Tugg would like to be involved in other projects like this that have a positive impact on people and the environment.

"I am grateful that I was able to use my technical

## City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit

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1	Sun	<ul> <li>New Year's Day Library closed</li> </ul>
2	Mon	<ul> <li>New Year's Day Observed City Hall, SMART, Library closed</li> </ul>
3	Tue	<ul> <li>Municipal/Traffic Court</li> <li>5 pm, City Hall</li> </ul>
		Lehan Lecture: The History of Wilsonville 5:30 pm, Wilsonville Library (Oak Room)
5	Thu	City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
9	Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
10	Tue	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
11	Wed	<ul> <li>Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board Mtg. 6 pm, Parks &amp; Rec. Admin. Bldg.</li> <li>Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall</li> </ul>
12	Thu	<ul> <li>Parks &amp; Rec. Advisory Board</li> <li>4 pm, Parks &amp; Rec. Admin Bldg</li> </ul>
16	Mon	<ul> <li>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed City Hall, SMART, Library closed</li> </ul>
17	Tue	Municipal/Traffic Court     5 pm, City Hall
		<ul> <li>Lehan Lecture: Villebois/Prison Siting 5:30 pm, Wilsonville Library (Oak Room)</li> </ul>
18	Wed	<ul> <li>Arts, Culture &amp; Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm</li> </ul>
19	Thu	City Council Meeting, City Hall     5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
23	Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
25	Wed	<ul> <li>Tourism Promotion Committee 1 pm,</li> <li>Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library</li> </ul>
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1	Wed	<ul> <li>Budget Committee Mid-Year Meeting 6 pm, City Hall</li> </ul>
4	Sat	Black History Month Movie Screening     7 pm, Community Center
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7	Tue	Municipal/Traffic Court     2 pm, City Hall
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14	Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
15	Wed	<ul> <li>Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission</li> <li>5 pm, TBD</li> </ul>
20	Mon	• Presidents Day City Offices, Library Closed
21	Tue	<ul> <li>Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall</li> <li>Lehan Lecture: Trees, Trails &amp; Graham Oaks 5:30 pm, Wilsonville Library (Oak Room)</li> </ul>
22	Wod	Library Board Meeting



knowledge and skills to have a real-world impact on people in Cebu," he said. "Small projects like this can greatly help the local communities."

To learn more about the EMT program at Oregon Tech/OHSU, visit oit.edu/academics/degrees/ paramedic-program/emt-course.

6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library

• City Council Meeting, City Hall 23 Thu 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting

27 Mon • DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall

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

## 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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