

From the Director:

As the calendar turns to a new year, the Parks and Recreation Department has new class offerings, a new dog park in the works and even added two new members to our wonderful parks board.

Ballroom Dancing is a first time activity offering and is off to a fantastic start with 14 couples partaking. The class is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM at the Community Center and with this initial success will most likely be offered again in Spring/Summer. The instructor for this program is Holly Fidanzo who started her dancing career at age 17 and has been an instructor for almost 25 years. She obtained certification at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios and teaches with enthusiasm and obvious extensive knowledge.



As mentioned last month, be sure to mark your calendars for Community Garden sign-up day on April 4th, Community Egg Hunt on April 20th and W.E.R.K. Day on April 27th.

Athletic Field sign-up night took place on February 4th which means the Parks Crew is already getting the ball fields ready for youth baseball and softball as well as Adult Softball Leagues.

The Parks and Recreation Board has added two members to an already stellar group of volunteers. We welcome Amanda Aird and Dahe Chen to the board and look forward to listening to their ideas and input.

On February 12th at the Community Center, the Parks and Recreation Staff will be hosting a Dog Run/Park Public Meeting to get citizens input on desired amenities in the new dog park.

Remember Parks and Playgrounds are the soul of any community.

-Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

January was a month of planning for the future and the coming year, as January's often are. We've been marking the calendar for upcoming events, adjusting budgets, planning, meeting, and discussing ideas to make our community programs and events even better.

Ideas we've been 'kicking' around include a Kickin' it to Cancer Kickball Event which would support cancer research and could be in conjunction with the already spectacular Relay for Life event, a bocce ball league held in Villebois in partnership with Quench, and new outdoor recreation camps in partnership with a company called Avid4Adventure.

New classes and programs we added last year included; youth cooking classes, line dancing, ballroom dancing, jewelry making, meditation and yoga workshops, inclusive gardening, cheerleading camp, a new 5k run, scary movie night, and several others.

In an effort to gain perspective on the wants and needs of the community, a recreation and programs survey is being put together by Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler. This survey will be a quick 5-10 question online survey and will be posted on Wilsonville Parks and Recreation's website and social media feeds. The survey will be published in April, and will run through the end of May.



Community Center Updates:

The Community Center hosted the Clackamas County Aging Advisory Council last month. The Council met with Center staff and enjoyed lunch. One member followed that up with a ride along for the Home Delivered Meal program.

The Parks and Recreation and Finance Departments were audited as part of the Federal funding the Community Center received as a pass through from Clackamas County. All elements of our handling of the funds were deemed compliant.

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted students from Athey Creek Middle School, exchange students from Korea, Korean War Veterans and the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Korea for a field trip at the Admin Office and Korean War Memorial.

Board Updates:

Parks and Recreation Board: The Parks and Recreation board welcomed 2 new board members, Dahe Chen and Amanda Aird.

WCSI: The Board recently welcomed 2 new Board Members and has been reviewing their bylaws for any updates that may need to be made. The Board is also exploring the possibility to create "focus areas"/liaison positions to represent a wide range of programs (SMART, The Gazette, Social Chair, etc).

Upcoming Events:

Dog Run Public Input Meeting- February 12

Daddy Daughter Dance- February 22

Community Egg Hunt- April 20

Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Assisted with State Heritage Tree nomination and acceptance



- Continued to monitor Japanese Knotweed at Tivoli Park
- Continued to monitor (overseed, roll, mow) athletic fields
- Continued Volunteer Enrichment Program
- Cleaned up from storm damage



- Continued Tetherball improvements at Palermo Park
- Continued Chipocalypse 2019
- Hosted Aquatic Facility Operator Training (AFO) and Certification (Reeder, Burdick, Moeller, Spence, Skipper, Morse, Blankenship)
- Cleaned up abandoned refuse
- Repaired barrier at Bailey St.

Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Continued Community Garden Dog Run parking lot construction



- Improved embankment slide entrance
- Pruned entrances at Murase Plaza and Memorial Park
- Pruned Boeckman Creek Trailhead
- Assessed and began repair of soccer field 1 and areas of MP commons tire rut vandalism

