



# January 2021 Parks & Rec Report

## Director's Report:

Happy 2021 Wilsonville– we made it! January had a lot in store for the Parks and Rec Department. Thanks to Linda Moulton, and her family, we have a new beautiful and thoughtful piece of art located inside the Park and Recreation Administration Office (located at 29600 SW Park Place, in Town Center Park). Hanging down from our ceiling are approximately 2,000 very colorful cranes, each representing an Oregonian life lost as a result of Covid-19. The public is encouraged to come view the art installation during office hours (Monday through Friday 8 AM to 5 PM).

Our Parks Crew has been extremely busy, as usual, bark dusting at various locations within Town Center, Court-side and the entrance of Memorial Park. The crew also installed new playground amenities this month, including a “Unity Teeter Tunnel”, and three new swings at River Fox Park.

The Community Center Nutrition Program continues to provide approximately 2,000 meals monthly. Our department fitness guru, Brad Moore, continues offering a variety of classes for citizen’s physical and mental well-being. Erica continues to offer numerous fun activities for the community including Valentine Card making kits, available for pick-up at the Parks and Rec Admin office through Friday, February 5. All valentines returned to the Parks and Rec Admin office by February 5 will be distributed to Wilsonville frontline workers.

Fingers crossed your Parks and Recreation Department will be able to start offering more traditional activities soon. Until then, be safe Wilsonville.

-Mike McCarty



## Recreation Updates:

### The Search for Cupid's Hearts:

Eight red hearts were hidden throughout Wilsonville on February 2, with the clues to their locations posted to social media (on Facebook @WilsonvilleParksandRec and Instagram @wvparksandrec). Residents are encouraged to find at least five of the eight hearts, and show proof by sending in their photos to Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler at cupid-shearts@ci.wilsonville.or.us. Those who send their pictures in will be entered to win a valentines themed youth prize basket valued at \$50. Two winners will be chosen at random and announced on Friday, Feb. 12.

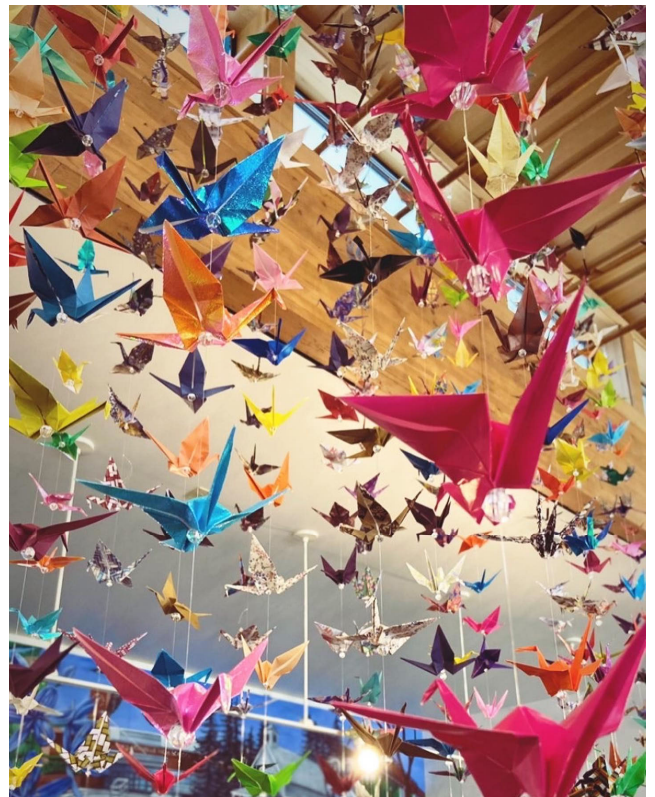


### Community Valentine's for Frontline Workers:

Free valentine's card kits were made available this month at the Parks and Rec Admin office. Wilsonville residents were encouraged to come pick up a kit (or two or three) and create a valentine's card for a frontline worker. All valentines returned to the Parks and Rec Admin office by Friday, February 5 will be distributed to frontline workers in Wilsonville for valentines day.

### Memorial Art Installation "Soaring Spirits" honors Oregonians lost to Covid-19:

Local Charbonneau resident, Linda Moulton, was the creative force behind the new memorial art piece on display at the Parks and Recreation building. Hanging from the ceiling are nearly 2,000 individual cranes, strung together with clear fishing line and beads. Each crane represents an Oregon life lost to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is both a beautiful, and heartbreaking visual of our State's collective loss.



## Community Center Updates:

Recently staffed asked Creekside Woods residents who have been picking up a daily lunch as part of the Community Center's home-delivered meal (HDM) program, "What does the meal program mean to you?"

Below are some of our favorite responses:

"Getting lunch is the highlight of my day and I have been eating healthier since every meal contains vegetables."  
-Deni Martin

"The HDM program is essential to feeding homebound seniors and people really need the meals during these times." - Donna Nuccitelli

"I enjoy bringing warm meals to my neighbors and enjoy checking up on everyone." -Frank Westfall. In addition to picking up his own meal, Frank delivers daily meals to six of his neighbors.

The ever popular Stretch, Strength and Stamina class is returning...virtually. Taught by Certified Personal Trainer, Brad Moore, the class will offer the opportunity to stand or sit in a chair while you exercise. This offering will be added to existing small group training, personal training and the weight loss support group that have all been well received throughout the pandemic.

Staff has begun working with local sports organization to prepare for the return of organized sport this spring. With the exception of a modified fall soccer program, local athletes have been unable to play since last March. Strict health and safety protocols will be followed but its exciting to help facilitate the return to play.

Community Center staff continues to work with AARP Tax Volunteers to determine how the free tax preparation service may look in 2021. This service is vitally important to older adult members of the community and staff is committed to finding a solution to safely offer the program this Spring.

## Board Highlights

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board— The Kitakata Sister City Advisory board met for the first time on Wednesday, January 27. The board selected Ashleigh Sumerlin as chair and Aaron Reyna as vice chair. The board reviewed the bylaws and received training on Roberts rules of order.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon – The Board is quickly approaching its fundraising goal of \$150,000 for the design and build of the Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center. Initial designs are expected in the upcoming weeks.

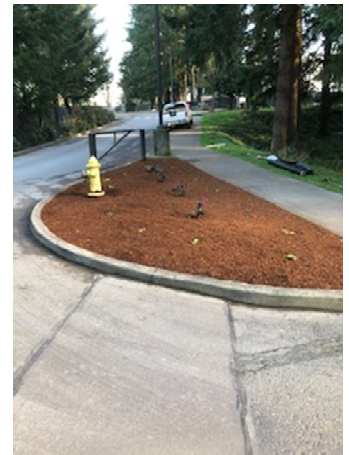
Parks and Rec Advisory Board – The Board received a mid-year update from Department staff and began discussion of Board goals for 2021.

Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc Board – Began discussions on possible fundraising opportunities in 2021.



## Spring Cleaning:

Although it may still technically be winter, the parks maintenance has been busy ensuring that the parks are in tip top shape as we head into spring. Utilizing a technical skill set and a team based approach the team has been able to finish several important tasks that will help the parks shine year round.



## Blackberry Mitigation:

The team has spent time mechanically controlling blackberries at Town Center Park. The end result is a reclaimed landscape bed with almost a dozen new native plantings and new bark dust to help control the blackberries going forward. Projects like this are critical in the teams long term plan to help control invasive plant species by being proactive and looking for long term solutions.



## New Playground Amenities:

The “Unity Teeter Tunnel” at Murase Plaza playground

