



## From the Director:

Fall Season is upon us!!

Please make sure to view Parks and Recreation's Fall/Winter Guide as it's full of great events and activities. This time of year, some of the main activities are Holiday Events.

The Fall Season presents the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11:00AM at the Stein Boozier Barn. That same evening, at the same location "Scary Movie Night", will take place with the showing of "The Spiderwick Chronicles". Both activities are FREE, however space is limited for the movie with the first 96 residents signing up being allowed to view the movie. The new Fall Frolic 5k and Kids Dash Costume Run takes place on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 8-11:30AM, taking off from the Barn and winding through Memorial Park. The Kids Dash is FREE, while 5K pre-register is \$15 and \$20 the day of event. More information is in the Activity Guide.

The highly popular Community Tree Lighting will take place at Town Center Park on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The musical performances will begin at 5:45PM and the Tree Lighting at 6:00PM.

As was mentioned in last month's Director's Report your Park's Crew is amazing, which most of you see every day in just viewing the awesome parks in Wilsonville. Our Recreation Manager Brian Stevenson, Park Supervisor Tod Blankenship and Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler are constantly at City events and recognized. There are other employees more behind the scenes that make this department function at an extremely high level and starting this month I would like to introduce them to Wilsonville Residents.

Ahsamon Anti-Marandi is our Administrative Assistant and most likely the person you speak with on phone and face to face at the Parks and Recreation Office. Her customer service, knowledge, work-ethic and friendly demeanor are second to none and this department would struggle without her. At the Community Center, Brenda Howe and Brittney Hernandez (Brittney splits time between two offices) will most likely be your first contact and they are also amazing with their great customer service skills and welcoming attitude. Take time to speak with these outstanding employees if you get a chance.

Take advantage of the activities offered by your Parks and Recreation Department-it's good for your mind and body.

*-Mike McCarty*

## Recreation Updates:

### “Lighten Up” Weight Loss Support Group

September saw the start of a new program called “Lighten Up”, a weight loss support group for individuals who may want or need a little extra motivation and consistency in reaching their weight loss goals. The program kicked off on Friday, September 14th with 21 individuals involved.



### NRPA- National Recreation & Parks Association

Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler, attended the annual NRPA conference in Indianapolis the week of September 24th. NRPA is the leading agency that Parks and Recreation organizations around the country look to for things like emerging trends, program ideas, and safety standards. The four day conference was filled with education sessions, research findings, an expo hall, and plenty of opportunities to network.

### Wellness Fair at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Admin Assistant, Ahsamon Ante-Marandi, and Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler attended the Employee Wellness Fair at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility this month. Employees of the Correctional Facility were informed about all the opportunities Wilsonville Parks and Recreation has to offer such as exercise programs, camps for youth, and arts classes.

### Volunteer Opportunities within Wilsonville Parks

Parks Employee, Courtney Burdick, is heading up a program dedicated to getting volunteers to help out in our beautiful Wilsonville Parks. Through an online platform called solveoregon.org, community members can sign up to help out the first Wednesday of each month from 9AM-11AM. Since adding these opportunities to our Facebook events page on Wilsonville Parks and Recreation, Courtney has her first 8 volunteers for this program on Wednesday October 3rd.

## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Repaired broken Community Garden Spigot
- Began preparation for Community Garden parking lot expansion



- Continued cultural practices for undesirable plant abatement
- Pruned Duckworth Property
- Reeder/Burdick attended Target Field Days focusing on IPM
- Restored Arrowhead Creek Park pedestrian bridges



- Abated Poison Oak in various locations
- Meadow cut Boones Ferry Park orchard
- Continued to clear trail vegetation
- Restored Sue Guyton Heritage Tree Grove Signs



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- Restored bollards on Jobsey Lane
- Repaired dog run double check
- Pruned Engelman Park shrubs
- Continue to make repairs and adjustments to irrigation system(s)
- Slit-seeded soccer fields



- Topdressed soccer fields
- Aerated soccer fields
- Began Community Garden Parking lot expansion
- Pruned Duckworth property
- Blankenship attended Boat Launch and Dock Maintenance training
- Acquired maintenance responsibility of former Chamber site and Sue Guyton Memorial Tree Grove