

From the Director:

End of Summer Spectacular Activities, News and what's Next!!

On August 20th the Wilsonville City Council reaffirmed a 30-year "sister city" relationship with Kitakata Japan. Kitakata Mayor Chuich and his delegation exchanged gifts including the planting of a friendship tree located at City Hall. City Officials, City Administration, the Wilsonville Sister City Committee interacted with the delegates enjoying a fantastic night of conversations, stories and dinner.



The next night, City Staff held the Annual Neighborhood Block Party with this year's event being especially unique as everyone present celebrated the City's 50th Birthday Party. All City departments participated with various activities including building planter boxes, duck races in the water feature (not real ducks Ha) and a train provided by SMART that made hundreds of trips around Town Center Park the entire evening. Speaking of Town Center... the Planning Department had a "futurist main street" theme. Human Resources staffed the information booth, Parks and Recreation provided a top notch band, Nate Botsford, and thanks to our amazing Parks Crew a flawless, safe beautiful venue. To top it all off, Finance had a great photo booth and the City Attorney Staff, in conjunction with our outstanding Police Department, gave away "free" cupcakes, and monitored a prize wheel, so youngsters could receive more items to take home. Mayor Tim Knapp announced the Japanese delegation, and helped kick off singing Happy Birthday to the City.

We concluded our Friday "free movies in the park" series on August 24th with Beauty and the Beast. This entire program was very successful with approximately 300 citizens attending each movie.

The new Activity Guide was released a couple weeks ago and has many exciting events and activities to take advantage of for all ages. Two new events to look for are a Scary Movie Night (Saturday, 10/27) and the Fall Frolic 5k (Sunday, 10/28) at the Stein Boozier Barn.

Remember reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body and both activities are forms of recreation----Take Part and Enjoy!!



(note- this is not the director)

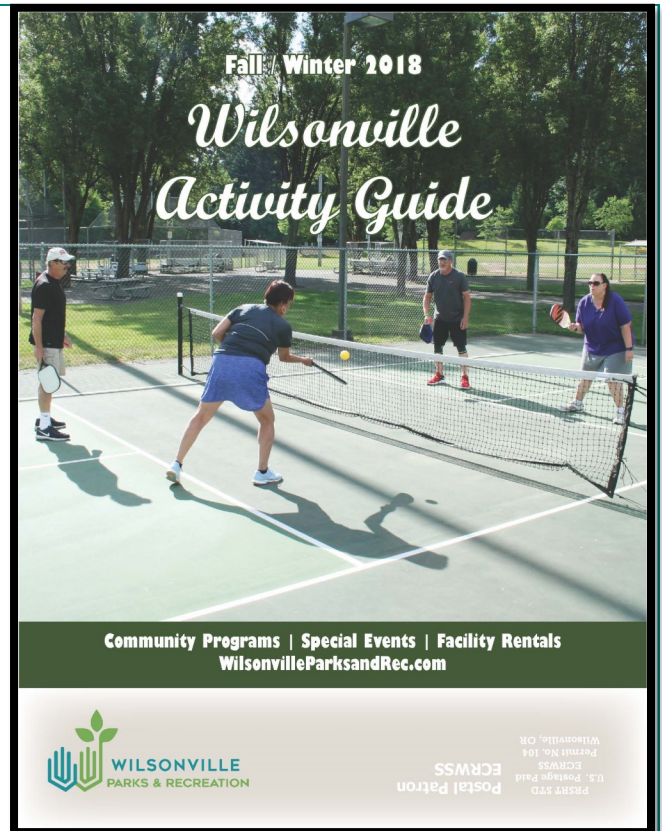
— Mike McCarty

Recreation Updates:

New Activity Guide

The new Fall/Winter 2018 Wilsonville Activity Guide was mailed on August 18th. Online registration opened up the following Monday, August 20th. Two weeks into registration, programs like Scary Movie night at the Stein Boozier Barn and Indoor Walk and Fit are seeing excellent registration numbers.

New program offerings this season include a Fall Frolic 5k in Memorial Park (in lieu of the Reindeer Romp) , and Scary Movie Night in the barn. Traditional events like the Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 27th, will see new added activities such as a photo booth station, snapchat filter, and face painting.



Visit from Kitakata Delegation

Wilsonville received a special visit from several sister city delegates from Kitakata Japan. The Parks and Recreation department organized several of events for the Kitakata Delegation including the 50th Sister City anniversary dinner at McMenamins, a tree planting ceremony at City Hall, and gift exchange at the City Council meeting. The department worked closely with the Wilsonville Sister City Association to coordinate a three day itinerary for the delegates to enjoy the sights, sounds and culture of the Pacific Northwest.

(it's all business with these ones →)



Recreation Updates:

Community Block Party

The 2nd annual Community Block Party was combined with the 50th Birthday Party of the City of Wilsonville and celebrated Wednesday August 22. Logistically, the event ran as smooth as could be. Each city department organized an activity to share with the community, and music was provided by Nate Botsford and band.

Staff are already planning next year's Block Party with many new ideas.



Painted Rocks are still making an impression- and around the country!

The rock pictured below, painted by Wilsonville City Staff, has made it around the country! According to a recent Facebook post, it looks like it was picked up on Mt. Hood Oregon, and found again in Mills River, North Carolina!



Jarred Moffitt ▸ Wilsonville Parks and Rec

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Found in mills river North Carolina. To whoever painted this it is beautiful and brightened my night at work when I found it.

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Oldest ▾

Sharon Kantorski Gerds Beautiful Brewery ! I was visiting Asheville. And brought the rock along : I found it on Mt Hood: Timberline Lodge , Oregon. ❤️ 🌹

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Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Slit-seeded athletic fields
- Demoed weed steamer
- Staff attended OSU Turfgrass Research Field Days
- Demoed Ventrac sickle mower arm
- Reeder/Blankenship attended Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance (TWCA) Field Day
- Began mature ivy abatement in Memorial Park natural areas
- Cleared vegetation away from all bridges
- Cleaned out debris from retention pond at 3-Bay
- Cleared trail vegetation back 2'
- Continued intelligent plant management of athletic fields
- Began Japanese Knotweed abatement at the site of Tivoli Park
- Continue to make repairs and adjustments to irrigation system(s)
- Cleaned up graffiti at Boones Ferry Trail
- Removed branch over Coffee Lake Drive
- Continued pruning landscape at Murase Plaza
- Repaired Field 5 dugout cover
- Teamed up with Facilities to provide tree planting for Kitakata Event
- Replaced burnt garbage can at dock
- Pressure washed Grove Shelter
- Prepared for and hosted Community Block Party
- Removed Italian arum from Boones Ferry Park and Murase Plaza
- Repaired parking damage from WUFC Jamboree
- Prepared for and hosted Annual Employee Summer Picnic



Slit-seeding athletic fields



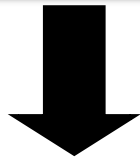
The team gets shown how the weed steamer works

Parks Maintenance Updates:



Removal of Mature Ivy

These pictures show the abatement of mature ivy that has been growing around the trunk of a tree for quite some time. By cutting back the thick wrapped vines of the ivy, the tree has a better chance at survival because it is no longer being suffocated or weighed down.



Sakura Tree for 30th Anniversary Between Wilsonville and Kitakata, Japan (shown right)

The council meeting on the evening of Monday August 20th, was a celebration of the 30th year of friendship between sister cities Wilsonville and Kitakata. The tree was planted to symbolize the ever growing relationship and strong roots represented by the friendship. The tree is planted by City Hall along Town Center Loop East.

