



## Parks and Recreation Report | March 2024

### Director's Report

Spring has sprung and as always the Parks and Recreation Department is excited for this time of year. Our facility reservations have opened up and our team has been very busy with tours, reservations, and scheduling. This time of year our focus is on planning and preparation to ensure that residents and visitors enjoy their experience and return with their friends and family members.

Beyond their normal maintenance routines the parks team has been working on a replanting project in Murase Plaza. They were also able to install the City's first ADA accessible bags/board game (AKA corn hole) in Memorial Park. The team has also been busy prepping for the new playground and restroom at Boones Ferry Park. Both projects will break ground shortly and are expected to be completed this spring/summer.

The recreation team has been busy planning for upcoming spring/summer activities. All those details can be found in the Spring/Summer Activity Guide, which will be mailed to all Wilsonville residents in early April.

The Community Center will receive a \$25,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Human Services to fund a new oven, steam table, and refrigerator. The nutrition program at the community center continues to grow as well as other programs such as 'Sit, Stand and Be Fit', Life 101 Lecture Series, yoga, and tai-chi.

Finally, the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission reviewed artists for the Memorial Park skate park mural. The review panel selected four artists to move forward to the next stage in the process.

-Kris Ammerman

## Recreation Updates

### Community Egg Hunt

March was a month full of prepping for the Community Egg Hunt, which was held on Saturday, March 30 at 10 am in Memorial Park. This year's sponsors included J. Hill Property Group (title sponsor), Edward Jones Financial (Silver Sponsor) Therapeutic Associated of Wilsonville, Wilsonville Orthodontics, and Wilsonville Cub Scouts (supporting sponsors). Eighteen thousand eggs were dispersed among the fields, and our very special Bailey the Bunny spread cheer during the event. Egg Hunts are separated into different age categories. Those categories being 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-11. Each age range gets their own space on the field, and age appropriate prize eggs are hidden amongst the rest. This year, the special prize eggs held one of the following prize tickets; a Lego set, a squishmallow, a parks and rec gift card, a Skyhawk's sports academy gift card, sports equipment, and a prize basket! This event continues to be one of the largest community events for the department with an estimated 3,000 people in attendance.

### Community Garden

The Wilsonville Community Garden provides year-round gardening opportunities for garden enthusiasts. 2023 gardeners had first right of refusal to their plots, and were able to renew their current plot in February and March. Registration will open to new gardeners on Monday, April 8 for all remaining plots. Garden plots are limited to one per household in an effort to provide as many gardeners access to plots as possible. At this time, there are available plots for 2024 growing. Join us in the garden this year!

### Memorial Park Field and Shelter Reservations

The Parks and Recreation team is getting ready for a fun summer with the community using various amenities in Memorial Park. On March 11, shelter and field reservations opened for Wilsonville residents. Registrations then opened the following week on March 18 for non-residents. The River Shelter, Forest Shelter, Grove Shelter, and Splash Shelter are popular spots for the community to hold private events such as birthday parties, company picnics, family reunions, weddings, celebration of life services, and graduation parties.

### Stein-Boozier Barn Open House

On Saturday, March 9, Parks and Recreation held an open house at the Stein-Boozier Barn. Wilsonville's own event venue, the barn is a popular spot for weddings, receptions, company events, and other private events. The open house allowed those interested in renting the barn to tour it on a weekend, as well as curious park-goers to explore the inside of the barn while it was open. Private tours are also available during the week when Parks and Recreation offices are open. The next open house is schedule for Sunday, April 7 from 10 am-noon.



### Athletic Fields Busy with Spring Sports

The recent stretch of (mostly) sunny weather has allowed local sports organizations to use the athletic fields for practices and games. Once again, the Parks and Recreation team saw the continuing trend of resident organizations filling all available time slots on the ballfields during the spring season for the three fields with lights and as much of the field time as possible on the two ballfields without lights. Currently, youth softball, youth baseball, and little league are playing on the ballfields, while an adult soccer league plays on the soccer fields on the weekends.



## Community Center Updates

### Nutrition Program

The month of March saw 118 different community members attend lunch at the Community Center. The total meal count for in-person lunch at the Center was 822. The home delivered meal program served nearly 1,800 meals to homebound seniors. Recently, lanyards were purchased for home delivered meal drivers in an effort to help better identify themselves. The lanyards, in addition to the car door magnets, attempt to make the clients as comfortable as possible when opening their door to accept their lunch delivery.

### AARP Taxes

During the month of March, trained volunteers from AARP helped 80 local seniors file their 2023 State and Federal income taxes. This program is provided at no charge and is a great benefit to those in the community.



### Life 101 Lecture Series

The lecture series continued in March with The Alzheimer’s Association presenting an educational lecture which shared details on: when the right time to go to the doctor for a dementia diagnosis or medical treatment is, deciding when to stop driving, and steps for making legal and financial plans for future care. Chinese Medicine Physician PK Melethil shared two lectures “Daily Choices Promote Personal Health” and “The Grocery is the Pharmacy”. Both lectures included information on small changes in lifestyle and nutrition that can lead to a number of health benefits. Finally, Renee James, MSPT, OCS, CMP presented on what can be done to keep bones healthy and strong as individuals age.

### Program Participant Numbers On The Rise

Programs at the Community Center continue to build momentum. ‘Sit, Stand and Be Fit’ is back after a brief hiatus due to an instructor change and is averaging 22 people three days per week. Drop-in participation for yoga and tai-chi has also seen recent increases. The drop-in Virtual Reality Fitness Group (at right) sees steady attendance with attendees competing against each other playing Beat Sabre.



### Community Center Awarded \$25,000 Grant

The Community Center was recently notified their application had been awarded the full ask of \$25,000 to fund the replacement of three major kitchen appliances. The grant from Oregon Department of Human Services will fund the replacement of the Center’s oven, steam table and standalone refrigerator.

## Board Highlights

### Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

At the March ACHC meeting the Selection Panel, consisting of the ACHC and two dedicated members from the Skate Community, met to discuss the top eight request of qualifications (RFQ) submissions that were received from the Memorial Park Skatepark Mural RFQ. The original RFQ received 50 applications and an internal team narrowed those down to the top eight. The Panel made a motion and voted, recommending four of the eight artists to advance to a design proposal round. The Panel will review those designs in May and select an artist to be awarded the project.

### Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board hosted “A Morning Among the Blossoms” Cherry Blossom viewing event in Town Center Park on Saturday, March 23. The event was well received by the community. The event featured Japanese tea and snacks, cherry blossom themed coloring pages, an origami station, a cherry blossom themed library story time, and info about the Kitakata-Wilsonville Sister City relationship. The board met on March 13 to begin outlining goals for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. That process will continue at the April 10 meeting.

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in March.

## Upcoming Events

**Open House:** Sunday, April 7 from 10am-12pm, Stein-Boozier Barn

**Spring/Summer Registration:** Monday, April 8 – [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com)

**Arboretum Grand Opening Event:** Saturday, April 20, 9:30-11am, Murase Plaza Pollinator Garden

## WERK Day & Goats!

**May 18, 9-11 am**  
**Wilsonville Community Center**

Join Wilsonville Parks and Recreation for a morning of park beautification and clean up projects.

Includes breakfast courtesy of the Wilsonville Rotary Club from 8-9 am at the Wilsonville Community Center.

Volunteers will leave from the Community Center at 9 am for work projects located in Memorial Park.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged.



All volunteers will receive a \$10 Fun Card from Bullwinkle's Wilsonville

## Did Someone Say Goats?

### FREE GOAT PETTING EVENT

May 18 at 10 am-12 pm  
Memorial Park  
Maintenance Barn

A herd of goats from Go Goat will be descending upon Memorial Park the first two weeks in May to help mitigate invasive blackberry. Come say hello at this free petting event in Memorial Park.





## Parks Team Updates

### Community Responds Well on Social Media to Update about Boones Ferry Inclusive Playground

Social Media users responded well to a recent posting on March 13th about the coming Boones Ferry Inclusive Playground. The post got over 200 likes, 33 comments, and 30 shares– one of the most liked posts today on the departments Facebook page.

Comments included:



Karla Marie Minor

LOVE THIS!!!! I work with special needs kids and this is just beautiful!!!



1w Like Reply Hide



Top fan

Emily LeBlanc

A FENCE!!!!!! THANK YOU!



1w Like Reply Hide



Top fan

Kati Merritt Radziwon

Thank you for allowing us to design this beautiful playground!! We cannot wait to see all the joy it will bring to your community!



1w Like Reply Hide



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There's a new playground coming to Boones Ferry Park this summer! This inclusive playground will feature: turf surfacing, a fenced perimeter, accessible 'whirl' spinner, companion swing, roller slide and new restrooms!



See insights and ads

Boost post

235

33 comments 30 shares



### Restroom Replacement in Boones Ferry Underway

The Parks Team works to prep for the construction of a new restroom in Boones Ferry Park. The Boones Ferry Restroom Project is partially grant funded.



### Park Amenity Improvements

This month the team worked to replant landscaping areas in Murase, with more drought tolerant plants. The team also installed the City's first ADA accessible board game in lower Memorial Park.