



## A New Skate Spot



The City's newly-designed skate space at Memorial Park is nearing completion.

Wilsonville Parks & Recreation staff led a recent effort to re-design and modernize the space, heeding the skating community's request for upgraded amenities. The new design was conceived by Dreamland SkateParks LLC, informed by thoughtful engagement with members of the skating community.

After demolition was completed by Parks staff, construction began in March. The new space, which is being built within the park's existing footprint near

the sports fields, is expected to be completed by the end of April.

This summer, the Parks & Recreation staff intends to schedule community skate events at the new site.

For more information, contact Dustin Schull at [dschull@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:dschull@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

## Mayor's Message

### Joy, Gratitude for the City's Extraordinary Volunteers

One of my responsibilities as mayor is to interview applicants wishing to serve on the City's volunteer boards and commissions. I enjoy connecting with a wide range of community members and hearing anecdotes about how and why they chose to become more involved.



*'I'm retired and I want to help, it's a clean city; I love keeping it nice,' 'I just moved here and I want to be a part of it,' 'I want to see us bring more people together,' 'I want to use my skill set to help the city's future.'*

These are just the tip of the iceberg. Everyone has a unique and personal reason for volunteering. Collectively, Wilsonville demonstrates a volunteer spirit unlike many other cities. It's at the heart of what makes our community special.

For City programs alone, more than 300 people donate thousands of hours annually to enrich and support programs and events. Hundreds more support Wilsonville doing great work on behalf of local sports teams, communities of faith, schools, and other community organizations.

Those who volunteer know it provides many rewards. You meet new people, expend energy, solve problems, collaborate, bolster your résumé and feel a sense of accomplishment. You also feel more engaged and invested in the community's success.

At the City, volunteer opportunities range from serving on boards, to removing invasive species, to shelving library books, to cleaning up roadways, to planting trees, to preparing and delivering meals, to getting our parks ready for another busy summer. If you are interested in becoming a City of Wilsonville volunteer, but don't know where to start, visit [ci.Wilsonville.or.us/Volunteer](http://ci.Wilsonville.or.us/Volunteer)

Or just follow your interests. If you love the Library, talk to a librarian about how to get involved. Or talk to Parks & Recreation staff about getting involved at the Community Center, where volunteers do everything from packaging and delivering meals to seniors to helping residents prepare their income taxes.

If you are interested in serving on one of our 11 City boards, submit an application online now, so you can be considered as positions become available that match your interests.

I strongly encourage anyone with a passion for Wilsonville to start volunteering. Join us at the City or contact your favorite service organization and begin helping them move our community forward.

Thank you to everyone who generously gives their time on Wilsonville's behalf. You are unsung heroes whose contributions make our community a friendlier and more cohesive place.

Wilsonville has plenty of things that make us unique — the Willamette River, abundant trees, great schools, beautiful parks, a wonderful library, underground power lines, vibrant neighborhoods. More than all of those things, it's our generous and selfless spirit that makes our community such a special place.

So please join me during Volunteer Appreciation Month in recognizing and appreciating all of Wilsonville's volunteers, past and present, for their immeasurable contributions. This incredible support is what sets our wonderful home apart.

*Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor*



Centrally located north of the SMART Transit/Fleet offices on Boberg Rd., the City's future Public Works Complex centralizes operations and is to serve as the City's Emergency Coordination Center.

## New Complex to Enable More Efficient Service Delivery

*Public Works facility also to serve as City's Emergency Coordination Center*

The City of Wilsonville is soon to break ground on a new Public Works Complex, a \$22.5 million project to centralize and consolidate operations for more efficient delivery of service and better emergency coordination.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the Complex's 17,668 square-foot administration building is that, as a Seismic Design Category IV facility, it is constructed to withstand an earthquake and remain operational.

"Public works employees are first responders," Public Works Director Delora Kerber said. "In an emergency, this allows our staff to show up and immediately get to work."

The building's durability allows it to serve as the City's new Emergency

Coordination Center, allowing a more efficient and resilient response in the wake of any emergency.

Kerber notes that Public Works operations are currently "spread out all over the city," with vehicles, equipment, and supplies maintained at six locations throughout Wilsonville. The decentralized approach adds time and challenges that slow down the delivery of the unit's core services, which include water, wastewater, and storm water management; facilities maintenance; grounds; road maintenance; and emergency management.

"Staff start their day at the administrative offices, and must often travel to a second site to pick up materials, supplies, and equipment stashed somewhere else," said Kerber. "That may be a few blocks away or on the other side of town."

Furthermore, Kerber says, none of the current facili-

ties are designed for their current operation. The administrative office it shares with the Wilsonville Police Department, for example, crams 26 staff members into a space designed for half as many.

The new complex is designed to accommodate the City's future growth. In addition to administrative work space and conference rooms, the Complex includes protected parking for City vehicles, a large multi-purpose warehouse, chemical storage areas, a truck wash, and other amenities. The complex removes inefficiencies by consolidating people, vehicles, supplies, and equipment in one secure location just north of the Wilsonville's SMART Transit/Fleet building on Boberg Road.

The administrative building incorporates sustainability best practices, including energy-efficient lighting. Solar panels installed on the warehouse roof will meet state Green Energy Technology requirements and send power back to the grid.

Construction of the new complex is being financed by utilities funds, the general fund, and a low-interest 15-year loan. The City Council has also approved the use of a \$17 million lump sum payment that the City scheduled to receive upon completion of the Willamette Water Supply Program. Negotiated by the City in exchange for the construction of water pipeline in the right-of-way, this money would allow the City to pay off the construction loan ahead of schedule.

Requests for Qualifications are being sent out soon. Once a contractor is identified and construction begins, Kerber estimates the project will take about 18 months to complete.

For more information, visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/publicworks](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/publicworks) or contact Delora Kerber, Public Works Director, at [kerber@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:kerber@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

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**Legislature Awards City \$1.9 Million for Transit-Oriented Housing Development**

The Oregon legislature has awarded the City a \$1.9 million grant to support the transit-oriented affordable housing development proposed to be built at the Wilsonville Transit Center.



District 26 Rep. Courtney Neron

“The City has our State Representative Courtney Neron of House District 26 to thank for this grant,” Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald said. “We are most appreciative of Representative Neron’s support for the City Council’s vision of providing affordable, transit-oriented housing at the Wilsonville Transit Center.”

The City’s proposed development is estimated to cost \$33.7 million. The \$1.9 million grant provides funding to provide ground floor space to accommodate a SMART Transit Information Center and other uses that support residents and transit users. For example, the space could provide a home for Wilsonville Community Sharing, the local food bank and social services referral agency.

Because federal and state affordable housing programs fund only the residential portion of an affordable housing development and not space for supportive services, the legislature’s \$1.9 million grant helps to fill a gap in the financing plan.

“With this kind of development, residents would have ready access to free SMART transit service throughout Wilsonville and convenient access to employers throughout the Portland metro area, Canby and Salem,” Fitzgerald said.

The new construction would provide approximately 100 units of affordable housing for households earning at or below 60 percent of area median income (AMI). Developer solicitation is currently underway, with a project developer scheduled to be selected later this year.

**Start Getting Your Home Better Prepared for a Catastrophe**

Wilsonville Ready is a campaign to make our community more resilient in the aftermath of a big disaster. It takes an “all hazards” approach to help households and businesses prepare for a variety of emergencies.

Each month, this space tackles an element of preparedness. This month’s topic, ‘Preparing Your Home,’ offers a few useful tips to help homeowners tackle these activities:

- Storing essential documents
- Knowing escape routes from your home
- Learning regional evacuation routes.



**Document Storage**

Identify all essential documents and store originals or copies in a safe location. Our preparedness page, [WilsonvilleReady.com](http://WilsonvilleReady.com), has a comprehensive checklist that homeowners can use to start compiling documents.

Once compiled, documents should be stored in a safe and secure location. Fire-rated and waterproof safes are available at most home improvement stores for a reasonable price. These boxes should be stored on the lower floor of your home to prevent damage from falling in a catastrophic fire and to make the box simpler to locate. A password-protected, encrypted thumb drive is another alternative for safe electronic storage. This can be placed in your fire safe or other secure location.

**Home Escape Routes**

Our Wilsonville Ready Partner, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, recommends that every family make a home escape plan and practice putting their plan in action. [WilsonvilleReady.com](http://WilsonvilleReady.com) includes an instructional video and a downloadable escape plan worksheet with tips on how to prepare a home evacuation route and get better prepared to escape a house fire. Learn more at [tvfr.com/421/Home-Escape-Planning](http://tvfr.com/421/Home-Escape-Planning)

**Emergency Transportation Routes**

Residents should become familiar with the regional Emergency Transportation Routes (ETRs) to be used in the event of mass evacuation because of a regional emergency. Our partners at the Regional Emergency Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and METRO have been working with the Oregon Department of Transportation and local municipalities to define optimal routes, evaluate current road conditions, and determine where resiliency improvements are needed. These routes are being prioritized for federal, state and local resiliency funding and projects. For more information visit [rdpo.net/emergency-transportation-routes](http://rdpo.net/emergency-transportation-routes)

In May, we’ll share actions you can take to protect your home and property during the summer wildfire season.

For more preparedness resources from the City of Wilsonville and our agency partners in Emergency Management, visit [WilsonvilleReady.com](http://WilsonvilleReady.com).

**Upcoming: The ‘Go’ Bag Challenge**

Preparation experts recommend a ‘go’ bag packed with essential supplies you’ll need with you in the event of a home evacuation emergency. A go bag is kept in addition to ‘at home’ emergency supplies.



Later this year, Wilsonville Ready will cover the basics of building a go bag, and we’re providing a great incentive for up to 100 residents who successfully complete the challenge of building their own bag — a Wilsonville Ready portable phone charger!

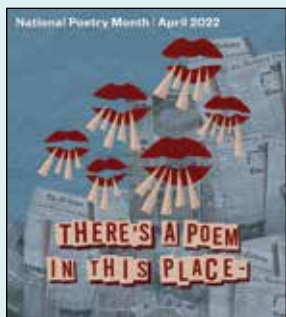
Stay tuned for this and other promotions to help Wilsonville become a more resilient community in the face of emergency.



8200 SW Wilsonville Road  
503-682-2744  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)

**Celebrate National Poetry Month**

April is National Poetry Month, which has become the largest literary event in the world that celebrates poetry’s vital place in our culture.



Discover your inner poet with poems posted on the Library’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Join us on Fridays for Spine Label Poetry, when we post a photo of a poem created by stacking books; you’re invited to post your own Spine Label Poems. Poetry doesn’t have to be long, hard, or even rhyme!

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/poetry](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/poetry)

**Reserve a Library Study Room**

Small study rooms within the library are available without charge for small group meetings or quiet study. Users may reserve a room for up to 2 hours a day during library open hours.

To reserve a study room, call the library or ask at the Circulation Desk.

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/rooms](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/rooms)

**Is Haiku For You? Don't Miss a Presentation On This Cherished Form**

The Japanese haiku, a short 3-line unrhymed poem, has become a popular art form around the world.

Learn about the history and evolution of the haiku, and the key aspects of composing a haiku.

This program looks at some classic Japanese haiku in English translation, as well as some haiku written by contemporary Oregon poets.

Presented by Andrea Erickson, MA.  
Wednesday, April 6, 11 am-12:30 pm  
Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code:  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes)



**April 25: Donate Blood**

The Library is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, April 25, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Donating blood and saves lives!  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)

**Upcoming Classes and Events**



**Storytime at the Barn**

In-person at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park  
Come dressed for the weather!  
Masks advised  
Thursdays at 10:30 am  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime)

**Toddler & Baby Time**

Interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and play.  
Tuesdays at 10:30 am  
Live on Zoom and YouTube  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime)

**Teen Lounge Event**

Friday evening lounge event just for teens!  
Friday, April 15, 7-8 pm  
For students in grades 6-12  
In person at the library  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens)

**Article Club**

Live discussion with our reference librarians  
Topic: Mascots in professional sports  
Wednesday, April 13, 1-1:30 pm  
On Zoom: 801-104-467  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/articleclub](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/articleclub)

Visit our website for more events:  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)



## Earth Day and Arbor Day: A Month to Celebrate Our Trees

The month of April features Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 29). There's no better time to be mindful of the value of our trees, which beautify spaces, absorb storm water and provide oxygen (among their many benefits).

Wilsonville is proud of its status as a "Tree City USA" for 24 years and counting. Bestowed by the Arbor Day Foundation, this recognition reflects Wilsonville's commitment to maintaining and promoting its urban forest.

### Help Us Plant New Trees on April 23

Community members can celebrate trees and support the City's tree health by participating in a volunteer tree-planting event with Friends of Trees (FOT), a non-profit organization that has partnered with the City in an ongoing effort to help restore the Wilsonville's tree canopy in the wake of last year's devastating ice storm.

The spring volunteer planting event takes place on Saturday, April 23, when trees will be planted at as

**FOT Volunteer Tree Planting**  
**April 23**  
[bit.ly/WVplanting](http://bit.ly/WVplanting)

many as 50 Wilsonville homes.

Groups or individuals may sign up today at [bit.ly/WVplanting](http://bit.ly/WVplanting) or contact FOT directly, at [FOT@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:FOT@friendsoftrees.org), to learn more about how to get involved.

Already, the City of Wilsonville, Friends of Trees and community volunteers have worked together to plant 112 residential street trees in Wilsonville at two fall 2021 planting events.

### Nominate a Heritage Tree

The City's Heritage Tree program ensures that Wilsonville's most remarkable trees aren't taken for granted.

The Heritage Tree program was first launched in 2004 to recognize trees of historical significance or that were planted by (or in honor of) someone who advanced the interest of trees.

Because our trees cannot speak, we rely on community members to tell their unique stories for them. Any community member can nominate a tree/grove that plays a significant role in local history online, at [LetsTalkWilsonville.com/heritage\\_trees](http://LetsTalkWilsonville.com/heritage_trees)



Friends of Trees is seeking volunteers for a tree planting event in Wilsonville on Saturday, April 23.

The site also provides a virtual tour of the City's 10 Heritage Trees.

For more information about the Heritage Tree program, contact Associate Planner Cindy Luxhoj at 503-570-1572; [Luxhoj@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:Luxhoj@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

## Community Members Sought to Participate in DEI Focus Groups

*Share Personal Experiences, Guide Committee Strategy*

Wilsonville's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is working to establish strategies that are informed by the experiences of community members.

To gain better understanding, the DEI Committee is looking for people to participate in small focus groups, where they can share their unique, candid and confidential insights.

Moderators will ask a series of short questions that aim to help the DEI Committee identify where systemic barriers to inclusion may exist within our community, and what can be done to make programs, policies and events more inclusive and equitable.



These focus groups are being held in mid- to late-April. Those interested may register online by Thursday, April 7 at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-diversity](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-diversity)

Please share this opportunity with colleagues, neighbors, and community members who may be interested in offering their perspectives.

Also, be on the look out for an April survey that will allow the committee to gather additional perspective from community members unable to participate in focus groups.

To learn more, contact Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager, 503-570-1503.

## Apply By April 30 for Positions on Library Board, Tourism Promotion Committee

Citizens who serve on the City's volunteer boards and commissions provide valuable oversight and make significant contributions to Wilsonville.

The City's Boards and Commissions helps City staff and the City Council better serve the needs of Wilsonville residents, businesses, and visitors.

Applications are now being accepted for positions on the **Library Board** and the **Tourism Promotion Committee**. New terms begin in July.

To apply or learn more, visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc/page/apply-board-or-commission](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc/page/apply-board-or-commission)

Applications are due no later than April 30 at 5 pm. Mayor Julie Fitzgerald will interview qualified candidates and recommend appointments, which must be approved by a majority vote of the City Council.



503-682-7790 [RideSMART.com](http://RideSMART.com)  
 28879 SW Boberg Road

## Photo Contest Winner Selected

SMART congratulates Sam, our electric bus photo contest winner! Sam rides several of our routes and took the time seek out a Route 4 bus in Wilsonville. The photo was submitted via Instagram with hashtag #WilsonvilleSMARTelectric.

The February contest invited community members to submit photos of SMART's energy-efficient Route 4 electric buses.



## With Kids in Motion, Take Extra Caution Behind the Wheel

*SMART Continues Its Support of Safe Routes in School Awareness Campaign*



With schools back in session full-time, drivers should be mindful of their own ABCs – always be cautious and courteous.

A reminder that the speed limit is 20 mph in school zones in any of the following situations:

- **A = anytime a yellow light on a school speed sign is flashing.**
- **B = between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on school days.**
- **C = crosswalks near school grounds when children are present.**

People driving should take care in their own neighborhoods, by bus stops, and in school zones to keep an eye out for students and families. With social distancing requirements you may see groups of walkers more spread out than usual.

Con las escuelas de Wilsonville que regresan las sesiones en persona, las personas que conducen deben recordar lo siguiente: ser siempre cautelosos y corteses.

El límite de velocidad es de 20 mph en zonas escolares en cualquiera de las siguientes situaciones:

- **En cualquier momento que la señal de luz amarilla parpadea en la zona escolar.**
- **Entre las 7 a.m. y las 5 p.m. durante días escolares.**
- **Cruce de peatones cerca de la zona escolar cuando los niños están presentes.**

Las personas que conducen deben tener cuidado en sus propios vecindarios, en las paradas de autobús y en las zonas escolares y estar atentos a los estudiantes y las familias.

Con los requisitos de distanciamiento social, es posible que vea grupos de caminantes más dispersos de lo habitual.



## City Crews to Flush Water Mains; Rust-Colored Water May Appear

Public Works utility crews are scheduled to begin the annual flushing of the City’s water mains. This process scours out mineral deposits to ensure optimal water quality and helps to maintain the City’s infrastructure by exercising hydrants, valves and blow-off assemblies and verifying their operability.

Water flushed from fire hydrants often appears to be orange or rust-colored. The discoloration is caused by iron deposits that are stirred up and removed during the flushing process.

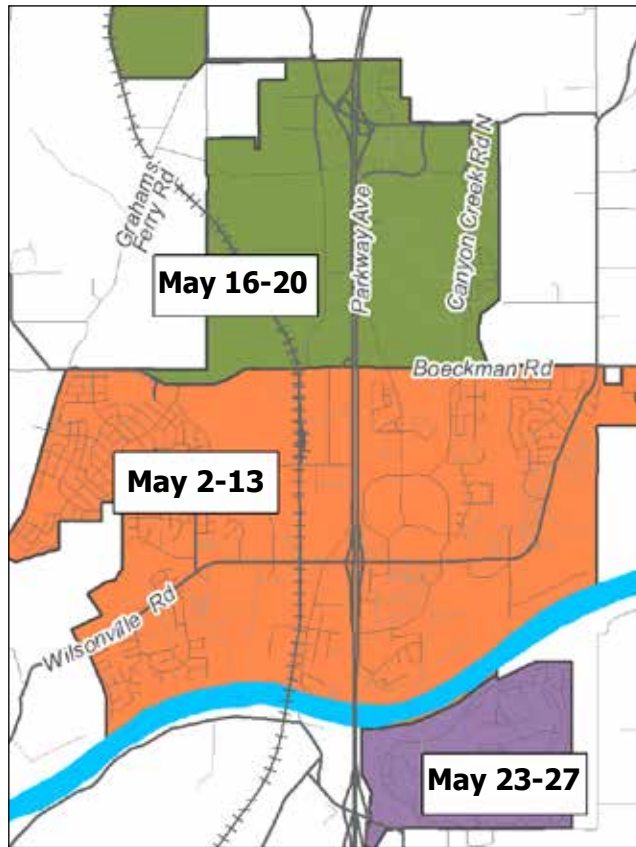
After flushing occurs, you may notice discolored water inside your home. This water has been fully disinfected and poses no health risk if consumed.

If you observe discolored water, the following steps are recommended:

- Run your cold water fixtures for several minutes.
- Flush your toilets multiple times.

Typically, water begins to run clear within minutes. Avoid washing light-colored laundry during and immediately after lines are flushed, as discolored water may cause these items to stain. Continue running cold water until the discoloration has cleared before washing light-colored laundry.

If you observe crews flushing in your area, please share the roadway to give them room to work safely. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the City’s annual water main flushing, please call the Public Works Department at 503-682-4092.



The City’s 2022 schedule for water main flushing:  
 Zone 1 (orange), May 2-13;  
 Zone 2 (green), May 16-20;  
 Zone 3 (purple), May 23-27.



## View WACC’s New Juried Art Exhibition Online Throughout April

Experience Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council’s international juried exhibition “Going Home” online at [wilsonvillearts.org](http://wilsonvillearts.org) through April.

WACC invited artists from across the nation and around the world to consider the words *Nest*, *Home*, and *Habitat* and to reflect on how their concept of Home has changed since the pandemic began.

The juried, two-part exhibition features works from 16 countries and 17 U.S. states, including six artists from Wilsonville. Artist Alexander Koltsov, from Kiev, Ukraine, submitted artwork before a tragic war began in his home country; his work was featured at the Wilsonville Library in March.

WACC currently has a Call for Artists out for the upcoming Wilsonville Festival of Arts, which has the theme “This Moment on Earth.” The deadline for submissions is May 7.

Established in 1995, WACC’s mission is to enrich the Wilsonville community through arts and culture. You can learn more about the organization by visiting [wilsonvillearts.org](http://wilsonvillearts.org).

## Memorial Park Gets Upgraded Individual-Use Restrooms

Visitors to Memorial Park’s sports fields and other nearby park amenities will notice a new suite of upgraded restrooms at the site, which accommodates an estimated 105,000 users each year at athletic events. The new restrooms are scheduled to be operational by mid-April.

The new Memorial Park restroom facility includes six individual-use stalls, allowing Parks & Recreation maintenance staff to operate more efficiently, as some stalls can be closed in the off-season when demand

wanes. The individual-use restrooms also provide a more inclusive facility than is provided by traditional male/female restrooms.

For more information about the Memorial Park restrooms, contact Dustin Schull, Park Maintenance Supervisor, at [dschull@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:dschull@ci.wilsonville.or.us).



**WILSONVILLE PARKS & RECREATION**  
[WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com)

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 503-783-7529

Community Center  
 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.  
 503-682-3727

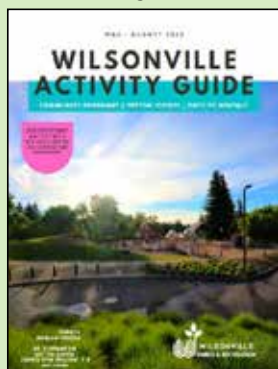
### Summer Registration Opens Monday, April 18

Registration for summer activities, including youth summer camps, opens on Monday, April 18!

Many programs fill to capacity; early registration is encouraged!

Register for any activity by May 1 and receive a 10% discount (excludes Skyhawks camps).

View programs for all ages and register online at [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com)



### Community Garden Registration For New Gardeners Begins on April 7

Are you interested in having a community garden plot? Online registration for new gardeners opens on Thursday, April 7.

Each household is limited to one garden plot. The cost for an in-ground plot is \$22 for the year. Visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/CommunityGarden](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/CommunityGarden) to learn more, or contact Recreation Coordinator Erica Behler at [behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us)

### Cherry Blossom Week: April 4-10

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board is presenting Wilsonville’s first-ever Cherry Blossom Week, which features fun, educational activities for all.

- Reflect upon the beautiful, but brief, presence of the blossoms at a **free sound bath meditation class** under the blossoms on Tuesday, April 5 in Town Center Park!
- Enjoy a **traditional Japanese tea ceremony demonstration** in the park on Thursday, April 7.

- Join us for a screening of ‘The Birth of Sake’ on Saturday, April 9 at the Wilsonville Community Center. All Cherry Blossom Week events are free for participants to enjoy! Visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SisterCity](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SisterCity) for a complete schedule of activities.

### The Community Egg Hunt Returns on April 16

The annual Community Egg Hunt takes place at Memorial Park on Saturday, April 16, at 10 am.

This annual egg-stravaganza is popular, so give yourself plenty of time to find parking; the hunt begins promptly at 10 am!

About 18,000 are being dispersed among the sports fields; egg hunters are divided by age.

The Egg Hunt is for ages 1-11, and there is no charge. Prizes and gift baskets are being awarded, so grab your basket and come hunt for the perfect egg!

A special thank you to our title sponsor, Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy-Wilsonville; our silver sponsor, OCCU of Wilsonville; and supporting sponsor, Al Kader Shriners of Wilsonville.



### Don’t Miss Spring Fling: April 25-30

Spring Fling is back for another year of environmentally-focused programming and activities for the whole family!

Don’t miss WERK Day on April 30. Volunteer participants each get a free ‘Do WERK’ trucker hat, as well as coffee and donut in exchange for helping us spruce up our local parks!

Other Spring Fling activities include a nature journaling class, a documentary film screening, a nature photography contest, a goat-petting event, a plant giveaway and more! For details, visit

[WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling)

## Upcoming Classes and Events

### Tea Ceremony Demonstrations

All ages  
 Thursday, April 7  
 3:30-6:30 pm  
 Each demo is 30 minutes  
 Town Center Park stage

### Film Screening ‘The Birth of Sake’

All ages  
 Saturday, April 9  
 7-9 pm  
 Wilsonville Community Center

### Community Egg Hunt

Ages 1 -11  
 Saturday, April 16  
 Hunt starts at 10 am (leave time for parking!)  
 Memorial Park Ball Fields

### Film Screening: “2040”

All Ages  
 Wednesday, April 27  
 7-9 pm  
 Wilsonville Community Center

### Free Plant Drive-Thru

Thursday, April 28  
 4-6 pm  
 Parks and Rec Admin Bldg. parking lot

### W.E.R.K Day

Saturday, April 30  
 Check-in: 8:30-9 am  
 Projects: 9-11:30 am  
 Memorial Park Central Shelter  
 (near ballfields and playground)

Visit our website for more events:

[WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com)

**POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**

**New Web-Based Reporting Now in Place for Some Crimes**

The Wilsonville Police department, in partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, has implemented a web-based reporting system that allows community members to report certain crimes online.

Anyone needing to report a crime where there is no suspect information, no evidence, and no injuries, can now do it more conveniently. Examples of crimes that may be submitted online include non-injury hit and run, loss of property, theft, theft from vehicle, vandalism and/or vandalism to a vehicle.

Some people may still prefer to call in crimes, and that's OK. No one is required to use this new service,



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

it's simply being provided as an option for those who find it preferable or more convenient. It's available to report any crime that takes place in Wilsonville, Estacada, Happy Valley or unincorporated Clackamas County.

You should remember to turn off pop-up blockers before filing a report and NEVER use the system unless you're reporting an actual crime; filing a false report is criminal. Also, you'll still always dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

The direct web link to use this new service is: [clackamas.us/sheriff/dors](https://clackamas.us/sheriff/dors); you can also get there from our Police Department page on the City of Wilsonville's web site, [ci.wilsonville.or.us/police](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us/police).

Hopefully, you'll never have to use it, but it's there when you need it.

*Chief Robert Wurpes*

**City News**

**Nine Members Appointed to Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission**

In February, Mayor Julie Fitzgerald recommended nine community members for appointment as charter members of the new Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission; all appointments were confirmed by City Council vote:

- **Three-year terms** (through June 2025): Benjamin Mefford, Susan Schenk, Deborah Zundel
- **Two-year terms** (through June 2024): Steven Traugh, Joan Carlson, Jason Jones
- **One-year terms** (through June 2023): David Altman, Elaine Swyt, Angela Sims

In December 2021, the Wilsonville City Council adopted a resolution that establishes a new volunteer Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC). Establishment of the ACHC, set forth in the 2020 Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy (ACHS), fulfills a 2021-23 City Council Goal.

The ACHC is to provide recommendations to City Council and City staff on programs and activities relating to arts, culture, and heritage and oversee implementation of the ACHS.

**City to Administer Community Survey**

The City of Wilsonville is once again partnering with Polco to administer the National Community Survey. This process has been undertaken every two years since 2012 to gauge the community's satisfaction with City services and amenities, and with their quality of life in Wilsonville.

By mail, a random sample of residents will be invited to participate in the survey. Polco's methodology produces a consistent, statistically significant set of data that City staff and elected officials can evaluate to measure satisfaction, observe trends over time, and identify where improvements may be needed.

Additionally, the survey is distributed online to allow a broader cross-section of residents to provide additional feedback.

Survey gathering will commence this spring, with results analyzed and provided to the City this summer. City staff will present summary survey data at a future City Council meeting.

For more information, contact Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager, at 503-570-1503.

**'Tis the Season to Test Sprinkler Systems, Detect Residential Water Leaks**

To avoid costly water leaks that can result from frozen pipes, tree roots or other causes, spring is a good time to become familiar with your home's irrigation system.

Here are a few tips to help prepare:

- Perform a visual inspection of the sprinkler system and look for broken sprinkler heads, mushy lawn, pooling, or sprinkler heads that do not activate. All of these can be signs of a leak.
- Check irrigation timer settings. A common cause of high consumption is over watering because of incorrect settings. Some systems, for example, reset to default settings after a power outage.
- Know your system! Knowing the intended usage compared to what is actually being used could help identify a leak or overuse.
- If a leak is suspected, contact a leak detection

professional or plumber to pinpoint the problem and get it fixed right away. The City does not provide leak detection or repair services on private property.

- Also, if you winterized your home, don't forget to open your crawl space ventilation!

For information on billing, meters, rates, payment options and leak detection, visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/UtilityPayment](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us/UtilityPayment) or call 503-570-1610.



**Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions**

City Council	Action	What it Means
Mar. 7	The Council granted annual property-tax exemptions to five multi-family facilities — Autumn Park Apartments, Charleston Apartments, Creekside Woods LP, Rain Garden LP and Wiedemann Park.	This action provide 365 residential units of affordable housing; annual exemptions allow the facilities to provide lower-cost rent to families, seniors and individuals meeting income qualifications.
Mar. 7	The Council approved a resolution that allows City Parks & Recreation staff to pursue a Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) grant.	The grant would fund improvements on a trail segment at The Park at Merryfield.
Feb. 24 Mar. 7	The Council adopted two amendments that annex and rezone 9.7 acres in the Frog Pond West neighborhood.	These actions accommodate the development of a new 29-lot residential sub-division consistent with the Frog Pond West Master Plan.
Feb. 24	The Council approved the amendment of a contract with Stantec Consulting Services to provide \$1.3 million for construction support services associated with Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Expansion.	The project accommodates 10-year growth and includes work to replace outdated equipment and increase seismic resilience at the WRWTP.
Feb. 24	The Council approved the execution of a \$1.32 million contract for the construction of the Corral Creek and Rivergreen Lift Stations Rehabilitation Project.	Identified as a priority in the 2014 Wastewater Collection System Master Plan, the project replaces aging and deteriorating assets, brings electrical systems into compliance with current codes, and improves operational reliability and performance of these lift stations.
Feb. 24	The Council also approved a \$94,000 contract with Braun Construction and Design.	The City is replacing two existing sections of collapsed and crushed storm piping located within 95th Ave. between Boeckman Rd. and Nike Dr.
Feb. 24	The Council confirmed nine charter appointments to the newly-established Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission.	Establishment of an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission was a recommendation of the 2020 Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.
Feb. 24	The Council also confirmed the appointment of Amanda Harmon to fill a vacant seat on the Parks & Recreation Board.	Harmon will complete a term that expires on 12/31/2024.

**Stay Informed**

- Sign up to receive City news:
- Follow City of Wilsonville: Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter
- Watch City Council meetings:  
Online: [ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV)  
Comcast/Xfinity: Channel 30  
Zipty Fiber: Channel 32



**Vaccine Update**

For the up-to-date vaccine news and availability in Clackamas County, visit [clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine](https://clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine)

SAVE THE DATE  
2nd ANNUAL  
**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**  
Presented by Wilsonville's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee  
Saturday, June 18, 2022  
Town Center Park @ 10:00 am  
[ci.wilsonville.or.us](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us)

## Upgrade to Electric Garden Tools at PGE Tool Exchange Event

Any homeowner looking for a great way to make landscaping greener should look at replacing gas-powered lawn tools with new electric tools. Gas tools can be noisy, heavy, and bad for the environment. Electric tools are quiet, produce zero emissions and eliminate hassles like running out of gas, spilling gas on your hands, or relentlessly pulling on the starter to try to fire up your mower. This month, PGE is inviting residents to participate in a tool exchange. Participants can buy electric lawn mowers, string trimmers, blowers, chain saws and hedge trimmers at a substantial discount from EGO Outdoor Power Tools. When participants pick up

their new tools at the tool exchange, they can leave behind their used gas-powered equipment. Wilsonville's first electric tool exchange takes place on Saturday, April 30, at Clackamas Community College, 10 am-2 pm. To purchase tools for the exchange and/or to learn additional details about this program, visit [portland-general.com/apriltoolexchange](http://portland-general.com/apriltoolexchange)



## Community Egg Hunt Returns to Memorial Park on April 16

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation will host the annual Community Egg Hunt at Memorial Park on Saturday, April 16, at 10 am.

**Community Egg Hunt**  
Sat, Apr. 16, 10 am  
Memorial Park Athletic Fields

About 18,000 eggs are being scattered around the Memorial Park field. Young hunters (ages 1-11) are divided into groups according to age, and sent onto the field for the annual hunt for prize eggs. There is no charge for this event. Parking near Memorial Park is limited, so visitors should consider arriving early or using SMART transportation services. The Parks and Recreation crew — with a little help from Bailey the Bunny — hands out prizes, including gift baskets, to several lucky guests. A big thanks to this year's title sponsor, Therapeutic Associates of Wilsonville and this year's Silver Sponsor, OCCU of Wilsonville. Grab your kids and your baskets, and don't miss the long-awaited return of his springtime tradition.



## Volunteer WERK Day Set for April 30

Wilsonville Environmental Resources Keepers (W.E.R.K.) Day, the City's annual community park improvement and clean-up event, returns Saturday, April 30. Check in is 8:30-9 am at the Memorial Park Central Shelter (near the sports fields and playground). Projects begin at 9 am. On W.E.R.K. Day, volunteers join City Parks and Recreation employees to complete work to prepare City parks for the busy summer season. Typical assignments include painting soccer goals, placing bark chips on trails, removing invasive species, and sanding and painting picnic tables. W.E.R.K. Day takes place rain or shine. Coffee and donuts are provided at check-in. Participants receive a complimentary 'Do W.E.R.K.' trucker hat. Work gloves, closed-toe shoes, water and sun screen are suggested. Register to volunteer at [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/WERKDay](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/WERKDay)

**W.E.R.K. Day**  
Sat, Apr. 30, 9-11:30 am  
Memorial Park Central Shelter

## Bulky Waste Day is May 14

Bulky Waste Day returns on Saturday, May 14, 9 am-1 pm, at Republic Services (10295 SW Ridder Rd.) in Wilsonville. Bulky Waste Day provides allows Wilsonville residents to dispose of large or unusual items that cannot be picked up curb side. Proof of residence is required. In lieu of a fee, organizers request that participants donate gift cards from local merchants in small denominations (\$5-20). This helps Wilsonville Community Sharing's Food Bank assist local families in need, and also supports local businesses. Bulky Waste Day is provided in partnership with Republic Services, the City's recycling and waste hauler. For more information, contact Matt Baker, City Public Works Supervisor, at [mbaker@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:mbaker@ci.wilsonville.or.us), 503-570-1548.



## Parks & Rec. and Sherwood YMCA Present Healthy Kids Day on Apr. 30

Healthy Kids Day® is the YMCA's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. Wilsonville's Memorial Park is the site of a Healthy Kids Day Event on Saturday, April 30, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Memorial Park. The City-sponsored event includes crafts, field games, story time, family fitness and water safety. YMCA's free community events aim to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer. The program encourages kids to get active and helps families develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. For more information about Healthy Kid's Day, contact Lisa Black, Sherwood Regional Family YMCA, [lblack@ymcacw.org](mailto:lblack@ymcacw.org)

**Healthy Kids Day**  
Sat, Apr. 30, 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
Memorial Park Central Shelter

# City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar)

APRIL	
4 Mon	• City Council Mtg. at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
5 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall • Tourism Promotion Committee Meeting 6 pm, virtual
7 Thu	• Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement 6 pm, virtual
11 Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm
12 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm
13 Wed	• Planning Commission 6 pm
14 Thu	• Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Meeting 4 pm, Parks & Rec. Bldg
16 Thu	• Community Egg Hunt 10 am, Memorial Park Fields
18 Thu	• City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
19 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
23 Sat	• Tree Planting with Friends of Trees All day, various locations
25 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, virtual
27 Wed	• Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library or virtual
30 Sat	• W.E.R.K. Day 9 am, Community Center • Electric Tool Exchange 10am-2pm, Clackamas Community College
MAY	
2 Mon	• City Council Mtg. (City Hall/virtual) 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
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18 Wed	• Budget Committee Meeting #1 6 pm, City Hall
19 Thu	• Budget Committee Meeting #2 6 pm, City Hall
23 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, virtual
24 Tue	• Budget Committee Meeting #3 6 pm, City Hall (if needed)
25 Wed	• Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, virtual
30 Mon	• Memorial Day City Hall, Library closed

*All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar)*

## Wilsonville City Council

The City Council usually convenes on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall, with work session generally starting at 5 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziplly Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV). Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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