



## Celebrating 10 Years of Dolly's Imagination Library

The Wilsonville Library just turned 40! And that isn't the only Library milestone being celebrated. National Art Honor Society students from Wilsonville High School have created and installed a new children's room display to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Wilsonville.

The non-profit program established by the iconic singer/songwriter has delivered nearly 80,000 free books to Wilsonville children under the age of 5 (and a staggering 150 million books worldwide!)

Signing up is easy. Visit the Library or sign up at [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com). Each child registered receives a free book each month until their fifth birthday!



To attract out-of-town visitors, the [ExploreWilsonville.com](http://ExploreWilsonville.com) website touts Wilsonville's close proximity to Willamette Valley wineries, including Lady Hill Winery in nearby St. Paul.

## Wilsonville: Living and Playing in the Center of It All

Wondering where to take out-of-town guests? Get ideas, itineraries at [ExploreWilsonville.com](http://ExploreWilsonville.com)

Designed to promote tourism and provide visitor information, the City's [ExploreWilsonville.com](http://ExploreWilsonville.com) website provides inspiring ideas for out-of-town visitors.

Attracting visitors benefits Wilsonville's economy in many ways. Overnight visitors spend an average of \$172 per day on meals, transportation and other goods and services. These dollars benefit area hotels, restaurants, attractions and other stores that provide local jobs and purchase supplies.

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explains Zoe Mombert, who oversees Wilsonville's tourism program and supports the work of the Tourism Promotion Committee. "Some of that money is re-

invested in the tourism program. The rest goes into the general fund that supports police and other services."

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### A Great Resource for Locals

Though designed to attract out-of-town visitors, the [ExploreWilsonville.com](http://ExploreWilsonville.com) is a great resource for anyone local who is hosting guests, planning a staycation, or just looking for some weekend family fun.

The site includes a comprehensive list of hotels, restaurants, events, and attractions, most of which are

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## "Wilsonville Ready" Emergency Preparedness Awareness Plan Underway

The last three years have been among the most daunting and challenging years in Wilsonville's history. A generational ice storm, massive wildfires, a heat dome event — all under the larger umbrella of a global pandemic.

Motivated by these recent events, the Wilsonville City Council formally established "Engaging the Community to Support Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency" as one of seven broad 2021-2023 goals.

Two primary strategies were identified to accomplish this goal:

- Working with emergency response providers to identify gaps and enhance Wilsonville's emer-

gency preparedness planning for all types of emergencies/ disasters.

- Connecting the community (residents and businesses) with emergency response resources and educational materials to improve individuals' response planning.



The City is pursuing the first strategy in partnership with the Clackamas and Washington County Emergency Management Offices, the State Office of Emergency Management, the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization, FEMA, the Wilsonville Police Department, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. For years, the City has successfully worked

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## Mayor's Message

### On the State of Our City: A Great Place to Live and Work

The Library is celebrating 40 years in service to Wilsonville, a happy milestone that had me thinking about the Library's critical importance as I recorded the State of the City address.

Good libraries function as the heartbeat of great communities. The library welcomes everyone, and is always adapting and evolving to meet the community's changing needs. In those respects, a good library is a microcosm of a great community.

We owe the Library's long-term success to the many people who have understood its importance, and who have lent their time and energy to stack shelves, support programs, donate books, and lend monetary support.

For generations, Wilsonville has always shown up. Your passionate public involvement is a big reason why Wilsonville has long been a desirable community. And, with three new City boards established in the past year, I'm pleased and proud that we have increased the level of citizen involvement in how our city functions.

Wilsonville puts people first. We've prioritized public safety during a relentless siege of emergencies these past two years. We have been responsive and empathetic to the community's needs, recently establishing a new fire station in Charbonneau, and funding a behavioral health specialist to join the Wilsonville Police Department. Our new community awareness plan, "Wilsonville Ready," will improve our collective resilience in the face of future crises.

We'll soon begin distributing more than \$5 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding into our community. Among other things, this allows us to establish new economic development programs to support local business operators.

A thriving business climate critically supports our financial health. New retail and commercial development supports new infrastructure and brings high-wage jobs closer to home. There's no better recent example than our work to convince Twist Bioscience to bring 400 new jobs and \$70 million in capital improvements to Wilsonville.

Successes like these advance work to maintain and build infrastructure to support our #1 goal — mobility. Projects to extend Kinsman Rd., improve Garden Acres Rd., and fund a bridge over the "Boeckman Dip" are three recent examples of our progress.

We work hard to provide value for your tax dollars. Your City Councilors collectively serve on nearly a dozen regional boards and committees. We are leveraging partnerships with other agencies and elected officials to support new amenities and legislation on your behalf. We continue to advocate for Wilsonville's interest in everything from Aurora Airport master planning to advancing the critical project to build a wider, more resilient Boone Bridge.

All the while, we strive to ensure that we develop a wide variety of housing options. By pursuing more inclusive development strategies, we'll create opportunity for first-time home buyers and others who want to make Wilsonville their home.

The state of our city? Great! And for so many reasons, starting with you. It's my honor to continue to work on your behalf to make our wonderful community even better.

*Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor*

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## Deadline Nears for Opportunity and Tourism Grant Applications

The City is accepting funding applications for the Community Opportunity Grant and the Community Tourism Grant programs.

**The Community Opportunity Grant Program**, distributes \$25,000 annually from the City's general fund to support a wide range of programs.

Successful applications support projects and services that

advance education, diversity, arts, or community involvement, and that entertain and/or strengthen the Wilsonville community.

Applications are due Mar. 4. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviews applications and awards funding twice yearly.

**The Community Tourism Grant Program** awards up to \$25,000 annually from the City's transient room taxes, assessed on overnight lodging visitors. Grants are available to organizations that produce projects, programs or events that promote local business and tourism, or host special events that draw visitors. The deadline to apply is Mar. 11. The Tourism Promotion Committee reviews requests and awards funding each spring.

To learn more, visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/GrantPrograms](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/GrantPrograms).

**Opportunity Grant, Tourism Grant Submission Deadlines**  
Opportunity Grant: Mar. 4  
Tourism Grant: Mar. 11



**Bulky Waste Day is May 14**  
9 am-2 pm at Republic Services

## Wilsonville Librarian Helps Select Country's Best Picture Books

Each January, the "Oscars" of American children's literature — the Caldecott Award and the Newbery Award, among others — are announced with fanfare.

This year, Wilsonville Outreach Librarian Deborah Gitlitz had the honor of serving on the national Caldecott Award committee!

"Over the course of 2021, my 14 committee colleagues and I read — and re-read, took notes on, read about, researched, discussed with friends and family, analyzed, and fell in love with — nearly 700 eligible picture books," Gitlitz said.

Gitlitz had fourth grade students at Lowrie Primary participate in a Caldecott unit via Zoom; the students shared their opinions in a Mock Caldecott election.

Over the last weeks of January, after deliberations with the committee that Gitlitz describes as "stringent, passionate, and lengthy," the committee reached consensus on the most distinguished picture book of 2021,

"I feel like I spent January in a joint dissertation defense," Gitlitz said. "We took our responsibilities very seriously, knowing we were helping to enrich the established canon of children's literature."

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The Caldecott Medal-winner — a title destined to be shelved in most every school, library, and bookstore from now until forever — is *Watercress*, illustrated by Jason Chin and written by Andrea Wang.

(Wang also won a Newbery Honor for her writing, giving this book a rare "twofer" of prestigious awards). In *Watercress*, a girl is embarrassed when her Chinese-American family stops to collect watercress spotted in a roadside ditch. As she learns more, she gains a new understanding of her family story. Chin



Gitlitz (bottom row, second from left in top photo) met with other members of the Caldecott Award committee virtually to discuss more than 700 eligible children's picture books. That meant a lot of Zoom time (below, left) and a lot of book deliveries (below, right).

ividly portrays relatable characters and scenes in both the Midwest and China in this poignant and universal tale.

The title now joins such classics as *Where the Wild Things Are*; *The Snowy Day*; *We Are Water Protectors*; *Lon Po Po*; *The Polar Express*; *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*; and *Jumanji* as a Caldecott Award winner.

The committee also recognized four Caldecott Honor Books: *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* by Shawn Harris; *Mel Fell*, by Corey R. Tabor; *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre*, illustrated by Floyd Cooper, written by Carole Boston Weatherford; and *Wonder Walkers*, by Micha Archer.

Gitlitz said many award-winning titles will be available at the Wilsonville Library.

"I'm so proud of our results, and awed by the picture book talent in the field," said Gitlitz.

## Genealogy Program: Uncovering Our Female Ancestors' Stories

In celebration of Women's History Month, professional genealogist Pam Vestal shares ways to uncover the stories of our female ancestors by studying local history, laws, politics, natural disasters, probate inventories, and other resources.

Wednesday, Mar. 2, 11 am-12:30 pm  
Online; sign up to receive Zoom code at:  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/GC](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/GC)

## Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have a keen eye for organization? Have a burning need to make the world a prettier place? Enjoy hunting down elusive treasures?

Meet like-minded folks and help out your library by becoming a volunteer. We are in need of friendly helpers to assist with shelving library items, straightening shelves, and finding requested items. If interested, apply online at:

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

## Upcoming Classes and Events



### Storytime at the Barn

In-person at Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park  
Come dressed for the weather!  
Masks required for ages 5 and up  
Thursdays at 10:30 am  
Through Mar. 10  
[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, Mar. 11, 7-8 pm  
For students in grades 6-12  
On Zoom: 801-104-467.  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens](http://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens)

### Article Club

Live discussion with our reference librarians  
Topic: "The Science of Mind Reading"  
Wednesday, Mar. 9, 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)



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503-682-2744  
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## Discover Hoopla!

We are excited to announce that Hoopla is now available for Wilsonville Library users!

Hoopla is a digital media service that allows users to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows to enjoy on a computer, tablet, phone or TV!

Download or stream up to 10 titles a month.

Accessing Hoopla requires a Wilsonville-issued library card. Find out more at:

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



## City Seeks Public Input to Shape Aurora Airport Good-Nighbor Policies

Located just 1.6 miles south of Wilsonville city limits, the Aurora Airport is a neighbor of great regional significance.

The Oregon Department of Aviation has initiated a master planning process for Aurora State Airport. The City recognizes that any changes at the site may affect our community in both positive and negative ways.

With this mind, the City of Wilsonville wants to ensure that the future of the airport and French Prairie area is shaped through regional collaboration with other key stakeholders, and that the City's voice is present during the conversations that will shape the plan.

The first step is to learn how our community interacts with the aviation facility. Public input will directly

inform the City's work to prioritize the outcomes most important to Wilsonville, and to record those priorities as policy directives in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

We invite the community to attend one of two conversations to be held virtually:

- March 9 at noon
- March 10 at 6 pm

To pre-register for either session or to complete a brief opinion survey about the Aurora Airport, visit [LetsTalkWilsonville.com](https://www.lets-talk-wilsonville.com). The survey is available through Sunday, Mar. 13, at 11:59 pm.

Feedback gathered from the survey and at open house events helps us better understand what matters most to our community, so that we may advocate for the community's interests.

For more information, contact Miranda Bateschell, [bateschell@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:bateschell@ci.wilsonville.or.us).



Located less than two miles south of Wilsonville, the Aurora Airport is the State's fourth-busiest airport. The City is asking community stakeholders to share how they use/interact with the facility to inform the City's involvement in a new master plan being developed for the site.

## Archive Showcases Wilsonville's Proud History of Volunteer Service

On the happy occasion of the Wilsonville Library's 40th anniversary, we spent some time in the library archives, where we unearthed this news clipping.

The Oregonian article from 1982 describes the Library's humble beginnings. In

so doing, it also demonstrates just how critical great volunteers have been to the City's mission for generations.

Thanks to all of our City volunteers — past and present — for their selfless generosity and their innumerable contributions to Wilsonville. Whether you've served on a City board, at the Library, in our parks, with the Adopt-a-Road program or elsewhere, you've played a role in making Wilsonville a great place to live and you are appreciated.

**Airport Outcomes Survey Available Until Mar. 13**  
Virtual Meetings: Mar 9 & 10  
[LetsTalkWilsonville.com](https://www.lets-talk-wilsonville.com)

**Volunteer Appreciation Drive-Thru Event: Apr. 20**  
Active volunteers can expect an email with details

## Volunteer effort makes Wilsonville library reality

by ERIK BERGMAN  
Correspondent, The Oregonian

WILSONVILLE — Some 2,000 new residents have moved quietly into Wilsonville's newest public building, but don't call the housing inspector. These titled guests have names like Ivanhoe, the Bobsey twins and Madame Bovary.

They are part of a new library that, even before its opening, was the pride of the city.

Three months of effort and thousands of dollars worth of volunteer labor culminated in dedication ceremonies Sunday, said Maria Philbrook, president of the library board of trustees.

The library was adopted as a pet project of Wilsonville Mayor Bill Lowrie, who said: "The citizens of Wilsonville get less than they should for their tax dollars. The library will be a very visible government service."

A Clackamas County tax levy provided \$15,000 for the project. The remaining 25 percent of the budget will be covered by donations.

Two civic groups, the Library board of trustees and Friends of the Library, have galvanized the community into action. Friends President Pat Burda said, "The trustees allow for citizen control of budget and policy, while the Friends flow for maximum citizen involvement."

The five trustees are appointed by and answer to the City Council.

"We couldn't have paid for the call of labor that was volunteered," said

a grateful Mrs. Philbrook. "To pay for labor would have left no money for books. People who wouldn't paint the bedroom at home came down here for eight hours of painting." The project has filled "a need for affiliation and companionship," she added.

Lowrie cited Patrick O'Hogan, a Wilsonville engineer, as an example of the generous attitude that prevails within the city. O'Hogan did all the plumbing and laid new floors in the bathrooms.

The former community kindergarten now sports fresh paint, custom book shelves, wall-to-wall carpeting and a restroom accessible to wheelchairs.

Mrs. Philbrook had praise for librarian Phila Simmons, saying: "She was hired as a person who would be good for Wilsonville. She shares the community's philosophy to give the best possible library we can have with our resources. Besides her impressive credentials, she is friendly and competent."

Ms. Simmons has served as librarian for the Caldwell and Boise, Idaho, public libraries. She also has worked for the Rural Dell Elementary School, near Mollala.

With a capacity estimated at 10,000 volumes, the Wilsonville book collection has a long way to go. Ms. Simmons will make book purchases aimed at providing "the basics."

Strong on fiction, the collection "needs biographies and more reference books so that high school students can

do research and homework here," she said.

The library aims at serving all age groups within the community. A regular Saturday story hour and movies will take place in the children's section, which is adorned with plush Raggedy Ann pillows. A magnifier for readers has been promised by a local service club to aid the visually impaired, and a ramp for the handicapped is on the drawing board.

Although the library already has been dedicated, it will not actually open until books have been labeled, marked with computer codes and alphabetized. Ms. Simmons said the staff hoped to complete those tasks by March 1.

More than 2,000 volumes have been donated to the city by Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, schools and individuals.

They are "friendly people with a willingness to help make a good library," Ms. Simmons said, noting that the library was willing to get any book people wanted.

She has the tools to make good on that promise, too. A microfiche viewer and catalog allows access to state collections. Over 500,000 books also are available through the Clackamas County-wide Library Automation Machine. The fully computerized filing system takes the place of the more familiar card catalog.

No stranger to building a library from scratch, Ms. Simmons did it as



PRIME MOVERS — Directing new library's affairs are librarian Phila Simmons (left) and board of trustees President Maria Philbrook. Volunteer labor donations were major factor in preparing new library to serve community.

library board president in Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. "The collection of books was kept in a bar," she said, until the board established a more permanent li-

brary that "the town will never out-grow." The effort taught her that "if you really want something, it can happen."

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### March 18 is Transit Employee Appreciation Day

On national Transit Driver Appreciation Day, SMART wants to acknowledge the amazing job that all of our transit employees perform.

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SMART bus operators do it all — conduct pre-trip inspections, answer trip planning questions, provide caring transportation for seniors and people with disabilities — all while safely maneuvering an extra-large bus through traffic and all sorts of weather.

Our dispatchers are the "voice of SMART" when you call. They help you with your transportation needs and are dedicated to helping you get to your destination!

On March 18, join us in celebrating our employees by saying thank you in-person, on social media @RideSMARTTransit, or by email: [smart@ridesmart.com](mailto:smart@ridesmart.com)

### 18 de marzo, Agradecimiento a los Empleados de Transporte Público

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Los empleados de SMART Fleet mantienen los autobuses en plena forma para garantizar que nuestros clientes tengan un viaje seguro y cómodo. Aunque es posible que no los vea, los empleados de nuestra flota brindan servicios esenciales para mantener nuestros autobuses en movimiento y nuestros clientes seguros.

Los operadores de autobuses SMART lo hacen todo: realizan inspecciones previas al viaje, responden preguntas sobre planificación de viajes, brindan transporte cuidadoso para personas mayores y personas con discapacidades, todo mientras maniobran con seguridad un autobús extra grande a través del tráfico y todo tipo de clima. Nuestros despachadores son la "voz de SMART" cuando nos llama por teléfono. ¡Seguro que lo ayudarán con sus necesidades de transporte y están dedicados a encontrar un transporte para llegar a su destino!

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ExploreWilsonville.com features many attractions in the Wilsonville area, including Tollen Farm

## Explore Wilsonville

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probably familiar. The site also features a calendar of nearby events and maps out 10 day-long itineraries for those interested in day trips within the region.

Sorted by themes like Art & Culture, Family Fun, and History & Heritage, the various all-day itineraries offer a mix of activities and attractions within driving distance.

“Maybe you’ve already taken your out-of-town guests to the coast several times,” says Beth Price, Tourism Promotion Committee Chair. “The itineraries offer fresh inspiration for unforgettable day trips.”

Explore Wilsonville aims to offer something for everyone. Interested in farms and animals? Try the Farmlandia Trip. Looking for something low key? The Rest & Relaxation Trip maps out nearby spas, restaurants featuring local cuisine, even a thrilling hot air balloon ride. Check out descriptions and itineraries at [ExploreWilsonville.com/itineraries/](https://www.explorewilsonville.com/itineraries/)

You can also stay on top of upcoming events and get a hit of inspiration in your social media feeds by following Explore Wilsonville on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.

To learn more and unearth new nearby adventures, visit [ExploreWilsonville.com](https://www.explorewilsonville.com).

## Construction to Begin on Last Phase of Water Pipeline Installation

### Multi-Year Project to Include Crosswalk Upgrades, Intersection Improvements

The final phase of the Willamette Water Supply Program’s (WWSP) project to underground 3.3 miles of 66-inch, welded steel water pipe through Wilsonville is set to kick off this spring.

A 30-mile pipeline is being built from the Willamette River in Wilsonville to Hillsboro, supplying drinking water to residents in Hillsboro, Beaverton and Aloha. Three phases of this project are already complete. This final phase — along portions of Ridder Rd., 95th Ave. and Kinsman Rd. — links these already-completed segments.

Funded by ratepayers in Hillsboro, Beaverton and Aloha, the project includes several local road improvements to alleviate traffic congestion and improve public safety. These include upgrading some crosswalks and installing turn lanes at the Kinsman Rd./Wilsonville Rd. intersection and at the Boeckman Rd./95th Ave. intersection.

This project is taking place in coordination with the City of Wilsonville. In February, Moore Excavation began pre-construction work, including scheduling and ordering materials. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, and is scheduled to conclude in late 2024.

The work is to occur in stages, with temporary traffic control measures implemented to increase safety and minimize traffic and business disruptions throughout construction. Local business access will remain open.

Drivers are encouraged to remain patient, drive safely and watch for detour signs. The City and the WSSP is providing updates to businesses and neighborhoods before they are directly impacted by construction.

For more information on the Willamette Water Supply Program and/or to sign up for email construction updates visit [ourreliablewater.org](https://www.ourreliablewater.org)



For more information, contact Marlys Mock at [marlys@tvwd.org](mailto:marlys@tvwd.org) or 503-941-4570.



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503-783-7529

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

### Park Rental Season Opening March 14!

Memorial Park is a popular location for company gatherings, family parties, weddings and a variety of sporting events. Several park amenities can be reserved for events, including the Stein-Boozier Barn, River Shelter, Forest Shelter, Grove Shelter, Splash Shelter and sport fields.



Wilsonville residents may make reservations beginning Mar. 14; the rental season runs Apr. 16 to Oct. 16. For more information, call 503-783-PLAY or visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com).

### Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board Introduces Cherry Blossom Week, April 4-10

In Japanese culture, viewing cherry blossoms and picnicking beneath the beautiful blooms is one of the best ways to celebrate spring!

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board is pleased to introduce Cherry Blossom Week, April 4-10, at Town Center Park!

Cherry Blossom Week specifically highlights the cherry trees, also known as ‘Sakura,’ that were gifted by Kitakata, Wilsonville’s sister city.

Each day during Cherry Blossom week features a free activity to enjoy near the cherry blossoms, such as picnicking, a photo contest, a Japanese tea ceremony, a yoga class, and more!

Join us in celebration of this beautiful Japanese cultural tradition! Full event calendar and additional details about the event are available at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/sistercity](https://www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/sistercity)

### Session II Programs Begin This Month

March marks the beginning of Session II programs and activities. New offerings include Dance Fitness and Tai Chi Studio.

Spring Break camps are being held the week of Mar. 21, with options including Mad Science Brixology and Creative Contraptions, and Coyle Outdoors Outdoor Survival Camp. See a complete list of class offerings at [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com) — look for the blue ‘register online’ button.

### The Community Egg Hunt Returns on April 16

The annual Community Egg Hunt takes place at Memorial Park on Saturday, Apr. 16 at 10 am. More than 15,000 eggs will be dispersed on Memorial Park fields; egg hunters are divided into categories by age.

The Egg Hunt is for ages 1-11 years old, and there is no charge. Several prizes and gift baskets are to be given away, so grab your basket and come hunt!



Is your business interested in sponsoring this event? Reach out to Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler at [behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

Visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/EggHunt](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/EggHunt) for additional event details.

### Community Garden Registration Begins April 7

Due to an extensive wait list for garden plots in 2021, the Community Garden is moving to year-round gardening with a limit of one plot per person in order to accommodate additional users.

Those who held plots last year are being contacted in March to see if they’d like to keep a plot for 2022. Afterward, all remaining plots will be made available to new gardeners on Apr. 7.

In-ground garden plots cost \$22 for the year; raised beds cost \$25 for the year. Please visit [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/CommunityGarden](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/CommunityGarden) for more information.

## Upcoming Classes and Events

### Tai Chi Chih Basics

Ages 18+  
Wednesdays, Mar. 9 - Apr. 13  
10:55-11:55 am  
Wilsonville Community Center  
Cost: \$40  
Course #: 10100

### Vinyasa Yoga

Ages 18+  
Thursdays, Mar. 10-Apr. 28  
5:15-6:15 pm  
Wilsonville Community Center  
Cost: \$80  
Course #: 10067

### Oil Painting - Bob Ross “Ocean Breeze”

Ages 12+  
Saturday, Mar. 12  
10 am-2 pm  
Parks and Rec Admin Office  
Cost: \$50  
Course #: 10093

### Dance Fitness

Ages 13+  
Tuesdays, Mar. 15-Apr. 19  
6-7 pm  
Wilsonville Community Center  
Cost: \$50  
Course #: 10112

### Spring Break Camps

Ages 5+  
Mar. 21-25  
Various Options Available

Visit our website for more events:

[WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](https://www.wilsonvilleparksandrec.com)



**POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**

**Recognizing a Local Sergeant for His Live-Saving Instincts**

A life-savings award is given annually to any Clackamas County Sheriff's Office employee who, while aware of a life-threatening situation, acts purposely to prevent death. The City of Wilsonville also recognizes those who act in such a manner.

I want to take a moment to recognize one of our Wilsonville patrol supervisors, Sergeant Brian Pearson. Sergeant Pearson has been issued the life-savings award by the Sheriff and recognized by the City of Wilsonville for his actions late in 2021. Brian is a humble person and likely to be somewhat embarrassed about this story being shared, but I think it is important.

Sergeant Pearson had been dispatched to a welfare check after a family member living out of state called to ask police to check on her cousin. The caller hadn't heard from her cousin — who lives alone in Wilsonville — for six days and wasn't responding to phone calls or texts. She mentioned that her cousin suffers from a number of medical conditions and has some mobility limitations.

After attempting to call the resident without success, Sergeant Pearson went to the house that evening. He saw lights on, but no one was answering the door. He walked behind the house and knocked on the sliding glass door. Though he could not see the resident, he was able to engage in conversation. The



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

resident was difficult to hear but communicated they were fine and asked sergeant Pearson to "go away".

On his own accord, Sergeant Pearson returned to the residence the following day. He returned to the back door and again yelled to ask if the resident was okay or needed any help. This time, the resident said they were not okay and did need help.

Because all the doors and windows were locked, Sergeant Pearson called our partners at Tualatin Fire & Rescue to help force the door open. He found the resident in very poor health and unable to get out of bed. Having been without food or water for several days, the resident was transported to the hospital and able to receive treatment.

Sergeant Pearson received a thank you letter from the family member who initially called with her concerns:

*My cousin was in such a miserable state, and I don't think they could have survived much longer. I really do thank God for your persistence! God bless you and your fellow officers and emergency workers!*

Though he would tell you he was just doing his job, I am very proud of Sergeant Pearson's actions in service to the residents of Wilsonville.

*Chief Robert Wurpes*



Sgt. Brian Pearson



**Community Voices**

**Our Work is Underway to Build a More Inclusive Wilsonville**

By Erika Pham

Beginning a new journey is exhilarating. Your heart races and your stomach fills with butterflies as you anticipate the unique people you'll meet, amazing sites you'll see, and extraordinary experiences you'll have.

My appointment to Wilsonville's first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee evokes similar excitement. Our group is charting a new course for Wilsonville that we hope will make it a world-class community for people to live in, work in, and visit. Our work is supported by City of Wilsonville staff, an experienced DEI consultant, Mayor Fitzgerald, and the City Council.

The DEI Committee is composed of 13 community members with a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. We are different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, religions, and orientations... among our many differences. However, we're united by having each experienced being the "only" person of our demographic in a group.

We understand how important it is to feel a sense of belonging in our community, and we are committed to action that makes everyone in Wilsonville feel welcome here. Our focus is on removing barriers — physical, language, financial, or otherwise — in order to give everyone equitable access and opportunity. We want to create connections that bring people together to engage, learn, and grow as a diverse and inclusive community.

Since we launched last summer, we've shared our hopes, fears, and aspirations. We've developed trust in one another and have worked together to create a bold vision and mission for the committee.

We are now in the process of turning ideas into long-term strategies and short-term goals. Among our first initiatives is expanding the City's June-teenth celebration, a new event that debuted last year to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. We've also engaged in thoughtful conversations with the Parks & Recreation and Planning departments about how we might work together to ensure that programs, events and policies are viewed through an inclusive lens.

Each month, we learn more about how to work together with our dedicated and enthusiastic consultant and staff liaisons to carry our vision and mission forward for future generations in Wilsonville.

We invite you to help guide our journey. We are eager to hear from you and to understand what is important to you so we may amplify your voice and advocate for ideas that make Wilsonville a better place for you. Our journey together will take time, but we are ready to embark on it with you.

To quote an African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together."

Share your thoughts and questions with the DEI Committee at [letstalkwilsonville.com/dei](http://letstalkwilsonville.com/dei) or contact staff liaison Zoe Mombert at 503-570-1503.

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**"Wilsonville Ready" Campaign**

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in partnership with these regional, state and federal partners to develop coordinated emergency management preparation and response.

To address the second objective, the City is launching a new community education campaign. Throughout the year, the "Wilsonville Ready" campaign is going to be sharing information to help illustrate the importance of preparedness and providing tools and training to make it easier for individuals, families and businesses to become more prepared.

"Wilsonville Ready" is informed by input recently gathered from a short survey. This valuable feedback helped us develop a more effective campaign that is informed by the needs of our residents.

Each month, we'll focus on a specific element of



preparedness and share useful information and emergency preparedness resources in the Boones Ferry Messenger. We'll also provide this content on the City website and offer training sessions that residents can attend virtually or through community activities.

Topics include:

- All Hazards Principles of Preparedness
- Emergency Routes and Evacuation Planning
- Home Preparedness
- Preparing for Your Pets
- Extreme Heat and Wildfire Preparedness
- Water and Utility Preparedness
- 2 Weeks Ready
- Winter Weather Preparedness

The year-long campaign culminates with functional exercises in which community members can participate. Our goals are to establish a culture of preparedness in Wilsonville, to keep individuals, families and residents safe, and to yield a community safer, better connected, and more resilient in the face of a crisis.

For more information, visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us).

**Take Action Now: Eliminate Hazards to Avoid Injuries from Falls**

With aging, the consequences of a fall grow more serious. Falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for adults ages 65 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries and account for more than 95 percent of hip fractures. Fractures from falls are a leading cause of disability and often result in victims entering a nursing home.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue crews respond to about 19 reports of falls per day. Most can be prevented.

Yale University research showed that older adults are also most at risk of falling when they fail to use handrails on stairs, reach for objects overhead, and climb on chairs or ladders.

TVF&R reminds seniors and children of older adults to take the following precautions to help prevent a fall injury.

**Take Care of Yourself**

- Get regular check-ups. Talk to your doctor to ensure appropriate levels and types of medication.
- Have your vision checked and replace eyeglasses as needed.
- Schedule regular hearing checks.
- Have your healthcare provider also check your feet to ensure you can walk comfortably.



- Exercise regularly and eat nutritious meals
- Consider exercise programs such as yoga, tai chi, walking, and swimming, which improve stability, strength, and balance.

**Remove Hazards**

- Remove throw rugs or fasten them with double-backed tape to keep them from slipping.
- Keep cords out of pathways.
- Clean up spills as soon as they happen.
- Arrange furniture to minimize obstructions, and clear clutter from your living areas.
- Fix loose or uneven steps.
- Make sure carpet is firmly attached, or replace carpet and attach non-slip rubber treads to stairs.
- Keep often-used kitchen items in cabinets you can reach easily without a step stool.

**Add Protection**

- Wear well-fitting shoes with good support and non-skid soles. If recommended, use a cane or walker even for short trips.
- Turn on lights when walking through dark rooms or hallways.
- Use night lights in all rooms.
- Install grab bars in the bathtub, shower, and toilet areas, and add handrails on stairwells.
- Place phones in multiple rooms or keep a cell-phone nearby to call for emergency assistance.
- Consider obtaining an emergency alert necklace or voice-activated system such as Siri or Alexa.

The City of Wilsonville's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee meets on the second Tuesday each month.

**Vision:** The Wilsonville Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is a beacon of connectivity, empowered to take thoughtful action to ensure sustained community collaboration to foster a climate of inclusion and belonging for all residents in and visitors to Wilsonville.

**Mission:** The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee serves to connect Wilsonville to the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of its people. We advocate for equitable access and opportunity for every community member. We identify barriers to participation and inclusion, and pursue programs, policies, partnerships and ideas that remove those barriers.

**Learn more:** [ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-diversity](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc-diversity)





### For 24th Straight Year, Wilsonville Earns “Tree City USA” Status

The City of Wilsonville has learned that — for the 24th consecutive year — it has achieved “Tree City USA” status, a recognition bestowed by the Arbor Day Foundation that reflects Wilsonville’s continued commitment to maintaining and promoting its urban forest.

To earn the coveted Tree City USA designation, a City must have a comprehensive urban forestry program consisting of a tree ordinance, a City department responsible for trees, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Furthermore, the City earned its 12th Growth Award in recognition of achievements beyond those

requirements, and is one of just 12 Sterling Tree Cities in Oregon. Recent projects to support local trees include street tree inventories at Town Center and in Charbonneau, the passage of the Urban Forest Management Plan, the revitalization of the Heritage Tree Program and several neighborhood tree planting events with Friends of Trees to restore the City’s tree canopy in the wake of last year’s ice storm.

“The Tree City USA designation is a badge of honor that we always wear proudly,” said Community Development Director Chris Neamtzu. “It’s a wonderful, symbolic reminder of our ongoing commitment to always be working to grow and protect Wilsonville’s trees.”

## City News

### City Taps New Economic Development Manager

Matt Lorenzen has joined the City of Wilsonville as Economic Development Manager.

For the past five years, Lorenzen served in a similar capacity for the City of Estacada, Ore., where he oversaw all economic development and urban renewal activities.

During his tenure, Lorenzen won multiple grant awards, oversaw the redevelopment of the city’s website and served to support commercial and industrial growth through private-public partnerships and targeted marketing and communications.

“Sustainable and healthy economic development means building a local economy that is diverse, resilient, and community-minded,” Lorenzen said. “It’s about building a reputation and a brand that organically attracts new business and capital investment, complementing the city’s existing assets.”

In addition to his professional experience, Lorenzen served a two-year stint, 2018-2020, on an Economic Development Committee in West Linn, where he resides. Prior to working in the public sector, Lorenzen worked in real estate as a broker and project manager.

For more information on the City’s Economic Development Programs, visit [ci.wilsonville.com/economic](http://ci.wilsonville.com/economic) or contact Matt Lorenzen at 503-570-1539 or [mlorenzen@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:mlorenzen@ci.wilsonville.or.us).



## Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
Feb. 7	The Council approved updates to the Tourism Promotion Committee charter.	The update recognizes the transferred authority of the Community Tourism Grant program to the newly-formed Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission. It also recognizes the committee’s existing responsibilities, including oversight of the Tourism Promotion and Destination Marketing contract.
Feb. 7	The Council approved a supplemental budget amendment that appropriates funds for the construction and financing of the City’s future Public Works Complex.	The amendment provides \$22.65 million to advance the project, which was approved by City Council on January 20, 2022.
Feb. 7	Following a legislative hearing, the City adopted an ordinance to correct a scrivener’s error that updates language in Section 4.181 of the City code.	The action corrects a direct conflict with previously revised language in Section 4.156 related to the height of signs and other structures.
Jan. 20	The Council also approved a contract to extend the “Explore Wilsonville” tourism program.	The contract funds tourism promotion and development and destination marketing services through June 2023.
Jan. 20	The Council took three actions to secure funding for a future Public Works Complex.	The Council authorized a financing plan for construction of the facility, directed staff to proceed with a maximum \$16.5 million financing for construction of the facility, and approved a temporary inter-fund loan from water operating fund to general fund.
Dec. 20	The Council adopted a resolution that establishes a new volunteer Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC).	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 Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy..
Dec. 20	On second reading, the Council approved a zone map amendment at the Boeckman Rd. property owned by Meridian United Church of Christ (Frog Pond Church).	The amendment rezones the 2.4-acre property to enable its division into three parcels and facilitate the eventual sale of the unused southernmost parcel.
Dec. 20	The Council approved a supplementary budget adjustment, as required by law, to fund projects and improvements not yet scheduled when the budget was produced.	The adjustment funds eight projects, including City Hall repairs (see below) and a Community Awareness Plan to improve Emergency Preparedness.
Dec. 20	A \$523,000 contract was approved with 2KG Contractors, in order to complete repairs at City Hall in the wake of a June water leak.	The project incorporates new improvements that enhance the building’s accessibility and security.
Dec. 20	The Council extended the local state of emergency that has been in place since the outset of the pandemic.	This action allows the City to continue to facilitate an efficient response to safeguard the community and to effectively seek reimbursement for expenditures related to the response.
Dec. 20	The Council also approved a new two-year contract extension for Municipal Court Judge Fred Weinhouse.	Weinhouse is now under contract to preside over the City’s court through Jan. 7, 2024.

### City Welcomes New Development Engineering Manager

Amy Pepper has joined the City of Wilsonville staff as the new Engineering Manager, City Engineer Zach Weigel announced.

Pepper brings 20 years of municipal engineering experience to Wilsonville, most recently as a Senior Project Engineer for the City of West Linn.

In West Linn, 2017-21, Pepper was responsible for development review and managed several capital projects, including a Sewer Pump Station Upgrade, Surface Water Master Plan and a CIPP Sewer Line Installation.

Previously, 2002-17, Pepper spent 15 years with the City of Troutdale as a Civil Engineer, where her responsibilities include development review, customer service, permit compliance, environmental programs and the management of several capital projects.

“Having grown up in Wilsonville, I’ve watched the City change and grow a lot over the years,” Pepper said. “I’m excited to join the Community Development team to continue the efforts in overseeing the City’s growth and development goals.”



### Council Confirms Appointments of 11 to City Boards and Commissions

In December, Mayor Julie Fitzgerald recommended 11 citizens for appointment or re-appointment to City Boards and Commission. All appointments were confirmed by City Council.

- **Budget Committee:** Sam Scull and Alicia Moulton were appointed to three-year terms.
- **Development Review Board, Panel A:** Kathryn Neil was re-appointed to a new two-year term.
- **Development Review Board, Panel B:** Nicole Hendrix was re-appointed to a new two-year term. John Andrews was appointed to a two-year term.
- **Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board:** Aaron Reyna and Kevin Stewart were each re-appointed to new three-year terms. Samuel Scarpone was appointed to a three-year term.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:** John (Steve) Werts was appointed to a two-year term.
- **Planning Commission:** Ronald Heberlein was re-appointed to a new four-year term. Andrew Karr was appointed to a four-year term.

Anyone interested in being considered for a future opening on a City board may submit an application, to be considered as new positions become available. Visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/bc)

## Stay Informed

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- Follow City of Wilsonville: Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter
- Watch City Council meetings: Online: [ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV) Comcast/Xfinity: Channel 30 Ziplly Fiber: Channel 32





## PGE's Seven Steps to Restoring Power Safely

It is during the winter months that people are most likely to endure power outages, which can result from high winds, ice storms and other severe weather.



When a power outage takes place, Portland General Electric (PGE) works to safely restore electricity to the greatest number of people as quickly as possible. During each step of power restoration, they are prioritizing the tasks that help the most people.

PGE is raising awareness with a look at their 7-point plan to restore power.

### 1. Protect public safety.

In the immediate aftermath of an outage, crews clear live power lines and repair equipment that may pose a public safety hazard. PGE responds to all downed line inquiries, even if they may be telephone wires or television cables. PGE also prioritizes public health and safety facilities such as hospitals, clinics and utilities (water, sewer, natural gas and telephone).

### 2. Restoration begins; generation facilities checked.

The initial step checks the power source, typically a generating plant that may meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of customers. If these facilities are damaged or knocked out, repairs are critical to restoring the system.

### 3. Repair transmission lines.

Transmission lines are the superhighways of our system, moving electricity from generating plants to the substations that further distribute power. Because transmission lines serve thousands, or hundreds of thousands of customers, they are also one of PGE's highest priorities, and crews begin working on these lines immediately.

### 4. Repair substations.

Substations are the next critical link in the chain. They receive power from high-voltage transmission lines and reduce the voltage for residential and business consumption. Substations act as a distribution and switching system.

### 5. Repair feeder lines.

Feeder lines are like arterial streets, running from a substation to neighborhood networks, typically serving 1,000 to 3,000 customers. These usually are the lines affected when you hear news reports about an outage.

### 6. Repair tap lines.

Tap lines move power from the feeder lines down individual streets. Generally, there are 20-30 homes served by one tap line, with fewer homes in isolated or rural areas. Customers may see a crew assess the damage and drive away without immediately restoring power. This may happen when the work requires



more equipment or additional crew members because of extensive damage, or because of an urgent call elsewhere. A crew will return to make the repair.

### 7. Connect individual customers whose power is out.

This is the most difficult and time-consuming step. Individual PGE crews must visit individual homeowner's property in order to repair lines to a single dwelling. Homes likely to be restored last are in isolated areas where buildings are far apart or places where downed trees obstruct crews from working. During this final and important step, crews also repair equipment and poles that serve a single house.

## Councilor Charlotte Lehan Appointed to New Entity That is to Assume Operations of Willamette Falls Locks

Wilsonville City Councilor Charlotte Lehan has been appointed by Oregon Governor Kate Brown to serve on Willamette Falls Locks Authority (WFLA), a newly-established entity that is to assume operations of the Willamette Falls Locks later this year.



House Bill 2564, passed in May 2021, establishes the Willamette Falls Locks Authority and negotiates the transfer of the locks from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Authority's primary purpose is to establish and exercise operational authority over the Willamette Falls Locks project and its associated properties and facilities. The Authority acts as owner, operator, manager and regulator of the historic locks.

Located in Oregon City, the Willamette Falls Locks have been closed since 2011. The City of Wilsonville has been part of formal and informal efforts to reopen the locks in support of regional tourism growth, historical preservation, commerce and recreation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operated the locks from 1915 until they were deemed non-operational a decade ago. The locks were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

Previously, in 2017, the State legislature created the Willamette Falls Locks Commission (WFLC), on which City Councilor Joann Linville has served since 2019. By the terms of the 2021 legislation, the Commission is to be dissolved in June 2022.

The Willamette Falls Locks Authority is to be a public corporation consisting of between seven and eleven members. Others appointed include Russ

Axelrod, Axelrod LLC, Environmental/ Geotechnical Consultant; Eric Burnette, Clean Maritime Technology Advocate; Sandy Carter, Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation, WFLC Co-Vice Chair; Christine Lewis, Metro Councilor, WFLC Chair; Mini Sharma Ogle, PGE, Government Affairs and Tribal Liaison; David Penilton, Clackamas County Tourism Development Council; Tootie Smith, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Chair; Jules Walters, City of West Linn Mayor, WFLC Co-Vice Chair.

## Briefs

### Two Wilsonville Residents Named to Emergency Preparation Council

Wilsonville residents John McLain and Jeffrey Rubin are among 15 people recently appointed by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to serve on the County's Emergency Preparedness Council.



The council, which held its first quarterly meeting in February, is providing community input around specific aspects of disaster planning and response for all types of hazards that impact Clackamas County. The Board hopes the council will strengthen community engagement around emergency preparedness.

The Emergency Preparedness Council will also review after-action reports following response to disasters and address any identified gaps or areas of improvement that would benefit from additional community involvement.

County Commissioners also sit on the Preparedness Council, as do three ex-officio members: Captain Brad O'Neil (Clackamas County Sheriff's Office), Jim Walker, (Canby Fire) and William Messer (Portland General Electric).

### Clackamas County Offering Six-Week Webinar: "Living with a Chronic Condition"

Clackamas County Social Services is offering a six-week weekly, virtual workshop series on how to improve your health and outlook on life while living with a chronic condition.

These small groups meet weekly 1-3:30 pm, Mar. 9-Apr. 20 for fun, interactive workshops with 8-12 participants. Group facilitators share tools and tech-

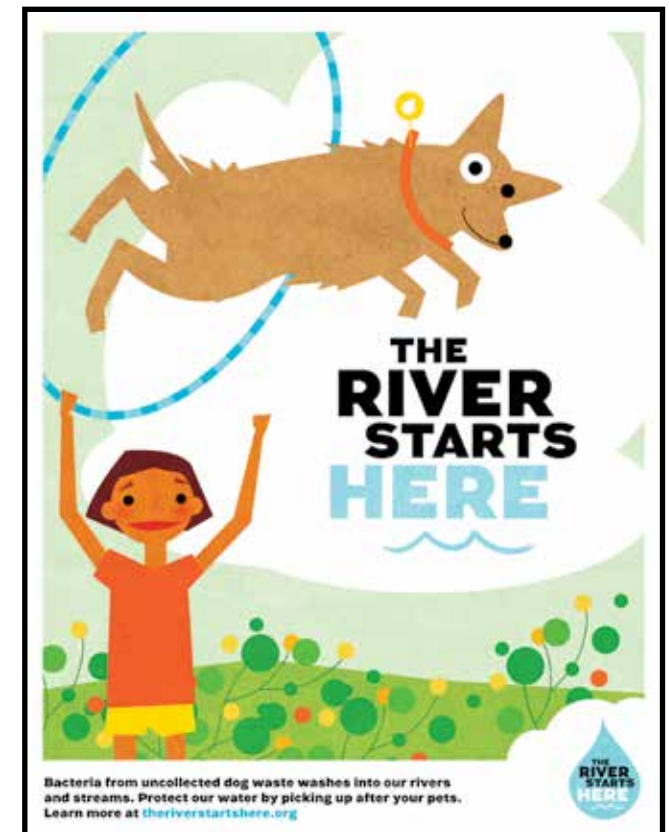
niques to help participants take charge, feel better and live a happier life! Caregivers are welcome.

Registered participants receive a complimentary "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" book prior to the second session to keep as a resource.

Access to a computer or device to use Zoom with audio/video enabled is required. Register by Mar. 1 at <https://livingyourbestspring2022.eventbrite.com>. Afterward, you will receive a link to join a "Sneak Peak" Session held on Wednesday, Mar. 2, at 1 pm.

Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSMP) is an evidence based program designed by Stanford University and is sponsored by Clackamas County Social Services and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers.

For more information, call 503-650-5796 or email [livingwell@clackamas.us](mailto:livingwell@clackamas.us).





# Enter the First Annual "Best of Wilsonville" Photo Contest



The City inviting amateur and professional photographers alike to enter the first annual "Best of Wilsonville" Photo Contest. Help us capture and celebrate the joy and beauty of our community!

All original photographs are eligible for prizes, including a \$100 Regal Cinemas gift card for the photo judged Best Overall. Winners in nine categories receive prizes.

Winning submissions are to be featured in City publications, including the Annual Report, the 2022-23 Budget and the 2022-23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**TO ENTER:** Upload your photo on Instagram with the hashtag #BestofWilsonville or submit your photo at [LetsTalkWilsonville.com/photo-contest](https://www.letsstalkwilsonville.com/photo-contest) by March 11.

Photos are to be judged on quality, creativity and how well a photo captures Wilsonville.

**CATEGORIES:** Submit your photo to one of these nine categories: Artistic Expressions; Explore Wilsonville; Iconic Wilsonville; People at Play; Pets; Strictly City; Trails, Trees, Nature and Wildlife; Vintage 'Ville; Wilsonville at Work.

There is no fee to enter; entrants may submit an unlimited number of entries, provided that each entry is different. Entrants accept and agree to be bound by these Official Rules below. Complete contest rules available at [LetsTalkWilsonville.com](https://www.letsstalkwilsonville.com)

## City, Friends of Trees Set to Partner on April Tree Planting Event

In partnership with the City of Wilsonville, Friends of Trees (FOT) is hosting another tree planting opportunity to help restore the city's tree canopy.

**Reserve a Tree Now for April 23 Tree Planting**  
**Deadline: Mar 21. Cost: \$35.**  
[friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree](https://www.friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree)

Already, 112 residential street trees have been planted by residents, community groups and FOT volunteers at two fall 2021 planting events. Now Wilsonville residents have another opportunity to acquire a new tree to be planted along the street or in the front yard.

The spring planting event takes place on Saturday, April 23, coinciding with other spring-themed celebrations such as Arbor Month and Earth Day.

**Reserve Your Tree By March 21**

Interested residents may sign-up by March 21 to select a high-quality tree from a list of approved, site-specific varieties. The cost is \$35 per tree, and Friends of Trees is working with residents for whom cost is a barrier to ensure that trees are available.

The partnership with the City of Wilsonville al-



lows Friends of Trees to provide several services at a low cost, including large tree inventory, tree selection guidance, a tree placement assessment, hole-digging, tree-planting, and first-summer health monitoring.

Supplies are limited; early sign-up is encouraged. To participate, visit [friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree/](https://www.friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree/) or contact Litzy Venturi, [LitzyV@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:LitzyV@friendsoftrees.org) or 503-467-2519. You can learn more about non-profit Friends of Trees at [friendsoftrees.org/about](https://www.friendsoftrees.org/about)

## WACC Seeks Artists to Submit Works for Two Upcoming Exhibits

Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council (WACC) is putting out a call for artist for two of this year's juried shows.

**Saved from the Landfill:** The show features art made from re-purposed materials to raise awareness about our waste culture. The majority of each work must be created from materials saved from landfills. Works may be augmented with paint and/or other art media; there is leeway for works to be built upon traditional substrates. Deadline: April 2.

**This Moment on Earth:** This is the theme of our Wilsonville Festival of Arts, returning June 2-4. WACC wishes to provide a platform for visual artists to communicate, critique, educate, encourage, and embolden. All art media accepted. Deadline: May 7.

All WACC programming is being presented both in person and virtually to provide cultural experiences suitable for all community members.

For more information, visit [wacc.com](https://www.wacc.com)



# City Calendar

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

## MARCH

1 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
7 Mon	• City Council Mtg. (City Hall/virtual) 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
8 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, virtual
9 Wed	• Aurora Airport Good-Neighbor Mtg. noon, virtual • Planning Commission 6 pm, virtual
10 Thu	• Aurora Airport Good-Neighbor Mtg. 6 pm, virtual
14 Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, virtual
15 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
21 Mon	• City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
23 Wed	• Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, virtual
28 Mon	• DRB Panel B, 6:30 pm, virtual
29-30	• Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Meetings 6 pm, virtual

## APRIL

4 Mon	• City Council Mtg. at City Hall & virtual 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, virtual
12 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, virtual
13 Wed	• Planning Commission 6 pm, virtual
14 Thu	• Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Meeting 4 pm, Parks & Rec. Bldg or virtual
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
25 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, virtual
27 Wed	• Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library or virtual
30 Sat	• WERK Day 9 am, Community Center

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



## Vaccine Update

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

## 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](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV). Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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