



ODOT Earmarks \$3.7M to Fund Boone Bridge Engineering Design

In March, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the re-allocation of \$3.7 in State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to advance engineering design for the proposed I-5 Boone Bridge and Seismic Improvement Project.

This crucial step provides detailed engineering designs and a more definitive price tag on the estimated \$450-\$550 million project to re-build a wider, seismically-resilient bridge over the Willamette River.

The City had been working with House Representative Susan McLain (co-chair of the Joint Transportation Committee), House Representative Courtney Neron and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on advancing legislation to fund this project

when the OTC decided to take action without legislative prompting.

“We appreciate the spirit of collaboration among the many elected officials and partner agencies that continue advocating for this critical project,” Mayor Julie Fitzgerald said. “Improving I-5 traffic congestion is a top City priority, and is of great state and regional significance as well.”

The project is paramount to improving local mobility. While Wilsonville’s streets can handle local traffic,

the Wilsonville Road/I-5 interchange suffers from highway-related congestion anytime I-5 grinds to a halt.

ODOT released the “I-5 Boone Bridge and Seismic Improvement Project Summary Report” to the Oregon State Legislature in January. Shortly thereafter, ODOT staff presented information about the project to the City Council, noting that the next step to advance the project is to undertake “15% engineering design.”

January’s Report confirmed that a new seismically resilient I-5 Boone Bridge with additional north- and south-bound auxiliary lanes was the most cost-efficient option to decrease accidents and traffic congestion at the Boone Bridge ‘bottleneck.’ The 60-year-old bridge is approaching life expectancy, cannot accommodate needed auxiliary lanes, and would fail in the projected 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

Additionally, the Report also notes that a safe, bicycle-pedestrian transportation alternative to walking along the shoulder of I-5 should be incorporated into the engineering design. The City is seeking to incorporate the proposed French Prairie ‘Bike-Ped-Emergency’ Bridge as the bike/ped alternative.

Upon completion of the engineering design, in about two years, ODOT expects that the I-5 Boone Bridge and Seismic Improvement Project would be positioned to receive federal funding. Construction is targeted to begin in 2027; ODOT would maintain two-way traffic throughout the two-year project.

Mayor’s Message

New Committee to Foster a More Equitable, Inclusive Community

This past December, more than 60 community members participated in a virtual listening session on the topic of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). The event provided an opportunity for City staff and elected officials to learn from our residents as they discussed diverse and sometimes difficult experiences here and in other communities.

As the conversation turned aspirational, several participants offered ideas they believed would contribute to a more inclusive community. One of those ideas was a committee or task force of community stakeholders to advocate for inclusive outcomes.

In January, our City Council voted unanimously to proceed with the establishment of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. The application deadline is 5 pm on April 5; shortly thereafter, I’ll begin interviewing applicants.

The group will include up to 11 members, who will meet regularly to develop strategies that benefit people historically under-represented in local government, including immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, youth and others.

I encourage you to apply if you’re interested in leading us toward a more inclusive Wilsonville. My hope is that this group can guide the City’s DEI strategy, serve as a liaison to the City Council, help our City see past personal and institutional biases, and view our programs and policies through an equity lens.



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Bill 2001), our City planners are collaborating with Centro Cultural to complete more extensive outreach with our Latino population, which comprises about 13 percent of Wilsonville residents.

I’m so grateful for the generosity of so many in this community — educators, businesses, civic organizations and others — who move us toward a strong, more inclusive future by getting involved, speaking up, volunteering and leading by example. Please consider applying.

Four years ago, the City Council passed Resolution 2626, which declared Wilsonville a welcoming, inclusive city that “has and will continue to welcome the collective contributions of all persons, honoring and respecting people of every race, color, national origin, immigration or refugee status, heritage, culture, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, mental and/or physical ability, age or economic status.”

I’m pleased to take action in support of this ideal, and look forward to guidance that will help us celebrate our diversity and become a more vibrant and inclusive home for everyone.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor

Apr. 5 Deadline Nears for DEI Committee Applicants

The City is wrapping up its outreach efforts to recruit applicants for the new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. Applications must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, April 5.

The Committee, to consist of 9-11 members, is being established to identify and address systemic barriers to inclusion that exist within the City’s practices, processes, regulations, events and other initiatives.

After the deadline passes, applications are being reviewed by a committee that includes City staff and community members committed to DEI progress. The

panel may recommend preferred candidates, after which Mayor Fitzgerald is to review all applications, conduct interviews and recommend appointments to the City Council.

After appointees receive bias awareness and conflict transformation training, the committee will begin meeting regularly to establish the City’s DEI Strategy, and to identify and address that which excludes or marginalizes anyone on any basis.

The DEI Board application is available in English and Spanish, and may be completed and submitted online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/DEI

For additional information, email cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



COVID Vaccine Update: New Eligibility for People with Health Conditions

In late March, a new group of Oregonians became eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

Group 6 eligibility, effective no later than March 29, includes adults 45-64 with underlying conditions that could increase their risk of mortality or long-term illness. These conditions include (but are not limited to) heart conditions, chronic kidney disease, sickle cell disease, obesity and diabetes. A complete list is available at covidvaccine.oregon.gov/

The Group 6 eligibility criteria also includes (among others) migrant and seasonal farm workers, those experiencing homelessness and those in low-income senior housing and women who are pregnant.

Oregon Health Authority phased approach to vaccination, which is articulated at the website listed above. The site includes “Get Vaccinated Oregon,” a new tool that answers basic questions about vaccine eligibility and provides information about vaccinations in your county.

Additional information is available from 211: Text ORCOVID to 898211 (English and Spanish only), email ORCOVID@211info.org, or call 211 or 1-866-698-6155, between 6 am-7 pm.

Another option: The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, allows eligible Oregonians to make vaccination appointments directly at area retailers’ websites, including Bi-Mart, Costco, Health Mart, Safeway/Albertsons, Walgreens, Walmart and Rite-Aid.

Learn more at covidvaccine.oregon.gov/



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Councilor Charlotte Lehan Honored for Commitment to Urban Treescape

Councilor Charlotte Lehan is the recipient of the 2021 Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Individual Award, presented by Oregon Community Trees and Oregon Dept. of Forestry.

The award recognizes inspirational individuals who are engaging citizens, promoting tree planting and quality tree care, raising awareness and knowledge about Oregon's trees and forests, and protecting Oregon's urban and community forests to improve the quality of life in towns and cities around the state.



Councilor Lehan, who has lived in Wilsonville nearly her entire life and has served the City as an elected official and volunteer for over three decades, is a tireless advocate for Wilsonville's trees. Several notable accomplishments and activities were cited in her nomination, including:

- Establishment of the City's Heritage Tree Program in 2004 to recognize trees of historical significance or that were planted by (or in honor of) someone who advanced the interest of trees in the community.
- Her contributions as a founding member of the local grass roots environmental group Friends of Goal 5, related to planning for and preserving natural resources, scenic and historic areas, and open spaces.
- Her instrumental role in the City's 1998 adoption of the Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance as well as the citywide Goal 5, Metro Title 3, Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance plan,
- Her membership in the Blue Ribbon Committee that selected "crown jewel sites" as part of the Metro Greenspaces Bond Measure leading to the 2010 opening of Graham Oaks Nature Park.
- Prioritizing City trees in residential planning efforts, including in Villebois, where existing trees were seamlessly integrated into the plan, creating an award winning, highly livable 500-acre community.

Learn more at oregoncommunitytrees.org.

For 23rd Straight Year, Wilsonville Earns "Tree City USA" Status

Recently, the City of Wilsonville learned that — for the 23rd 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 11th Growth Award in recognition of achievements beyond those

requirements, and is a Sterling Tree City for the third year running. Recent projects to support local trees include street tree inventories at Town Center and in Charbonneau, public engagement activities in conjunction with the Urban Forest Management Plan, the revitalization of the Heritage Tree Program and a neighborhood tree planting event with Friends of Trees.

"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."



Honor the City's Heritage Trees: Recognize Significant Local Trees, Groves

In the aftermath of the recent ice storm that wreaked havoc on our treescape, nobody is taking for granted the beauty and importance of Wilsonville's most remarkable trees.

Appreciating the City's magnificent (or historically significant) trees is the reason that Wilsonville's Heritage Tree Program has been revived in recent years.

Our trees cannot speak, so 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.

Go to the site and click on the Heritage Tree Program tile to take a virtual tour of the City's 10 Heritage Trees and/or to make a nomination.

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. The Three Sisters Oaks on Kinsman Rd. achieved Heritage Tree status most recently, in 2017. For additional information about the Heritage Tree program, contact Associate Planner Cindy Luxhoj at 503-570-1572; Luxhoj@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



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503-682-2744
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April is National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month has become the largest literary celebration in the world, recognizing poetry's vital place in our culture.



Discover your inner poet with daily poems posted on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, and join us on Fridays for Blackout Poetry. We will post a photo of a poem we've created by blacking out the words from a newspaper, and invite you to post your own Blackout Poems. Poetry doesn't have to be long, hard, or even rhyme!

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/poetry

Give Blood on Friday, April 2

The Library is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, April 2, 10 am-3 pm.

The Red Cross is observing COVID-19 protocols to safely host this event.

For appointments, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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A Will Is Not Enough in Oregon

Get up-to-date information about wills, living trusts, powers of attorney and more. Get practical advice on how to safeguard your assets and health care wishes during and after your lifetime. Bring your questions!

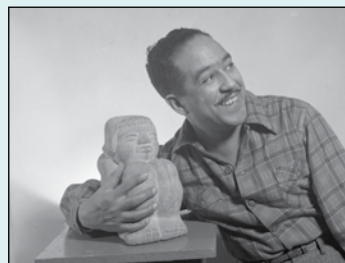


Presented by local attorney Richard Schneider on Wednesday, April 21, 10:30 am-noon.

Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting link:
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

PROFILES: "Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance"

This month's Profiles program explores the literary contributions of Langston Hughes, one of the most visible writers of the Harlem Renaissance.



Hughes is recognized as one of the towering figures of American Literature. His accessible poetry challenges us to explore the power of diversity to create unity.

Presented by Dr. Bill Thierfelder on Wednesday, April 7, 11 am-12:30 pm

Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting link:
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Upcoming Classes and Events



Storytime LIVE

Live interactive videos on Thursdays at 10:30 am
On YouTube and Zoom
Zoom meeting code: 450 269 930
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime

Toddler and Baby Time LIVE

Live interactive videos on Tuesdays at 10:30 am
On YouTube and Zoom
Zoom meeting code: 450 269 930
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddertime

Teen Events

Fridays, April 9 & 23, 6-7 pm
For students in grades 6-12. Zoom: 9011 04 467.
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens

English Conversation Groups

Friendly informal conversation circle on Zoom
Mondays at 6 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am
Sign up to receive the meeting code.
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/ECG

Book Club

Live discussion with our reference staff on Zoom
Thursday, April 22, 6-7 pm
Sign up to receive the meeting code.
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub

Visit our website for more events:
WilsonvilleLibrary.org



SMART Heads to the Future with Wi-Fi, Live Bus Tracking and Other Tech Upgrades

Hop aboard. The user experience is about to improve on Wilsonville's SMART buses and Dial-a-Ride shuttles, thanks to new Intelligent Transportation System technology that the agency is in the process of implementing.



This enhanced system provides live bus tracking, more efficient trip scheduling and the most coveted improvement of all: fast, reliable Wi-Fi on all buses.

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“Our customers really wanted Wi-Fi,” said Eric Loomis, SMART’s Operations Manager, “especially on our longer routes to Salem and the Tualatin Park & Ride.”

Funded in part by a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Intelligent Transportation System replaces a system that was becoming obsolete. Once installed, the new technology will deliver an array of benefits to SMART riders, drivers and operating staff.

An automated passenger counter improves the efficiency of data collection, providing information about how many people are riding SMART, how far they are going and which stops are busiest. No longer will the data be manually collected for mandatory transit reports. Not only does this make the data more accurate, it frees up SMART staff to complete other tasks.

“This reporting will help future planning,” Loomis said. “We’ll know which stops are used the most, which might hasten our ability to provide upgraded amenities like shelter or signage.”

The System allows better communication between drivers and dispatchers. Dispatchers can alert drivers to congestion or accidents and suggest time-saving detours. A speedometer feature alerts drivers if they are moving too fast or too slow to their next stop.

Loomis says the system brings SMART’s Dial-a-Ride service “into the 21st Century” with an online sched-

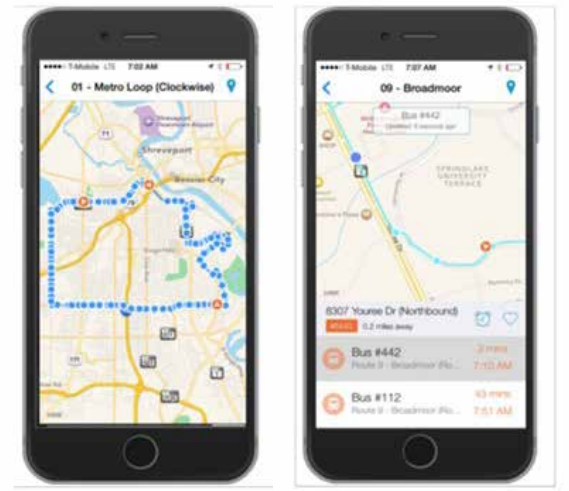
uling portal. Rides can still be scheduled by phone, but now have a choice.

“No matter how they schedule, riders can ask for a reminder call or text,” Loomis said. “The system generates the automatic call, which should minimize costly cancellations and no-shows.”

The System pulls live traffic conditions from Google to provide riders with up-to-the-minute information about arrivals and departures. Riders will know exactly when their bus is scheduled to arrive, and can request an alert five minutes before their bus arrives.

“That is a valuable feature, particularly during bad weather,” Loomis said.

Loomis expects that all 30 SMART vehicles will be upgraded by July 2021, after which a three-to-four-week testing period begins. Riders should be enjoying the benefits — including the Wi-Fi — before the end of summer.



Live bus mapping and arrival time alerts are among the technology upgrades that will be available to SMART riders upon implementation of the Intelligent Transportation System this summer.

SMART To Acquire Third Battery-Electric Bus Next By Next Year



In March, the Wilsonville City Council approved the purchase by South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) of a new 35-foot electric bus.

The City’s \$850,000 purchase is to be largely funded by a Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Grant. The City’s match, nearly \$170,000, is to be funded by SMART’s existing Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) revenue.

After determining that obtaining more electric buses was a preferred course of action, SMART received

approval from the FTA to modify an existing grant for the purchase of diesel buses to instead purchase an electric bus.

Wilsonville was one of the first communities in Oregon to successfully deploy battery electric transit buses in 2019, after delivery of two buses from Proterra, Inc. The buses serve the crosstown route along Wilsonville Rd. (Route 4).

SMART is expected to pursue a new contract with Proterra for the City’s third electric bus. SMART officials believe Route 4 would become the first entirely electric route in Oregon.

“Given the success of our initial effort, it is our strong preference to partner with Proterra again,” said Transit Director Dwight Brashear. “Not only was the first rollout a tremendous success, we would prefer some uniformity within our electric fleet.”

Delivery of the vehicle could happen before the end of the year, and the bus in service as early as January of 2022.



503-682-7790 RideSMART.com
28879 SW Boberg Road

Updated City Bike & Walk Map Now Available from SMART

In partnership with Metro, SMART has updated the Wilsonville Bike & Walk map, which also includes a complete SMART bus system map.

You can now pick up a new map at the Library, Parks & Rec building, SMART admin building and aboard the SMART buses. The map is also available online at RideSmart.com.



As Wilsonville schools transition back to in-person sessions, drivers need to remember their own ABCs – always be cautious and courteous.

The speed limit is 20 miles per hour in school zones in any of the following situations:

- A - Anytime a yellow light on a school speed limit sign is flashing.**
- B - Between 7 am and 5 pm on school days.**
- C - Crosswalks near school grounds when children are present.**

Drivers should take care in their own neighborhoods, near bus stops and in school zones. Keep an eye out for students and families. With social distancing requirements pedestrian traffic may be 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:

- 1 - En cualquier momento que la señal de luz amarilla parpadea en la zona escolar.**
- 2 - Entre las 7 a.m. y las 5 p.m. durante días escolares.**
- 3 - 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.





TVF&R's Recruitment efforts include a Facebook/Instagram Live event on April 15 at 6 pm.

TVF&R Expanding Its Ranks; Hiring Paramedics, Firefighters

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is preparing to hire entry-level paramedics and firefighters in the coming months, providing an ideal career choice for anyone interested in helping others, being part of a dynamic team, and serving a diverse community.



The District has launched a "Steps to Prepare" page on tvfr.com that provides resources and information – including job descriptions and requirements – to help prospective candidates learn more, prepare, and apply.

TVF&R is hosting an informational meeting on Facebook and Instagram Live on Thursday, April 15, at 6 pm that provides insight on what it takes to become a firefighter. Those interested in fire service careers can follow TVF&R on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for recruitment updates and event reminders.

Those unable to attend are encouraged to visit tvfr.com/412/Steps-to-Prepare to learn more about joining TVF&R's team of first responders.

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

With Kids Back in Class, It's Time to Take Caution in School Zones



With in-school learning comes a reminder that kids are going to be back on the roads walking to and from school. Our traffic Safety Specialist, Officer Brenden McKoy, takes over this month to make you aware of some important safety guidelines to keep in mind in and near school zones. Brenden will take it from here — Chief Wurpes

For the first time in more than a year, Wilsonville students will be attending school in person.

With this long-awaited milestone comes your friendly reminder to please watch your speed in school zones, especially while the speed zones are active.

According to the Oregon Driver Manual, a school zone is the section of road adjacent to a school or school crosswalk, as designated by road signs. When entering a school "speed zone" your speed must be reduced below 20 mph. The school speed zone begins at the "School Speed Limit 20" sign and ends at the "End School Zone" sign or at another posted speed sign. You may not travel faster than the posted school zone speed until completely out of the school zone.

Three of the most common signs you will see are shown below with a description:

- 1) *When the yellow lights on a school speed sign are flashing, children are arriving at or leaving school. Slow down to 20 mph.*
- 2) *Anytime between 7 am and 5 pm on school days, you must slow to 20 mph. If you are unsure whether it is a school day, slow down.*
- 3) *Any time children are present, slow to 20 mph. Present means waiting at a crosswalk, occupying or walking within a crosswalk, or a traffic patrol member is present to assist children.*



Also a reminder that, school buses will once again be picking up and dropping off students throughout town. Remember that it is always unlawful to pass a school bus when red lights are activated.

The Wilsonville Police Department plans to be out educating drivers and enforcing speed limits in and around the school zones. We ask citizens to continue being responsible drivers and to help keep students safe by following all traffic laws in school zones.

Drive safe.

*Officer Brenden McKoy
Traffic Safety Specialist.*



WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Parks & Rec Administration 29600 SW Park Pl. 503-783-7529
Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd. 503-682-3727

Join Our Volunteer WERK Week, April 19-24

Join the Wilsonville Parks Maintenance staff for WERK Week volunteer park clean-up days! Activities to include invasive species removal, bark dusting, and more at different parks each day.

Each session is open to 20 participants, divided into five groups to better allow for social distancing. Masks are required at all times.

Household members will be placed together; those in groups with people outside of their household are generally completing solitary tasks that don't require close contact with others.

Participants should wear long pants, closed toe shoes and masks; gloves and a water bottle also recommended. Volunteers under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian signature to participate. Register in advance online; no walk-ups, please.

WERK Week Park Clean-Up Schedule

- Monday, April 19, 1 pm: Boones Ferry Park
- Tuesday, April 20, 4 pm: Murase Plaza
- Wednesday, April 21, 1 pm:
Group 1: Town Center Loop East
Group 2: River Fox Park
- Thursday, April 22, 4 pm: Memorial Park
- Friday, April 23, 1 pm: Sofia Park and Palermo Park
- Saturday, April 24
Session I: 9 am: Memorial Park
Session II: 12 pm: Murase Plaza

Virtual Contest: Garden/Plant Share!

Garden and plant lovers unite! This virtual contest is for you! Share a picture of your garden or your favorite plant (at home or in a park). In the description, note your favorite thing about the garden or plant and any unique characteristics it may have. If you have a public profile on social media, tag your photo with the hashtag #WilsonvillePlantShare to be entered into the contest. Details at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling

55+ Spring Drive-Thru Event:

Calling Wilsonville residents 55 years or better! Join us for a Spring Drive-Thru event at the Community Center parking lot, 1-2 pm on Friday, April 16! Staff will greet visitors and hand out goodie bags! Cars only; no walk-ups. Please wear a mask.

Upcoming Classes and Events:

Free Trillium Drive-Thru

Thursday, April 8
4-6 pm
Parks and Rec Admin Bldg. Parking lot
Drive-Thru Only, No walk-ups please

Virtual Film Screening: "Kiss the Ground"

Thursday, April 15
7-9 pm
Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling for Zoom link

55+ Spring Drive-Thru Event

Ages 55+
Friday, April 16
1-2 pm
Wilsonville Community Center
Drive-Thru Only, No walk-ups please

Virtual Craft: Bee Hotel

All Ages
Sunday, April 18
10 am-noon
Facebook Live @WilsonvilleParksandRec

Virtual Contest: Earth Day Pledge

April 19-25
Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling for more information!

WERK Week Park Clean-Up

April 19-24
Activity times vary
Visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/SpringFling for more information!

Visit our website for more info:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com



Storm Aftermath: City Crews Complete Tree Debris Removal

After City crews, residents, landscapers and volunteers dumped more than 24,000 cubic yards of tree debris at the City’s drop site, crews faced the tough task of disposing of the materials.

Using industrial tub grinders, crews worked for about a week to grind the debris in preparation for having it hauled from the site.

Costs associated with the City’s response to February’s ice storm are estimated at about \$700,000. At a March meeting, in accordance with State budget laws, the City Council approved a Supplemental Budget Adjustment to make contingency funds available to cover these unforeseen operational costs.

At right: Overhead shots of the tree debris disposal site at Wilsonville Transit Center on Feb. 25 (top) and March 4 (bottom).



City Seeks Input on Stormwater System to Inform Master Plan

The City of Wilsonville is now in the process of developing an updated Stormwater Master Plan to guide the City in addressing the challenges associated with stormwater runoff.

The City’s Stormwater Master Plan was last updated in 2012. The current update is prioritizing stormwater capital projects and programs, evaluating deficiencies within the current system and providing guidance on how to best invest City resources to meet current and future demands on the stormwater system.

“The plan’s intent is to provide an integrated approach to managing stormwater runoff, reducing water pollution, and protecting aquatic habitats and watersheds,” said Natural Resources Manager Kerry Rappold.

To effectively proceed with a stormwater plan that serves the community’s best interest, the City is now inviting public feedback. Residents are invited to take a brief stormwater before May 15 online, at [LetsTalkWilsonville.com/stormwater](https://lets-talk-wilsonville.com/stormwater)

The “Let’s Talk, Wilsonville!” website also provides a more comprehensive look at how the City manages the stormwater system and also provides in-depth information about the Master Plan Update and the benefits this program provides to the community.

For more information, contact Khoi Le, Development Engineering Manager, at 503-570-1566 or kle@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Stormwater Survey
 Until Fri, May 15 at 5 pm
[LetsTalkWilsonville.com/stormwater](https://lets-talk-wilsonville.com/stormwater)

Tree Removal: Think Twice Before You Proceed

In the wake of the President’s Day Weekend ice storm that punished so many of the community’s trees, the City is working to fully comprehend the scale of the loss and to protect trees that can be saved and rehabilitated.

Before rushing to remove a damaged tree – even if the damage appears dramatic – think twice. Consider the benefits of repairing mature trees and protecting our urban forest. You may also spare your wallet.

Many damaged trees can be pruned and saved at a much lower cost than removal and replacement, which requires grinding the stump and replanting, and can become an expensive, time-consuming project.

The City is advising residents to have a certified arborist assess damaged trees. When that is not possible, we recommend two Oregon Department of Forestry publications that can help with damage assessment. You can find those resources and guidance on proper tree care at ci.wilsonville.or.us/treedamage

Emergency Removal

To qualify for emergency removal, a tree must be irreparably damaged with little to no chance of long-term survival or pose an imminent threat of injury or damage to persons or property. If the tree does not meet these criteria, it cannot be removed without a City permit.

If you have already completed the emergency removal of a hazardous tree, we’d like your assistance in sharing details about the tree to facilitate replacement later this year. Please fill out a brief online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/treeremoval

Supplying a few basic details about your tree helps the City identify how to approach the damage. It also allows our inspectors to visit your property to observe site conditions and to provide guidance if necessary. Tree removal fees are

waived for emergency removals when the tree meets the definition of an “emergency.”

Replacing any removed trees is typically required; non-compliance can initiate enforcement actions from the City or the HOA. The City is developing a program to help residents restore the lost trees. Those who prefer to replant immediately should coordinate with City staff to ensure the replacement tree(s) are chosen from the City’s recommended tree list.

If you have additional questions, contact the Planning Division at 503-682-4960 or planning@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

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Planners Seek Code Updates to Increase Housing Opportunity

A significant part of what makes Wilsonville a desirable community is its history of thoughtful and innovative residential planning.

Currently, the City is in the midst of updating of its residential code to ensure it facilitates inclusive neighborhoods and complies with Oregon House Bill 2001. As the work progresses, planners are putting thought to an important question: ‘how can these regulations serve as a catalyst for an array of housing types that meet pressing current and future needs?’

The right answer considers the future while also enhancing the look, feel, and function of our neighborhoods and addressing inequitable policy to provide options for a wider array of prospective homeowners.

A new survey at “Let’s Talk, Wilsonville!” provides an opportunity for residents to provide input. Visit [LetsTalkWilsonville.com/middle-housing-code-update](https://lets-talk-wilsonville.com/middle-housing-code-update)

Input from community stakeholders will help the City answer several key questions to inform the project, including: Does Wilsonville need additional architecture standards for new single-family homes and remodels? What standards and rules are most important to enhance the look, feel, and function of residential neighborhoods?

Visit [LetsTalkWilsonville.com](https://lets-talk-wilsonville.com) to complete the survey by April 16 and to learn more about the Middle Housing Project. You can also share your personal experience as a Wilsonville home-seeker.

For additional information, contact Daniel Pauly, Planning Manager, at 503-570-1536 or pauly@ci.wilsonville.or.us



Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
Mar. 1	The City Council approved a \$10.8 million contract with Moore Excavation to fund the 5th St./Kinsman Rd. extension.	This high-priority project extends both roadways and adds new roadway amenities, including bridge crossings and an upgraded railroad crossing in Old Town.
Feb. 1	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.	These exemptions allow the facilities to provide 366 residential units at a lower-cost rent to families, seniors and individuals meeting income qualifications.
Feb. 19	The Council approved a contract allowing SMART to purchase an Intelligent Transportation System.	The system, to be installed this year throughout the City’s transit network, upgrades the user experience with amenities that include Wi-Fi and real-time trip information.
Feb. 19	The Council approved the purchase of a closed circuit video system and vehicle.	The new system allows Public Works to inspect the City’s underground sewer and stormwater infrastructure more efficiently.
Feb. 19	The Council approved an amended contract to provide \$146,000 in engineering services to Portland & Western Railroad.	The project completes an upgraded railroad crossing on 5th Street in support of the 5th St./Kinsman Rd. extension project.
Feb. 19	The Council voted to send a letter urging the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to continue implementing a \$30 annual vehicle registration fee.	The Council sees value in providing a critical funding mechanism to upgrade and repair County roads.

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Volunteers Sought to Fill Vacant Seats on Four City Boards

The City is currently seeking applicants interested in serving on the City boards and commissions that provide guidance and oversight of City programs.

Nine positions are currently available on four of the City's boards. Positions to be filled include:

- Four seats on the Tourism Promotion Committee
- Three seats on the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee
- One seat on the Library Board
- One seat on the Development Review Board

Volunteers who serve attend evening meetings (typically once a month) and assist in making policy recommendations to the City Council.

Diversity within the City's Boards and Commissions is critical to ensure that City policies and programs serve people of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion and ability. People of all races, genders, ages and nationalities are encouraged to apply.

Qualified applicants are typically interviewed by Mayor Julie Fitzgerald, who then makes appointment

recommendations to City Council that must be approved by a majority vote.

The application deadline, for new applicants as well as those existing members seeking re-appointment, is Thursday, April 15, at 5 pm. Applications are available and may be completed online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/boardsapp

Even when no active recruitment activities are taking place, anyone interested in being considered for a future opening on a City board may submit an application, which is kept for one year to be considered as positions become available.

Board service is one of many ways that volunteers improve the Wilsonville community, enhancing the City's ability to serve residents, businesses and visitors. For more information on volunteer opportunities, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/volunteer.

For additional information on applying for board service, contact Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder, at 503-570-1506; cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

**Apply to Serve on City Boards
Until Thu, Apr. 15 at 5 pm
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City Calendar

All meetings may be held virtually until further notice. For current information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

APRIL

2	Fri	• Red Cross Blood Drive Wilsonville Library, 10 am-3 pm
5	Mon	• City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting • DEI Board Application Deadline Applications accepted until 5 pm
6	Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
8	Fri	• Parks & Rec. Advisory Board Meeting 4 pm, Parks & Recreation Building
12	Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
13	Tue	• Community Enhancement Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
14	Wed	• Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
19	Mon	• City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
20	Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
26	Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
27	Tue	• Tourism Promotion Committee Mtg. 1 pm, Virtual Meeting
28	Wed	• Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library

MAY

3	Mon	• City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
4	Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
10	Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
12	Wed	• Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
17	Mon	• City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
18	Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
19	Wed	• Budget Meeting #1 6 pm, City Hall
20	Thu	• Budget Meeting #2 6 pm, City Hall
24	Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
25	Tue	• Budget Meeting #3 (if needed) 6 pm, City Hall
31	Mon	• Memorial Day City Offices Closed

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

Korean War Interpretive Center Slated for Town Center Park

Since 2000, the Oregon Korean War Memorial has proudly stood within Wilsonville's Town Center Park to honor Oregon veterans of the war and Korean people impacted by the war, which claimed more than 3 million lives between 1950 and 1953.

The Memorial, which includes the names of 298 Oregonians who died or went missing in action during the conflict, draws all kinds of visitors. Korean dignitaries schedule official stops and events, veterans and their families pay their respects and visitors casually discover the site while visiting the park. The site hosts annual commemorations on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, often drawing crowds of 100 or more.

Greg Caldwell, chair of the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO), is among those who have sought a way to do more to educate visitors about the conflict.

"We are losing our Korean War veterans at a rapid rate; about one a month in our veteran community," Caldwell said. "We want to educate the public about their sacrifices and honor them in a more dynamic way, not just with a static monument."

In support of this goal, the KWMFO is partnering with the City of Wilsonville and the local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association to establish the Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center.

The City is donating 350 square feet of exhibit space within the Parks and Recreation Admin. Building to house the self-guided display, which is to include video kiosks, hands-on learning experiences and artifacts like uniforms, medals and c-rations.

"The concept seems like a natural fit," explained Parks and Recreation program manager Brian Stevenson. "The building is adjacent to the Memorial,



we have the space and support the mission to educate people about the significance of the Oregon Korean War Memorial."

Funding for the \$150,000 project is coming from a variety of sources, including a \$50,000 gift from the Korean Government's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs and gifts up to \$5,000 from many veterans and others.

The KWMFO is just \$15,000 short of its fund-raising goal. Community members interested in donating can visit kwmfo.org/donate for more details.

The design phase of the project is underway, with completion scheduled before June 2022; Caldwell is hopeful that the Center will open by the end of this year.

For 88-year-old Korean War veteran Chuck Lusardi, developing the Interpretive Center has been a labor of love. As president of the Korean War Veterans Association — Oregon Trail Chapter, Lusardi shepherded the original Memorial project to completion more than two decades ago.

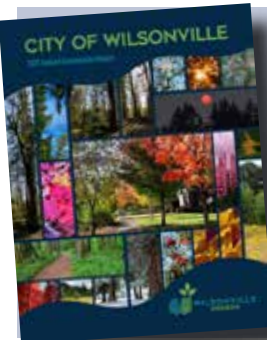
"Wilsonville has been a wonderful partner," Lusardi recalls. "This is my last major project and it's good to know our message will be carried on."

2021 Annual Report Now Available

The City recently completed its 2021 Annual Report, highlighting several completed projects from the past year that demonstrate Wilsonville's continued progress. The cover features a collage of beautiful photos submitted by community members during the recent Urban Forest Management Plan photo contest.

Traditionally mailed to Wilsonville residents, the report is transitioning to an online document, accessible from computers, tablets and cell phones, in 2022.

Didn't get one? Stop by City Hall or view online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/annualreport.



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. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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