



MARCH 2019

# MONTHLY REPORT



As the spring season emerged this month, there are beautiful flowers in our parks and along our trails, the water features will be flowing before we know it, and we have a host of activities where you can get fit, have fun and soak up that fresh air.

Be on the lookout in April– our Recreation Coordinator will be hiding a sparkle egg in one of our parks each weekend with a certificate for a very special prize inside– a hammock! A riddle with a clue to the egg’s location will be released on our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram) each Friday in April.

Remember, also coming up this month, the Parks and Recreation Department has a few special events including Community Garden sign up day on April 4<sup>th</sup>. On April 20<sup>th</sup> come to Memorial Park and enjoy the always popular Community Egg Hunt made possible with the help of this year’s sponsor’s; Al Kader Shriners Center, Hope Assembly, Therapeutic Associates, and Wilsonville Orthodontics. On April 26<sup>th</sup> (Arbor Day) at 2PM we will be having a Cable Tree Dedication. This event will take place in Memorial Park at the River Shelter where guests will walk down to the River Dock and be met by “Rainbow” the Tug Boat. The following day, on April 27<sup>th</sup> we will host W.E.R.K day where residents can volunteer to help our parks crew complete special projects in our parks. The day kicks off at 8AM with a free breakfast provided by the always busy Rotary Club held at the Community Center.

We hope to see you soon at one of our events or programs! Happy Spring Wilsonville!

*-Mike McCarty*

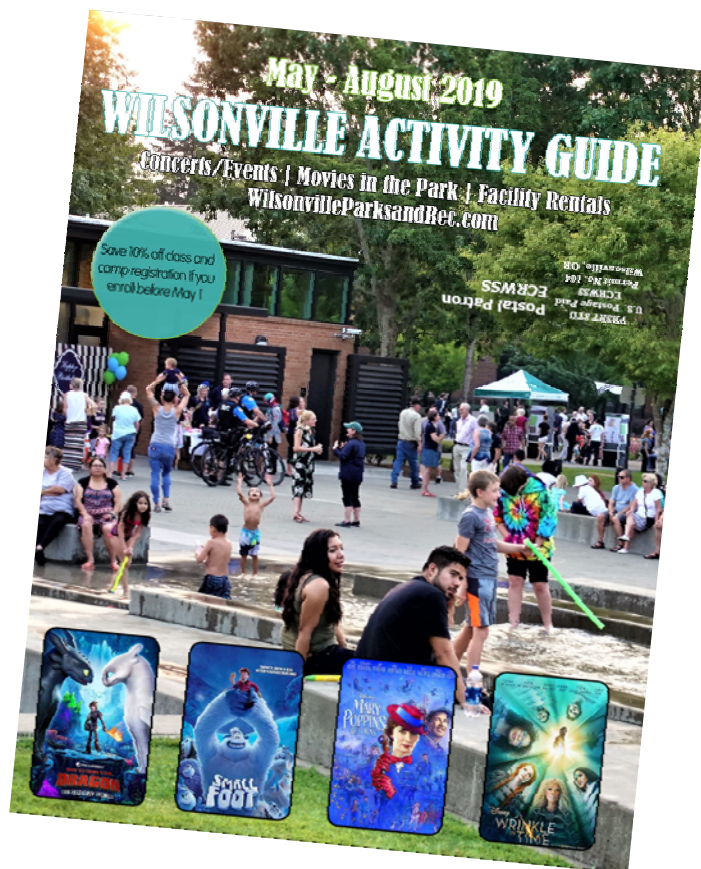
## Recreation Updates:

### Activity Guide Creation and Event Promotion:

Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler has been working hard to create the 2019 Summer Activity Guide. Registration will open on April 15th! We hope everyone in Wilsonville can join us for an event or class this summer! New classes include; Sourdough Bread Baking, Mother & Son Bubble Soccer, Stargazing, Relaxation 101 for teens, Summer Solstice Yoga Workshop, pickleball for adults and teens, Parenting the Love and Logic Way, Stop Motion Animation camp, Scene of the Crime Camp, and New Kicks on the Block (kids v. adults kickball games).

All the old time favorites will return as well, including; Movies in the Park (Mary Poppins, How to Train your Dragon– the hidden world, Smallfoot, and A Wrinkle in Time), the Community Block Party, Scenic Trolley Tours, the Wilsonville Wellness Fair, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, and Free Yoga in the Park.

New sponsorships and ad sales this year include, Wilsonville Subaru (Movies in the Park), Al Kader Shriners Center (Egg Hunt), Therapeutic Associates (Egg Hunt), Wilsonville Orthodontics (Egg Hunt), and World of Speed (full page ad in the Summer Activity Guide). The generous participation of these local businesses are how we are able to keep our events at a minimal to no cost– thank you sponsors!



### Citizens Academy Presentation:

Parks and Recreation Director, Mike McCarty, and Recreation Coordinator, Erica Behler, gave a presentation to this year's citizens academy on March 21 about the department and ways to get involved. It was lovely meeting this year's group, and it seemed to spark some interest in volunteer opportunities amongst the participants.



## Recreation Updates:

### Grant Updates:

On March 21, the City of Wilsonville's Tourism Promotion Committee awarded \$45,000 in grants to assist seven local organizations in hosting events and attractions that celebrate community and bring visitors to town. These awards come from two programs, both funded by lodging taxes paid by overnight visitors: \$25,000 from the City of Wilsonville Community Tourism Matching Grant program and \$20,000 from the Clackamas County Tourism Community Partnership Program. The complete list of award recipients funded by the City and County tourism grant programs:

#### City of Wilsonville Community Tourism Awards: \$25,000

**Fun in the Park:** \$9,000 to produce the 18th annual Fun in the Park festival on Aug. 3

**Brews for Community:** \$5,000 to produce the Wilsonville Brewfest summer event on Aug. 10

**Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council:** \$5,000 for hosting the Wilsonville Festival of the Arts on June 1-2

**Wilsonville Rotary Foundation:** \$4,000 to support a four-show Summer Concert Series, July 18-Aug. 8

**Wilsonville Bicycle Events:** \$2,000 to produce the Salmon Cycling Classic, on June 29

#### Clackamas County Tourism Community Partnership Awards: \$20,000

**Salmon Cycling Classic:** \$12,500 to provide event advertising and marketing support for the June 29 cycling event, which begins and ends at Memorial Park and includes 50k, 60k and 80k courses.

**MeSheWe run:** \$5,000 to provide marketing support for an untimed women's running event in Wilsonville on June 1 that offers participants a half-marathon, 10k or team relay run.

**Battle at the Bridge:** \$2,500 for marketing and additional support for Wilsonville Lacrosse to support a youth tournament at Wilsonville High School on June 8.

### Board Updates:

**Parks and Recreation Board:** The Parks and Recreation board underwent a goals and priorities setting exercise on March 14th. The board set its priorities for the coming fiscal year and is excited to start putting action items to each goal.

**Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc. :** WCSI will be co-hosting the Chamber of Commerce Morning Spark with the Community Center on Morning Spark, May 1st. WCSI has been selected to receive a donation from the City's Health Fair this year. WCSI will have a table and provide information. The senior trips have been increasing in attendance – most full with an additional waitlist. SMART was able to provide a larger bus for the trip to the Hazelnut Processing Plant in March.

### Upcoming Events:

Community Garden Sign Up Day– April 4

Summer Activity Registration Opens– April 15

Community Egg Hunt– April 20

Rock Painting (Bring your child to work day activity) – April 25

Cable Tree Ceremony– April 26

WERK Day– April 27

## Parks Maintenance Updates:

- Prepared ballfields for start of season
- Installed Pollinator interpretive signs



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- Pressure washed bleachers
- Constructed pathway and fencing for newly adopted heritage tree
- Inspected and repaired water feature stone work at Murase and Town Center

