



November 2020 Parks & Rec Report

Director's Report:

As we thankfully move into the last month of 2020, your Parks and Recreation Staff wishes everyone health and happiness for 2021.

There are quite a few activities planned for December, decorations in place and the City Holiday Tree proudly lighting up each and every night. The Recreation Staff have the Parks and Recreation Administration Office looking quite festive with the tree fully decorated and other Holiday enhancements. The Parks Crew has the outside of the office looking amazing complete with lights, roof top decorations and more. I would encourage you to stop or just drive by, it's worth the short trip!

Winter activities include letters to Santa which are being received at the Parks and Recreation Office. Even more exciting, if you would like Santa to send you a hand written reply, it just needs to be returned by December 14. Wishes for Wilsonville Snowflake activity is up and going so get on board as all the materials you need are available at our office. The annual Toy Drive is open for business with presents being accepted until Tuesday December 8. The Hunt for the Gingerbread Family starts Dec. 4 with winners being announced Dec. 21.

Virtually we have a Cookie Baking Contest December 11-13 and the virtual craft Holiday Gnomes takes place live on Facebook Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11 am.

The Community Center Staff along with cooking and delivering hundreds of meals per week for our elderly residents are offering a drive thru Holiday Treats event on Friday Dec. 18 just for our young adults (55+).

For details on all of the above activities and more please visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Winterfest.

Your Parks and Recreation Team wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season and to please stay safe.

-Mike McCarty

Admin and Recreation Updates:

Interpretive Center Kick Off: The initial design charrette for the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center was completed with the design/build company and members of the Interpretive Center design team. Take away themes for the Center include distinguishing the center as a memorial interpretive center rather than a war interpretive center, sharing memorial experiences of Oregon veterans and stories of Korean-American children and Korean nationals who came to the U.S.

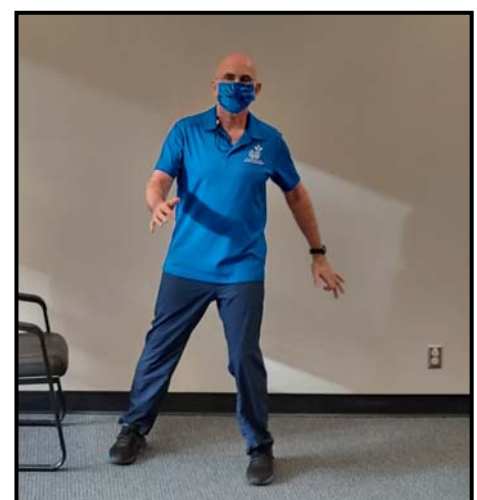
Veterans Day: Parks and Rec staff prepared for and hosted a small Veterans Day remembrance ceremony. A memorial wreath was co-presented by the Korean War Veterans Association and the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon.



Winterfest 2020: In lieu of the annual Community Tree Lighting, Parks and Rec staff has been preparing for a number of smaller events in December. Given that it is 2020, all of the activities can be completed at home or in a safe socially distanced manner.

Community Center Updates:

Training Goes Virtual (again!): Given the Governor's most recent guidance, staff moved four (4) sessions of small group personal training to Zoom. All participants have successfully navigated the change to virtual training sessions after meeting in person at the park for the last few months. Training has evolved from exercise bands to body weight exercises participants can complete in their own home.



Thanksgiving Feast: The nutrition program continues to provide home delivered meals to the most vulnerable in our community. Daily meal totals are now hovering right around 100 and with the Thanksgiving holiday, staff prepared and packaged nearly 300 meals to go out on Wednesday to be sure community members were well taken care of on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. And yes, they even received a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, stuffing and pie!

Parks Maintenance Updates:

Festive Cheer: The holiday helpers were out in full force in November as the Park Maintenance Team decorated Town Center Park. Approximately 10,000 lights have gone up in the last month, including almost 1,000 lights on the beloved “Fat Albert” Colorado Blue Spruce that is the center of the holiday display.



Fall Leaf Management: Parks Maintenance team members are taking a multifaceted approach to leaf management this fall. As frequently as conditions allow the team is mulching up the leaf material in the parks to help supplement nitrogen needs for the turf. If the weather is too wet or conditions are otherwise unfit the team will use leaf blowers and leaf vacuums to remove the leaf material.



Ongoing and Upcoming:

More Festive Cheer: Community Center staff began decorating the back windows of the Community Center for the holidays. Residents of Creekside Woods can see the windows from their apartments and routinely utilize the walkway behind the Center to connect to Town Center Loop. Even though community members can't be welcomed into the Center at this time staff wants to make sure they can provide a bit of holiday joy.



Holiday Toy Drive and Senior Stockings: The Parks and Recreation Department will be collecting new toys through December 8 and holiday stockings for local seniors through December 11. Donations can be brought to the Parks and Rec Admin Office.

Wishes for Wilsonville Snowflakes: Create your personalized snowflake and attach your New Years "Wish for Wilsonville". Craft packets can be picked up at the Parks and Rec Admin Building. Community members are urged to bring their snowflake back to the Admin office by December 28 and all snowflakes will be displayed in the window to help spread the New Year's cheer for 2021.

The Hunt for the Gingerbread Family: Scavenger Hunt fans rejoice! Between December 4 and December 20, a series of Gingerbread people will be hidden throughout Wilsonville. Participants must take a picture of at least 5 gingerbread people and show Parks and Rec staff their pictures either in person or by email. Those finding at least 5 gingerbread people will be entered to win a number of prizes.

