



## Parks and Recreation Report | November 2022

### Director's Report

This month we were excited to welcome a new teammate, Arts & Culture Program Coordinator Erika Valentine. Erika came to us from San Ramon, CA where she spent the past eight years bridging the gap between creatives and local government. We are excited to have someone with Erika's background and expertise to help shape the future of arts and culture here in Wilsonville.

The month of November provides a great opportunity to reflect on the year and give thanks. About 100 residents gathered to show their gratitude to veterans at the Veteran's Day Commemoration held at the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park on November 11. The event was organized by the Korean War Veterans Association, The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon, and the City of Wilsonville.

The Parks and Recreation team was recognized at this year's Oregon Recreation and Park Association's (ORPA) annual conference held in Sunriver, Oregon with *The Design and Construction Award (Small Project)* for our Nature Play Project. (The Nature Play Project was partially funded by the Wilsonville—Metro Community Enhancement grant.) The small project category is for any project up to \$2 million dollars, which makes the fact that we were all in for \$80,000 on the Nature Play project that much more impressive. The Parks team spent the balance of November wrangling leaves and putting up holiday lights in preparation for The Community Tree Lighting held on December 1. When they were not receiving awards or working on leaves and lights they were busy renovating the amphitheater area in front of the Stein-Boozier Barn. When completed, this area will have more usable, flat space for events and activities.

Park construction continued in Villebois with noticeable progress in Tivoli, Oulanka, and Cavallo. Pathways, overlooks, and playgrounds have all been installed. Remaining items include shelters, playground surfacing, finish landscaping, and site amenities. Construction in these parks is expected to wrap up sometime in spring 2023.

Happy holidays!

~Kris Ammerman

## Recreation Updates

### Toy Drive and Senior Stocking Collection—Ongoing

The annual Wilsonville Toy Drive began on Tuesday, November 1 and runs through Friday, December 9. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are being accepted in the Wilsonville Parks and Rec Admin office on weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Toys will be distributed to families in need via Clackamas County Compassion in Action and The Wilsonville Family Empowerment Center this holiday season. During this same time period, the Parks and Rec Department also invites community member to donate and fill stockings for seniors enrolled in the Community Center's Home Delivered Meal Program.

### Letters to Santa—Ongoing

The Letters to Santa program is back again this year. Community members are invited to write a letter to Santa and drop them in the red mailbox at the Parks and Rec Admin office. Community members whose letters are dropped off by December 16 and who include their return mailing address will receive a handwritten letter from Santa.

### Mini Hoopers Basketball

The Mini Hoopers Basketball program for first and second graders continues this month. In total, there are 52 second grade boys, 39 first grade boys, and 36 first and second grade girls participating in this Parks and Recreation managed league. This program utilizes local school gyms and volunteer coaches.



## Community Center Updates

### Life 101 Lecture Series

The Community Center's Life 101 Lecture series continued with November's presentations including: *Take the Right Steps, Scams and Fraud*, and *Ways to Keep Diabetic Feet Healthy*. These free, educational sessions were each offered once and provided by local businesses, community members, and our friends at the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office!

The Center's meal program continues to be a valuable asset to the Community with November seeing 468 meals served at in person lunch and 1,440 going out to home bound seniors. A Thanksgiving holiday meal was served on Friday, November 18 at the Community Center to 60 seniors at the in person lunch.

### Wilsonville Community Seniors Inc.

The board held their November 12 BINGO fundraiser, which was a success in selling out all 44 available spots.

**Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO)** The City partnered with the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon to host a Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11 in Town Center Park. The Interpretative Center Design Committee met with Formations to further flush out design and text elements of the Interpretative Center which is now slated to be completed in spring/summer 2023.

## Board Highlights

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, January 13, 2023.

### Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board prepared for a delegation of high school students and teachers from Wilsonville's sister city of Kitakata, Japan that are coming in December.

### Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission Board

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16. At that meeting, the ACHC members met the new Arts and Culture Program Coordinator, Erika Valentine, who joined the Parks and Recreation team on November 14.

## Upcoming Events

**Holiday Toy Drive & Stockings for Seniors Drop Off:** Tues. Nov. 1—Fri. Dec. 9 | Parks and Rec Admin Office

**Kitakata Sister City Visit:** Dec. 3—10

**Winter/Spring Registration Opens:** Dec. 12

**Letters to Santa:** Nov. 28—Dec. 16 | Parks and Rec Admin Office

**Hunt for the Holiday Symbols:** Dec. 5—19 | Wilsonville City Parks



## Parks Team Updates

### Stein-Boozier Barn Gathering Space

The Parks team has been working to bring forward a project to improve the community gathering space in front of the Stein-Boozier Barn. This project was originally identified in the Memorial Park Master Plan and all work is being completed in house. The team is looking to have the project finished by the end of December.



*New soil added outside of the Stein-Boozier Barn.*



*Expanding the gathering space outside of the barn.*

### ORPA Presentations

Parks teammates Roger Moeller and Chris Delk were selected to give hour long presentations at the annual Oregon Recreation and Parks (ORPA) Conference in early November. One presentation was on the City's recovery and progress around the ice storm while the other presentation was about the Murase Pollinator Garden. Chris and Roger did a great job showcasing the innovative and resourceful work of the Wilsonville community in their presentations.



*Chris Delk presenting at the ORPA conference.*



*Roger Moeller highlighting damage caused by the ice storm.*

## Parks Team Project Updates

### Tivoli and Oulanka (Regional Park 7/8)—Phase 2

Projected Completion—Early 2023

- Playground and shelter installation is ongoing
- Landscaping is being installed



*Landscape installation in Tivoli.*



*Oulanka shelter site.*

### Trocadero and Cavallo (Regional Parks 5/6)

Projected Completion—Early 2023

- Ice Age Tonquin Trail is being installed
- Tennis Court fence is currently being installed



*Section of the Ice Age Tonquin Trail.*



*Tennis court fence installation.*