



Parks and Recreation Report | March 2023

Director's Report

March is a busy month for the Parks & Recreation Department. We welcomed a new teammate, Chris Ewoniuk, as Park Maintenance Specialist. Chris possesses a strong desire to serve the community and a diverse background and skill set. He will make a great addition to the team. Welcome aboard ,Chris!

The Regional Parks at Villebois continue to see significant progress and are just a few punch list items away from completion.

On the Recreation side, a new event was put on by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. The event, Sounds of Japan, was held at the Community Center and was very well attended and received. Sports field reservations wrapped up and the team has been busy with rental reservations as park goes look ahead to nicer weather. This time of year also means gardening and Community Garden sign-ups. At this time, there are still plots available. The team also hosted a Stein-Boozier Barn Open House this month that saw over 150 visitors. This is a great way to showcase this space to the community and garner interest in the venue for community events and private gatherings.

The Frog Pond West Neighborhood Park online survey closed at the beginning of the month and we received 149 thoughtful responses on what community members would like to see in the park. The majority of responses came from residents that live within a half mile of the future park—so we know we hit our target. Those residents and their feedback will help shape the final design of the park.

For further details on March activities and accomplishments and a look ahead to upcoming events please read on.

-Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates

Community Egg Hunt Preparations

March was a month full of prepping for the Community Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 10 am in Memorial Park. This year's sponsors include J. Hill Property Group (title sponsor), Therapeutic Associated of Wilsonville (silver sponsor), and Wilsonville Orthodontics, Wilsonville Cub Scouts, and Master Choe's Wilsonville Taekwondo (supporting sponsors). Eighteen thousand eggs are ready to be dispersed among the fields, and our very special Bailey the Bunny has been busy prepping sports fields for the event. See the reel on our Instagram page (@wilsonvilleparksandrec) about Bailey's efforts!

Community Garden

The Wilsonville Community Garden provides year-round gardening opportunities for garden enthusiasts. 2022 gardeners had first right of refusal to their plots, and were able to renew their current plot in January. Registration opened to new gardeners on February 20 for all remaining plots. Garden plots are limited to one per household in an effort to provide as many gardeners access to plots as possible. In March, registrations continued for new gardeners. At this time, there are still a few available plots for 2023 growing. Join us in the garden this year!

Memorial Park Field and Shelter Reservations

The Parks and Recreation team is getting ready for a fun summer with the community using various amenities in Memorial Park. On March 13, shelter and field reservations opened for Wilsonville residents. Registrations then opened the following week on March 20 for non-residents. The River Shelter, Forest Shelter, Grove Shelter, and Splash Shelter are popular spots for the community to hold private events such as birthday parties, company picnics, family reunions, weddings, celebration of life services, and graduation parties.

Sounds of Japan Debrief

The Sounds of Japan event was held on March 18 by the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board. The event was well attended, and the board received good feedback from the community. The performers, Oregon Koto-Kai and Portland Taiko, were both excellent and professional, and the board looks forward to working with them more in the future. In fact, both musical groups had a performer local to the Wilsonville area, and they were very excited to play for their own community.

Stein-Boozier Barn Open House

On Saturday, March 18 the Parks and Recreation team held the second weekend open house of the Stein-Boozier Barn. Wilsonville's own event venue, the barn is a popular spot for weddings, receptions, company events, and other parties. There was a great community turnout on this sunny day, with over 150 people stopping by to view the inside of the barn, chat with the Parks and Recreation team about upcoming events, and book reservations of the barn. Private tours are also available during the week when Parks and Recreation offices are open.



Community Center Updates

AARP Tax Assistance

All available appointments for AARP's free tax assistance have been booked. The AARP team continue to meet with community members each Thursday for free tax assistance.

Congregate Lunch Program

The Center's Nutrition Program served 700 in-person meals as part of the congregate lunch program and distributed over 1,600 meals to home bound seniors in our community. March also brought a special St. Patrick's Day lunch consisting of Corned Beef Hash with cabbage, potatoes, and carrots.

Friday Bridge Added

Adding to an already popular and well attended Bridge line-up, the Community Center is happy to announce a Friday Bridge group from 11:30am—3pm. This drop-in group joins Monday and Tuesday drop-in play and the Thursday and Friday lessons.

Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon

The Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon did not meet in March. The group continues to plan for the event on Saturday, July 29 to commemorate the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean War.

Life 101 Lecture Series

Life 101 Lecture series continued with Attorney Michael Rose of Rose Elder Law presenting on the necessary steps to prepare for long-term care. Malia Laughton from the Wilsonville Public Library gave helpful tips in organizing genealogy research, and the Community Center's Health and Wellness Coach, Brad Moore, presented an introduction to mindfulness.

Photography Club

The Photography Club, which continues to meet on Wednesdays from 10—11:30am has added a "studio day". The group is now meeting on Fridays with drop in studio time where club attendees can photograph items in a well lit studio environment.

Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc. (WCSI)

A brief March meeting for the Wilsonville Community Seniors, Inc., highlighted their April senior trip heading to the Powerland Heritage Park in Brooks. The park features antique equipment, vehicles, steam-powered machinery and farm implements. The seniors will enjoy Lunch as part of this trip slated for April 13.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission

At the March ACHC meeting the Commission received a presentation from the City Attorney regarding public meeting rules, public records rules, conflicts of interest, etc. They also received a presentation in preparation for their April Community Cultural Events & Programs (CCEP) Grant Review, where they will be making recommendations on the distribution of funds to local nonprofits. Lastly, the ACHC received four artist options along with images of their work samples, so they could make a selection on their first and second choice artists. The selected artist will be commissioned to create an original tile and glass mosaic piece which will later get installed at Tivoli Park.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board hosted Sounds of Japan on March 18 at the Community Center. The event was well received by the community. The board recently got news that a delegation of 13 students and 2 chaperones from Kitakata will likely visit Wilsonville in late October/early November. The boards next meeting will take place on April 12 at 6pm.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meet did not meet in March.

Upcoming Events

Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am, Memorial Park Ballfields

Spring/Summer Registration: Monday, April 10 – WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Arbor Day Celebration: Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 am-11:00 am, Murase Plaza Pollinator Garden

WERK Day: Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 am-11:00 am, Murase Plaza and Dog Park (Meet at Community Center for assignments). Complimentary breakfast beforehand from 8:00 am-9:00 am at the Community Center.

Goat Petting Day: Saturday, May 6 at 10:00-12:00 pm, Memorial Park (Near Maintenance Barn)



WERK Day
May 6, 9AM -11 AM
Complimentary Breakfast 8-9 AM
Wilsonville Community Center

Join Wilsonville Parks and Recreation for WERK Day 2023!

Registration includes an optional volunteer breakfast, courtesy of the Wilsonville Rotary Club, from 8am-9am at the Wilsonville Community Center.

WERK Parties will leave from the Community Center at 9am for volunteer projects.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged.
Course #10717



Did Someone Say Goats?
May 6, 10 am-12 pm

FREE GOAT PETTING EVENT
Hosted by
Westside GoatGirl
May 6 at 10 am-12 pm
Memorial Park
Maintenance Barn

A herd of goats from Westside GoatGirl will be descending upon Memorial Park the first two weeks in May to help mitigate invasive blackberry. Come say hello at this free petting event on May 6 at 10 am-12 pm in Memorial Park.

Parks Team Updates

Spring is Nearly Here

The Parks team spent the month of March working on a large number of tasks in preparation for spring. Their time was spent working on irrigation, removing winter debris, fertilizing, planting, mowing, and a number of other tasks. The team is preparing for the drier weather and is excited to see the community out in the parks as the weather changes.



Spring planting.



Invasive plant cleanup.



Parking lot grading.



Playground repair.



Debris removal.



Irrigation repair.

Parks Team Updates

Regional Park 7/8 — Phase 2

Projected Completion—April 2023



Regional Park 5/6

Projected Completion—Spring 2023

- Landscaping nearing completion
- Playground surfacing installed



Tree safety pruning.



New cork playground surfacing.