

The Boones Ferry Messenger

Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

June 2025

A Summer of Great Family-Friendly Events Begins Now!

Great family-friendly summer events are a hallmark of summer in Wilsonville. The City is hosting or sponsoring several this year, a list headlined by the annual end-of-summer concert bash — Party in the Park — on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Round up your friends and family, and enjoy the great outdoors at some of Wilsonville's best gathering places this summer.

June

June 7: The City's **Pride Celebration**, which debuted last year, returns on Saturday, June 7, 2-4 pm (see article below).

June 19: Wilsonville's fifth annual Juneteenth Celebration takes place at Town Center Park, 5-7:30 pm, on Thursday, June 19. This year's celebration features a keynote address by Tai Harden-Moore, remarks from the Wilsonville High School Black Student Union, music, activities, giveaways, and more. Food is available (in limited supply). See page 8 for more information.

June 28: A Korean War Remembrance Ceremony takes place at 10 am at Town Center Park's Korean War Memorial on Saturday, June 28, to recognize the anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, in 1950 and honor Korean War veterans. Attendees should pay a visit to the new Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center.

July

July 4: The annual Fourth of July Laser Light Show takes place at Town Center Park on Friday, July 4. This safe, inclusive alternative to traditional fireworks features a light show set to music. New this year: live music! Singer/songwriter Tiffany Bird performs at 8 pm; the lasers fly when darkness falls (about 10 pm). Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

July 19: The annual Wilsonville Skate Jam is back at the skate spot at Lower Memorial Park. The shredding begins at 1 pm on Saturday, July 19. Presented by the Wilsonville Skate Association, the community focused afternoon includes Kona Ice, jam sessions, giveaways, a prize raffle and other surprises.

July 25: The Friday night **Movies in the Park** series is back with the first of three family-friendly flicks, projected on an inflatable outdoor screen. Movies begin at dusk (times vary). Bring short lawn-chairs,



Modern folk duo Fox and Bones headlines Wilsonville's final summer concert, Party in the Park, on Aug. 21.

blankets and snacks, and enjoy the show!

- July 25: Moana 2 (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 8: Inside Out 2 (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 22: Wild Robot (Memorial Park, River Shelter)

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Aug. 21: It wouldn't be summer in Wilsonville without the annual **Party in the Park**, featuring a live concert performance from Fox and Bones, on Thursday, Aug. 21, 5-8:30 pm at Town Center Park. In addition to live modern folk music, guests can grab treats from local food carts, and enjoy lawn games, giveaways and other activities.

Ongoing

- **Summer Reading Program:** Daily, through August, at the Wilsonville Library
- Water Features: Daily, 10 am-8 pm until Sept. 3, at Town Center Park and Murase Plaza.
- Wilsonville Farmers Market: Thursdays, May 29 Sept. 18, at Villebois Piazza.
- Family Field Time: Each Sunday, June through August, 1pm to close at Memorial Park Fields 3 & 5.
- Fun Shows with the Library: Each Thursday, June 26-July 31, at 11 am at Memorial Park Grove Shelter.

Find a complete schedule of community events on the City's website at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar

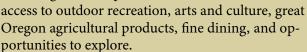
With Our Unique Geography Comes Great Opportunity

Some of Wilsonville's appeal to those who live and work here is the city's unique proximity to so much of what Oregon offers. We're fortunate to be located on the banks of the historic Willamette

River and in easy proximity to wine country, our state capital, the agricultural bounty of French Prairie, tax-free shopping opportunities and the many cultural attractions of the greater Portland area.

Mayor's Message

Truly, we exist in the heart of the region, with plentiful



This makes Wilsonville a great base from which to explore northwest Oregon. Our city has the most hotel rooms in the South Portland and North Willamette Valley region, and our **ExploreWilsonville. com** website provides a wealth of information about nearby destinations.

Our unique geography is the basis of the new Tourism Development Strategy (TDS), a recently adopted 10-year plan that succeeds the City's first such effort from 2014. During the past decade, business and travel markets have changed dramatically, spurred by the pandemic, the explosion of virtual business meetings and online shopping, and other changes in traveler preferences.

Our TDS provides an aspirational road map, with goals and strategies to promote local businesses and develop new attractions that make Wilsonville a more enticing destination for visitors.

The 2025-2035 Tourism Development Strategy focuses on three distinct areas of our community:

- Infrastructure and built environment, including investment in Town Center, growth of transportation options, and enhanced access to the Willamette River.
- Developing more activities for visitors, including sports, outdoor recreation, and arts, culture and heritage events.
- Diversifying and expanding lodging options, enhancing food and beverage offerings, and developing a signature citywide event to support restaurateurs, retailers and hoteliers.

This plan, which complements the City's existing master plans, is a vision leading Wilsonville toward a more vibrant tomorrow that celebrates our history, welcomes visitors, and bolsters our local economy. It was developed in partnership with our Tourism Promotion Committee and Whereabout, a nationally recognized destination futures outfit that spoke to community stakeholders and completed an on-site assessment that helped define the vision and actionable strategies to bring it to life.

I express my gratitude here for the residents, business owners, and visitors whose voices have informed the plan, and to our tourism planning team for their guidance and leadership.

To learn more about the tourism vision, visit WilsonvilleOregon.gov/bc-tp.

I look forward to working to bring this vision to life with the many partners who share our enthusiasm for a future that motivates visitors to our region to "stay in the heart of it all," boosting our local businesses and enhancing our quality of life.

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor

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City Celebrates Pride Month on June 7 with New Mural, Reception

In June, the City is once again recognizing Pride Month with a temporary mural on the glass exterior of the Parks and Recreation Administration Building (29600 SW Park Place) and a community celebration.

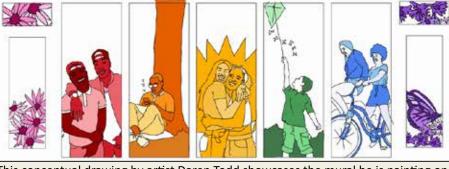
The celebration takes place on Saturday, June 7, from 2-4 pm at the mural, which has been commissioned to pro-

vide visual representation to uplift, recognize and celebrate members of Wilsonville's LGBTQIA+ community. It will remain visible throughout the month.

Portland artist Daren Todd, the mural's designer, enjoys "funky abstract designs" and "making larger-than-life sized artworks and installations designed to inspire." He has recently completed work for the Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland Streetcar.

Pride Month Celebration + Mural Reception Sat, June 7, 2-4 pm Town Center Park At this event, the City is distributing a limited-edition Wilsonville Pride pin designed by a Wil-

sonville High School student. The celebration also includes family-friendly activities, a keynote speech by Robin Will, music from DJ SM4SH and several food trucks. The event is intended to bring the community together to celebrate and create connections



This conceptual drawing by artist Daren Todd showcases the mural he is painting on the windows of the Parks and Rec. Admin. Building in celebration of Pride Month.

with neighbors.

The Pride Month celebration is a collaboration between the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. It is made possible from our generous sponsors, including Nichols Family Agency and Wilsonville Pride (silver sponsors), Joy of Life Chiropractic, SWI Literacy, and UPS Store-Wilsonville (bronze sponsors).

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month has been celebrated formally in the United States since 1999, when a presidential declaration officially recognized June as Pride Month.

For more information on the Pride Month Celebration, contact Zoe Mombert, assistant to the city manager, mombert@wilsonvilleoregon.gov or visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar



Dump Bulky Waste on June 21

The City's popular Bulky Waste Day takes place on Saturday, June 21, 9 am-1 pm, at Republic Services (10295 SW Ridder Rd.) in Wilsonville.

This year, the City and Republic Services are mitigating challenges in place because of construction taking place on Ridder Rd. to underground a seg-

ment of water pipeline. Any traffic controls necessary for this event will be communicated in more detail via the

Bulky Waste Day Sat, June 21, 9 am-1 pm Republic Services 10295 SW Ridder Rd.

City's social media channels.

Twice each year, Bulky Waste Day provides Wilsonville residents with an opportunity to conveniently dispose of large or unusual items that cannot be picked up curbside. Proof of residence is required.

In lieu of charging participants, organizers request that participants provide a cash donation on site to support the work of Wilsonville Community Sharing, the community's local food bank.

Volunteers from the Wilsonville Rotary are picking up bulky waste, by request, from a limited number of residents who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate. Bulky Waste pickup can be requested online at bit.ly/BW_pickup

For more information, contact Bill Evans at evans@wilsonvilleoregon.gov, 503-570-1502.

Pipeline Project Finishing at 95th, Moving to Ridder Rd.

The Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP) is now undertaking a project to underground the last Wilsonville segment of its 30-mile regional water pipeline project.

Work to install 66-inch water pipeline beneath SW Ridder Rd., between SW 95th Avenue and Garden Acres Road, was scheduled to have begun by late May. This closure requires the closure of Ridder Rd. for several months because of challenging construction and limited space.

Businesses are remaining open, with traffic being detoured away from the construction area. Motorists should anticipate increased congestion and/or traffic delays on nearby roadways and consider alternate routes.

Construction is being completed in close coordination with the City, Portland General Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, and other utilities, as well as neighboring property owners and businesses.

Prior to moving to Ridder Rd., WWSP crews were completing permanent resurfacing and road improvements along SW 95th Ave. to re-open the road to two-way traffic between Boeckman Rd. and Ridder Rd.

Since 2020, the WWSP has been aiming toward the completion of 3.3-miles of pipeline installation in Wilsonville, a small segment of a 30-mile project area that extends from the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant (WRWTP) to the cities of Sherwood, Hillsboro, and Beaverton.

This extensive project to deliver Willamette River water to neighboring communities and add resiliency to the region's water systems is being funded by ratepayers in Beaverton and Hillsboro. For Wilsonville's role in facilitating/accommodating the project, it negotiated \$17 million, as well as seismic upgrades at the WRWTP, and several improvements to local roadways and parks impacted by the project.

For more information on the Willamette Water Supply Program, visit **ourreliablewater.org**.



The above detour route will be in effect when Ridder Rd. is closed for several months to underground water pipeline.

Tooze Rd. Resurfacing Rescheduled; Set to Be Completed This Month

Work to repave the portions of Tooze Rd. impacted by the installation of a new water transmission main to feed the Westside Reservoir incurred delays.

The new anticipated starting date at press time was June 2, with work continuing for about two weeks.

The work area begins at the intersection of Tooze Rd. and Westfall Rd. and continues north on Tooze to the reservoir site (12771 SW Tooze Rd.).

During construction, traffic is limited to one lane, with flaggers scheduled to be present around the clock to safely direct vehicles. Paving activities are limited to daytime work hours.

Updates to timeline or impacts will be posted as necessary at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/reservoir.

To learn more, contact Mike Nacrelli, senior civil engineer, at 503-570-1540 or mnacrelli@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.



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Summer Reading Program Underway

"Level Up at Your Library" with this year's Summer Reading Program!

Patrons of all ages are encouraged to read, try their hand at



STEAM activities, and qualify for fantastic prize drawings.

Join us at our **Kick-off Event** on Saturday, June 14, 10 am-2 pm, to make crafts, play games, and enjoy some cake!

At 1 pm, graphic novelist Aron Steinke, author of the Mr. Wolf's Class series, is giving a special presentation about his life, writing process, and how to "level-up" your own writing and art skills!

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/SRP

Try Your Hand at Speed Puzzling

Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! Test your skills against fellow puzzlers in a thrilling race to complete jigsaw puzzles. Can you beat the clock? Whether you're a seasoned pro or just looking for a fun challenge, join us for laughter, friendly competition, and silly prizes(!) on Thursday, June 12, 6-7:30 pm.

Children's Summer Programs Return on June 17

Get ready for an amazing summer with our programs for kids!

Toddler & Baby Time Interactive fun helps build skills for reading readiness. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and

Stories & STEAM

11:15 am.

Explore great stories and enjoy a STEAM craft on

Wednesdays at 10:30 am and noon.

Play Group Drop-in to play with a variety of toys and socialize with the five-years-and-under crowd on Fridays from 10:30 am to noon.

Thursday Fun Shows Watch live performances at the Grove Shelter in Memorial Park at 11 am each Thursday from June 26 to July 31.

'Teen Wednesday' Programs Get Started on June 18

Students entering grades 6-12 are invited to attend special teen-only events each Wednesday from June 18 to July 30.



We kick things off with a "Library After Dark: Five

Nights At Freddy's" on June 18, 8-11 pm. We'll follow that with "Legend of Zelda Scavenger Hunt," on June 25, 4-6 pm.

For a complete schedule of events, visit

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/TSRP

Upcoming Classes and Events



ALL-AGES SUMMER READING PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 1

PROFILES: Writing with Pride

Wednesday, June 4, 11 am-12:30 pm
Online with Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code:
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Tabletop Night

Drop in for board game fun with other adults and meet new friends! Thursday, June 5, 6-7:30 pm

Space Talk: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence at NASA

Learn about NASA's use of AI in a variety of missions and spacecraft.

Saturday, June 7, 11 am-12:30 pm

Celebration Cinema

Celebrate monthly holidays with these films. Friday, June 20, 3-5 pm

Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





Safe Buildings Minimize the Impact of Many Disasters

The City celebrated Building Safety Month in May, but the safety of the built environment is a year-round endeavor for Wilsonville's building inspectors.

Inspectors play a crucial role in community preparedness. Their work can minimize the loss of lives and property that accompany severe earthquakes, floods, wildfires and other disasters that wreak havoc on communities.

This month, Wilsonville Ready shines a light on the role our building inspectors play, and how property owners can support their work to build and maintain safe structures.

The Role of a Building Inspector

Risk Assessment: Building inspections assess the structural integrity of buildings and identify potential vulnerabilities. When inspectors identify potential risks, it allows property owners to take preventative measures to reinforce weak areas. By addressing structural issues, fire hazards, and other safety concerns, property owners can reduce the risk of damage or minimize that damage during disasters.

Code Compliance: Proper design and construction techniques are vital in regions prone to natural disasters. Inspectors ensure that construction and renovation projects adhere to local building codes, which in-

clude provisions for disaster resistance. This work ensures safer structures.



Education: Inspectors play an educational role, informing property owners and builders about best practices in disaster preparedness.

Emergency Response: In the event of a disaster, building inspectors may collaborate with emergency responders to assess the safety of structures and determine if they are habitable.

Building inspectors dedicate their professional life to making sure our structures are as resilient and safe as possible. They play an indispensable role in pre-



paredness by ensuring that developers and property owners adhere to safety standards and comply with local building codes.

Supporting Safe Structures at Home

Inspectors can't have eyes everywhere. There are critical steps property owners should take to support safe structures.

- Get a permit! Unpermitted work is unlawful and potentially unsafe. Inspections on altered structures ensure their safety and structural integrity.
- Maintain defensible space. Clear brush, leaves, and flammable debris, and firewood from within 30 feet from home. Use fire-resistant materials for decks, siding, and other projects.
- Bolt large, heavy items. Mount bookshelves, water heaters, etc., to the wall to avoid them becoming a hazard in the event of an earthquake.
- Use smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
 These should be installed in all bedrooms and near fuel-burning appliances. Test these devices monthly and change batteries yearly.

Building safety is an indispensable part of disaster preparedness. Together, building inspectors and property owners can significantly reduce the impact of natural disasters on communities.

For more information, visit WilsonvilleReady.com.

\$100,000 Allocated to Fund Five New Community Projects

The Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee, which oversees local implementation of the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program, has allocated about \$100,000 to fund five community improvement projects.

This annual program is funded by a per-ton fee charged by Metro regional government on solidwaste transfer stations located in communities throughout the greater Portland region.

The Community Enhancement Committee annually reviews projects or programs nominated by the public and members of City boards and commissions. Funding is allocated to projects that meet program criteria. Awards are approved by the City Council.

Recipients for the upcoming fiscal year include:

- \$41,905 to Heart of the City to complete a building safety project.
 \$27,745 to the City's Parks and Recreation
- \$27,745 to the City's Parks and Recreation department to develop wayfinding signage for pedestrians at Memorial Park.
- \$11,350 to Wilsonville Community Sharing to help fund its upcoming relocation to the Vuela building at Wilsonville Transit Center.
- \$10,000 to Charbonneau Community Foundation for a landscaping project.
- \$8,650 to the City's Natural Resources
 Department for a Community Connection to
 Wildlife project.

The next project cycle gets underway in early 2026 to seek new proposals from community groups for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

For more information on the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Program, including project eligibility requirements, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/bc-mce

SMART SOUTH METRO AREA 503-682-7790 RideSMART.com 28879 SW Boberg Road



June is Transit Month: Log Trips, Win Prizes!

To take part, create a free account at **GetThereOregon.org** and log your transit trips from June 1-30. After logging a single trip, you will automatically be entered in to a prize raffle.

Once a week for the four weeks of the event, five raffle winners will be selected to win prizes (winners will be notified the following week via e-mail).

Swag on the WES platform: June 17, 7-9 am!

Walk at Lunch Program Adds Monthly Travel Training Adventures

This year, SMART's popular Walk at Lunch program is hosting a monthly group walk that incorporates bus travel.

This new wrinkle is designed to help people become more comfortable with the SMART transit system in a social and relaxed environment.

June 25: Route 2X

Participants meet up at the Transit Center 11:55 am, and depart at noon for the Wilsonville Library.



After walking for up to 50 minutes at Murase Plaza (the group will decided the duration of the walk), the group will return to the Transit Center.

July 30: Route 4

The group meets at the City Hall bus stop and rides to Graham Oaks Nature Park for a 50-minute walk.

Aug. 27: Route 3X

Participants ride from the Wilsonville Transit Center to Canby for a walk of 30 or 60 minutes. A longer walk provides time for lunch.



September 24: Route 2X

The group meets at Wilsonville Transit Center and buses to Bridgeport Village for a 30 minute walk.

Get more details and/or sign up for reminder e-mails at **RideSMART.com/WALA**.

Upcoming Bike Events







SUMPREDE



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Camps WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is proud to offer a wide variety of Summer Camp programs for Wilsonville youth this coming season through the providers below. A full list of summer camps can be found at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register, simply search "Camp" in the search bar. All half-day campers should come prepared with a snack and water bottle. All full-day campers should come prepared with a snack, water bottle and packed lunch.



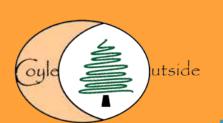


















Make a Splash at the Water Features

It's water feature season! The Town Center Park and Murase Plaza water features will be open daily from 10 am to 8 pm through September 3. All children should be supervised at the water features, as there are no lifeguards on duty. Not sure if a specific water feature is open or undergoing maintenance? Call the water feature hotline at 503-685-6356.

July 4 Concert & Laser Light Show

Don't miss this year's July 4 Concert and Laser Light Show in Town Center Park. This year, we're going bigger and better with live music from Tiffany Bird from 8 to 9:30 pm, followed by the laser light show. Bring your own blanket and lawn chair and sit back for the show! We'll have 50 Licks ice cream available for purchase, 7:30-9:30 pm!



Movies in the Park - July 25, August 8 & 22

Calling all movie buffs! This year's Movies in the Park lineup is stacked with Moana 2 (July 25), Inside Out 2 (Aug.8) and Wild Robot (Aug. 22). Bring a blanket and/or a lawn chair and join us for a movie under the stars! All movies begin at dusk. Each event includes a kid-friendly activity before the movie begins. A big thank you to this year's sponsor, Guild Mortgage - Team Dalglish.





July 25 **Town Center Park**



August 8 Inside Out 2 **Town Center Park**



August 22 Wild Robot **Memorial Park River Shelter**



Community Party in the Park - August 21

Join the City of Wilsonville for the annual Party in the Park celebration in Town Center Park on Thursday, Aug. 21, 5-8 pm. This event features live music from Fox and Bones, kid-friendly activities, inflatable games, food trucks, civic engagement opportunities, and more!







POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

A Well-Deserved Honor for an Officer With a Big Heart

Tt is my privilege to take a moment to recognize Lone of our finest, longtime Wilsonville Patrol Ser-

geant Jason Ritter, who has dedicated nearly 30 years of his life to protecting and serving. The heart, integrity, and unwavering commitment he brings to everything he does — both in and out of uniform — truly sets him apart.

Jason joined the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in 2003, bringing with him a



Police Chief

Rob Wurpes strong foundation in law enforcement, a deep understanding of community needs, and a passion for helping others. Since then, he has played a pivotal role in some of the most critical and sensitive investigations involving child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

His work to ensure the safety of our youth has earned Sgt. Ritter the Healing Heart Award, presented recently at the Oregon Child Abuse & Human Trafficking Summit in Portland.

This recognition is no surprise to those who know him. Jason's name belongs at the top of the list when it comes to supporting child advocacy through

leadership, action, and vision. Guided by a traumainformed, victim-centered approach, Sgt. Ritter prioritizes the safety and dignity of survivors while holding offenders accountable.

Sgt. Ritter's impact doesn't stop at the end of a shift. His commitment to the well-being of children and families extends far into his own community — where many know him simply as Coach Ritter. For more than 20 years, Jason has volunteered with Molalla Youth Sports, coaching everything from softball and baseball to basketball and football. He saw a need, stepped up, and never looked back. In his own words, "It's never been about winning games — it's about building strong, kind, and resilient young people."

In every arena — on the field, on the court, or in the community — Sgt. Ritter brings people together. He leads with compassion, humility, and a whole lot of heart. Every holiday season, you'll find him donning a Santa suit (his own, of course) for the Safe Place Camp Hope Christmas program, lighting up the faces of children in crisis. Over the years he has put much effort into raising money during Molalla High School's "Battle of the Badges" fundraiser. He's always where he's needed, leading by example.

Sgt. Ritter is a true reflection of what community policing is all about — being present, being compassionate, and being committed to a safer, more inclusive future for all. His leadership has helped advance the mission of Children's Advocacy Centers and opened doors

for under-



Sgt. Jason Ritter was recently presented with the Healing Heart Award at the Oregon Child Abuse & Human Trafficking Summit.

served youth across our region.

I'm thrilled he received this well-deserved recognition and grateful for his dedication and leadership.

Chief Robert Wurpes

City Briefs

Grant Programs Allocate \$35,000+ to Support Local Programs, Events

hrough two annual grant programs, the City of ▲ Wilsonville recently awarded more than \$35,000 in funding to support local programs, events and attractions that bring the community together and attract visitors to Wilsonville.

Community Cultural Events and Programs

Each year, the Community Cultural Events and Programs (CCEP) provides up to \$25,000 from the City's general fund to spark participation in local cultural programming. The program supports local non-profits in the development of projects, programs, and/or events that promote arts, culture, history and heritage as well as local festivals and community events.

The following CCEP Grant allocations were recommended by the Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission and approved by the City Council:

- The Charbonneau Arts Association, \$10,000 for the Wilsonville Music Festival at Charbonneau
- Wilsonville Rotary Foundation, \$8,000 to support the 2025 Summer Concert Series
- Wilsonville STAGE, \$3,000 for "pop up" performances

The next submission deadline for CCEP Grant proposals is Friday, Nov. 14.

Community Opportunity Grant

The Community **Opportunity Grant** program provides up to \$25,000 each year from the City's general fund to support projects and services that promote education, diversity, arts, or



Wilsonville Skate Jam

community involvement within Wilsonville.

The following allocations were made in April by the City's Parks & Recreation Board:

- Sole Sisters, \$4,250 for Half Marathon, 10K, 5k
- **Resilience Events**, \$3,500 for "Turning Darkness into Light: a 30-year celebration of the closing of Dammasch"
- Charbonneau Country Club, \$2,350 for a fuel storage transfer switch
- Wilsonville Skatepark Association, \$2,200 for Skate Jam 2025
- Wilsonville Garden Club, \$200 for their Rose Buddies program

The next deadline for Opportunity Grant submissions is Friday, Sept. 5.

For more information about the City's grant programs, visit wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/grants or contact Program Manager Brian Stevenson, 503-570-1523, stevenson@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Mayor O'Neil Delivers First State of the City Address

ayor Shawn O'Neil delivered \mathbf{IVI} his first State of the City address in front of a full house at City Hall on May 5.

The Mayor underlined his oftrepeated message of inclusivity, signaling to every resident that they are welcome in Wilsonville.

"As I visit neighborhoods, I see diverse residents who all seem to appreciate what our city offers — a stronger sense of belonging," O'Neil

said. "That's no accident. That is the result of years of advocacy, empathy, and intentional leadership both by our elected and our community. Wilsonville is a city of belonging for all."

The 32-minute speech detailed the City's progress, aspirations, and challenges, which include implemen-

tation of the Wilsonville Town Center Plan and funding for critical infrastructure, including the replacement of the I-5 Boone Bridge.

The speech can be viewed on the City's YouTube page. Visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/citycouncil/ page/2025-state-city.

Business License Renewals, Fees Due to City By June 30

ity Code requires all businesses located in or working in the city limits to obtain a business license, including home-based businesses and doorto-door solicitation permits.

The City's business license renewal period occurs each June; business licenses expire annually on June 30. To expedite renewals, the City mailed out business license renewal forms in mid-May. If you have not received yours, please contact the business license department.

Renewing a business license is an easy three-step process:

- 1. **Complete the information** at the top of the form.
- 2. Calculate the amount due according to the fee

3. Insert the signed and dated form with the fee in the return envelope and mail back or place in the drop box at City Hall.

Once the renewal is processed, a new license is issued, and is mailed to the business for display.

If you have questions regarding a business or renewal application please contact Amanda Bryant at 503-570-1518 or licenses@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Online renewal now available

The City provides businesses the opportunity to renew their license online.

Visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/online-portal. Preregistration is required for new users.

To link an existing account to a business, please contact 503-570-1518 or licenses@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Backflow Prevention Testing Reminders Mailed to Homeowners

■ aving your backflow assembly tested each year is an important step in keeping Wilsonville's water supply safe and free from contaminants.

Backflow occurs when contaminated water flows backwards into a clean water supply. There are many ways backflow can occur, whether from irrigation systems, manufacturing processes, or even hot tubs. Backflow prevention assemblies are designed to prevent this backflow of contaminated water. They can be installed to protect entire premises, or individual connections to the water supply.

The majority of backflow prevention assemblies used in Wilsonville protect the entire premises. The assembly is installed between the connection to the City water supply and the home or business to protect City water.

In accordance with the Oregon Administrative Rules, the City requires that all installed backflow prevention assemblies be tested every 12 months. If a backflow device fails and/or needs replacing, testing is required upon the completion of repairs or installation of a new device. The City's compliance with these regulations is monitored by the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division.

Homeowners have been reminded by mail to schedule mandatory backflow testing with a statecertified tester, who will submit your results to the City on your behalf.

Thanks for helping to keep Wilsonville's water safe and clean. For more information and a link to a list of certified testers, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/ backflow



Firework Safety: Keep Celebrations Safe, Supervised, and Legal

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue offers firework safety tips to ensure you have a safe Fourth of July holiday.

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or travel on the ground more than six feet — this includes bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s. If you intend to use fireworks, keep them legal and safe.

Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the state of Washington or at a Native American reservation may be illegal here. To be legal, purchase fireworks at a licensed Oregon firework stand.



Even legal fireworks aren't always 100 percent safe. Sparklers, for example, can reach temperatures of 1,200 degrees (wood burns at 575 degrees; glass melts at 900 degrees), according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Fireworks are dangerous and can cause injuries and burns. To ensure safety:

- Supervise children at all times. Only adults should light or handle fireworks.
- Have a hose nearby in case of fire and place "spent" fireworks in a metal bucket with water.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation.
- Never try to re-light a "dud."
- Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, or buildings.
- Never alter fireworks or make your own.
- Store fireworks, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.

Reporting firework incidents

To report a fire or medical emergency, call 9-1-1. To report a nuisance or concern about illegal fireworks, call the non-emergency number, 503-629-0111. These situations will be logged, passed on to local law enforcement, and responded to as resources allow.

Misusing fireworks can be costly

Law enforcement agencies enforce criminal laws related to the use of illegal fireworks in Oregon.

Under Oregon law, officers can seize illegal fireworks and issue criminal citations, including reckless burning, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, and more with fines up to \$500 per violation. People can also be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks — legal or illegal.

For more safety tips, visit **tvfr.com**.

Celebrate safely at Town Center Park

The City is hosting a free alternative to fireworks at Town Center Park! The annual 4th of July Laser Show begins at dusk (about 10 pm).

This year, the fun begins at 8 pm, with a live concert performance from singer/songwriter Tiffany Bird. The event also features face painting, Kona Ice, and other surprises.

With extreme heat and wildfires becoming more prevalent, the City offers this safe, fun alternative to traditional fireworks. All ages are welcome. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair, grab your dancing shoes, and enjoy the show!

City Council to Consider Adoption of Housing Our Future Project on June 2

The Housing Our Future project, which ensures compliance with State housing planning goals, inventories the City's buildable residential land and details actions that could be taken over the next six years in a Housing Production Strategy (HPS) to support local housing needs.

Once adopted, the project's Housing Needs and Capacity Analysis (HNCA) will replace the 2014 Wilsonville Residential Land Study as the City's guiding document for housing planning. The HNCA estimates the City's ability to support anticipated household growth over the next 20 years and identifies unmet housing need in Wilsonville.

On Monday, June 2, at 7 pm, the City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing to consider the plan's adoption if it is recommended by the Planning Commission.

For more information on Housing Our Future, visit **letstalkwilsonville.com/housing-our-future** or contact Kim Rybold, senior planner, at rybold@wilsonvilleoregon.gov or 503-570-1583.

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

	What it Means
dopted two-year goals that c strategies aligned among als: public safety and welfare, h, communications and end parks maintenance.	These goals guide the work of City staff by providing specific steps that can be taken for the community's benefit over the next two years.
pproved a contract with PR to execute the City's 'Exille' tourism promotion and vices plan.	This work invites visitors to "Explore Wilsonville," marketing attractions, restaurants, retailers, events in Wilsonville and throughout the region to attract overnight visitors.
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Bringing Pride to Wilsonville's Gay Community and Allies

By Rick Wallace

Pride, in the context of Pride Month, began as an annual commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising in June 1969, during which LGBTQ+ folks protested against discrimi-

nation for six days in the streets of New York City.

Thanks to those brave protesters, we now have a lot to celebrate, including same-sex marriage and freedom from discrimination. Pride has strengthened our community and given

all of us a way to express ourselves authentically.

Earlier this year, several LGBTQ+ residents and allies started a new organization, called Wilsonville Pride, to build community locally and to create safe and inviting spaces for people of all genders and sexualities to meet and get to know each other in our own city.

Many of us have been to Pride in nearby cities like Portland, Bend, and Newport. We all know how fun and inclusive they can be, but have often asked ourselves "why do I have to drive somewhere else to celebrate?"

I am a gay man who grew up in Wilsonville, and I know many other lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, etc., people in town that would love a chance to celebrate our community alongside our allies and advocates right here in Wilsonville.

This year, Wilsonville Pride is pleased to work with the City of Wilsonville to promote the City's annual Pride Month Celebration and Mural Reception on Saturday, June 7, at 2 pm in Town Center Park. This event — established by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission — has really paved the way for organizations like Wilsonville Pride.

The celebration is supported by the generosity of several local sponsors. There will be food trucks, music, speakers, and tables for people to eat and get to know each other. Attendees can pick up a free Pride pin (the pins were a hit last year!) This year's new pin is being designed by a Wilsonville High School student.

Wilsonville Pride plans on organizing gettogethers year-round, like trips to sporting events, brunches, bingo, etc. By next June, we hope to host satellite events during Pride Month, such as LGBTQ+-themed trivia, a fun run, a pub night, and more!

Join the fun! You can learn more at our website, **WilsonvillePride.org**, find us on Bluesky, or join our Facebook group "The Gays of Wilsonville + Allies (GOWA)." We look forward to seeing you in June!

Wilsonville resident Rick Wallace is a stubborn cyclist, fair-weather kayaker, aspiring gardener, and an openly gay man living with his partner Josh and cats Holly and Oliver.

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In Memoriam: Sen. Aaron Woods, 1949-2025

The City joins the many family members,

passing of District 13 State Senator Aaron Woods, a long-time Wilsonville resident.

A Chicago native, Woods was a sixyear veteran of the U.S. Army before relocating to Oregon to work in the private sector with Tektronix and Xerox.

Woods' record of public service to Wilsonville includes membership in the Civics Academy, a six-year stint on the City's Development Review Board (2013-2018) and three years on the Planning Commission (2020-2022) before his election to the State legislature. He also served on the

board of Clackamas Community College until shortly before succumbing to cancer.

In the Oregon Senate, Woods emerged as a policy expert on technology, serving as co-chair of the Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology. He was a fierce advocate for the widespread availability of broadband internet

access.

"Not having access to low-cost internet services puts people at a disadvantage to being active participants in modern life," said Woods on his campaign website. "The digital divide makes it difficult for students, job searchers, and workers because so many of today's transactions and interactions take place, sometimes exclusively, online.

Woods was a justice advocate. He aided in the City's establishment of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and was a co-founder of

the Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Communities (WAIC).

Woods was predeceased by his wife Shirley, and is survived by a family that includes five children and their families in Colorado.

Words In Remembrance of Sen. Aaron Woods:

"Senator Woods will be deeply missed—but his impact will continue to shape our community for generations to come." —Wilsonville Mayor Shawn O'Neil

"He fought for every Oregonian to have the education or training they needed to shape the life they wanted, no matter their background. He fought for the futures of kids just like the kid he was, who haven't yet imagined the kinds of things they could achieve." —Governor Tina Kotek

"I will remember him as a dignified and compassionate statesman. I will miss his warm smile and handshake. Our communities were fortunate to have his leadershipand we mourn the loss of a true public servant." —Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin

"Aaron had a deep heart for public service. He loved being in the Senate and loved working on behalf of the people in his community. He brought a unique and important perspective to our work, and he was a kind and trusted friend." —Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner

"He made the most of life. What I'll always remember about Aaron is the joy he derived from empowering youth with pathways to rewarding careers. He knew that meant a life of great opportunity." —Former Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald

"In the Senate we relied on his decades of private sector experience to inform our economic development policymaking, and we appreciated his thoughtful approach to complex issues." —Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama

"His passion for service and his unwavering dedication to our students and community will be profoundly missed." -Clackamas Community College President Tim Cook

"He was pragmatic, focused on solving problems, and always willing to collaborate. He leaves a lasting impact on Oregon." — House Majority Leader Ben Bowman

"Aaron brought a sense of decency and humanity to the Capitol that reminded us of all of what public service should look like." —Senate Minority Leader Daniel

Three Artists Named Finalists for Public Art Project

The 2020 Arts, Culture, and Heritage ▲ Strategy (ACHS) has guided the City's work to cultivate a sustainable, long-term plan to satisfy the community's aspirations for a vibrant cultural scene.

Public outreach conducted during development of the ACHS revealed that public art is valued as a significant cultural asset. Pursuing public art has been a priority of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC) since its inception in 2022.

The City has since adopted a Public Art Policy and guidelines which have already yielded a mural at the Memorial Park

Skatepark and the recent "heARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart" project that features 10 hand-painted fiberglass hearts on display throughout

The ACHC's most recent pursuit has been to identify a preferred artist to create a sculpture for permanent display at Boones Ferry Park with a project's theme 'Essence of the River.'

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the City in December sought artists qualified to create "artwork/s (that) celebrates and pulls inspiration from the river and surrounding natural areas in the park. The artwork(s) should be site-specific and engaging for users of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities." The RFQ identified three potential locations for art within the park; artists may focus on one or multiple.

The RFQ yielded an astonishing response from more than 150 talented artists nationwide.

"Unlike many of the City's existing public art pieces, purchased after they were completed, we're now engaged in a process that provides artists an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the community and park, and to create proposals specific to this distinct theme and place," said Erika Valentine, the City's Arts and Culture Program Coordinator.

This collaborative process of placemaking, Valentine explained, leads to more vibrant, public spaces.



An aerial view of Boones Ferry Park shows three potential sites for art within the park; artists may focus their proposals on one zone or multiple.

It gives visitors a stronger connection to the art, the park, and to Wilsonville.

Narrowing 150 submissions to three

Members of the ACHC and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed eligible applications and selected 10 finalists. The entire nine-member ACHC reviewed applications from each finalist (including narrative responses and images of previous work) to identify three artists to submit design proposals. They are Pete Beeman, Todji Kurtzman, and the artist team of Lin McJunkin and Milo White.

Each will visit the park with City staff prior to beginning their proposal, which must be completed by August 25. Proposals will be reviewed by the ACHC and relevant stakeholders at a public meeting this fall, and the preferred artist will be selected.

To inform their creations, the artists are soliciting input from the community. Results of a short public survey, available now on "Let's Talk, Wilsonville!" will be shared with each artist. Take the survey by Monday, June 23 at letstalkwilsonville.com/bfpark_art

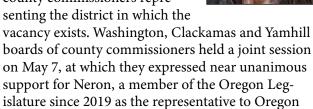
For more information about this project or Wilsonville's Public Art Collection and Program, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/public-art or contact Erika Valentine, Arts and Culture Program Coordinator at evalentine@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Briefs

Former Rep. Neron Appointed to **Vacant District 13 Senate Seat**

Wilsonville resident Court-**V** ney Neron has been appointed to serve Oregon Senate District 13, succeeding Aaron Woods, who passed away in April.

Oregon law requires that a legislative vacancy be filled by county commissioners repre-



At the time of her appointment, the newly-appointed Senator announced she would begin using her family name. Senator Courtney Neron Misslin is now available to constituents at the following address: Sen.CourtneyNeronMisslin@OregonLegislature.Gov.

House District 26, which includes Wilsonville.

IDEAfest: Jun. 4 Event at OIT **Showcases Student Projects**

regon Tech is welcoming Wilsonville community members at the school's IDEAfest on Wednesday, June 4, 4-6:30 pm, at its Wilsonville campus (27500 SW

This annual event provides an opportunity for juniors, seniors, and graduate students to present their capstone,

Parkway Ave.).

research, thesis, and other class projects.

IdeaFest includes project posters and demonstrations from students in computer science, electrical engineering, manufacturing and mechanical engineering, and renewable energy engineering.

To learn more, visit oit.edu/academics/ideafest

Boy Scout Plant Sale: June 21 at Community Center

Thisonville Scouts BSA Troop 194/5194 hosts its **V** Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 22.

The sale takes place from 9 am to 2:30 pm at the Wilsonville Community Center (7965 SW Wilsonville Rd.).

The Annual Plant Sale (and bake sale!) is one of



the Scouts' biggest fund-raisers. Proceeds support scouting in Wilsonville to ensure every scout has an opportunity to attend summer camp, an integral step to reaching the elusive Eagle Scout rank.

Plant sale offerings include trees and scrubs of all sizes and varieties, flats of flowers, hanging baskets, succulents and more.

For more information, find Troop 194 Wilsonville Scouts on Facebook.



Annual Juneteenth Celebration Takes Place on June 19

Wilsonville's fifth annual Juneteenth Celebration takes place at Town Center Park on Thursday, June 19, from 5-7:30 pm

Presented by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, this event provides an opportunity for people of all races, nationalities and religions to come together to celebrate our shared humanity and to acknowledge history that continues to influence our society.

Keynote speaker Tai Harden-Moore will discuss the power of the collective in making meaningful societal change. Ms. Harden-Moore has been serving local communities

Juneteenth Celebration Thu, June 19, 5-7:30 pm Town Center Park

and non-profits by serving on non-profit boards, participating in the Oregon Humanities

Conversation Project, and teaching as an adjunct lecturer. She is a published writer and speaker who highlights the importance of allyship and significance of uniting to eliminate institutional racism.

The festivities will include music and several community partners, who will be on hand to engage and connect with community members.

This free event is planned and executed by the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and made possible with a generous contribution from platinum sponsor Swire Coca-Cola. Oregon Institute of Technology and Clackamas Community College are also providing financial support as silver sponsors.



The City has been fortunate to partner with Swire Coca-Cola, the event's platinum sponsor since 2023. The long-time Wilsonville business has an extensive track record of partnership through sponsorships, product and in-kind donations to support community events.

Juneteenth is believed to be the nation's oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery. In 1866, Texans celebrated the first anniversary of the day word arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, that slavery had been abolished. The anniversary is marked by community celebrations throughout the United States.

For more information, contact Zoe Mombert, assistant to the city manager, mombert@wilsonvilleoregon.gov, or visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar.



Returns with Live Music July 4

n the Fourth of July, the City is once again hosting its free annual laser light show at Town

Fourth of July Laser Light Show Fri, July 4, 8 pm **Town Center Park** 29600 SW Park Pl.

Center Park! The laser show begins at dusk (about 10 pm). This year, the

fun begins earlier, with a live concert performance from singer/songwriter Tiffany Bird at 8 pm.

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Free Summer Movies in the Park Series Begins July 25 with *Moana 2*

The City's popular Movies in the Park series returns in July with the first of three free family-

Bring your snacks and blankets and join Moana on an adventure under the stars at Town Center Park on Friday, July 25.

The 2022 Movies in the Park schedule is as follows (all movies start at dusk):

- July 25: Moana 2 (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 8: Inside Out 2 (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 22: Wild Robot (Memorial Park, River

For more information on Movies in the Park, visit wilsonvilleparksandrec.com.



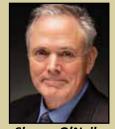
The City's DEI Committee Recognizes the following June Events:

- Pride Month
- Immigrant Heritage Month
- June 19: Juneteenth

Gultural Galendar

Wilsonville City Council

The City Council typically convenes on the first and third Monday of each month at City Hall, with a work session generally starting at 5 pm, followed by a meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziply Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/WilsonvilleTV. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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Council President





Anne Shevlin City Councilor

City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar

JUNE

- City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting Mon
- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- Tourism Promotion Committee Meeting Wed
- Pride Celebration & Mural Reception 2 pm, Town Center Park Sat
- Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee 6 pm, Wilsonville Library CANCELLED
- 11 Wed Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm, City Hall
- 16 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 19 Thu • Juneteenth Celebration 5 pm, Town Center Park
- 21 Sat
- Bulky Waste Day 9 am-1 pm, Republic Services • Boy Scout Plant & Bake Sale
- 9 am-2:30 pm, Community Center • Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg. 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee 6 pm, Wilsonville Library 24 Tue
- Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library 25 Wed
- DEI Speakers Series, "Immigrant Heritage Month" 6 pm, Wilsonville Library 26 Thu
- Korean War Remembrance Ceremony 10 am, Town Center Park 28 Sat

JULY

- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall 1 Tue
 - Independence Day City offices, Library closed
 - Fourth of July Laser Light Show 8 pm, Town Center Park
- Mon City Council Meeting + SOTC Address 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, Wilsonville Library CANCELLED
- Wed Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall
- 14 Mon Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall 15 Tue
- 16 Wed Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm, Parks and Rec. Admin. Bldg. 17 Thu
- Rotary Concerts: "Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- 19 Sat Wilsonville Skate Jam 1 pm, Memorial Park Skate Park
- 21 Mon City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 23 Wed Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- Rotary Concerts: "Kalimba" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park 24 Thu
- 25 Fri • Movies in the Park: Moana 2
- 9:15 pm. Town Center Park
- 28 Mon Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Rotary Concerts: "Hit Machine" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park

All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar

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