



New Mixed-Use Building Coming to Wilsonville’s Town Center, Replacing Former Shari’s Restaurant

Wilsonville is about to see its first new building under a years-long plan to turn Town Center into a lively, walkable neighborhood where people can shop, live, and spend time outdoors. The developer, Level Development, will build a 114-unit mixed-use building with ground-floor shops at the site of the old Shari’s restaurant, which has sat empty since the eatery closed in 2024.

The project is the first to be built under the Town Center Plan which provides the vision for a new main street through Town Center along with a connected string of gathering spaces and parks. The five-story building will include about 4,200 square feet of retail space facing the street, with apartments above. Parking will be tucked underneath and behind the building rather than out front, and the design uses materials like brick and wood-look siding to fit the neighborhood’s intended natural look and feel.

The building will also help fill out the surrounding streets. New sidewalks, street trees, and a pedestrian and bike path are planned along its edges, and a new street will replace what is currently a

driveway.

In 2023, city staff reviewed the proposal for compliance with the Town Center Plan and city code and recommended approval. The city’s Development Review Board approved the project in July 2023, clearing the way for construction to begin.

Demolition for the building was just completed as crews work to prepare the site for project. We invite you to learn more about this new mixed-use building and the project in this brief video: bit.ly/wtc-mixed-use-building.



The image above is conceptual only and does not represent approved development.

Wilsonville Emergency Preparedness Fair Aug. 29

Emergencies can happen at any time—but being prepared can make all the difference. Attend the City’s Emergency Preparedness Fair to learn practical steps you can take to protect yourself, your family, your pets, and your home before disaster strikes.

This free event takes place on Saturday, August 29, from 9 am to noon at the Stein Boozier Barn at Memorial Park.

Local experts will share tips, tools, and resources to help you prepare for emergencies. Learn how to how to build an emergency “go kit,” create a family emergency plan, store water safely, prepare your pets, safeguard your home, and more. The fair features giveaways and family-friendly activities to make emergency preparedness fun and informative for people of all ages.



The Emergency Preparedness Fair is part of the Wilsonville Ready campaign, an ongoing effort to help community members become better prepared for emergencies when essential services may be temporarily unavailable.

To learn more about the City’s Wilsonville Ready emergency preparedness campaign, visit wilsonvilleready.com.

Mayor’s Message

Building the Heart of Wilsonville

Wilsonville did not become the community we enjoy today by accident. It was built by people who had the vision to think beyond today and make thoughtful decisions about the future. Because they did, we enjoy exceptional parks, thriving neighborhoods, successful local businesses, and a quality of life that makes so many people proud to call Wilsonville home.

Now it is our turn.

Every generation has the opportunity—and the responsibility—to shape the future of its community. The decisions we make today will influence how Wilsonville looks, feels, and functions for decades to come. Every decision we make is ultimately about the kind of community our children and grandchildren will inherit.



The City adopted the Town Center Plan. It reflects a vision for creating a vibrant heart for Wilsonville—a place where people gather, support local businesses, enjoy parks and public spaces, find a variety of housing options, and connect with neighbors, while strengthening the sense of belonging that makes Wilsonville such a special place to call home.

Many Oregon communities have continued investing in vibrant downtowns and town centers that have become destinations for residents and visitors alike. Wilsonville deserves the same opportunity.

Over the past year, the City Council sought additional community input through surveys, focus groups, public meetings, and a task force. Residents shared thoughtful ideas, asked difficult questions, and helped refine the Town Center Development District proposal now before the community. Listening to one another, respecting different perspectives, and finding common ground—the Wilsonville Way.

One message came through clearly. Residents want a more vibrant Town Center with more places to gather, dine, shop, and spend time together.

Whether it is enjoying dinner with family, meeting friends after work, listening to live music, or supporting local entrepreneurs, residents consistently expressed a desire for more locally owned restaurants and gathering places. The excitement surrounding the possibility of a future food cart pod illustrates that vision. Food carts are more than a place to eat—they create opportunities for small businesses, bring neighbors together, and create the kind of vibrant gathering place many residents have told us they want for Wilsonville.

But the Town Center Plan is about much more than food carts.

It is about ensuring that the people of Wilsonville—not absentee landowners or developers alone—define what the heart of our city becomes. Growth will continue. The question is not whether Wilsonville will change. It will. The question is whether we shape that future together or allow it to be shaped for us.

This November, Wilsonville voters will consider Ordinance 905. If approved, it would authorize the creation of a Town Center Development District, providing a tool to help implement the community’s long-term vision without increasing the city tax rate.

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Ultimately, this is about more than a single ordinance.

It is about deciding what kind of community we want to leave for our children, our grandchildren, and those who will one day call Wilsonville home.

Wilsonville’s greatest strength has always been

its willingness to think beyond today—to build a community where people feel they belong, local businesses thrive, and our children and grandchildren inherit a city with a vibrant heart. That is the legacy our generation now has the opportunity to continue.

Shawn O’Neil, Mayor

POLICE CHIEF’S CORNER

Back-to-School Safety Begins Before the First Bell

I hope everyone is having a great summer. This month I thought it appropriate to discuss the inevitable “Back to School.” I have partnered with SMART Transit for this article to provide some great safety tips and school transportation options.

As summer ends and students prepare to return to school, our community will soon see a significant increase in activity on neighborhood streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and school campuses.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, but it also serves as an important reminder that safety requires all of us to do our part.

Each school day, hundreds of Wilsonville students travel to and from school by walking, biking, riding transit, carpooling, or getting dropped off. With so many different transportation modes sharing the same spaces, it is important that students, parents, and drivers remain attentive and aware of one another.

Drivers should expect increased traffic around schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times. School zones, crosswalks, and neighborhoods near schools deserve extra caution. Slow-down, eliminate distractions, and lookout for pedestrians to help prevent crashes. Children can be unpredictable, especially younger students who may be excited, distracted, or unfamiliar with traffic patterns near their school.

Parents and guardians can also help by discussing



Police Chief
Jed Wilson

transportation safety with their children before the school year begins. Whether a student walks, bikes, rides transit, or is driven to school, reviewing expectations ahead of time can build confidence and establish safe habits. Practicing routes, identifying safe crossing locations, and discussing how to navigate traffic are all valuable steps.

Wilsonville has invested in creating opportunities for students and families to choose active transportation when it makes sense for them. Through South Metro Area Regional Transit’s (SMART) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, families can participate in activities such as Walk+Roll events, Walking School Buses, Bike Buses, bicycle safety education, community bike rides and have a resource to lean on for any commuting related questions. Wilsonville’s SRTS programs help students develop lifelong transportation skills while encouraging healthy and active lifestyles.

In addition to walking and biking, many students in Wilsonville also rely on public transit as a safe and reliable way to get to and from school. SMART’s Route 7 serves Lowrie Primary and the new Route 10x serves Riverside High. And SMART’s Route 4 provides direct service to all other schools within the city, offering families a free and convenient transportation option. Riding the bus can be a great choice for students, and it also helps reduce traffic congestion around school campuses during peak arrival and dismissal times. Families interested in learning more about routes, schedules, and how to ride can visit SMART’s website or the new Welcome Center for additional information

and trip planning resources.

Safe Routes to School programing is not only about transportation. It is also about building stronger connections within neighborhoods and school communities. When students walk, bike, or roll together, families have opportunities to meet one another, children gain independence, and communities become more engaged in creating safe places for everyone as there are more eyes on the street.

Community members who do not have children in school can still play an important role. Yielding to pedestrians, following school zone speed limits, staying alert near bus stops, and avoiding distracted driving all contribute to a safer environment for students. Small actions can make a meaningful difference during the busy school year.

Families interested in learning more about local transportation safety programs and resources can visit SMART Safe Routes to School webpage at ridesmart.com/SRTS. Information about school transportation options, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and upcoming events is available throughout the year. I highly recommend participating in their upcoming Bike Rodeo at the Wilsonville Public Library on Friday, September 25 from 3-5pm.

As we prepare for another school year, I encourage everyone to make safety a priority. By working together and remaining mindful of one another, we can help ensure that every Wilsonville student has a safe trip to and from school each day.

Jed Wilson, Chief of Police



503-682-7790 | RideSMART.com | 28879 SW **Boberg**

Reading and Riding: Community Bike Ride

Grab your bike and join SMART for a fun, family-friendly community bike ride on Saturday, August 29! Meet at the Wilsonville Transit Center at 10 am, with the group ride departing at 10:30 am.

Ride alongside the Wilsonville Library Book Bike as we make our way to the Wilsonville Library.

Before we depart, participants will have the opportunity to practice loading their bicycles onto the SMART bus bike racks, helping build confidence for future transit trips.

Whether you’re new to biking, interested in combining biking with transit, or simply looking

for a fun way to connect with the community, everyone is welcome! Learn more and register by visiting ridesmart.com/bikerides.

Summertime is here and so are the water features at Murase Plaza

Take a ride with SMART for summertime fun:

- Visit Wilsonville library
- Stop by Wilsonville Community Center
- Play on the playground at Murase Park
- Have fun with Murase fountains

SMART routes 2X and 4 operate every 30 minutes along Town Center and Wilsonville Road. Enjoy your summer fun time with SMART – Your SMART Ride is on us!

Did you know about SMART expended operating hours to help you get to and from Summer time concerts at Town Center Park? Hop on SMART with family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy warm summer evenings with life music entertainment. Count on SMART to get you there



Candidate Filing Open for 2026 Wilsonville City Council Election

Candidate filing is now open for two Wilsonville City Council seats on the Nov. 3, 2026, general election ballot. The seats are currently held by Council President Caroline Berry and Councilor Sam Scull, whose terms end Dec. 31, 2026. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, registered voters, and live in Wilsonville city limits for at least 12 months before Election Day. Filing opened June 3, 2026. Prospective candidates

should schedule an appointment with the City Recorder to review deadlines and required paperwork. Final filing deadlines are by 5:00 pm on Aug. 18 for elected incumbents and Aug. 25 for new and non-elected incumbent candidates.

For details, contact the City Recorder, at cityrecorder@wilsonvilleoregon.gov or 503-570-1506, or visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/elections.





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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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WilsonvilleLibrary.org

Wilsonville Library's
7th Annual



August 1-31, 2026
1,500 words
maximum

SHORT STORY
CONTEST FOR ALL AGES



Short Story Contest for All Ages
Writers of all ages are invited to submit short stories of up to 1500 words in our 7th annual Short Story Contest.
Submissions are open from August 1-31, 2026. Three winners from each age group will have their stories published on the Library’s website.
Entry forms and more information available at: WilsonvilleLibrary.org/story

Summer Reading Program Ends Aug. 31
All ages can participate in this fun reading challenge. Read twenty minutes a day for twenty days, complete ten Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) explorations, or complete a book Bingo, and get entered into fabulous prize drawings. Forms are available at the library and on our website. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/SRP



Library Closed Wed. Aug. 26
The Library will be closed for staff training on Wednesday, Aug. 26.
To renew items, select “My Account” on the Library website or call the automated phone service at 503-659-8634. WilsonvilleLibrary.org/

Youth Programs Return in September
Get ready — our Youth Librarians are gearing up for a fantastic fall of programs for kids, families, and teens!
Starting in September, we’re bringing back all your favorites: Baby Storytime, Toddler Time, Family Storytime, Play Group, and Teen Afterschool Drop-in. We’ve also got some fun new programs coming, too!
Visit our website to view the September calendar and learn more about our outstanding youth programs: WilsonvilleLibrary.org/kids



Upcoming Classes and Events



Artist of the Month
Gay Walker is a native Oregonian and artist, curator, and printer. Her artwork is on display in the library throughout the month of August.

PROFILES: 200 Years of the Erie Canal
Online program looks at the longest North American artificial waterway as a forging element of American character.
Wednesday, Aug. 5, 11 am-12:30 pm
Online with Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code: wilsonvillelibrary.org/classes

Tabletop Game Night
Come unwind, enjoy some snacks, and discover new friends over classic and modern board games. Thursday, Aug. 6, 6-7:30 pm

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Donate blood and save a life! Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org.
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1-6 pm

Birdwatching for Beginners
Join Master Naturalist Rebecca Lexa as she shares the skills and tools you need to identify bird species. Monday, Aug. 24, 6-7:30 pm

More programs on our website!
WilsonvilleLibrary.org





WILSONVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION

www.WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Parks & Rec Administration Community Center
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Fall/Winter Registration Opens August 3
Registration for the Fall/Winter season spanning September through December will open on August 3. Early registration is encouraged. Register by September 1 and receive a 10% discount on select classes and programs. All Wilsonville addresses will receive a copy of the Activity Guide in their mailbox. An online edition also available at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/ActivityGuide.

Movies in the Park, August 7 & 14
Two Movies in the Park will take place in Town Center Park this August. “The Super Mario Galaxy Movie” on August 7 (starts ~8:30pm), and “Hoppers” on August 14 (starts ~8:15pm). Bring your own blanket or lawn chair, snacks and beverages and enjoy a movie under the stars! Films are free to attend and always family friendly.

Concert in the Park, August 13 - Sabroso
Grab your dancing shoes and lawn chair and join us for a Thursday night concert in Town Center Park. Live music will be provided by latin funk band “Sabroso” from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. The Wilsonville Farmers Market will also be in Town Center Park on this evening with market goodies and food for purchase.

Party in the Park, August 20
The Wilsonville ‘Party in the Park’ will take place on Thursday, August 20 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Town Center Park. This event will feature live music from Brandon Jones Band, food trucks, and games for the whole family. Additionally, the water features will be on for splashing until 8 pm. The Wilsonville Farmers Market will also be in Town Center Park on this evening with market goodies and food for purchase.



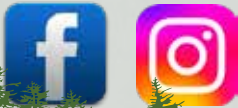
Fifth Annual Skate Jam, August 22
Presented by the Wilsonville Skatepark Association, in partnership with Wilsonville Parks and Recreation, Skate Jam is a community focused afternoon of skateboarding at the Memorial Park Skatepark! The free event on Saturday, August 22 from 1 pm to 4 pm will feature beginner and advanced jam sessions, prize raffle, gear and apparel giveaways, and a visit from Kona Ice.

Harvest Festival - Call for Vendors
The vendor application is now open for the annual Harvest Festival, to be held on Saturday, October 24 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Stein Boozier Barn. We are seeking artists, makers, bakers, creatives and more! Examples include but are not limited to: artworks, jewelry, baked goods, glass-ware, ceramics, candles, etc. Applications are due by September 4. Late applications will not be accepted. Find the application form at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/HarvestFestival.

Upcoming Classes and Events

- Sound Meditation**
Ages 18+
Fri. 8/7
6 - 7 pm
Wilsonville Community Center
Cost: \$20
Course #: 11900
- Sourdough Bread Workshop**
Ages 18+
Wed. 8/12
5:30 - 8 pm
Wilsonville Community Center
Cost: \$65
Course #: 11937
- Oil Painting - View from Manzanita**
Ages 18+
Sat. 8/15
10 am - 2 pm
Parks Admin Building
Cost: \$50
Course #: 11947
- Stained Glass - Water Droplets**
Ages 18+
Sat. 8/29
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Parks Admin Building
Cost: \$85
Course #: 11970

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Portland Timbers Soccer Camp
Ages 5 - 13
8/10 - 8/14
9 am - 2 pm
Memorial Park
\$240 | Course #11882

Chess Wizards Summer Camp
Ages 7 - 12
8/10 - 8/14
9 am - 3pm
Tauchman House/
Boones Ferry Park
\$435 | Course #11890

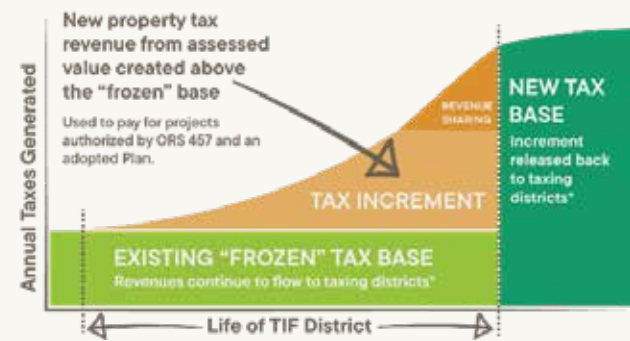
Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp
Ages 6 - 12
8/17 - 8/21
9 am - 3 pm
Memorial Park
\$179
Register.Skyhawks.com

KidoKinetics Run the Bases Camp
Ages 4 - 8
8/3 - 8/5
9 am - 12 pm
Memorial Park
\$155 | Course #11875

What is Urban Renewal?

Urban renewal is a tool cities and counties can use to revitalize specific areas experiencing blight, such as vacant lots and empty buildings that are no longer in use. Urban renewal stimulates the economy in these areas by removing conditions that act as a barrier to new development and redevelopment.

Once approved, urban renewal enables the City to make public investments in the area’s infrastructure and other programs that create better conditions for business. These public investments could include improved utilities, parking, roads, sidewalks, and other projects that make the area more attractive and accessible. Over time, the previously blighted area is reenergized to create stronger economic vitality and livability, thus stimulating more private investment into the area.



When the urban renewal district is created, taxing districts such as the county, fire district, and the City receive annual property tax revenue from property within the urban renewal district boundary based on the existing tax base at the time. (School funding is

different. It is calculated at the state level, and any local urban renewal impacts are offset by state funds.) This continues for the duration of the urban renewal area.

As new development occurs inside the urban renewal boundary and property values increase, the urban renewal district generates net new revenue that is re-invested into approved public investments. This revenue from new development and growth is called the “tax increment,” which is why urban renewal is also sometimes called “tax-increment financing” (TIF). These funds can only be used on approved projects within the boundaries of the established urban renewal district.

When the urban renewal district closes, tax increment is no longer collected by the urban renewal agency, and all taxing districts then receive property tax revenue based on the new, higher value of property within the urban renewal district.

Statewide urban renewal law is found in Oregon statutes (ORS Chapter 457). In May of 2026, Wilsonville voters approved Measure 3-632 which amended the City Charter, requiring voter approval before the City can adopt a new urban renewal plan or make certain significant changes to an existing urban renewal plan. Together, these laws ensure cities use urban renewal with input from affected taxing districts, transparency, and public involvement.

Urban renewal helps turn areas that are experiencing a pattern of disinvestment into thriving places by addressing blight and creating the conditions that encourage private investment, driving long-term economic stability and vitality.

You can learn more about urban renewal at wilsonvilletowncenter.com/what-is-urban-renewal.

Summer Safety: TVF&R Offers Tips to Avoid Fires & Injuries

Nothing puts a damper on your favorite summertime activity like a fire or injury. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to follow these safety tips and adopt a fire safe attitude so your activities are remembered only for the fun!



Matches and Lighters: Tools for grown-ups – not toys for kids!

- Always keep matches and lighters out of reach of children. Teach children to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters within their reach.
- Smoking Materials: Use the ashtray – not the roadway!
- During the summer months, TVF&R responds to a significant number of brush fires started from discarded cigarettes tossed out of vehicle windows or onto landscaping. Extinguish and discard cigarettes in an appropriate metal container or ashtray partially filled with sand or water.

Barbecue Safety: Fire up the grill – not the patio!

- Never leave your barbecue unattended and always have a hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.
- Keep clothing, towels, and hot pads away from flames. Use long-handled barbecuing utensils and use charcoal lighter fluid sparingly and with caution.
- Always discard spent briquettes and warm ashes in a metal can far away from combustibles such as the deck, outdoor furniture, or house.
- When changing propane tanks/bottles, check the fittings to ensure a proper seal and fit.

Refinishing and Staining Products: Use caution!

- Refinishing products containing linseed and other oils generate their own heat. Wadded-up or folded rags can spontaneously ignite. Read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Lay rags flat to dry on a non-combustible surface or place them in a metal container partially filled with water and cover with a tight-fitting metal lid.

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

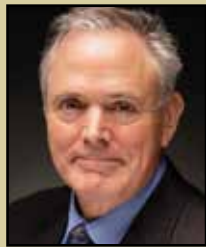


City Calendar

AUGUST		
3 Mon	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting	
4 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall	
6 Thu	• Rotary Concert - <i>Band After Midnight</i> • 5:30 pm, Town Center Park	
7 Fri	Movies in the Park, “Super Mario Galaxy” 8:15 pm, Town Center Park	
10 Mon	• Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall	
12 Wed	• Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm, City Hall • Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board 6 pm	
13 Thu	Music in the Park - <i>Sabroso</i> 6 pm, Town Center Park	
14 Fri	Movies in the Park, “Hoppers” 8 pm, Town Center Park	
17 Mon	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting	
18 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall	
19 Wed	• Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm	
20 Thu	• Party in the Park. 5:30 pm, Town Center Park	
24 Mon	• Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg. 6:30 pm, City Hall	
29 Sat	• Emergency Preparedness Fair 10 am-noon, Stein-Boozier Barn	
SEPTEMBER		
1 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall	
8 Tue	• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee 6 pm, City Hall	
9 Wed	• Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm, City Hall • Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board 6 pm	
10 Thu	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting	
14 Mon	• Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall	
15 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall	
21 Mon	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting	
28 Mon	• Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg. 6:30 pm, City Hall	
All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at wilsonvilleoregon.gov .		

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 Ziplly 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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The City’s DEI Committee recognizes the following August events:

- Aug. 9: International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
- Aug. 21: National Senior Citizens Day
- Aug. 28: Raksha Bandhan

Cultural Calendar