

Parks and Recreation Report | July 2025

Director's Report

The City hosted it's fourth annual Laser Light Show and concert on Friday, July 4. It was a great event with many people in attendance. In addition to the patriotic themed laser show and live music there were face painters, free glow sticks, and sweet treats available from both Kona Ice and Fifty Licks ice cream. This free annual event continues to be a safe, fun, and family friendly way to celebrate our country's independence.

On July 19 there were two great community events; a community bike ride to the heARTS of Wilsonville and the annual Skate Jam. The community bike ride was a collaboration with SMART to tour the 10 hearts art project in Wilsonville. The skate jam is an ongoing collaboration between the Wilsonville Skate Park Association and the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation department. It is a welcoming, inclusive event for skaters of all ages and skill levels. The remainder of July was packed with summer camps, sports tournaments, movies, concerts and other classes and programs.

Behind the scenes our parks team is laying the ground work for upcoming projects such as Frog Pond Neighborhood Park, which will be a brand new 2.93 acre park in the Frog Pond West Neighborhood. Additionally, there are two major projects coming to Memorial Park this off season with the Playground replacement project and athletic field safety netting improvement project set to break ground this fall/winter.

~Kris Ammerman

Community Center, Recreation & Arts Updates

Movies in the Park Series

July kicked off our Movies in the Park series with Moana 2. Our supporting sponsor Guild Mortgage Team Dalglish brought snacks for the around 150 attendees who joined us at Town Center Park. August will bring two more movies in the park with Inside Out 2 on August 8 at Town Center Park and Wild Robot on August 22 at the Memorial Park River Shelter. All movies start at dusk.



Summer Camp Season Continues

Our summer camp season is still going strong. In July, we had a variety of camps to offer the public, Coyle Outside camps, Timbers Soccer Camp, Jordan Kent Sports Camps, Fun4All Slime Camp, YMCA Camps, KidoKinetics, and Skyhawks all hosted camps in our parks this July! Registration is still open for the remaining weeks of camp at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register.

Skate Jam

The annual Skate Jam event took place with beginner and advanced jam sessions and a number of contests. \$4,000 worth of skateboards, apparel and various skate items were raffled off as part of a free raffle. At one point, Wilsonville Skate Park Association member, Tynan Barnes was speaking with a family who had a child

around the age of 10. The family had just purchased a used skateboard and asked Tynan to take a look at the board and make sure everything was in good working condition. Tynan went through the board component by component explaining everything to young man about his "new" board.



Community Bike Ride to the heARTs of Wilsonville

Parks and Rec and SMART collaborated on a Community Bike ride which took place on Saturday July 19. Participants met at Town Center Park where the ride departed from. The ride consisted of an 8 mile family-friendly loop and more than 50 people were in attendance to ride to all 10 hearts. The hearts were part of the heARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart Public Art installation which got installed in May. This was a great way for people to see the artwork who may have otherwise not. There were also two artists stationed at their heart in order to talk about their process and design.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

While the ACHC did not have a meeting in July, staff supported the community bike ride to the heARTs installation and continued to work on other upcoming Public Art Projects.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City has a meeting on August 6 to review the itinerary and prepare for their Host Family Information Night taking place on August 13 at 6:00 pm at the Wilsonville Library Oak Room.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board last met on June 26, their next meeting will be in October when they review Community Opportunity Grant applications.

Upcoming Events

Party in the Park

Thursday, August, 21, 5pm-8pm, Town Center Park

Movies in the Park Series

Friday, August 8, dusk, Town Center Park—Inside Out 2

Friday, August 22, dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter—Wild Robot

Rotary Summer Concert Series

Thursday, August 7, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park—Norman Sylvester

Parks Team

In addition to their normal, busy summer schedules, the parks team has been assisting with special events such as the 4th of July Laser Show, Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, supporting other internal events and external events happening within the community parks. Town Center event preparation includes the team rolling out the mobi-mats, which create an ADA accessible pathways for those with mobility issues. These mats give them the opportunity to get closer to the action of the event!

Tournaments are in full swing down in Memorial Park and the team is hard at work ensuring the fields, shelters and facilities are looking great and ready to welcome attendees!

The team has also been deep watering the oaks at Edelweiss in order to hopefully keep them healthy and more resilient if they are affected by the Mediterranean Oak Borer.



The Oregon Recreation and Parks Association Maintenance Institute was hosted in the Stein -Boozier Barn where maintenance professionals learned skills and lessons for their field of work.

The team gave Willow Creek a refresh of paint!

