



Parks and Recreation Report | October 2025

Director's Report

Every October the Parks and Recreation Department hosts our annual Harvest Festival. This event continues to be a favorite among community members with too many activities to list. Some of the highlights include horse and carriage rides, live music, free pumpkins, pumpkin decorating, artisan vendor booths and a costume parade. Once again the weather cooperated this year helping drive a record turn out.

The nice weather has also helped construction progress on the Frog Pond Park project. The dry weather this month has enabled the construction team to get a few weeks ahead of schedule.

Also this month several Parks and Recreation Department team members were able to attend the Oregon Recreation and Park Association's (ORPA) annual conference in Eugene, Oregon. This was an extra special occasion for our team as our disc golf project partner was recognized for two awards at the conference.

One award was the 2025 Private Sector Partner Award and the other was for the same project from Maintenance and Construction Section (MACS). This project was a collaborative effort between the City's Parks team, private disc golf enthusiast and course designer Joey Tomaino, and the Wilsonville disc golf community. The project expanded the existing 9 hole course into a 19 hole course that is fun and enjoyable for all skill levels. Disc golf is a growing sport because it is a fun, family friendly activity that has few barriers to entry—it is free to play and the equipment is fairly inexpensive to get started. It is a great way to get outdoors and get some exercise while also engaging in a fun and social game.

In other exciting news, the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission selected the artist for the Boones Ferry Park public art project. Please read on for more details on that and other happenings department wide...

~Kris Ammerman

Recreation Updates

Wilsonville Harvest Festival

The annual Wilsonville Harvest Festival took place on Saturday, October 18 in Murase Plaza at the Stein-Boozier Barn from 10am-1pm. The event was a huge success, and included over 30 local craft vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, horse and carriage rides, face painting, free pumpkins and decorating kits, live music, a library Storytime and more! The weather was excellent, and the day was filled with lots of fall family fun. A big thank you to this year's repeat title sponsor, Nichols Family Agency!



Mini Hoopers 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball

The Mini Hoopers basketball program for first and second graders is in full swing. This youth basketball program is a noncompetitive basketball league centered around fun, skill development, and fair play, and it uses gym space at Boones Ferry Primary School. The program is run with volunteer coaches, while rosters, schedules, and oversight is provided by Wilsonville Parks and Recreation. For the 2025 season there are 48 first and second grade girls, 46 first grade boys, and 59 second grade boys enrolled. The season will run from mid-October through early December.



Kitakata Student Delegation to Visit Wilsonville, December 6-16

A Kitakata student delegation of 14 middle school students and two (2) chaperones will visit Wilsonville from December 6 through 16. The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board has put together a 10 day itinerary for the group which will include trips to Meridian Creek Middle School and Wilsonville High School. The students will also partake in activities like bowling at Bullwinkle's, Oil Painting at the Community Center, and take trips into Portland to places like Voodoo Donuts, the Portland Art Museum, and the Consulate Building. Every member of the delegation will be staying with local host families in Wilsonville. The board would like to thank our generous community for hosting these students during their stay.

Winter/Spring Program Registration to Open December 1

Registration for the next sessions of classes and programs will start on Monday, December 1. A long time favorite returns this year as the Daddy Daughter Dance will take place February 20 with a "neon night" theme. A number of cake and cookie decorating workshops have been added to the program offerings to pair with the health and fitness offerings. This spring, new moms will be invited to Memorial Park for a "New Moms Walk" where they can enjoy a stroller friendly walk while building community with others enjoying similar joys and struggles as a new mom.

Community Center

In October, the Community Center continued a lecture series with Attorney Michael Rose sharing information about Medicaid planning, and preserving and protecting assets and a representative of NW Medicare Advisors sharing the basics of Medicare and available plan options.

October also saw the start of the Center's Grief Support Group. The five week group, led by Ed Nelson, CT focuses on bereavement education, resources, and the opportunity to share one's grief journey.

The Community Center's nutrition team continued to provide high quality, nutritious meals to the older adults in our community. In October 833 meals (48 more meals than October 2024) were served as part of the Center's in-person lunch program and 1,655 meals (92 more meals more than October 2024) were sent out to clients who are part of the Center's home delivered meals program.

Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

At the October ACHC meeting the Commission awarded the Boones Ferry Park Public Art Project 'Essence of the River' to Todji Kurtzman. The project began with over 150 applicants which then got narrowed down to a top three (3) who created unique design proposals.

Also at the October meeting the ACHC approved the Library Children's Section Mural project to artist Julia Hunkler. Julia will be working with staff to develop a unique design for the Children's sections four (4) interior walls.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board (KSCAB)

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in October to continue preparations for the student delegation December 6-16. The board is actively recruiting host families, and reviewing applications.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board awarded Opportunity Grant funds at their October meeting. The following projects were awarded:

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| • Cynthia Anglin (Wilsonville Ukelele Players Society) | \$520 |
| • Dana Brenner (Inner and Outer Peace Project) | \$3,000 |
| • Wilsonville Robotics Stewardship Group | \$2,500 |

Upcoming Events

- November 3—December 8 | Toy Drive & Senior Stockings, Community Center
- November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony, Town Center Park
- December 1, 8am | Winter/Spring Registration Opens— WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register
- December 1—December 17| Letters to Winter Wonderland, Parks and Rec Admin Office
- December 4, 5 pm | Community Tree Lighting, Town Center Park
- December 6 - 16 | Kitakata Student Visit
- February 20, 7-9 pm | Daddy Daughter Dance— Neon Night, Community Center
- April 4, 10am | Wilsonville Community Egg Hunt, Wilsonville Memorial Park

Parks Team Updates

In October the Parks Team was hard at work taking care of the leaves in the parks!



The Parks team helped out with Harvest Festival!
Our Recreation team couldn't pull off this great event without their amazing help.

The Parks team shut down fields for the season and began field restoration to prepare for the 2026 season!
Members of the team also attended the annual Oregon Recreation and Parks Conference where they learned about new projects and park maintenance techniques from others in the field.