



Parks and Recreation Report | June 2026

Director's Report

June marks the beginning of summer, and Parks and Recreation is in full swing. Schools are out, summer camps are underway, baseball tournaments are in full swing, and our park shelters are hosting celebrations and gatherings throughout the community.

This season is a reminder of why our work matters. Whether it's families cooling off at water features, couples enjoying live music at a concert, or neighbors harvesting fresh produce from community gardens, our parks and programs create spaces where people connect, recreate, and build community.

As summer continues, I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy all that our parks have to offer. Take a walk through one of our natural areas, attend a community event, or try a new recreation class. Whatever your interests, Parks and Recreation provides opportunities for residents of all ages to make the most of the summer season.

Have a great summer Wilsonville!

~Megan Big John

Recreation & Arts Updates

STARS Camp

The annual STARS Camp took place June 15-17 at the Memorial Park River Shelter. The camp, which is intended for those on the free or reduced lunch program, is run by Wilsonville High School volunteers. 28 campers attended camp this year and enjoyed field games, science experiments, nature hikes, and more. We are happy to be able to continue to offer this camp to the community.



Summer Camps are in Full Swing!

Summer camps began the week of June 15. Already we have seen several sports camps including tennis, basketball, cheerleading, volleyball, and flag football, along with many multi-sport camps! The month of June saw over 220 kids registered. There are still lots of camps available. Those interested should register at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Register

Refresh to Art in Nature Play Park

With the City's formalization of a Public Art Program including a policy, guidelines, and formation of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC), comes the not-so exciting part of managing art work which is maintenance! Last month, staff reached out to James Lukinich, the chainsaw artist who created the beloved wooden sculptures for the Nature Play Park when it first opened back in 2021. Since then, the sculptures needed a lot of work from regular wear and weather. James was able to visit the park and complete the work in two days and will now come annually to keep the figures in good condition!



Recreation & Arts Updates cont.

June Book Swap

The Recreation team held their first book swap event in Murase Plaza in June in collaboration with the Wilsonville Library. Roughly 35 folks came out to the event to share books, make bookmarks, have a snack and be in community.



Nature Walks with Drag Me Outside (Cover Image)

In collaboration with the Portland based “Drag Me Outside” organization, Wilsonville Parks and Recreation hosted two educational nature walks in June in conjunction with Wilsonville Pride weekend that served 80 registrants. The hikes were lead by drag performers Efemmera Gendera an ornithologist and Thespis D. Light a naturalist and environmental educator.

Skateboard Lessons

In partnership with the Wilsonville Skate park Association, free skateboard lessons were offered this month. 23 young community members had the opportunity to learn the basics of skateboarding during two sessions taught by volunteer coaches.



Recreation Updates cont.

Korean War Remembrance Ceremony

Around 250 individuals were in attendance on Saturday, June 27 at Town Center Park for a ceremony remembering the 76th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Korean War. Speeches were made by Mayor O'Neil, The Honorable Mijo Park Deputy Consul General of Korea, Francesca Kim, President, Korean Society of Oregon and Dr. Nakeia Daniels, Director of Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and was emceed by the Honorable Dr. Edward Kimmi, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Korea - Northern Oregon.

Veterans were recognized throughout the event, memorial wreaths were placed, and taps were played at the culmination to honor those who were lost.

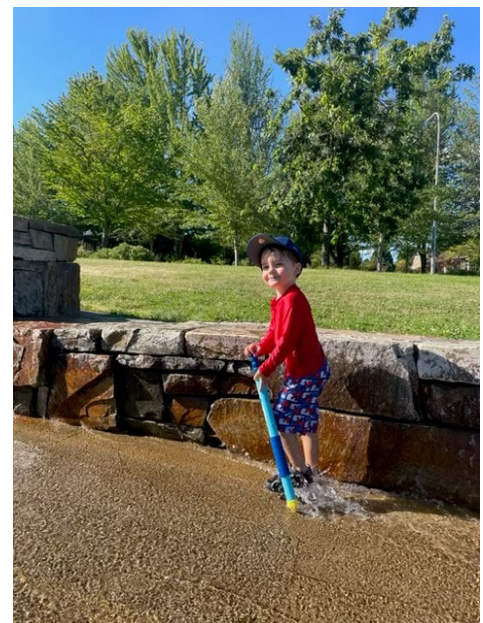
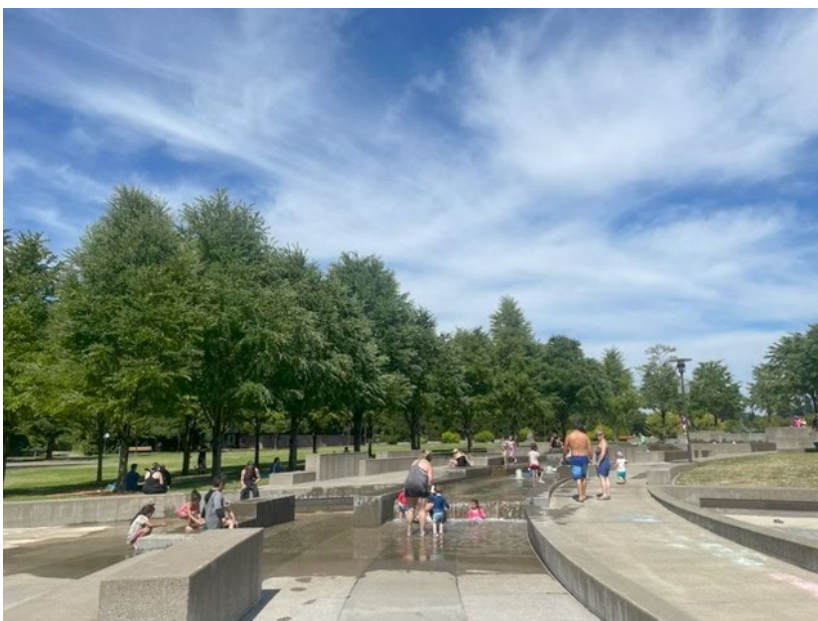


Parks Team

Parks is very excited to announce the opening of Town Center's Water Feature. It went online to coincide with the Concert and Laser Light Show event on Independence Day. The Parks Maintenance Division has water feature operators ensuring regulatory compliance at both Murase Plaza and Town Center Park. It is a lovely sight observing the community taking solace from the summer heat in an urban oasis.

The Maintenance Department will be conducting interviews for the Lead Park Specialist and Park Specialist positions this month. These additions will create a 28% increase for our Park Specialists. Parks Maintenance is excited to welcome new teammates and the additional help we need to increase our capacity.

Our Maintenance Team has been busy beautifying Park's landscapes with regularly occurring service, maintaining facilities and ballfields and supporting dynamic community events, such as Concerts in the Park, community plant sale, and the Laser Light Show. We are proud of the state of the Parks and the livability it brings to the community.



Board Highlights

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (ACHC)

While the ACHC did not meet in June they are working on their assignments of reviewing and evaluating the City's existing Public Art Collection. Each of the Commissioners are assigned to 1 – 4 different pieces around the City and tasked with reporting on they're current condition and maintenance needs. The Commission will discuss their findings at an upcoming meeting.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board met in June to prepare for the July Many Cultures, One Community event in collaboration with the ACHC. The board also signed a commemorative photo book in honor of passed sister city member, Jiro Sato. The board also began brainstorming goals for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Upcoming Events

Many Cultures, One Community: Saturday, July 9, 5:30-8:30 pm, Town Center Park

Rotary Summer Concert Series

Thursday, July 16, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park— Hit Machine

Thursday, July 23, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park— Conjunto Alegre

Thursday, July 30, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park— Jennifer Batten and Full Steam

Thursday, August 6, 5:30 pm, Town Center Park— Band After Midnight

City Concert in the Park: Thursday, August 13, 6 pm, Town Center Park—Sabroso

Movies in the Park Series

Friday, August 7, 8:30 pm, Town Center Park— The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Friday, August 14, 8:15 pm, Town Center Park—Hoppers

Party in the Park: Thursday, August 20, 5:30-8:30 pm, Town Center Park, Live Music— Brandon Jones Band