

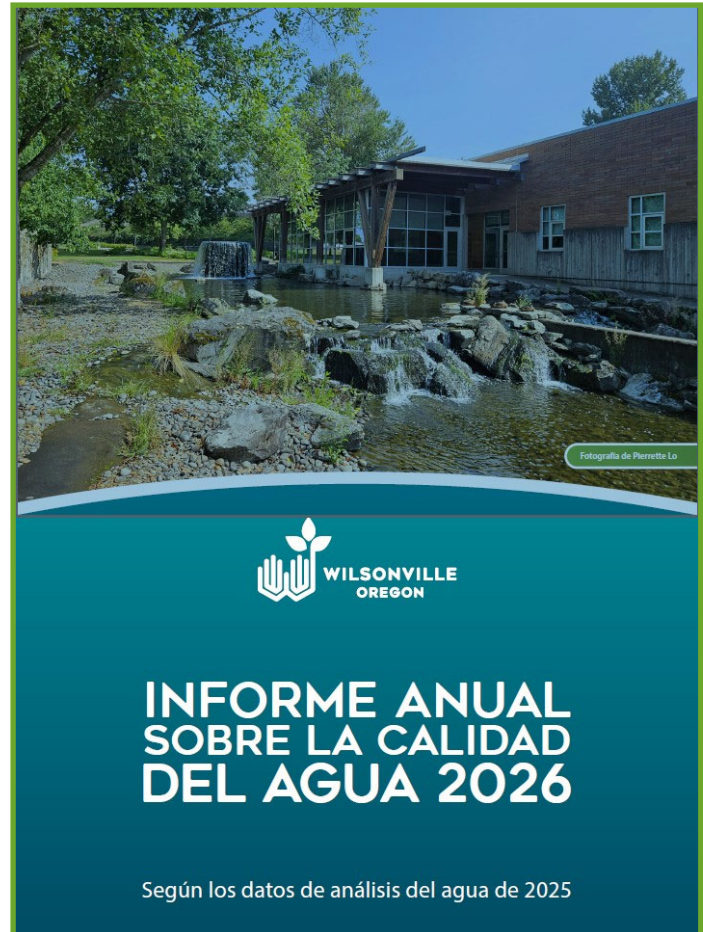
From the Public Works Complex:

The City was pleased to recognize members of the Public Works and Parks Maintenance departments as part of annual National Public Works Week, May 17 –23, 2026. Classified as first responders, these crews are on call year-round to keep the City functioning and infrastructure in working order.

Each year, the City produces reports that detail progress in key areas of local governance. The City's Annual Water Quality Report provides water quality data and testing results for calendar year 2025. This year, for the first time, the report is available in both English and Spanish. A copy of the report can be viewed online on the City's website; printed copies are available at City Hall and Public Works reception desks.

This year's report shows that the City's water quality continues to meet or exceed all regulatory drinking standards.

The data includes water quality results of samples taken from the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant, as well as samples taken throughout the City's water distribution system.



PUBLIC WORKS

FIRST RESPONDER

Best Regards,

Martin Montalvo, Operations Manager

Stormwater

Drain Oh No

After some excavating work it's easy to see what was impeding proper drainage between SW 95th Avenue and Boones Ferry Road. The Stormwater team removed over 50 cubic yards of invasive plants and trees that were blocking the stream from flowing properly. The newly restored drainage ditch can once again function properly now that the proper flow alignment has been restored.



Stormwater

By The Numbers

Numbers don't lie, and the Stormwater team has seen year-over-year reductions in the number of catch basins that require cleaning. This year, 500 catch basins will be cleaned; compared to 900 last year, and 1200 the year before. This is the result of the recent implementation of individual inspections of every catch basin prior to the scheduled cleanings. This success means that the team is keeping a significant amount of runoff debris from entering our rivers and streams. Nice work!



Stormwater

Due For A Raise

The Stormwater team had a large repair on their hands upon discovery of a Stormwater manhole that had become buried along SW Boones Ferry Road. In order to ensure proper functionality, the manhole had to be lifted back to an appropriate height to allow for proper water flow and maintenance access. The photos that follow show the repair process step-by-step, and serve as a reminder that routine inspections and maintenance are time well spent.



Stormwater

Finishing Touches

Roads & Stormwater Supervisor Brad Painter guided the team as repairs were completed and the landscape around the manhole restored. Brad's long-tenured experience in infrastructure repairs and maintenance ensures a keen eye for safety and guides solutions that will last for many years to come.



Utilities

It Takes A Village

Villebois Village concludes the last phase of building in the Villebois subdivision. The City's Utilities team has been assisting with the inspection of the installation of underground utilities by outside contractors. Last week, contractors completed two 'water hot taps' - also known as a pressure tap or wet tap. This specialized plumbing and pipeline technique is used to drill or connect with a live, pressurized water pipe without interrupting the flow of water or shutting down the system. This method alleviates the need to shut down water service for nearby homes and businesses, resulting in minimal disruption from the construction.



Utilities

Tidy Up

In Oregon we know that the grass grows fastest during the Spring months; the Utilities crew spent some time during the month of May maintaining sites around the City's water assets. Keeping City sites tidy not only encourages good neighbor relationships, it ensures that assets are easily accessed when crews need to get to them.



Certs Up! Congratulations to Tim Steele for Water Operator Level 2 Certification

The Oregon Health Authority requires that the community water systems be maintained only by trained and certified water operators. Trained and certified operators are necessary to ensure that the systems are managed in a manner that fully protects public health and the environment. There are four unique certification levels and each level requires documented years of on-the-job experience, continuing education credits and a final written examination. Tim Steele recently sat for and passed his Level 2 Water Operators Certification. Way to go, Tim!

Facilities

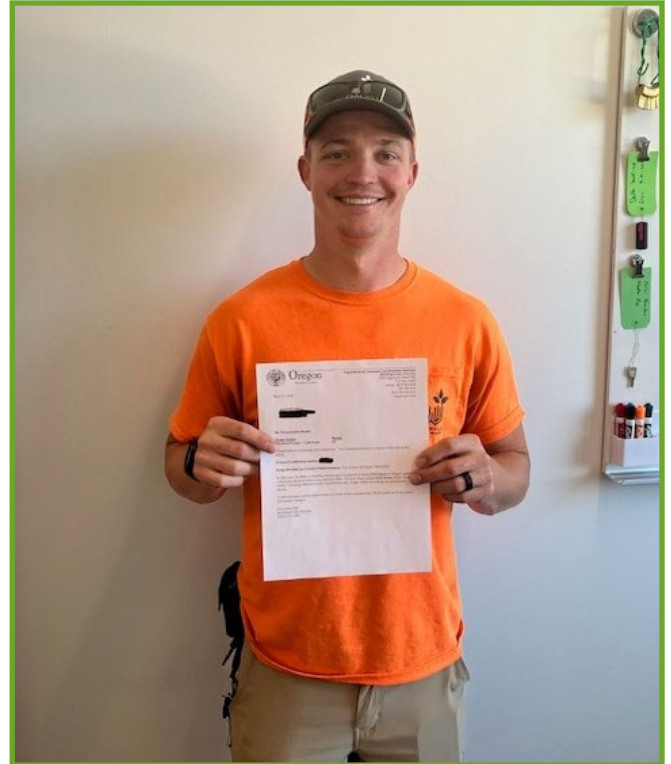
Professional Development

Always a student, sometimes a teacher, never a master.

Members of the Facilities team embraced educational opportunities in the month of May.

Maintenance Technician Konnen Bell achieved an impressive 93% on his Limited Building Maintenance Electrician (LBME) exam. This exam grants Konnen his LBME license, which included 2,000 hours of documented on-the-job electrical work prior to the exam. Congratulations, Konnen!

Landscape Technician Luke McKinnon was a featured speaker at the Oregon American Public Works Association annual conference, hosting a presentation on Balancing Ecology and Efficiency. Luke's presentation demonstrated the value of accurate data collection, and how it can lead to metrics-based improvements and efficiencies for Facilities Grounds Maintenance crews. Nice job, Luke!



Facilities

May Flowers, Few Showers

The Facilities Grounds team has been busy mowing and planting color spot flowers throughout the City's facilities. The team also needed to prioritize irrigation repairs and adjustments due to a rather dry and warm May. These efforts bring cheery Spring color to the City's main entrances, welcoming all who enter.



Facilities

Broom With A View

Preserving the City's assets saves money, time, and environmental impacts by limiting landfill contributions.

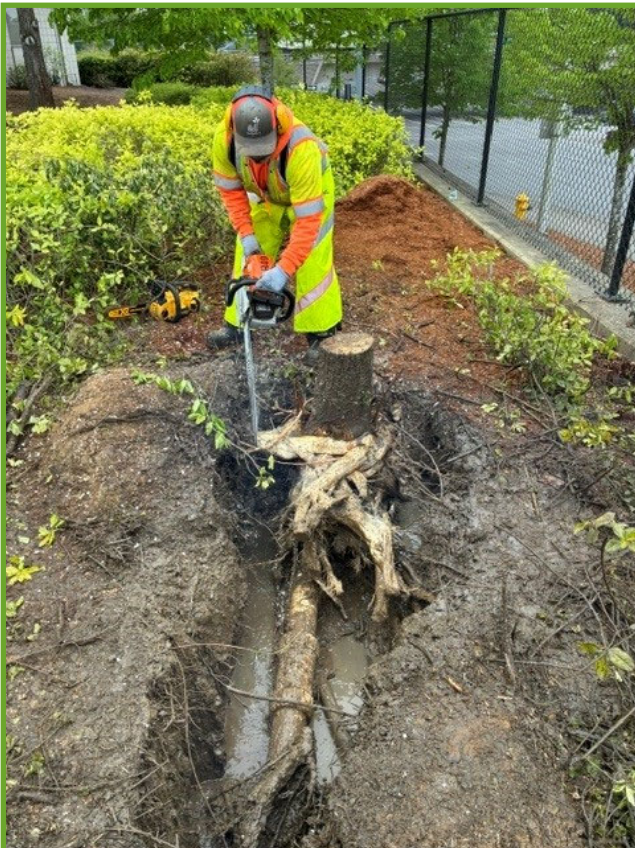
While the grounds team beautified the landscape below, Facility Maintenance Technician Trevor Denfeld focused on the above by soft scrubbing the roof of City Hall. The building's roof membranes need to be washed annually to help extend the life expectancy of the roofing material and assure the roof can drain properly. The pictures show just how dirty the roof becomes in one year's time.



Roads

The Root Of The Problem

The Roads crew brought out the hydro-excavator to help them access an irrigation line that had been damaged by invasive tree roots. After removing the obstruction, the team installed new irrigation pipe and turned on the irrigation service for the dry summer months.



Roads

In The Thick Of It

Challenging inclines and dense vegetation are easily tackled with the help of a remote-controlled mower. The Roads team recently upgraded their equipment to include this track-driven remote mower. After completing a safety and operations training for the equipment, the Roads team was ready to deploy this time-saving, safety focused machinery. Using the remote mower lowers the risk of injury and allows the team to access steep, hard-to-reach and overgrown landscapes with ease.

