

From The Director's Office:

The Public Works Department hosted the 4th Annual Wilsonville Emergency Preparedness Fair held on September 20 in the Stein-Boozier Barn. The Fair, part of the Wilsonville Ready campaign, offers community members hands-on access to local experts, resources, information, and other tools to strengthen individual preparedness, self-reliance, and community resilience during emergencies.

Over 100 attendees visited 11 stations to learn about community readiness, sheltering, power shut-offs, first aid, water and sanitation solutions, wildfire and evacuation preparedness, building a 'go bag', pet preparedness, sandbag filling, preparedness within the disability community and other topics.

Once participants completed a passport card with stickers from each station, they were eligible to spin the "Wheel of Disaster" for an emergency preparedness prize. Prizes included multifunction tools, collapsable pet bowls, emergency blankets, life straws, emergency document bags, small flashlights, and lanterns. New this year for those who completed the passport was entry into a raffle to win a Red Cross emergency preparedness kit or emergency car kit.

We want to thank our partners who help make this event a success - Red Cross; Upstream Access; Ruff and Ready; Portland General Electric; Tualatin Valley Fire District; Regional Water Providers; Oregon Department of Human Services; and Charbonneau Country Club.



Best Regards,

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director

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2025 Emergency Preparedness Fair



Stormwater

The Root of The Problem

During the summer, a storm pipe was discovered to have extensive root interference which was impeding stormwater conveyance. Functional stormwater drainage is a year-round necessity, it is especially important once the rainy season starts. Using the closed caption television (CCTV) van, the Stormwater team inspected the pipe to assess the location and level of root damage, as shown in the photos below.



Stormwater

Up And Running

After determining the extent of tree root damage to a Stormwater conveyance line, the team got to work repairing a 20 foot section of pipe. Combining expertise and the right tools for the job, the team made quick and tidy work of the repair with minimal interruptions to traffic in the vicinity.



Utilities

Fill 'er Up!

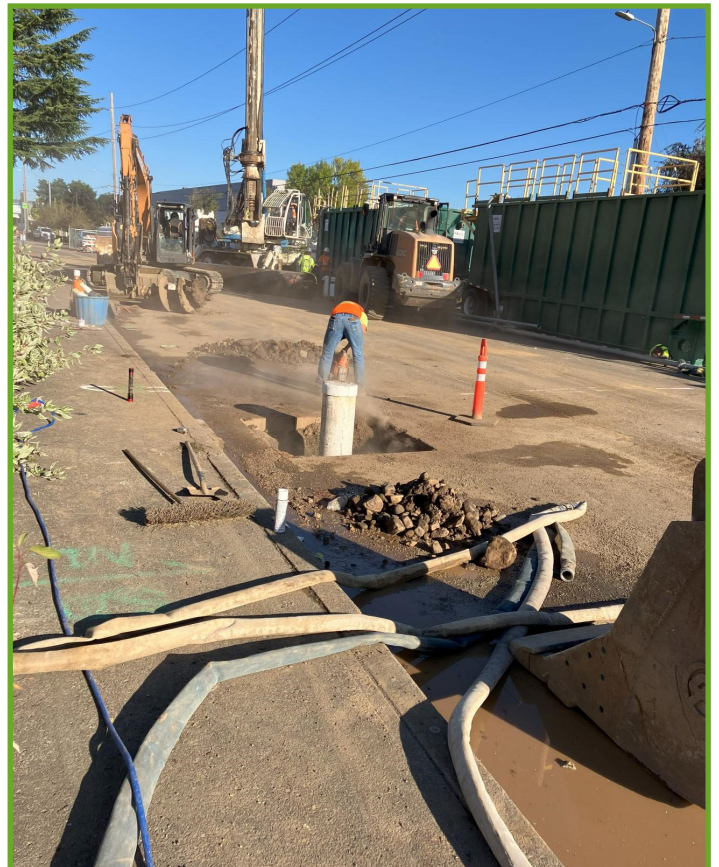
In September, the Utilities crew facilitated the completion of the new 3 million gallon Tooze Road water reservoir. This highly anticipated project is nearly finished, but before City water technicians could oversee the filling of the reservoir, it had to be fully sanitized. In the photos below you see the inside of the reservoir before filling, as a worker sanitizes all surfaces using a solution of 200 parts per million chlorine. The solution must sit for 24 hours prior to filling to ensure proper sanitation levels are met. The structure was filled incrementally, allowing for settling under the weight of the potable water. After sanitizing was completed Utilities Water Technicians in conjunction with the Willamette Water Treatment Plant oversaw the filling of the tank over five days, with water being transferred at a rate of 4,000 gallons per minute.



Utilities

Incident Response

Earlier this month, Utilities Sewer Technicians were called upon to oversee repairs on a sanitary sewer line on Ridder Road. Private contractors hit a line while in the area. City staff worked alongside the private contractors to ensure City design standards were met and repairs completed properly and completely. Upon completion of repairs, City staff will jet and clean the line to ensure no debris remains and service is restored.



Facilities

A Shave and a Haircut

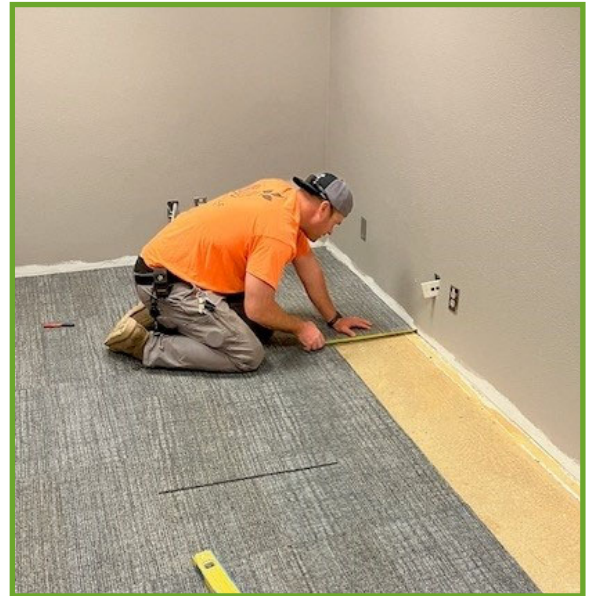
At nearly 6 acres, the Public Works complex is the largest landscape area maintained by the Facilities Landscape team. With the return of seasonal employee Noah Fiscus, year round Landscape Maintenance Specialists Luke McKinnon, Reynaldo Fuerte Pineda and James Stroud were able to tackle the many grasses and native plants that require pruning before the cold weather months. After trimming and pruning were complete, Luke and Reynaldo applied semi-annual pre-emergent weed control to the property just before the threat of rain in the forecast.



Facilities

Repurposed Resource

Facilities Maintenance team members Konnen Bell and Trevor Denfeld worked alongside Supervisor Matt Baker to remodel an unused room at the Community Center into new staff offices. The existing countertop, carpet and light fixtures were removed. New carpet was installed and light fixtures were upgraded from fluorescent to LED fixtures. New office furniture will be added soon and the space will be ready for staff use. You can see the progress in the photos below.



Facilities

All Eyes On Safety

The Facilities team helped support this years annual Confined Space training by gathering and setting up all needed equipment to perform the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) -required hands on training. Each year the Public Works and Parks Maintenance departments must participate in a four-hour classroom course and a hands-on self-rescue class. Each employee is required to attach a working winch as well as a retrieval/rescue winch to the harness of another employee and lower them down into the vault. Once lowered, the employee above ground must demonstrate that they are capable of operating the rescue winch in a mock rescue situation, safely raising the victim out of the vault and placing them on the ground beside the vault opening.



Roads

The Heat Is On

Making the most of dry conditions, the Roads crew continues their work refreshing asphalt marking and replacing worn and faded signs. Keeping the roadways clearly marked benefits everyone— whether car, bike or pedestrian traffic.



Roads

Seize The Summer

The Roads Team made the most of a dry September by tackling potholes and pavement repairs on City Maintained streets and roadways.



While the weather is currently nice, the Roads team knows that rains and the opportunity for destructive water are on the way with Fall and Winter approaching. The crew added new signs to the City's **free** self-service sandbag station at the Memorial Park maintenance shop, located at 7930 SW Memorial Drive. The sandbag station is available year round, offering residents sandbags, sand and scoops to fill their own sandbags should the need arise. These new signs help direct residents to this resource available to assist them in case of a flooding event at their home or business.



Roads

CAUTION—Steep Grade Ahead

Public Works added a valuable piece of equipment to its fleet in September with the arrival of a new remote-controlled mower. The mower is used in areas that are not reachable with traditional mowers, such as steep grades or other dangerous terrain. The equipment will be used by both the Roads Maintenance crew members and Grounds Maintenance team members from the Parks department.

