Monthly newsletter of the City of Wilsonville

July 2025



SMART Transit Director Dwight Brashear, Councilor Anne Shevlin, Council President Caroline Berry, Mayor Shawn O'Neil, and Councilor Adam Cunnigham had two reasons to celebrate at May's Boeckman Bridge ribbon-cutting.

Ribbon-Cutting Opens Boeckman Rd., Unveils New SMART Trolley

The several hundred curiosity-seeking residents who showed up for the City's ribbon-cutting event at the east landing of the new Boeckman Bridge in late May were met by a surprise guest — SMART's new battery electric 32-passenger trolley — which was introduced at the event.

After attendees heard remarks from Mayor Shawn O'Neil and representatives of the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, SMART, and contractor Tapani-Sundt, the mayor cut the ribbon to signify the re-opening of Boeckman Road after being closed to through traffic for more than a year.

Once the ribbon was cut, residents had their first opportunity to traverse the bridge. Many did, on foot, on bikes, or via the new trolley, which will be in service on SMART local routes and at special events.

With the opening of the new bridge and a traffic roundabout at Canyon Creek Rd., the first phase of the Boeckman Road Corridor Improvement Project was substantially complete, though landscaping at the site continues.







One-Day Road Closures Upcoming to Two Westside Neighborhoods

The City's annual street maintenance program, which completed crack sealing activities within the Villebois and Park at Merryfield neighborhoods last month, is returning to those neighborhoods in late July/August to apply a slurry seal to most residential roadways. This work requires a scheduled one-day closure of every street being treated.

Slurry sealing involves spreading a thin layer of asphalt, mixed with water and tiny gravel, over the road to fill in small cracks and smooth out bumps. The process protects roads from water and sun damage, improves traction for cars and bikes, makes the roads look fresh, and extends their useful life.

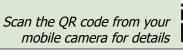
This work is expected to take several weeks to complete. The City is working with Republic Services and the U.S. Postal Service to maintain those services on schedule.

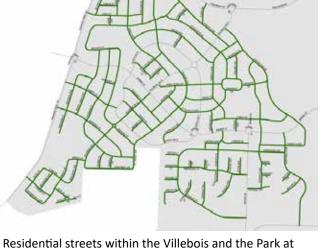
What This Means for Residents

Within 36 to 72 hours of the date a street is completely closed for sealing, No Parking signage will be posted on site. Additionally, residents are to receive door hanger notices with exact dates and details from the contractor.

On the day a street is scheduled for sealing, it will be fully closed from 7 am to 5 pm to give the slurry seal time to dry and harden after it is applied. During this time, access to and from residential driveways/

> When is Work Scheduled on My Street?





Residential streets within the Villebois and the Park at Merryfield neighborhoods are noted in green where slurry sealing is scheduled to take place this summer.

garages is unavailable. Residents must move vehicles to neighboring streets by 7 am in order to access them that day, as no driving, parking, or walking on sealed roads is permitted between 7 am and 5 pm. Cars parked on the street after 7 am will be towed to allow the project to proceed safely and efficiently.

Slurry crew members will be on hand to guide traffic as trucks mix and spread slurry material carefully and evenly over roadways.

With the cooperation of residents, each section of roadway will require only a one-day closure, limiting the disruption. Your patience is appreciated as the City completes this work quickly, keeping residential streets safer and smoother for years to come.

For more information, contact Marissa Rauthause, civil engineer, 503-570-1538, mrauthause@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.



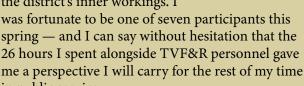
Mayor's Message

A Most Valuable 26 Hours With Our First Responders

In May, I had the privilege of participating in the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Community Academy. This experience gave me far more than a better understanding of how this exceptional organization operates — it gave me a renewed

appreciation for the courage, professionalism, and heart that defines our region's first responders.

Since 2004, the Community Academy has introduced more than 220 community leaders from TVF&R's service area to the district's inner workings. I



in public service.

Our group received an inside look at TVF&R's business practices and all-hazards emergency response operations. From emergency medical services to fire suppression, to disaster response planning, to public outreach and education, it became clear very quickly that TVF&R is not only prepared for a wide range of emergencies — they are constantly training, learning, and adapting to better serve communities.

At their training center, we rotated through real-world drills and scenarios. I had the opportunity to participate in a simulated cardiac arrest response, experiencing the intensity and critical timing required in EMS calls. I donned full protective firefighting gear, learned how to force entry through a door, connected a fire hose to a hydrant, and even drove a fire engine (under very close supervision, of course). I operated the same heavy-duty tools used for vehicle extrications and helped spray water on a controlled live fire. These exercises were eye-opening — not just physically, but mentally. The training demands split-second decision-making, coordinated teamwork, and a deep well of calm under pressure.

The learning didn't stop there. Following the training portion, I was assigned to ride along with the crew at North Wilsonville's Station 56 during the early morning hours. Responding to emergency calls alongside this crew gave me a profound appreciation for the rhythm of a firefighter's life — alternating between periods of calm and moments of urgency where lives may truly hang in the balance. The team at Station 56 is comprised of highly skilled, deeply committed, and remarkably humble individuals who approach their work with professionalism and compassion. We are incredibly fortunate to have them serving our community.

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City Taps Policy Advisor as New **Government Relations Manager**

The City of Wilsonville has hired Everett Wild to L be its new Government Relations Manager, effective June 30.

Wild brings more than a decade of experience in public policy, legislative strategy, and intergovernmental affairs across city, county,

and state levels in Oregon.

Most recently, he served for more than four years as a Commission Policy Advisor at Clackamas County, providing strategic policy development and analysis to the Board of County Commissioners. His areas of knowledge include transportation,

housing, and legislative affairs — all relevant to the City's operations.

"We are thrilled to welcome Everett to Wilsonville," said City Manager Bryan Cosgrove. "He has a broad knowledge of Oregon's political landscape, and experience at navigating complex policy issues and building coalitions."

Wild's background in public service includes time with the City of Portland as policy director and communications advisor in Commissioner Nick Fish's office. While there, he led initiatives related to Portland Parks and Recreation, developed policy proposals, and managed communications strategy. Additionally, he has worked in the State of Oregon's Legislative Policy and Research Office and completed two congressional internships.

A graduate of Whitman College, Wild also serves on the audit committee for a local credit union.

The Oak Grove, Ore., native enjoys escaping to the coast or the mountains, reading, swimming, and spending time with friends and family.

"Wilsonville is a thriving and dynamic community," Wild said. "I am excited to bring my passion for public service as an advocate for the City's residents and businesses."

Rate Review to Assess Upcoming Utility Fee Increases

Analysis is underway to determine how the City will fund capital improvement projects (CIPs) that are necessary within the next 5 to 20 years to maintain Wilsonville's sewer and storm water systems.

A sewer and storm water rate review was initiated following the adoption of updates to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan and the Storm Water Master Plan in 2024. Collectively, these two plans identified projects expected to cost the City more than \$240 million over the next two decades.

"These are critical systems that are requiring significant investment to maintain the current infrastructure and support Wilsonville's safe and healthy future," City Manager Bryan Cosgrove said. "While we've been fortunate to keep these rates fairly steady for more than a decade, higher fees are necessary to generate capital for essential projects."

In August 2024, the City engaged the services of a

financial consultant team, FCS Group, to assess the City's sewer and storm water utility fees and System Development Charges (SDC) and to recommend rate adjustments to fund the infrastructure necessary to support

"While we've been fortunate to keep these rates fairly steady for more than a decade, higher fees are necessary to generate capital for essential projects." - Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager

these essential municipal services, which are critical to protecting the health and safety of the community.

- Utility fees are those fees paid each month by every Wilsonville residents and business.
- System Development Charges (SDCs) are one-time fees paid by developers at the time of permit issuance as part of new development or redevelopment within the City.

At recent work sessions with the City Council, staff and consultants shared recommended fee schedules that would gradually increase the utility bill base



Several capital projects to maintain Wilsonville's Wastewater Treatment Plant have been identified in the 2024 Wastewater Treatment Master Plan.

rate for residents by about 74 percent by 2030, from \$74.82 to \$129.99, to fund a substantial portion of the necessary capital.

Before the City Council considers adopting any fee increases this fall, the utility fee and SDC rates recommended by FCS Group may be adjusted in response to further analysis, input from the City Council, and a period of public engagement that is to include a public open house.

The City has established a web page that details the process, provides draft fee schedules and staff presentations, and answers common questions about the rate review process. Visit wilsonvilleoregon. gov/ratereview

The page also includes links to both master plans, which detail the projects identified to effectively maintain sewer and storm water operations and increase the systems' capacity.

The City's cost estimates are informed by the construction industry's unprecedented inflation in recent years. Between 2020 and 2023, inflation raised construction costs by up to 53.8% (as reported by the Federal Highway Administration: National Highway Construction Cost Index).

For further information, or to provide comment regarding the sewer and storm water rate review, contact city engineer Zach Weigel, 503-570-1565, weigel@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.



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Thursday Summer Fun Shows Continue Throughout July

Thursday Summer Fun Shows for children continue through July with performances filled with dancing, storytelling, reptiles, and more!

These free shows are on Thursdays at 11am at the Grove Shelter in Memorial Park.

July 3: Comedy & Stunts with Matt Baker

July 10: Magician Louie Foxx

July 17: Dancers "Paradise of Samoa"

July 24: Music with Mo Phillips

July 31: The Reptile Man

For more details, visit the Summer Reading Program page at:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/SRP

Teen Summer Programs Ongoing Each Wednesday

Join us on Wednesdays in July for these special events, designed just for teens. All events are from 4-6 pm.

July 2: Mario Party July 9: Minecraft IRL at

Memorial Park

July 16: IRL Fortnite 2v2 Laser Tag Tournament

July 23: Lego Up at the Library

July 30: Water fight & Party in the Park

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/TSRP

Gaming at the Library

Play some great games from our expansive collection and discover new friends over classic

and modern board games.

Family Tabletop Board Game Nights take place on Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm, on July 1, 15 &



elementary age children (K to 5th grade) with an adult in attendance.

Tabletop Night for Adults is held on the first Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 pm. Join us on July 3.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/gaming

Upcoming Classes and Events



SUMMER READING PROGRAM **CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST**

Sit & Stitch

Bring your current yarn project to this informal drop-in group and craft with new friends. Monday afternoons, 1:30-3 pm

PROFILES: Never Too Early (child prodigies)

Wednesday, July 2, 11 am-12:30 pm Online with Zoom. Sign up for the meeting code: wilsonvillelibrary.org/classes

Space Talk: The Search for Life in the Universe

Learn some of the recent results from the James Webb Space Telescope. Saturday, July 12, 11 am-12:30 pm

Flash Fiction Workshop

Get ready for our August Short Story Contest with this fun, interactive, fast-paced workshop. Thursday, July 24, 6-7:30 pm

> Visit our website for more events: WilsonvilleLibrary.org





Change your air filters regularly: Use high-effi-

and cooling systems, if possible. The Energy Trust of

Oregon recommends changing air filters every three

months or even every six weeks to ensure healthy air

Set your air conditioning appropriately: If you

have an air conditioner, ensure the fresh air intake is

closed and that the filter is clean. When driving, use

your car's recirculated air setting to prevent pulling

Skip activities that could add to indoor air pol-

does not produce ozone. It should be sized adequate-

lution: When smoke levels are high, avoid activities

like burning candles, cooking, smoking, or using

ciency (HEPA) filters on your heating, ventilation,

Summer Wildfires Can Affect Air Quality in Your Home: Are you Prepared?

quality during smoke events.

smoky air into your car.

Infortunately, summer and wildfires now go hand in hand in our region. Whether a wildfire is close by or not, smoke can blow your way and create an unhealthy environment. Young children, older adults, or people with medical conditions like asthma are particularly vulnerable.

This month, Wil-WILSONVILLE sonville Ready has a few tips to prepare for wildfire smoke and reduce the potential of expo-

Check local air quality: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) monitors air quality and issues advisories when wildfire smoke impacts the air. You can monitor this through the local news or with apps like OregonAir from DEQ.

Seal around windows and doors: Check weather stripping around all windows and doors and make sure they are tight to help keep smoke from entering the home. Keep doors and windows closed when the air quality is poor.

words on a wall — they are lived every day in the sta-

tions, in the field, and in the communities they serve.

I am grateful for an experience that has expanded

deepened my commitment to ensuring that our first

responders have the support, resources, and respect

tween local government and public safety agencies —

must be personal, informed, and constantly renewed

they deserve. We often talk about partnerships be-

this program reminded me that those partnerships

my understanding of emergency response and

fireplaces indoors. Don't vacuum or perform other household tasks that might stir up particles already in Consider getting a portable indoor air cleaner: If possible, consider adding a portable air cleaner that

ly for the room. through experiences like

Their dedication makes Wilsonville — and our entire region - safer, stronger, and more resilient.

If you ever get the chance to participate in the Community Academy, I highly encourage it. You will walk away informed and inspired.



Designate a "clean" room: Choose a room big enough for everyone in your household as a safe haven from smoke. A good option is a room like a bedroom with no fireplace, few windows or doors, and an attached bathroom. Use a portable cleaner in the room.

For more emergency preparedness resources, visit WilsonvilleReady.com

Mayor's Message Continued from Page 1 I'm grateful to Chief Weiss What stood out to me most was the culture shaped and the TVF&R team for by TVF&R Chief Deric Weiss and his leadership extending this opportunity team. It is a culture rooted in public service, lifelong and for the essential work learning, and an unwavering commitment to safety, they do every single day. equity, and excellence. These values are not just

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor







Wilsonville heARTs Bike Ride

Ten fiberglass hearts, painted by local artists, are now on display throughout Wilsonville.

On Saturday, July 19, take a guided bike tour through Wilsonville to all 10 locations where the hearts are displayed. The eightmile loop begins and ends at Town Center Park. Anyone interested in participating should arrive by 10 am. The tour begins at 10:30, concluding by about 12:30 pm.

Visita guiada en bicicleta para ver todas las nuevas esculturas de corazones de fibra de vidrio instaladas por la ciudad.



SMART services closed Friday, July 4

Join Us for a Walk at Lunch Adventure

This summer, SMART's Walk at Lunch program is hosting a monthly group walk that incorporates bus travel.

These group walks are designed to promote fitness and to help participants become more comfortable with SMART's transit system in a social and relaxed environment.

This month's walk takes place on July 30.

Bike Adventure Camp is Back! SMART's Bike Adventure Camp returns the week of July 28-Aug. 1. The camp, designed for kids 8-13 years old, meets daily, 9 am-3 pm.

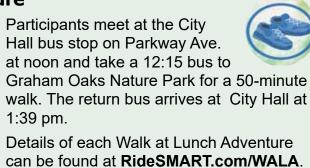
Campers spend time each day at "base camp," working on skills, maps/route planning, etc., and spend much of the day riding bikes to local neighborhoods, fun destinations, and trails.

Campers must provide their own bikes (with gears), helmets, lunch, snack, and water; they are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Financial assistance is available. For questions about the camp or about financial assistance, please call Wyle O'Neill at 503-570-1670.

Hay asistencia financiera DISPONIBLE. Para preguntas sobre el campamento o asistencia financiera, por favor llame a Wyle O'Neill al 503-570-1670.

Presented by WashCo Bikes in coordination with SMART. Visit RideSMART.com/BAC for









Library's New Book Bike to **Bring Books into Community**

In collaboration with the Friends of the Library, the Wilsonville Library is introducing a new mode of transportation — it's a three-wheel, electric book bike that provides library books on the go.

The book bike is on display at the library while staff gets rider training. Once in commission, the book bike will make appearances at community events and City parks.

By bringing books into the community, library staff can extend its reach to more eager readers using a healthy, eco-friendly mode of transportation. Titles for all ages will be available..

The book bike's acquisition was championed by the Friends of the Wilsonville Library, which was awarded a matching grant through the Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Grant program. The idea of bringing a book bike to Wilsonville was first introduced by former Wilsonville children's librarian Terri Wortman, a passionate cyclist.

The bike was built locally by Icicle Tricycle in Portland. It has seven gears and an electric-assist feature. Library staff can check out Book Bike titles to patrons.

For more information, contact Shasta Sasser, library director, at 503-570-1590 or sasser@wilsonvillelibrary.org.

City's Pride Celebration Draws Hundreds to Town Center Park

The City of Wilsonville's Diversity, Equity Inclusion Committee and its Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee presented the community an expanded celebration of Pride Month in June.

Funded by donations from area businesses, including Oregon State Credit Union, the event featured face painting, tie-dying and other family friendly activities.

Music was provided by DJ SM4SH, and attendees could admire the mural by Daren Todd on the exterior windows of the Parks & Recreation Admin. Building.

The City gave away exclusive Pride pins, designed by Wilsonville High School sophomore Maleeya Rodenback, who aspires to study graphic design at the University of Oregon.

Mayor Shawn O'Neil delivered a heartfelt message to the estimated 300-400 visitors.

"We want every member of our LGBTQ+ Community to know: You belong here. You are seen. You are valued. And you deserve to live openly and authentically — without fear, without apology, and without discrimination," O'Neil said.















WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Parks & Rec Administration 29600 SW Park Pl. 503-783-7529

Community Center 7965 SW Wilsonville Rd. 503-682-3727



Join Us at the July 4 Concert & Laser Light Show

This Fourth of July, the City's Laser Light Show returns to Town Center Park.

The event begins with live music from Tiffany Bird at 8 pm, followed by a free laser light show at 9:45 pm. Kona Ice is serving up icy treats, and free face painting is available.

With fireworks becoming more perilous because of the increased risk of wildfires, this family-friendly event provides a great alternative.

Bring a blanket, a lawn chair, or your dancing shoes! The laser light show lasts approximately 30 minutes. All ages welcome, though the event is not suited for those with sensitivities to loud noises or flashing lights.

Movies in the Park Returns this Month!

The popular Movies in the Park series returns this month with "Moana 2," on July 25 in Town Center Park (start time roughly 9:20 pm).

Two additional movies are scheduled in August:

- Aug. 8: "Inside Out 2" at Town Center Park (start time roughly 9 pm).
- Aug. 22: "Wild Robot" at the Memorial Park River Shelter (start time roughly 8:40 pm).

This year's Movies in the Park series is sponsored by Guild Mortgage Team Dalglish. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks, drinks, and blanket. Free popcorn is available in limited supply.

Party in the Park Is Back on Aug. 21!

Wilsonville's annual Community Party in the Park takes place on Thursday, Aug. 21, 5-8 pm at Town Center Park.

Party in the Park features live music from Fox and Bones, food trucks, and games for the whole family to enjoy. The water features stay on for splashing around until 8 pm.

Summer Camp Spotlight: KidoKinetics

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation is welcoming KidoKinetics back for another summer camp season!

Their Ninja Play camp seeks to get kids active! During Ninja Play, kids develop skills around stability, agility, balance, jump distance and more. Skill building focuses on cardiovascular endurance and muscle strength while improving overall fitness. Every class is designed for optimal skill development and optimal

Each day features a warm up, sport-specific skills and drills, free play, cool down, and an age appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

KidoKinetics is offering three camps this season, for ages 4-6 and 5-10 years old.

Upcoming Classes and Events

Beginning Tai Chi

Tuesday/Thursday, July 8-Aug. 28 2-2:45 pm **Community Center** Course #: 11564 \$80

KidoKinetics Ninja Play Camp

Ages 4-6 July 21-24 9 am-noon Tauchman House Course #: 11512 \$180

Fun 4 All Camp - Slime Week

Ages 6-10 July 14-18 9 am-3 pm Art Tech Course #: 11497 \$355

Chess Wizards Summer Camp

Ages 6-12 Aug. 11-15 9 am-3 pm Parks and Rec Admin Office Course #: 11492 \$435

Visit our website for more events:

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

Oregon Tech Band Excels at Portland Street Performing Event

regon Institute of Technology's (OIT) Computer Systems Engineering Technology (CSET) Portland-Metro band, comprised of students and faculty members from Wilsonville's Portlandmetro campus, was judged among the top acts at the firstever Portland Buskathon.

After three days of street performances in Downtown Portland OIT's quintet, performing as the CSET PM Band, was voted by the public to participate in the April 13 Busk Off.



A band comprised of Oregon Tech students and faculty was one of 30 acts that performed at the first Portland Buskathon in April.

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The CSET PM Band includes:

- Phong Nguyen (instructor, Violin/Keyboard/ Bass Guitar)
- Quyen Nguyen (alumnus, Vocal/Percussion)
- Cari Blaker (senior, Lead Singer)
- Joseph TenEyck (senior, Drummer/Keyboard/ Composer/Arranger)
- Dominick Stone (senior, Lead Guitar)

The CSET PM Band has been playing together since December, performing on campus to prepare for the Buskathon, which featured

about 30 musical acts playing three one-hour performances at various bars, lounges, hotels, and parks within the Portland area.

"As a band, we had a great time playing to such a large, friendly crowd and, moreover, felt blessed to be able to watch and befriend the other incredibly talented and amazing performers," said Phong

Stone said that street performers rarely gather in

one place on the scale seen at the Buskathon.

"It was an excellent opportunity to experience what Portland artists have to offer, and I was beyond excited to be a part of that," he said. "I'm personally happiest when I am playing music and feeling that energy with others, and it really seems like the organizers of Buskathon also had that in mind when they were putting the event together."

> Moving a five-member band with guitars, bass guitars, a keyboard, microphones, four amplifiers, a drum set, Oregon Tech banners and other

equipment isn't easy. Oregon Tech rented a van to support the band's efforts; they arrived on time at every performance, ready to play.

Nguyen said that the CSET PM Band has already been asked to play at other community events after their successful Buskathon effort.

To see the CSET PM Band in action at the event's April 13 Busk Off, visit youtu.be/sloqTBxYeTQ

and visitors enjoy. As someone who spent years

as a water rescue specialist, I've seen firsthand how quickly Police Chief things can go wrong on the **Rob Wurpes** water — and how often tragedies could have been prevented with just a few simple precautions.

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

River, Think Safety First

Summer in Wilsonville is a special time. With the sunshine comes the chance to enjoy our incred-

ible natural resources — especially the Willamette

If You're Out on the

Boating, swimming, floating,

paddleboarding, and fishing

are just few water recreation

activities Wilsonville residents

One of the most common things I'll hear from people who skip wearing a life jacket is, "I'm a good swimmer." Know that even the best swimmers can be overcome by injury, exhaustion, cold water,

Always wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD), and make sure children have one that fits correctly, too. It is required that children under 12 wear a life jacket at all times on any moving boat; every boat is required to have one PFD for every person on board.

If your family spends significant time on water recreation activities, learn CPR. It saves lives. Also, invest in swim lessons to get kids more comfortable in and under the water.

Remember, river water is often swifter and colder than it looks, especially in the early summer. Check river conditions and wait if the water seems too dangerous. Boaters should know the area, including currents, entry/exit points, depth changes, and hidden obstacles. Power boat operators, make sure you have your Boater Education Card.

Once you are near or on the water, keep these water safety tips front of mind:

- Never swim alone.
- Don't dive unless you're sure of the depth.
- Avoid alcohol when swimming, boating, or supervising kids.
- Don't overexert yourself know your limits.
- Always supervise children near water, even in bathtubs or wading pools.

If you see someone in trouble, avoid rushing into the water. Trained rescuers follow the "Talk, Reach, Throw, Row" approach:

Talk: Call 911. Then try coaching the person to

Reach: Use a stick, pole, or paddle to reach them without entering the water.

Throw: Toss a floatation device, rope, or anything that helps them stay afloat.

Row: Use a boat if needed — never swim out unless you're trained to perform a rescue.

Let's make this summer safe, memorable, and fun on the water. Look out for one another, and enjoy all that Wilsonville has to offer!

Chief Robert Wurpes

Recycling: It's Easy to Reuse, Rent, and Refill in Clackamas County

R ecycling advocates often say "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" because reducing and reusing materials are better than recycling for people and planet.

Eight Clackamas County libraries, including Wilsonville's, offer a Library of Things. Visitors can borrow items like cameras, bubble machines, power tools, instruments, games, and more! Instead of spending money on something you may only use once or twice a year, borrowing from a Library of Things lets you keep an item for a short time (or try it out before you buy it!). Wilsonville's Library also has a seed library to support your home garden.

Libraries are just one place where reusing items makes good sense. Many coffee shops let you bring your own cup. Some stores allow you to bring your own container to bring home food or household products. At true refill stores like Mama & Hapa's Zero Waste Shop, you can bring your own containers or buy reused jars and refill them with shampoo, soap, pet food, beauty products, coffee and tea, and more.

Preventing waste is easier than ever. Clackamas County has an interactive map of rent, refill, and reuse options for residents to check out. Help keep good items out of the landfill and save money in the



Using the Wilsonville Library's "Library of Things" is one thoughtful way to reuse items that still have value.

process!

Shop secondhand and/or for salvaged materials to save money, avoid packaging, support local businesses, and promote the circular economy.

Donating, consigning or selling clothes, furniture, and other good condition items extends their lifespan, reduces the need for new materials, and limits usable goods going to landfill.

To explore the map and/or learn more about waste reduction opportunities, visit Clackamas.us/ Recycling/ReduceReuseRecycle



National Night Out: Schedule a Neighborhood Celebration Aug. 5

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places.

National Night Out Tue, Aug 5 Various Neighborhoods in Wilsonville The program aims to build community by encouraging neighborhood block parties that unite neighbors and public safe-

ty officials to gather under positive circumstances.

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, the City is lending support to neighborhood National Night Out events by facilitating requests for visits by Wilsonville Police and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue crews. To schedule a visit, go to wilsonvilleoregon.gov/nationalnightout

National Night Out has sought safer neighborhoods since 1983 by supporting community events — including block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts — that

include safety demonstrations, seminars, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and other activities aimed at supporting safer communities.

No permit is required for

events on private property that do not block street traffic. Neighborhoods wishing to close a street to traffic or hold a gathering on public property or in a park, should seek a permit from Brian Stevenson, Parks & Recreation Program Manager, at 503-570-1523 or

stevenson@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Learn more about National Night Out at **natw.org**. For more information, contact Bill Evans, Communications and Marketing Manager, at 503-570-1502, evans@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.



Certification Program Available to Eco-Friendly Businesses

Eassists and promotes environmentally friendly automotive and landscaping businesses in Oregon.

A partnership program of the Pollution Prevention Resource Center, EcoBiz provides tailored technical training and ongoing partnership to help businesses achieve high standards in toxic chemical reduction, pollution prevention, and materials management. The goal is to protect communities while helping businesses to run more efficiently and save money!

The free program is available to Wilsonville automotive and landscaping businesses of all sizes and scales, whether they are already operating with high environmental standards or just beginning to incorporate environmental best

management practices.

Technical training and assistance highlights include:

• **Spill prevention:** Free spill kits and spill prevention training to mitigate spills is provided, which helps keep harmful chemicals (like used oil) out

of local waterways.

- **Tire storage:** Tires stored outside and exposed to air and water leach a toxic compound that kills young salmon. EcoBiz helps businesses store tires properly to keep rivers, lakes, and streams healthy and to safeguard salmon populations.
- Car washing: Even biodegradable or "ecofriendly" soap and chemicals used to wash vehicles can devastate aquatic life. EcoBiz helps businesses

ensure that cars are washed at local car washes, or without soap, to keep disruptive chemicals from reaching the storm drains.

Free videos and fact sheets are available at **ecobiz. org/learning** to help businesses learn more about environmental best management practices for automotive and landscaping. Many of these can also be used at home.

To learn more about EcoBiz certification and/or to locate EcoBiz certified locations near you, visit **ecobiz.org**.

Fifteen People Appointed to City Boards & Commissions

In May, the Wilsonville City Council approved 15 appointments to the City's Boards of Commissions, which provide expertise and citizen oversight to support several aspects of the City's operations.

Mayor Shawn O'Neil leads the process of reviewing applications, interviewing qualified candidates, and recommending appointments (or re-appointments), which must be confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council.

The following individuals have been appointed: (R = reappointment of an existing member).

- Deborah Zundel (R), Susan Schenk (R), and Douglas Parker were appointed to three-year terms on the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission (through 6/30/28).
- Mina Lemke was appointed to a three-year term on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (through 12/31/2027).
- Rick Wallace and Wilnise Jasmin were appointed to two-year terms on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (through 12/31/2026).
- Theodore Russell was appointed to a threeyear term on the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board (through 12/31/2027).
- Wendy Hall was appointed to a two-year term on the Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board (through 12/31/2026).
- Richard Spence (R) was appointed to four-year term on the Library Board (through 6/30/29).
- Sarah Ebersole was appointed to a one-year term on the Library Board (through 6/30/26).
- John West and Kristi Corno were appointed to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (through 6/30/28).
- Elizabeth Crawford (R) and Brandon Roben (R) were appointed to three-year terms on the Tourism Promotion Committee. (through 6/30/28).
- Gus Castaneda was appointed to a one-year term on the Tourism Promotion Committee (through 6/30/26).

Applications for City boards are accepted year-round, and reviewed as positions become available. To learn more, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/bc.

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
June 2	The Council adopted the City's budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, which begins on July 1.	The all-funds budget of \$228.9 million guides the City's financial operation for the next fiscal year.
June 2	The Council approved a supplemental budget adjustment for the current fiscal year budget.	This action accommodates improvements, most notably the grant-funded expansion of SMART's fleet storage yard.
June 2	The Council adopted the 2025-45 Housing Needs and Capacity Analysis (HNCA) as a sub-element of the Comprehensive Plan, as well as a Housing Production Strategy (HPS).	These two actions complete the Housing Our Future project, which provides the City with a clear understanding of local housing need for the next 20 years, and outlines strategies to catalyze housing production.
June 2	The Council authorized a \$1 million contract with VSS International, Inc., for the resealing of asphalt driving surface on several Wilsonville roadways.	The Street Maintenance Program extends the service- able life of 363,968 square yards of Wilsonville road- ways within Villebois and the Park at Merryfield.
May 19	The Council approved nearly \$100,000 in allocations recommended by the Wilson-ville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee.	Program funds provided by Metro to offset the impacts of the waste processing plant in Wilsonville operated by Republic Services go back into the community.
May 19	The Council approved the appointment of 15 residents to the City's Boards of Commissions,	City Boards and Commissions help provide citizen oversight of several City programs.
May 19	The City Council directed Human Resources staff to engage an executive search firm in the recruitment to locate and hire Wilsonville's next City Manager.	This process, which could take up to six months, is necessary to identify a successor to Bryan Cosgrove, who is retiring in December.





Getting a Trader Joe's Not as Simple as You Might Think



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- a foundation; basis
- work that is done as a preparation for work that will be done later

Why Can't We Get a Trader Joe's in Wilsonville?

Pew retailers generate as much local buzz as Trader Joe's. Wilsonville residents commonly ask, "Why don't we have one?"

The short answer: It's complicated.

The City of Wilsonville, like many communities across the country, would welcome a Trader Joe's with open arms. But opening one isn't simply a matter of asking the company to come here. Trader Joe's has its own highly-selective site selection process, managed entirely in-house. They evaluate potential locations based on a proprietary mix of demographic data, traffic patterns, regional presence, and timing in their national growth strategy.

Even if Trader Joe's were ready to expand to Wilsonville, one of the biggest local hurdles is real estate. They typically seek high-visibility sites with

12,000–15,000 square feet of space, strong neighboring retail, and easy highway access. Wilsonville currently has very few commercial properties that meet all those criteria — and those that do are primarily occupied or committed to other uses.

Cities can't compel businesses to locate in a particular area. While we work proactively to share data, highlight opportunities, and connect property owners with potential tenants, the final decision is always the retailer's.

Nevertheless, Wilsonville remains an attractive market with strong consumer demand and growth potential. As properties turn over, opportunities for retailers like Trader Joe's may emerge. In the meantime, the City will continue laying the groundwork by investing in infrastructure, streamlining permitting, and maintaining close relationships with the brokerage community — all of which help position Wilsonville for future success.

Groundwork sheds light on the behind-the-scenes efforts shaping Wilsonville's economic future. From business growth and job creation to community investments and long-term planning, this periodic column explores big questions and ongoing work that makes Wilsonville a great place to live and do business

Visit LetsTalkWilsonville.com to let us know what topics you'd like to hear more about. You can find past Groundwork columns at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/groundwork

For more information, contact Economic Development Manager Matt Lorenzen, 503-570-1539, mlorenzen@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Wilsonville Welcomes Elka Bee's Coffee

Mayor Shawn O'Neil officially welcomed Elka Bee's Coffee to Wilsonville at a May 21 ribbon cutting with the Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce.

The cafe and bakery opened its second Oregon location at Wilsonville Town Center, adjacent to Safeway.

Elka Bee's operating hours are 7 am to 3 pm daily.



Annual Reports Can Be Found Online at City's Website

E ach year, the City produces reports that detail progress in key areas of local governance. The publications listed below are available online.

Annual Water Quality Report

The City's Annual Water Quality Report provides water quality information and testing results for calendar year 2024.

The data includes water-quality results from sam-

ples taken at the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant as well as samples collected throughout the City's water distribution system. Data shows that the City's water quality continues to meet or exceed all regulatory drinking water standards.

Publication and distribution of a Water Quality
Report is required annually

of all community water systems under the 1996
Safe Drinking Water Act amendments. The report
can be viewed online at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/
waterqualityreport.

For more information, contact Delora Kerber, Public Works Director, at 503-682-4092; kerber@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The City's annual Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan details 2024 activities to keep City-

owned parks and properties safely maintained for public enjoyment.

It includes information on identifying destructive Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB) beetles that are endangering Oregon white oaks.

To view this report, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/IPM.

The development of the City's Integrated Pest

Management program is a collaboration among the City's Public Works, Natural Resources and Parks Maintenance staff. Call 503-682-4960 for more information

Hard copies of either report can be requested by contacting publicaffairs@wilsonvilleoregon.gov.

Briefs

Sue Rieke Smith Appointed to Vacant District 26 House Seat

Washington, Clackamas and Yamhill county commissioners held a joint session on June 6 at which Sue Rieke Smith was selected to fill the vacant seat for Oregon House District 26. Rieke Smith succeeds Courtney Neron Misslin, who was appointed to the Oregon Senate in May.



House District 26 includes voters in Wilsonville, King City, Sherwood, Tigard and urban unincorporated neighborhoods within Wasshington, Clackamas and Yamhill counties.

Rieke Smith previously served as superintendent for both the Tigard-Tualatin and Springfield public school districts; she retired from Tigard-Tualatin in 2024 after a 25-year career in education. She has also served as a trauma and public health nurse, a teacher and principal.

A resident of King City, Smith earned a doctorate in educational leadership and policy at the University of Oregon in 2015.

Oregon law requires that a legislative vacancy be filled by county commissioners representing the district in which the vacancy exists, and that anyone appointed to fill the vacancy must have been a member of the same political party as the former legislator for at least 180 days prior to the vacancy.

Stargazing Opportunities About at CCC's Environmental Learning Center

The night sky takes center stage this summer at Clackamas Community College's Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Oregon City (19600 Molalla Ave.)

In partnership with the Rose City Astronomers, the Environmental Learning Center is hosting free public viewings at the Haggart Observatory, including the annual CCC Star Party.

Community members of all ages may explore the stars through a powerful 24-inch Newtonian reflector telescope housed in the Haggart Obser-



vatory dome, as well as through portable telescopes operated by Rose City Astronomers volunteers. Attendees can enjoy guided stargazing, learn about constellations, and ask questions of knowledgeable astronomy enthusiasts. Lakeside Hall will be open during all viewings for opportunities to learn more about the night's skies.

The following public viewings are scheduled:

- Saturday, July 5 | 9-11 pm: Gibbous moon
- Saturday, Sept. 6 | 9:30-11:30 pm: Full moon

The annual Star Party takes place at the ELC on Saturday, Aug. 30, from 7:30 pm to midnight. The evening begins with a presentation about sights and sounds at night, followed by telescope viewing until midnight on the athletic fields across from the ELC.

Bring chairs, binoculars and blankets for a comfortable night under the stars.

Events are free and open to the public; no preregistration is required. If skies are cloudy, call Rose City Astronomers for cancellation updates, 503-594-6044, or visit **rosecityastronomers.net**.

CCC Hosts Free Cyber Camp

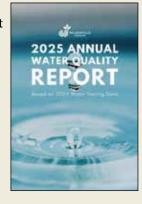
Clackamas Community College is hosting NW Cyber Camp, a unique opportunity for high school students entering grades 9-12 to explore the exciting world of cybersecurity.

The free week-long camp does not require any prerequisites, just a curiosity about computers and a desire to protect them.

Curriculum is designed for students of all skill levels. Instruction includes core concepts in cybersecurity fundamentals, as well as more advanced topics for students with prior experience.

Campers will learn essential cybersecurity concepts: confidentiality, integrity and availability (C-I-A), how to defend against real-world attacks through simulations and hands-on activities, network security, forensics analysis and password cracking, and more

NW Cyber Camp runs July 14-17, 8:30 am.-4:30 pm at the Oregon City campus. Registration closes July 11. For more information and registration requirements, visit nwcybercamp.org/.





Annual Laser Light Show Returns with Live Music July 4

n the Fourth of July, the City is once again hosting its free annual laser light show at Town

Fourth of July Laser Light Show Fri, July 4, 8 pm Town Center Park 29600 SW Park Pl.

Center Park! The laser show begins at dusk (about 10 pm). The fun begins

at 8 pm with a live concert performance from singer/songwriter Tiffany Bird. The event also features face painting, Kona Ice, and other surprises.

With extreme heat and wildfires becoming more prevalent, the City established this safe, fun alternative to traditional fireworks. All ages are welcome. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair, grab your dancing shoes, and enjoy the show!



Tiffany Bird

Free Summer Movies in the Park Series Begins July 25 with Moana 2

The City's popular Movies in the Park series returns in July with the first of three free familyfriendly films.

Bring your snacks and blankets and join Moana on an adventure under the stars at Town Center Park on Friday, July 25.

The 2022 Movies in the Park schedule is as follows (all movies start at dusk):

- July 25: Moana 2 (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 8: *Inside Out 2* (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 22: Wild Robot (Memorial Park, River

For more information on Movies in the Park, visit wilsonvilleparksandrec.com.

Wilsonville Rotary Concerts at Town Center Park Return July 17

The Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series is set to begin its 21st year at Town Center Park on Thursday, July 17, with the farewell performance

Rotary Concert Series Town Center Park 29600 SW Park Pl.

of Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts. These

popular Thursday night shows begin at 5:30 pm; headliners take the stage at 6:30 pm. Rotary concerts are free. Donations of any amount

are encouraged to support End Polio Now.



Since 2007, attendees have contributed more than \$100,000 to efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world.

Attendees may bring their own snacks or purchase items from vendors.

For more information about the artits, visit Wilsonvil-

leConcerts.com. Funding for this series has been provided by the City's Community Cultural Events and Programs (CCEP) grant program.

2025 Wilsonville Rotary Concert Lineup:

Thursday, July 17 Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts Thursday, July 24

Thursday, July 31 Hit Machine

Thursday, August 7 Norman Sylvester Band

Sept. 20 Emergency Preparedness Fair: Get Your Home Ready!

isaster can strike without warning. Learn the basics about how to prepare for emergencies and

natural disasters at the City's fourth annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

Emergency Preparedness Fair Sat, Sept. 20, 10 am-noon Stein-Boozier Barn, Mem. Park

on Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 am-noon, at the Stein-Boozier Barn at Memorial Park.

Learn from local experts representing many of the City's partners in Emergency Management. Find out how to make an evacuation 'go kit', get home preparedness tips and checklists to make it easier to draft an escape plan, safeguard your home, prepare your

pets, and more. The event includes giveaway items, and other fun activities to promote preparedness.

The Emergency Preparedness Fair is part of the City's "Wilsonville Ready" campaign, a continuing effort to help individuals and families become better equipped to endure the immediate aftermath of an emergency when access to critical supplies — power, water, food, medical aid, plumbing, phone, internet, transportation, etc. — may be restricted.

For more information about the City's "Wilsonville Ready" emergency preparedness program visit WilsonvilleReady.com



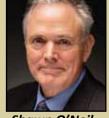
The City's DEI Committee Recognizes the following July Events:

- Disability Pride Month
- July 26: Americans with Disability Act

Gultural Galendar

Wilsonville City Council

The City Council typically convenes on the first and third Monday of each month at City Hall, with a work session generally starting at 5 pm, followed by a meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziply Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/WilsonvilleTV. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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Council President



Adam Cunningham City Councilor



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City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar

JULY

- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall 1 Tue
- Independence Day City offices, Library closed
 - Fourth of July Laser Light Show 8 pm, Town Center Park
- Mon City Council Meeting + SOTC Address 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, Wilsonville Library CANCELLED Tue
- Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall 9 Wed
- 14 Mon Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
- 16 Wed Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm, City Hall.
- 17 Thu • Rotary Concerts: "Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- Wilsonville Skate Jam 1 pm, Memorial Park Skate Park
- 21 Mon City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 23 Wed Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library
- Rotary Concerts: "Kalimba" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
- 25 Fri • Movies in the Park: Moana 2
- 9:15 pm, Town Center Park 28 Mon • Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg
- 6:30 pm, City Hall 31 Thu • Rotary Concerts: "Hit Machine" 5:30 pm, Town Center Park

AUGUST

- 4 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
- 5 Tue Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
 - National Night Out 5-9 pm, various locations
- Rotary Concerts: "Norman Sylvester Band"
- 8 Fri • Movies in the Park: Inside Out 2 9 pm, Town Center Park

6:30 pm, City Hall

- 11 Mon Development Review Board (Panel A) Mtg
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee 6 pm, Wilsonville Library 12 Tue
- 13 Wed Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm, City Hall
 - Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board 6 pm, Parks & Rec. Admin Bldg.
- 18 Mon City Council Meeting, City Hall
- Municipal/Traffic Court 19 Tue 2 pm. City Hall
- 20 Wed Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission 5 pm, City Hall
- Community Party in the Park 5 pm, Town Center Park 21 Thu
- 22 Fri • Movies in the Park: Wild Robot 8:30 pm, Town Center Park
- Development Review Board (Panel B) Mtg. 6:30 pm, City Hall
- Library Board Meeting 6:30 pm, Wilsonville Library 27 Wed

All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at wilsonvilleoregon.gov/calendar

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