



Resident Aaron Woods (above) spoke to a crowd of about 60 gathered at Town City Park for the City's first celebration of Juneteenth. Mayor Julie Fitzgerald (right) read a proclamation declaring "Celebrate Juneteenth in Wilsonville."

## Juneteenth: A Reflection & Celebration

The City of Wilsonville's first annual Juneteenth event took place on June 19. About 60 residents gathered on a sunny morning at Town Center Park to recognize and celebrate the abolition of slavery in the United States.

The event included short speeches from a few community members and the reading of a "Celebrating Juneteenth" proclamation by Wilsonville Mayor Julie

Fitzgerald.

Emceeding the event was Wilsonville resident Imran Haider, a member of the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, who said he didn't want to wait a year to

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## Mayor's Message

### Budget, Council Goals in Place; Good Things Are Happening

We all recognize and value Wilsonville as a wonderful place for people to live, work and play. Sustaining — and even improving — the high quality of life we enjoy does not happen without demonstrating financial responsibility.

With that in mind, I'd like to thank the volunteer members of the Budget Committee who aided the City Council in evaluating, considering and recommending our 2021-22 fiscal year budget. The \$241.8 million all-funds budget, prepared by the City's Finance staff, was adopted by the City Council in June. The budget includes a \$60 million budget to complete capital improvements, including expanded capacity for the Water Treatment Plant and many other projects to support Wilsonville now and for future generations.

With our financial plan in place, the City Council could rely on Wilsonville's history of adept planning — another hallmark of high-performing cities — to prioritize the improvements most critical and most desired by the community.

At our goal-setting retreat, we identified seven broad goals to move our community forward.

- Increase mobility for all
- Support our local businesses recovery post-pandemic
- Expand home-ownership for first-time homebuyers and people with lower incomes
- Attract high-quality industry and economic opportunity
- Align our infrastructure plans with sustainable funding sources
- Engage the community to support emergency preparedness and resiliency
- Protect our environment and increase access to sustainable lifestyle choices

We're working with City staff now to identify a number of strategies — some long-sought by Community Development staff, others still being developed to adapt to our ever-changing environment — in support of these goals.

We can point to progress in many of these areas already. One considerable success is our work with the City's Economic Development staff to develop Wilsonville Investment Now (WIN), a tax-incentive program to lure industrial investment.

Last month, we approved our first WIN agreement, with Twist Bioscience, a San Francisco-based biotech company. Twist chose Wilsonville thanks in large part to the innovative WIN program. Twist is bringing up to 400 jobs and \$70 million in capital investment to Wilsonville, which represents the Portland-metro area's largest new investment.

Wilsonville's success is tied to the dedication of many agency partners, businesses, volunteers and others who share our vision for a clean, green and safe community for everyone to enjoy.

Our most important partner is you. I encourage you to advocate for your wants and needs at every opportunity. Your feedback — at meetings, online, and in person — informs how we determine the community's need and establish our future priorities.

Join us where the work is happening. Your passion for Wilsonville is the best asset we have to move this community forward. Together, our future is bright.

*Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor*



## Public Forum Provides Closer Look at City's Middle Housing Plan

For the last year, the City has been reviewing residential zoning standards and policies to facilitate inclusive neighborhoods and ensure compliance with new State laws, including Oregon House Bill 2001.

**Middle Housing Plan Forum**  
Tue., July 20, 6 pm  
Virtual meeting via Zoom

The State House bill stipulates more middle housing in single-family neighborhoods to meet the diverse needs

of Oregon communities. Middle housing includes a variety of housing types, including those with multiple homes on one lot (duplexes, triplexes) and homes on separate lots that share a common wall (townhouses).

The City of Wilsonville is taking a thoughtful approach by asking the community how these new State regulations may serve as a catalyst for the development of an array of housing types that meet the City's pressing current and future needs.

The community has provided great input through

participation in public forums, focus groups, interviews and an online survey at "Let's Talk, Wilsonville!"

As our package of recommended code and policy changes nears completion, the City is hosting a final public forum to clarify changes, answer questions and discuss how the project team has incorporated community input. Join us for this virtual meeting on Tuesday, July 20, at 6 pm, to learn more. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87436891301>

The project team anticipates a final plan to be considered for adoption by the City Council in October.

For more information on the Middle Housing Project, visit [letstalkwilsonville.com/middle-housing-code-update](http://letstalkwilsonville.com/middle-housing-code-update) or contact Daniel Pauly, Planning Manager, at 503-570-1536 or [pauly@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:pauly@ci.wilsonville.or.us).



## Preserving Natural Area at Arrowhead Creek Park Requires Ingenuity

As the Willamette Water Supply Program (WWSP) continues a project at City's Water Treatment Plant to underground new 66-inch water pipeline, engineers have gone to great lengths to minimize disruption to the natural area at adjacent Arrowhead Creek.

The picture illustrates a successful "trenchless crossing" of the creek and natural area, using a technique called pipe ramming. With the assistance of a hydraulic pipe-ramming hammer, crews pushed an 84-inch diameter, 1.25-inch-thick steel casing pipe through the ground below Arrowhead Creek

The challenging work — successfully completed without the pipe encountering boulders or other unknown conditions impeding its progress — allows crews to slide a 66-inch segment of water pipeline into the new casing beneath the creek.



An aerial view of WWSP's trenchless crossing at Arrowhead Creek Park shows the sending shaft (at left) and receiving shaft (at right). The pipe ramming equipment is visible inside the sending shaft.

That segment is eventually to be connected to previously installed pipeline just north of Arrowhead Creek.

For more information, visit [ourreliablewater.org](http://ourreliablewater.org).

## NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

On Wednesday, July 14, at 6 pm, the Wilsonville Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Twist Bioscience WIN Zone. The Commission's review is determining program's conformity with the Comprehensive Plan.

The hearing takes place at Wilsonville City Hall, 29799 SW Town Center Loop E. A complete copy of relevant file information, including the staff report, findings, and recommendations, is available for viewing seven days

prior to the hearing. Visit [ci.wilsonville.or.us/meetings](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/meetings)

The Wilsonville Investment Now (WIN) program aims to attract high-value investments to strengthen the local economy. The program offers tax rebates for qualifying development projects outside of Urban Renewal Areas.

Written testimony must be received by 2 pm on July 13. Direct comments to Miranda Bateschell, Planning Director at [bateschell@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:bateschell@ci.wilsonville.or.us). Oral or written testimony may also be presented at the public hearing.

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Resident and DEI Committee member Tre Hester addressed the crowd at the City's first Juneteenth event.

## Juneteenth Celebration

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establish a Juneteenth celebration.

"This is an important day," Haider said. "I felt we should try to do some sort of recognition, and the City responded right away."

Juneteenth was first celebrated in 1866 to celebrate the first anniversary of the day word arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that slavery had been abolished. The news was slow to spread; President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863.

Juneteenth celebrations are now held throughout the United States. Days before this year's celebration, legislation was passed in Washington, D.C., to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. Similar legislation was passed in Salem to make Juneteenth a State holiday.

"The City embracing Juneteenth — even before they knew it was going to be a national holiday or a state holiday — says that our City Councilors are really, really understanding the needs of all of the people," said Aaron Woods, a 26-year resident who spoke at the event. "It means the world. It tells me that the city is focused on all of its people."

Haider hopes a Juneteenth celebration can become an annual celebration in Wilsonville.

"I envision food trucks, black-owned; and some entertainment to make it more of a family outing," Haider said. "I would like to do this every year."

## Recommended Reads by Authors Who Are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color

(list curated by Wilsonville Public Library staff)

### Fiction

- The Round House*, Louise Erdrich
- The Farm*, Joanne Ramos
- The Far Field*, Madhuri Vijay
- The Nickel Boys*, Colson Whitehead

### Mystery

- Mycroft Holmes*, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anna Waterhouse
- A Deadly Inside Scoop*, Abby Collette
- A Rising Man*, Abir Mukherjee
- Broken Places*, Tracy Clark

### Fantasy

- The City of Brass*, S.A. Chakraborty
- Black Leopard, Red Wolf*, Marlon James
- The Fifth Season*, N.K. Jemisin
- Trail of Lightning*, Rebecca Roanhorse

### Science Fiction

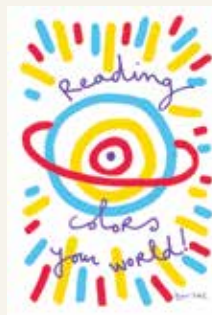
- The Kingdom of Gods*, N. K. Jemisin
- Severance*, Ling Ma
- Binti*, Nnedi Okorafor
- Robocalypse*, Daniel H. Wilson

### Graphic Novels

- Hot Comb*, Ebony Flowers
- Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- March*, John Lewis
- The Secret Loves of Geeks*, various

### Non-Fiction

- Our Time is Now*, Stacey Abrams
- Well Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories*, *Discovering Ourselves*, Glory Edim



*How to Be an Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi  
*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, Trevor Noah

### Teen Fiction

- The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
- More Happy Than Not*, Adam Silvera
- The Sun is Also a Star*, Nicola Yoon
- Like a Love Story*, Abdi Nazemian

### Teen Graphic Novels

- American Born Chinese*, Gene Luen Yang
- Photographic*, Isabel Quintero, Zeke Peña
- Aya of Yop City*, Marguerite Aboutet
- I Am Alfonso Jones*, Tony Medina

### Youth Graphic Novels

- Crossover*, Kwame Alexander
- Pashmina*, Nidhi Chanani
- Sci-Fu*, Yehudi Mercado
- New Kid*, Jerry Craft

### Youth Chapter Books

- The Haunted House Next Door*, Andres Miedoso
- Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*, Grace Lin
- Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome*, Sarai González
- Jaden Toussaint, the Greatest Episode 1, The Quest for Screen Time*, Marti Dumas

### Youth Picture Books

- Alma and How She Got Her Name*, Juana Martinez-Neal
- Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao*, Kat Zhang
- Dreamers*, Yuyi Morales
- Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes*, Wab Kinew

## Adopt a Road and Make Our City Roadways Sparkle

The City's Adopt-a-Road volunteers make a valuable contribution to our community ... and they get to do it outside! It's a selfless, social and active experience that our volunteers enjoy (and that the City greatly appreciates!)

Our Adopt-A-Road volunteers:

- Preserve our waterways
- Protect local wildlife
- Keep our community clean
- Remove potential hazards to public safety
- See positive results! (and others will too!)

Anyone over the age of 12 can participate. The City provides the necessary equipment. Adopt-A-Road is great for families, service groups, businesses and youth organizations.

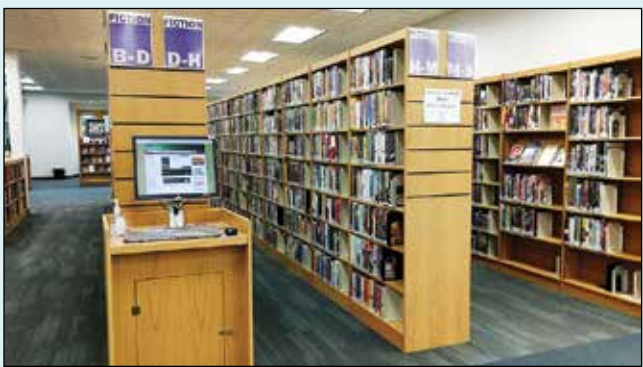
Learn more at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/publicworks/page/adopt-road](https://ci.wilsonville.or.us/publicworks/page/adopt-road)



The Hastings family joined the Adopt-a-Road program last year.



8200 SW Wilsonville Road  
 503-682-2744  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)



## Library Bookstacks Now Open

The Library's bookstacks are now open throughout the building.

Enjoy browsing the shelves in the children's area and teen area, as well as adult fiction, non-fiction books and video and CD collections.

Find out more at [WilsonvilleLibrary.org](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)

## Changing Your Perspective: On the Novels of Verne & Wells

Dr. Bill Thierfelder looks at the novels of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells — novels of adventure, romance and science that have sparked the imaginations of readers.

What novel by Verne or Wells has sparked your imagination? Share at this free program!

Wednesday, July 7, 11 am-12:30 pm on Zoom. Sign up to receive the Zoom meeting code.

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes)

## English for Non-Native Speakers

The English Class and Conversation Group (ECCG) is a friendly, informal group where non-native speakers can practice speaking English. Each session includes an introduction, a lesson and a chance to practice English in casual conversation.

Monday evenings, 6-7:30 pm.

No registration required. All levels welcome. Free. Meets on Zoom.

For the Zoom invite, please email [ECCG@wilsonvillelibrary.org](mailto:ECCG@wilsonvillelibrary.org) or call 503-570-1582.



## Clase y grupo de conversación en inglés (ECCG)

¿Está aprendiendo inglés? Conozca otras personas de varios países que también están aprendiendo, y practique hablando inglés. Cada sesión incluye una introducción, una lección, y la oportunidad de practicar inglés en conversación casual.

Lunes, 6-7:30 pm.

No necesita inscribirse por adelantado. Para todos niveles. Gratis.

Para la invitación de Zoom, por favor contáctenos: [ECCG@wilsonvillelibrary.org](mailto:ECCG@wilsonvillelibrary.org) o 503-570-1582.

## Upcoming Classes and Events



### Stories and Science LIVE

Live interactive videos on Thursdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom.

Zoom meeting code: 450-269-930

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/storytime)

### Toddler and Baby Time LIVE

Live interactive videos on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on YouTube and Zoom.

Zoom meeting code: 450-269-930

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddleretime](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/toddleretime)

### Teen Events

Weekly games, prizes, challenges just for teens. Wednesdays 7-8 pm.

For students in grades 6-12. On Zoom: 901-104-467.

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/teens)

### Book Club

Live discussion with our reference staff on Zoom. "Heart Berries: A Memoir" by Terese Marie Hailhot Thursday, July 22, 6-7 pm

Sign up to receive the meeting code.

[WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org/bookclub)

Visit our website for more events:  
[WilsonvilleLibrary.org](https://WilsonvilleLibrary.org)





# Community Voices: Local Doctor Discusses Overcoming Her Own Vaccine Hesitancy

By Dr. Kris Ritchey, ND



If you've been on the fence about the COVID-19 vaccine, scared, or simply haven't made time, you're not alone. I, too, was initially hesitant to get the vaccine. Here's what changed my mind.

I did some research to learn how the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines work. I learned that the vaccines do not contain the virus. They deliver messenger RNA (mRNA); more simply put, they deliver a message. Then, immediately after our immune system sees the message, the mRNA is destroyed. (like a Mission: Impossible! movie)

That message: how to recognize the special spikes on the outside of the COVID-19 virus. When receiving the message, our body's immune system forms memory cells to quickly recognize exposure to the virus and mount a speedy immune response. Without

this preview, the body has to play catch-up to defend you against the virus after exposure.

I also read research that debunks the myths about secret nano-chips, magnets sticking to injection sites, and others. There are some very creative hypotheses floating around out there. Generally, the wilder the claim, the more attention being sought by the person putting it out there.

Consider that people can make a lot of money on YouTube and other video streaming sites by floating these conspiracies. If you're watching, and you see an ad anywhere on the page, whoever posted the video may be making a few cents for each view. When misinformation goes viral, the perpetrator benefits.

My research also included watching a presentation at OHSU on COVID "long-haulers," people who continue to suffer COVID-19 symptoms long after the disease runs its typical course. For some people this may be lingering or unexpected repeat bouts of fatigue, brain fog, heart irregularities, and other

health issues.

In the long-term, COVID-19 may continue to cause people problems — not unlike shingles, herpes, EBV reinfection and other similar infections we treat at our clinic.

Ultimately, I decided any small risk of getting vaccinated was preferable to potentially facing a lifetime battling a nasty virus that rears its little spikes when I least expect it.

I had my first dose in mid-May. My only side effect, a day later, was a sore arm. I'm happy to share the results of my second dose with anyone interested in learning more before they make their decision.

*Dr. Kris Ritchey, ND, is a Wilsonville-based Naturopath who operates Revitalize Health and Wellness (29878 SW Town Center Loop W, Suite 500). For a free vaccination appointment, call 503-583-8128.*

**Vaccine Appointments Available Ongoing in Clackamas County**  
[clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine](http://clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine)

## State Launches Emergency Rental Assistance Program to Assist Those Experiencing COVID-19 Financial Hardship

Qualified renters may submit applications to the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) for funding to pay rent, rent arrears, future rent and certain home utility costs.



Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is distributing \$204 million to qualified renters who have experienced financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

OHCS is coordinating with 17 community action agencies and one public housing authority across the state to emphasize an equitable approach in the processing of applications and distribution of funds to help ensure the program has the greatest impact on

reducing housing instability and homelessness.

Every renter who applies has their application reviewed. Relief resources are to be distributed to those who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Income less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI);
- An individual in the household who has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic; and
- Risks experiencing homelessness or housing instability due to past-due rent or utilities.

Federal guidance requires that grantees prioritize households with incomes less than 50% AMI, and households with one or more members that have been unemployed for at least 90 days.

The city of Portland and the counties of Multnomah,

Washington, Clackamas, Lane and Marion received about \$76 million in additional Emergency Rental Assistance allocations. These entities are accepting applications from residents through their own process. Applicants may not accept payment on the same expense from different providers and are asked to select one program.

All Oregonians may apply to OERAP. Tribal governments received allocations directly from the U.S. Treasury. OHCS is partnering with the Oregon Human Develop Corporation (OHDC) to provide additional assistance to Spanish-speaking applicants.

Applications are being accepted until 2022 or until program funds run out. In most cases, payment will be made directly to the landlord or utility provider.

To learn more, visit [OregonRentalAssistance.org](http://OregonRentalAssistance.org), contact [211info.org](http://211info.org) or call 2-1-1.



503-682-7790 RideSMART.com  
 28879 SW Boberg Road

**No SMART services on July 5**  
 Independence Day observed

\$3 fares resume on July 6 for 1X Salem, out of town Dial-a-Ride service.

Face coverings are required to ride.

### Walk at Lunch Returns

SMART's group hosted walks return July 7. Meet us at noon at Next Level Chiropractic; take a stroll and learn more about local businesses during lunch hour.

Date	Meeting Location
July 7	Next Level Chiropractic
July 14	Wilsonville Transit Center Clock Tower
July 21	Goosehead Insurance
July 28	Nichols Family Agency-Allstate

## A Smarter SMART: New Tools Improve Customer Experience

SMART's new technology update includes a suite of software tools to assist passengers in scheduling trips and tracking buses, improving the customer experience.



In the coming weeks, customers will receive information explaining how the new system improves access to Dial-a-Ride (DAR) services.

Web Ride Request is an online portal that allows customers to request rides from their computer or smart phone. The portal also gives customers information about upcoming trips and more flexibility to make changes. Customers will have the option to get a reminder, via phone or text, that they have an upcoming ride scheduled. This helps SMART minimize no-shows if a customer has forgotten about a scheduled trip.

Our new technology also allows drivers to initiate an automated call when they are within 5 minutes of arriving at a customer's location.

In 2019, an ad hoc Dial-a-Ride Committee made recommendations to enhance the programs and give customers better access to transportation. With this new software, SMART is implementing several of those recommendations.

Dispatchers can group rides by quadrants in the city. This allows SMART to give more rides before reaching capacity. That, in turn, opens up more "same day" rides, giving flexibility to customers who would otherwise have to plan a day or more in advance.

While Saturday DAR is currently limited to ¾-mile fixed route trips and restricted to the Americans with Disabilities Act program, these new efficiencies are allowing SMART to expand Saturday Dial-a-Ride service to include the whole city of Wilsonville and to offer trips to anyone over the age of 60.

SMART dispatchers and staff have started in-depth training with this new software. The new system is expected to debut in mid-July. We'll support a seamless transition for customers, allowing them to add additional features as they choose.



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**August 3 is National Night Out**

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

The program aims to build community by encouraging neighborhood block parties that unite neighbors and public safety officials to gather under positive circumstances.

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, 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 [ci.wilsonville.or.us/nationalnightout](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/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@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:stevenson@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

Learn more about National Night Out at [natw.org](http://natw.org).

For more information, contact Bill Evans, Communications and Marketing Manager, at 503-570-1502, [evans@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:evans@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

**Certification Program Promotes Sustainable Home Gardening**

Wilsonville homeowners who enjoy watching the birds and the bees, and want to support pollinator habitat in their own home gardens, can sign up for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP).

More than 7,500 homes in the Portland area have committed to gardening sustainably and supporting wildlife by joining the program, which is a partnership of Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon.

The PHCP provides information, tools and discounts to people who want to improve wildlife habitat in their yards, garden naturally, control problematic weeds and manage stormwater. The program is available to anyone caring for small lots (under one acre), and is also provided to schools, community groups, apartment buildings, public institutions, and businesses with no size restriction.

Those who enroll are visited by a Habitat Technician, who recommends beneficial native plants and other features that attract and support birds, pollinators and other wildlife. After the visit, the technician sends a personalized site report with recommendations tailored to the homeowner's yard and interests. Other perks — such as coupons for local garden centers, follow-up assistance, invitations to open garden tours and yard signs — are also provided.



Sustainable home gardens make a real difference to the health and vitality of our region. The BHCP is partnering with communities to plant roots, create habitats and transform the world... one yard at a time.

Generous support from the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Wilsonville is making the program possible locally.

To enroll or learn more about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program please visit [backyardhabitats.org](http://backyardhabitats.org).



**Get Your Gardening Question Answered by a Master**

The Master Gardener™ program, an Oregon State University Extension Service, answers gardening and pest management questions to help people make informed decisions about their gardening challenges.

Is there a tough weed you want to kill? Is your lawn dying? What can you do about the black spots on your tomatoes? How should you get rid of aphids on your roses?

OSU Master Gardeners can help you find the answers. Simply take photos of the garden or landscape problem, and send them with a description of the problem using our web form.

You'll get an informed response and recommendations that include timing, risks and benefits. Visit [metromastergardeners.org](http://metromastergardeners.org) to ask a question or learn more.



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

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



**July is National Parks and Rec Month!**

To celebrate National Parks and Rec Month, Wilsonville Parks and Rec has put together a lineup of FREE, family-friendly activities for community members to enjoy.

Our celebratory lineup includes Rubber Duck Giveaways at the water features, Movies in the Park, a Tie-Dye Tuesday event, self-guided StoryWalks and more!

Follow along on Instagram (@wvparcsandrec) and on Facebook (@WilsonvilleParksandRec) to learn the who's who of the department, and to get a sneak peak at some of our prize giveaways!

A Full event calendar and details are available at [WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/ParksandRecMonth](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/ParksandRecMonth)

**Self-Guided StoryWalks**

Beginning on Friday, July 2, two new StoryWalks will be available in our parks; one is in Murase Plaza, the other along the trail in Tranquil Park. In collaboration with the Wilsonville Public Library, and thanks to our wonderful sponsor Therapeutic Associates, park

visitors can enjoy a kids' storybook while out on a walk in the park!

For a calendar showing where these stories will travel this summer, visit [Wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/ParksandRecMonth](http://Wilsonvilleparksandrec.com/ParksandRecMonth)

**Rubber Duck Giveaway Days**

Don't miss our rubber duck giveaways: Tuesday, July 13 (Town Center Park Water Feature) and Wednesday, July 28 (Murase Plaza Water Feature). Race your ducks down the water features or blast them into the air with the water jets!

Both events will run 3-5 pm. A few rubber ducks may even come with a special prize!



**Tie-Dye Tuesday**

On Tuesday, July 20, 10 am-2 pm in Town Center Park, come hang out with Wilsonville Parks and Rec staff and get creative! Please bring your own white garment to dye (limit one garment per person).

Staff has all other necessary materials on site for participants to use at no charge. We'll even show off some of the best ways to place rubber bands to get unique designs.

**Movies in the Park**

We are excited to announce the highly-anticipated return of Movies in the Park! Please feel welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages. Masks are not required. All movies begin at dusk. Note that two movies are taking place at Town Center Park.

- July 16: Scoob (Town Center Park)
- July 30: The Secret Garden (Memorial Park River Shelter)
- Aug. 13: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (Town Center Park)
- Aug. 27: Raya and the Last Dragon (Memorial Park River Shelter)

**Upcoming Classes and Events**

**Chalk the Park**  
Thursday, July 8  
10:00 am-noon  
Town Center Park  
No Charge

**Dog Leash Handout & Education**  
Friday, July 9  
Wednesday, July 21  
Wilsonville Dog Park

**Young Naturalists Camp**  
Ages 8-13  
M-F, July 12-16  
9 am-noon  
Memorial Park, River Shelter  
\$200

**Girls Lacrosse Camp**  
Ages 7-12  
M-F, July 19-23  
9 am-12 pm  
Memorial Park  
\$135

**Micro-Scientists Camp**  
Ages 4-5  
M-F, July 26-30  
9 am-noon  
Memorial Park, River Shelter  
\$200

Visit our website for more events:

[WilsonvilleParksandRec.com](http://WilsonvilleParksandRec.com)

Lose an item in a City Park?  
Our lost and found (at 29600 SW Park Pl.) is open M-F 8 am-5 pm. You can also call 503-783-7529.



**POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**

**Before You Head to the River, Let's Talk About Water Safety**

With the welcome sunshine comes a summer of fun-in-the-sun and water activities. This is my favorite time of year; recreating on the water is near and dear to me. One of the many wonderful things about Wilsonville is having the Willamette River flow through our city.



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

For many years, I worked as a water rescue specialist, so I also know the dangers of not taking water safety seriously. There are many ways to make water activities — boating, swimming, floating, paddle boarding, fishing — a safe and fun experiences. Drowning is a preventable tragedy.

One of the most common excuses I used to hear from people not wearing personal floatation devices (PFDs) was, "I'm a good swimmer." Even a good swimmer can be overcome quickly by injury, cold, exhaustion, and fear. When you realize you're in trouble, it may already be too late. The best practice is to wear a PFD and to understand how to properly fit your floatation device on you and your loved ones.

The National Institutes of Health recommends several other critical water safety tips. They include:

- Learn CPR.
- Never swim alone.
- Don't dive unless you're sure of the depth.
- Know your limits; don't over-exert yourself.
- Avoid alcohol when swimming, diving and boating and never drink while supervising children in the water. The risk is high and the consequences

can be lethal.

- Provide children with swim lessons.
- Do not leave children unattended, even in wading pools and bathtubs.

When encountering a swimmer in distress, understand that attempting a rescue is very dangerous. Trained rescuers use a protocol called "Talk, Reach, Throw, Row":

- 1. TALK.** First, call 911. Then talk to the person and see if you can coach them to swim to you on shore or to a boat.
- 2. REACH.** Next, try to reach to them by extending a pole, branch, or inflatable boat. Do not allow them to grab hold of your body, as they may try to pull you in.
- 3. THROW.** You can throw a distressed person a life jacket, life ring, rope or any other object that will help them stay afloat.
- 4. ROW.** If necessary, use a boat to get to the person.

Here are a few other important safety tips to keep in mind, and to share with children and others with less experience on the water:

- The water is colder than you think. Even in late spring, the water is still bone-chilling. Underestimating river swiftness and temperature has led to several tragic drownings on county waterways in recent years.
- Check river conditions before going out on Clackamas County rivers. If the water seems too treacherous, wait until later in the season when waters have receded and warmed.



Wearing a Personal Flotation Device is the smart way to ensure safe fun on the water this summer.

- Be knowledgeable of the water environment and any potential hazards, such as deep and shallow areas, currents, depth changes and obstructions. Also locate nearby entry/exit points. If you are not sure you're swimming in a safe place, DON'T SWIM.
  - If you operate a power boat, get your required Boater Education Card.
  - All boats, no matter the size, require one wearable PFD for each person on board. Anyone under the age of 12 must wear a PFD at all times while the boat is underway. Coast Guard rules require everyone to have a PFD on a Paddleboard.
- With general awareness and these precautions in place, you can get out on the water and enjoy Oregon's wonderful waterways safely!

*Rob Wurpes, Chief of Police*

**Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions**

City Council	Action	What it Means
June 7	The Council adopted a City budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021.	The all-funds budget of \$241.8 million was previously approved and forwarded for the Council's consideration by the Budget Committee on May 20.
June 7	The Council renewed the City's annual grant-funding agreement with Wilsonville Community Sharing, the local community social-services agency and food bank.	The City's grant of \$53,600 helps to fund support services — including assistance with rent, food, prescriptions and utility bills — to Wilsonville individuals and families in need.
May 17, June 7	The Council adopted the Development Review Board's recommendation to approve Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map amendments.	This action accommodates a new 5-unit subdivision on Canyon Creek Rd.
May 17	The Council adopted a resolution allowing the City Manager to initiate a \$2.3 million contract with Eagle-Elsner, Inc.	The contract funds the City's rehabilitation or reconstruction this summer of about 1.4 miles of City roadways, including Town Center Loop E., Town Center Loop W. and Park Pl..
Apr. 19	The Council adopted the City's tourism promotion business plan and a Tourism Promotion and Destination Marketing Services Plan for the upcoming fiscal year.	The "Explore Wilsonville" tourism campaign is designed to attract visitors to local hotels, restaurant and attractions.

**Apply to Join Sister City Board**

The Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board is now recruiting candidates to apply for a vacant seat on the board. Applications may be submitted online until Thursday, July 15, at 5 pm.

Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board members serve as program ambassadors, advocating for and supporting program activities, maintaining strong relationships with delegates from Kitakata and promoting a positive image of the program locally and abroad.

The Board participates in a cross-cultural exchange of ideas and information, plans itineraries and identifies host families for visiting delegations, recommends annual program budgets and performs community outreach to support the program. The Board meets quarterly; members typically serve three-year terms. This position is through Dec. 31, 2021.

Learn more and apply online at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/boardsapp](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/boardsapp) or contact the City Recorder at 503-570-1506 or [cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:cityrecorder@ci.wilsonville.or.us).

**Apply for Sister City Board**  
**Deadline: Thu., July 15, 5 pm**  
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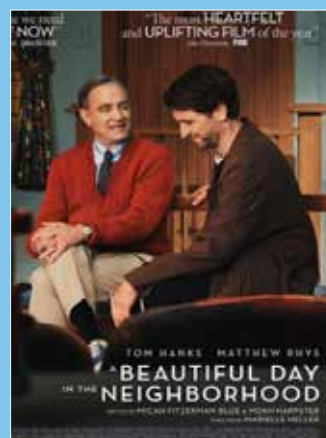
**Movies in the Park**



**July 16**  
**Town Center Park**



**July 30**  
**Memorial Park**  
**River Shelter**



**August 13**  
**Town Center Park**



**August 27**  
**Memorial Park**  
**River Shelter**

Our free Movies in the Park are back! Join Wilsonville Parks & Recreation for four summer movies on the lawn (at two locations this year). Movies begin at dusk; arrive after 8:15 pm. Bring your own snacks (no food for purchase) from home or a local restaurant!





### A Surprise Spring Visitor at Morey's Landing

At Arrowhead Creek Park, near the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant, a bear was spotted by several residents in late May. Fans of irony were quick to appreciate that the sighting occurred in Morey's Landing; Walt Morey, for whom the neighborhood is named, was a Wilsonville resident and the acclaimed author of "Gentle Ben," the story of a 13-foot, 2,200-pound Kodiak bear. The black bear pictured at left was thought to be much smaller (nobody got close enough to weigh him) and there were no reports of aggressive behavior. As summer neared and more berries bloomed, the expectation is that our visitor retreated back into more wooded areas. Should history repeat itself, bear sightings can be reported to Oregon Department of Fishing and Wildlife, 971-673-6028.

### Arts & Culture Council Presenting Two-Night Performance Series

Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council is hosting the Wilsonville Summer Performance Series, a series of five live performances, July 16-17, at Meridian United Church of Christ (Frog Pond Church), 6750 Boeckman Rd. These performances are being recorded and presented to the community in August as part of the virtual Wilsonville Festival of Arts. For tickets (suggested donation of \$10) and additional information, visit [wilsonvillearts.org](http://wilsonvillearts.org).



The Olivia Awbrey Band

#### Friday, July 16

- **4 pm:** Grammy Award-winning master guitarist, composer & recording artist **Mark Hanson**.
- **7:30 pm:** Wilsonville's own **Olivia Klugman** — an emerging singer-songwriter making waves locally — opens for the **Olivia Awbrey Band**. Olivia Awbrey is an internationally-acclaimed indie folk artist returning to her hometown for this performance.

#### Saturday, July 17

- **11 am:** **Mexica Tiahui Atzec Dance Group** has previously graced the grounds at the Wilsonville Festival of Arts. They return, performing in full regalia and sharing their rich traditions.
- **4 pm:** **Far Out West** is a funk-infused, jazz-informed electric trio based in Portland.
- **8 pm:** **Wilsonville STAGE** presents a high energy, old-time-radio Buck Rogers-style sci-fi show with inventive sound effects.

### Oregon's Newest Heritage Trees to be Dedicated at Aug. 12 Event

A dedication ceremony formally recognizing the Stein-Boozier Walnut Orchard at Memorial Park as Oregon Heritage Trees is taking place on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 2 pm at the Murase Plaza Grove Shelter. The walnut orchard received the Heritage Tree designation last year by the Travel Information Council (TIC). The planned dedication event was postponed because of COVID-19.

**Oregon Heritage Tree Dedication**  
Thu., Aug. 12, 2 pm  
Murase Plaza Grove Shelter



many trees, walnuts never recovered, and the filbert industry became dominant. The dedication event includes Oregon history, with stories from former and current walnut growers, a walk among the trees, and tours of the historic Stein-Boozier barn and original nut dryer shed. For more information from the Travel Information Council about the Oregon Heritage Tree Program, email [jessicac@oregontic.com](mailto:jessicac@oregontic.com).

### Briefs

#### CCC Hires First Chief DEI Officer

Casey Layton joined Clackamas County College on June 1 as the school's first chief diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) officer. This position is leading the college's efforts to remove barriers to student success, increase staff and faculty diversity, and build a sense of belonging for all. "Casey Layton is an experienced educator, facilitator and equity manager with a background that includes adult learning and conflict resolution," CCC President



Tim Cook said. "Her ability to collaborate and communicate with compassion will help lead the college in this important work." A training specialist, Layton has worked within local government agencies around the Portland area to advance DEI efforts for more than six years. "There are folks who have been left out and pushed to the margins. Our systems have created barriers to the resources that offer relief from hard circumstances. As leaders, it is our job to collaborate with our community, listen, then act to rebuild these systems with inclusive intention," Layton said.

## City Calendar

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JULY	
5 Mon	• Independence Day observed City offices closed
6 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
7 Wed	• SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Next Level Chiropractic
12 Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
13 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
14 Wed	• SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Wilsonville Transit Center • Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall • Community Enhancement Committee Mtg. 6 pm, virtual
16 Fri	• Movies in the Park Dusk, Town Center Park
19 Mon	• City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
20 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 5 pm, City Hall
21 Wed	• SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Goosehead Insurance
26 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
28 Wed	• SMART Walk @ Lunch Noon, Wilsonville Transit Center • Library Board Meeting 4 pm, Parks & Recreation Building
30 Fri	• Movies in the Park Dusk, Memorial Park River Shelter
AUGUST	
2 Mon	• City Council at City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
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**Vaccine Update**

**For the up-to-date vaccine news and availability in Clackamas County, visit [clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine](http://clackamas.us/coronavirus/vaccine)**

### Wilsonville City Council

The City Council usually convenes on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall, with work session generally starting at 5 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Meetings are broadcast live on Xfinity Ch. 30 and Ziplly Ch. 32 and are replayed periodically. Meetings are also available to stream live or on demand at [ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV](http://ci.wilsonville.or.us/WilsonvilleTV). Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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