



A number of dignitaries, including Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald (fourth from left) and Oregon Governor Tina Kotek (sixth from left) celebrated the long-awaited June opening of the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center.

A Decade in the Making, Korean War Exhibit Opens

After years of fundraising efforts and construction delays brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Korean War Memorial Foundation of Oregon (KWMFO) proudly hosted a June ribbon-cutting to officially open the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center at Town Center Park.

This permanent exhibit, featuring video, war

artifacts, maps and more, tells the stories of many Oregon soldiers who fought in the Korean War.

The public can visit the Oregon Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center at no charge, weekdays between 8 am and 5 pm at the Parks and Rec. Administration Building (29600 SW Park Pl.).

Celebrate Summer's End at Party in the Park with Live Music, Food & Family Fun

This year's annual Party in the Park (formerly the Community Block Party) takes place on Thursday, Aug. 22, 5:30-8:30 pm at Town Center Park.

The City's annual family-friendly end-of-summer event features a live concert performance from Nate Botsford, whose rock-country hybrid music has made him a local favorite. In addition to a night of great music, guests at Party in the Park can purchase food from local food carts, and enjoy lawn games and other fun, interactive activities.

**Community Party in the Park
Thu, Aug. 22, 5:30-8:30 pm
Town Center Park**

City of Wilsonville staff hosts the annual Party in the Park to provide an end-of-summer gathering for community members to enjoy with friends, family and neighbors.

The event provides a great opportunity for City employees to meet with to community members to discuss what's happening in Wilsonville and what matters to the people who live, work and play here.

For more details on this event, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.



Nate Botsford headlines Wilsonville's final summer concert, the Party in the Park, on Thursday, Aug. 22, at Town Center Park.

Wilsonville Figure Skater Earns Gold Medal on National Stage

Wilsonville resident Odessa Akervall, 13, earned first place honors in the Women's Excel Intermediate division of the U.S. Figure Skating's Excel National Festival in Norwood, Massachusetts, in mid-July.

Akervall, who skated to Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now," landed three double jumps and received Level 3 distinction on all of her spins to secure the gold medal and a special Presentation Award from U.S. Figure Skating for earning the highest component score in her division.

"I think we all dream about winning a gold medal at a national competition, but this week was more than I dreamed of," said Akervall, who is the daughter of Wilsonville City Council President Kristin Akervall.

Akervall was selected to participate by U.S. Figure Skating, based on scores she earned during three qualifying regional events held earlier this year. She entered the competition ranked sixth among Women's Excel Intermediate level skaters.



Wilsonville resident Odessa Akervall, delivered a gold-medal winning performance at U.S. Figure Skating's Excel National Festival.

Mayor's Message

New Interpretive Center is a Lesson in the Cost of Freedom

As the proud member of a military family, one of my great honors as mayor is to participate in several events each year at our Oregon Korean War Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by soldiers and their families to protect democracy.

Wilsonville's 109-foot granite memorial, which includes the names of 298 Oregonians killed or missing in action during the Korean conflict (1950-1953), has been a welcome addition to our landscape since it was completed in 2000, during the construction of Town Center Park.

The memorial is a source of great pride and importance for many, as it helps ensure that the soldiers who fought and died are not forgotten. I'm grateful for this community asset, which provides an opportunity for residents, tourists, veterans and Korean-American community members to gather in solemn reflection, remembrance, and gratitude whenever needed.

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staff, all of whom have been instrumental in bringing this beautiful amenity to Wilsonville and working closely together to ensure that the memorial is properly maintained and well-visited.

For more than a decade, these caretakers have sought to do even more to recognize soldiers who participated in the Korean War. This summer, at a ceremony attended by Governor Tina Kotek and several other Oregon and Korean dignitaries, Wilsonville celebrated the long-awaited grand opening of its new Korean War Memorial Interpretive Center.

Now open to the public at no charge every weekday, 8 am-5 pm, the 350-square-foot display is located within the Parks and Recreation Administration Building. The project was funded by generous donations from veterans, grants, organizations, individuals, and the Korean government. On Wilsonville's behalf, a heartfelt thank you to all who have donated.

The interpretive center is a wonderful exhibit that features battle artifacts, photos, stories, interactive maps and video testimonials (in Korean and English) from veterans and others. It is time well-spent, a history lesson in memory of those who fought.

There's no better way to understand our history than to learn from those who served and/or were impacted by war. I greatly value the many friendships and relationships with many veterans, and enjoy learning from their stories.

The sobering reality is that freedom is not free, and I hope that the interpretive center serves as a valuable resource for students and others to learn about our veterans, and to comprehend their experiences and sacrifices. I encourage everyone to visit.

It is Wilsonville's good fortune to have so many people dedicated to providing and maintaining our beautiful memorial, which helps us better appreciate the cost of the liberties we enjoy today.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor



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Artist Selected to Paint Skatepark Mural is Herself an Avid Skater

Washington-based artist Abigail Penfold was selected from among more than 50 applications to paint a new mural at the Memorial Park Skatepark, a project funded by Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement funds.



Abigail Penfold

The mural is titled 'Nature's Boardshop.' The design is inspired by the landscapes of the Willamette and the wildlife that inhabit the area; each section features different animals carrying components that make up a skateboard.

The selection panel, consisting of the City's Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission as well as members from Wilsonville Skatepark Association, appreciated that Penfold's design fit into the surrounding park.

An avid skateboarder herself, Penfold strives to create pieces that highlight the human experience and the lived environment, utilizing a combination of realism, illustration and elements of abstract design. She



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believes art is a tool that can be used to enlighten and inspire people every day.

Penfold's mural is being unveiled at the third annual Wilsonville Skate Jam, which takes place on Saturday, Aug. 24, 1-3 pm at the Memorial Park Skatepark. For more information about Skate Jam, visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.



Wilsonville SKATE JAM

Presented by the Wilsonville Skatepark Association, in partnership with Wilsonville Parks and Recreation, Skate Jam is a community focused afternoon of skateboarding at the Memorial Park Skatepark!

Wilsonville Skate Jam
Sat., Aug. 24, 1-3 pm
Memorial Park

The free event, Aug. 24, 1-3 pm, features beginner and advanced jam sessions, a raffle, gear and apparel giveaways, a visit from Kona Ice and a celebration of the new skatepark mural.

Summer Reading Program Ends Aug. 31: Library Staff Recommendations

The Summer Reading Program comes to a close on Aug. 31. All library patrons who read 20 days for 20 minutes and submit their reading logs before the end of August are prize eligible. Learn more, print reading logs at wilsonvillelibrary.org/srp

Not sure what to read? Here are a few suggestions from Wilsonville Library staff.

The Cherry Robbers, by Sarai Walker. Fiction, mild horror. Connecticut, 1950: Iris Chapel is the second youngest of six sisters, all heiresses to a firearms fortune. The girls long to escape, and for most of them, the only way out is marriage. This creepy tale of art, love, and 20th-century womanhood unfolds across the decades.

The Fire Next Time, by James Baldwin. Nonfiction. The great American essayist reflects on the state of the nation after a century of emancipation.

All Systems Red, by Martha Wells. Science fiction. A snarky, self-aware android considers the nature of existence against the action-packed backdrop of planetary exploration.

Firekeeper's Daughter, by Angeline Boulley. Young adult fiction, thriller. Daunis, a biracial, unenrolled tribal member, puts her college dreams on hold to help solve a troubling series of deaths on the nearby reservation.

The Eyes and the Impossible, by Dave Eggers. Juvenile fiction. Told from the perspective of a stray dog, this children's chapter book and Newbery Award-winner is enthralling. Johannes, as the watchdog of the park, observes inexplicable changes that lead to a startling revelation and an incredible adventure.



A Vaccine Is Like a Memory, by Rajani LaRocca. Juvenile nonfiction. "Do you remember every time you've been sick? You may not, but your body does!" This short illustrated book offers a fun, easy-to-follow explanation of how vaccines work and their history.

The Summer Nick Taught His Cats To Read, by Curtis Manley & Kate Berube. Picture book. This sweet picture book (illustrated by a local artist) celebrates learning to read and adventures of the imagination. Enjoy it along the StoryWalk in Tivoli Park this summer!

A Good Place, by Lucy Cousins. Picture book. A bright cheerful book, perfect for toddlers, this story reminds us how important insects are, and that they need a safe home too.



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WilsonvilleLibrary.org

Several Free STEAM Events for Kids Offered in August

The Library is pleased to offer free STEAM classes, activities, and events for kids in August.

Dive into an ocean of hands-on science fun while exploring Oregon's underwater environments with the University of Oregon's Natural and Cultural History Museum on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 6 pm.



Join the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a tide pool themed dance party, "Tide Pool Tango," on Friday, Aug. 9, at 11 am and 2 pm.

OMSI returns with classes about sound, bats, and cars from Aug. 6-8. The OMSI science classes require registration due to limited space. Learn more about the sessions and sign up at wilsonvillelibrary.org/science



All Ages Invited to Submit in Annual Short Story Contest

Writers of all ages are invited to submit short stories (up to 1,500 words) in the Library's fifth annual Short Story Contest.

Submissions are accepted until Aug. 31. Three winners from each age group receive prizes and have their stories published on the Library's website.

Entry forms and more information are available at wilsonvillelibrary.org/story

Summer Reading Program Concludes on Aug. 31

All ages may participate in our fun annual reading challenge. Read 20 minutes a day for 10 days, complete 10 STEAM explorations, or complete a book Bingo, and get entered into fabulous prize drawings. Forms are available at the library and online at wilsonvillelibrary.org/SRP



Upcoming Classes and Events



American Red Cross Blood Drives

Donate blood and save lives!
Monday, Aug. 5, 12:30 pm-6 pm
Friday, Aug. 23, 11 am-4 pm
redcrossblood.org/give.html

PROFILES: Mark Twain

Online program about the celebrated author.
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 11 am-12:30 pm
Sign up for the Zoom code.

WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Walking Book Club

Walk in Memorial Park discussing books with a librarian. August's featured title is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson.

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1-2 pm
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

Backyard Birdwatching

Get started with birdwatching with this free class. Learn about some common backyard birds to look for, and other useful tips and resources.

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6-8 pm
WilsonvilleLibrary.org/classes

More programs on our website!

Visit our website for more events:

WilsonvilleLibrary.org



MYTH BUSTING

Home Depot, the Atlanta-based home improvement retailer, seeks to open at the former Fry's Electronics store (29400 SW Town Center Loop West). To this end, in late 2023, Home Depot filed an application with the City to be treated as a "continuation" of an existing "non-conforming" use at the location. This application has been the subject of controversy.

The Fry's property, located within the Wilsonville Town Center, is zoned in accordance with the 2019 Wilsonville Town Center Plan. This Plan details the community's vision for a neighborhood that includes about 100 acres of property within and adjacent to Town Center Loop. An extensive two-year public engagement effort informed the Town Center Plan. The community's preference was a pedestrian-oriented mixed-use Town Center, a modern main street, and buildings with smaller footprints.

"Everything in that document came from the community," said Miranda Bateschell, the City's Planning Director, who oversaw the most extensive public engagement effort in the City's history.

Oregon state land use laws stipulate that after new development code (i.e. the Town Center Plan) is adopted, existing structures and uses that do not meet the new requirements become "non-conforming." While that specific use is allowed to continue as-is (even if it does not conform to the new development code) any other use, or expansion or modification of the use is not permitted. This "non-conforming use" doctrine protects property owners and operators that might be negatively impacted by a new development code, allowing them to continue operating. It also protects communities by ensuring that any changes

The City doesn't want to do business with Home Depot FALSE

or expansions implemented after adoption must undergo further scrutiny by the local government.

"If you don't have a narrow interpretation of non-conforming use, it undercuts the community's vision and a comprehensive plan can never be implemented," said Bateschell. "With a broad interpretation, almost anything could go in any building."

City planners met with Home Depot representatives on multiple occasions to discuss all potential paths for Home Depot to locate in Wilsonville. These paths include finding a location in another area (with permissive zoning), operating at the Fry's location within applicable Town Center regulations, or applying for a change of non-conforming use. Home Depot has not pursued these options, and instead applied to locate at the Fry's Electronics location through a continuation of non-conforming use application.

In two separate proceedings, the City's Development Review Board (DRB) recognized the non-conforming use of the Fry's Electronics store ("a 159,400 square-foot electronics-related retail store"), and declined to recognize Home Depot's proposed use at this location as a continuation of this non-conforming use. After a review with the applicant, City Council affirmed these DRB decisions. Home Depot has appealed City Council's decisions in this matter to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

Wilsonville welcomes any applicant who proposes development consistent with City regulations. Home Depot has not filed a development application with the City that would allow the City to consider its merits. The City is limited to considering the applications that have been filed.

In an age where misinformation runs rampant on social media, this space aims to provide a forum for the City to share first-hand information about current projects and programs. If there's a topic you would like to learn more about, e-mail publicaffairs@ci.wilsonville.or.us. Visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/mythbusting for more information.

DEI Speaker Series Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Speaker Series continues on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 pm at the Wilsonville Library (29353 SW Town Center Loop E).



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September's featured speaker is Anthony Veliz, the founder of the

PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network.

In his scheduled talk, "PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network," Veliz leads his audience on an inspiring journey through his extraordinary life and career.

The son of a farm worker, Veliz shares a story of resilience and triumph that took him from the fields of the Willamette Valley to the boardroom. He delves into the founding of the first accredited Chicano/Latino college in U.S. history, a pivotal moment in Oregon's history that has created a lasting legacy.

The DEI Speaker Series has been established and curated by the City's DEI Committee to provide a forum for open discussion on topics critical to understanding

the lived experience of historically marginalized community members.

DEI Speaker Series events are free, and include light refreshments. The committee is working to program additional installments in October and November (dates TBD).

Previous DEI Speaker Series events are available to be viewed on the City's YouTube channel. To watch, visit bit.ly/DEI_Speakers

For more information or to recommend a speaker for a future event, contact Zoe Mombert, 503-570-1503, mombert@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



Anthony Veliz

SMART

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Walk Wednesdays in September

Join Walk Smart each Wednesday in September at various locations. Walks begin promptly at noon and last about 30 minutes.

Date	Meeting Location @ noon
Sept. 11	Divine Complexions Beauty Medspa
Sept. 18	Revitalize Health & Wellness
Sept. 25	Nichols Family Agency

August Bike Events

Date/Time	Meeting Location
Aug. 2 10 am-noon	Bike Rodeo (skill building) Wood Middle School
Aug. 5-7 10 am-noon	Learn to Ride Bike Clinics Wilsonville Transit Center
Aug. 22 5:30-7:30 pm	Free Minor Bike Repairs, Town Center Park



Villebois Route 7 Resumes with Improved Connectivity on Oct. 1

SMART is scheduled to resume Route 7 service to Villebois on Oct. 1. The new Route 7 runs with more frequency, providing safe and consistent travel between Villebois, the Wilsonville Transit Center (WTC), and Town Center to allow residents to conveniently run errands or commute without a car.

The schedule is being timed to coincide with TriMet Westside Express Service (WES) commuter trains that serve several westside communities, improving regional connectivity for commuters, visitors, and community members.

As part of re-establishing Route 7, bus pullouts along Barber Street are being utilized as bus stops. These areas are being painted and marked as "bus only" locations; no parking is allowed.

For additional details and a service schedule, visit rideSMART.com/7.



Preparedness for Kids: Have Fun Teaching the Basics

Everyone in the family should understand the impact of emergencies and how to remain prepared.

To help young people learn the basics of preparedness, consider bringing them to the City's annual Preparedness Fair at the Stein-Boozier Barn at Murase Plaza on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 am until noon.



If you can't make it, we recommend introducing preparedness to young people with some hands-on education that can make the topic fun and build a readiness mindset that can help prevent panic in the event of a real emergency.

Here are a few suggestions:

Map Your Family Emergency Plan

Use a large sheet of paper to draw a map of your home and mark all exits. Identify safe meeting spots outside your home; let the kids help select and memorize these spots. Regularly review and practice the plan so everyone knows what to do and where to go.

Memory Games

In an emergency, kids need to be able to call 911, identify their location, and reach parents or other trusted adults. Memory games are a fun way to help children learn their emergency contact information. Consider creating a matching game with flash cards that kids can use to pair names, phone numbers, addresses and other critical information.

Scavenger Hunts

Make a list of preparedness items — flashlight, batteries, bottled water, non-perishable snacks, first aid kit, etc. — and encourage your kids to find and gather them for their own 'go' kit. Turn this vital task into a thought-provoking and entertaining adventure.

Make First Aid Relatable

Use stuffed animals or dolls to practice bandaging wounds, applying ice packs, and other simple first-aid techniques. Create a mini first-aid station with age-appropriate supplies kids can use to practice. A hands-on

approach makes first aid more understandable and memorable.

Beat the Clock

Make emergency drills exciting by timing how quickly kids can safely exit the house during a fire drill or how fast they can assemble emergency supplies. Celebrate their success with praise, a small reward, or a treat. Enjoyable practice may help kids build muscle memory and confidence.

For other family-friendly emergency preparedness tips and tools, visit the City of Wilsonville's emergency preparedness fair on Sept. 7 or check out resources at WilsonvilleReady.com.



Explore Careers in Fire Service at TVF&R's Oct. 12 Career Day



On Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8 am to 5:30 pm, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) is hosting a Career Day event that provides an inside look at life as a firefighter.

Career Day, held at TVF&R's Training Center in Sherwood, offers an opportunity for adults who may be interested in fire service to learn more about job re-

quirements and TVF&R. The event includes hands-on experiences in primary firefighter responsibilities and presentations about station life, career and volunteer opportunities, hiring processes, emergency medical services, fire prevention, public safety education, and more.



Participants rotate through activity stations and talk to education partners from several colleges and universities about their respective emergency medical services and fire science programs.

"One of the things I'm passionate about is creating a fire department that is welcoming to everyone," said TVF&R Fire Chief Deric Weiss. "I want young people to understand how the fire service works, how they can help create safer communities, and how they can be a part of our organization. Our ranks should better reflect the community we serve."

The program is limited to no more than 50 applicants. The deadline to apply is Aug. 31 (or earlier if the District receives enough applications for consideration).

Candidates 18 or older can apply to attend Career Day at tvfr.com/careers under "Outreach."



WilsonvilleParksandRec.com

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29600 SW Park Pl.
503-783-7529

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

Fall/Winter Registration Opens Aug. 5

Registration for Fall/Winter programs, spanning Sept.-Dec., 2024, opens on Aug. 5. Early registration is encouraged.

Register by Sept. 1 to receive a 10% discount on classes and programs. All Wilsonville addresses receive an Activity Guide by mail; the guide is also available online at WilsonvilleParksandRec.com.

Vendors Needed for Annual Harvest Fest

The annual Harvest Festival takes place at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Murase Plaza on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 am to 1 pm. The recreation team is seeking craft vendors for the event's craft fair; items must be hand-made. Application period concludes at 5 pm on Sept. 4. Please visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/HarvestFest for application materials.

Party in the Park Takes Place Aug. 22

Wilsonville's annual 'Party in the Park' takes place on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Town Center Park. This event features live music from Nate Botsford, food trucks, and games and activities for the whole family. The water features are on for splashing around until 8 pm.

Join 1st/2nd Grade Basketball Team

Mini Hoopers is a first- and second-grade basketball program organized by Wilsonville Parks and Recreation and run by volunteer parent coaches.

The 2024 season runs from Oct. 23 through Dec. 16. Games are played 4 vs. 4, on 8-foot hoops.

Registration ends Sept. 29; the cost is just \$50. To learn more about the program, visit

WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/MiniHoopers

Movies in the Park Continue in August

Movies in the Park continues this month with *Migration* on Aug. 9 (Town Center Park) and *Wish* on Aug. 23 (Memorial Park River Shelter).

A big thank you to title sponsor, PDX Property Group for helping us keep these free for our community to enjoy. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, snacks and/or beverages, and enjoy a movie under the stars! Popcorn and water are available in limited quantity. All films are family-friendly.

Bob Ross Style Oil Painting-Misty Morning

Ages 12+

Tuesday, Aug. 6
5:30-9 pm

Parks and Rec. Admin. Office

Cost: \$50

Course #: 11164

NEW! Plein Air Crash Course

Ages 15+

Sunday, Aug. 11

10 am-12:30 pm

Memorial Park Forest Shelter

Cost: \$65

Course #: 11156

YMCA-A Bugs Life

Ages 6-12

Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Memorial Park River Shelter

Cost: \$385

Course #: 11122

YMCA- Jr. Picasso

Ages 4-6

Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16

9 am-noon

Memorial Park River Shelter

Cost: \$215

Course #: 11123

YMCA Jr. Outdoor Science Camp

Ages 4-6

Aug. 5-9

9 am-noon

Art Tech

\$215

Course #: 11120

YMCA Ultimate Sports Camps

Ages 6 - 12

Aug. 5-9

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Memorial Park

\$385

Course #: 11121

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp

Ages 4-6

Aug. 12-16

9 am-noon

Palermo Park

\$159

Register.Skyhawks.com

KidoKinetics Ninja Play

Ages 3-7

Aug. 19-23

9 am-noon

Memorial Park

\$205

Course #: 11093

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

Scams, Scams, and More Scams: Remain Alert to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Fraud

Fraud and scams are persistent criminal issues. It's crucial to stay informed to remain a step ahead of scammers. Recovering from fraud can be difficult, time consuming and expensive.

Scams can take many forms, and so we'll use this space to discuss a couple of recent real-life examples we've encountered, and to highlight a newer tactic scammers are now employing.



Police Chief Rob Wurpes

The Jewelry Theft Scam

Our first example, which has resurfaced recently after a brief lull, targets older adults with a deceptive sleight-of-hand tactic. The criminals seek out individuals wearing visibly expensive jewelry. Typically, these scammers are in their 30s or 40s and drive expensive SUV-style vehicles, and posing as foreigners.

They approach their victims quickly, offering gifts or jewelry while referencing their culture or a supposed birthday. With practiced skill, they manage to remove rings, necklaces, or watches without the victim noticing. Their friendly demeanor and quick actions are designed to catch people off guard.

To Avoid Falling Victim:

- Be cautious if wearing expensive items in public.
- If approached, maintain a safe distance and firmly push their hands away.
- If they persist, raise your voice to create a scene (and call 911 if you have a phone).

The Phone Scam

In another recent case, a victim received a call that appeared to be from a deputy at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The caller claimed the victim had a warrant and needed to make a cash payment to avoid arrest. The scammer used a real deputy's name and spoofed the caller ID to appear legitimate. It worked. Unfortunately, the victim was caught off guard and lost money in the scam.

To Avoid Falling Victim:

- Understand that local law enforcement will never call to ask for money.
- If you receive such a call, hang up and call the agency directly to verify information and seek guidance.

Artificial Intelligence Can Replicate Voices

Sophisticated scammers can now use artificial intelligence to replicate your voice or that of a family member. Someone might call posing as a relative, claiming their phone and wallet have been stolen and asking for financial help. Voice replications have become very accurate and convincing.

To Avoid Falling Victim:

- Establish a family password or ask questions only your friends/loved ones would know, such as details about a past event, or a pet's name.
- In the event of a lost phone claim, verify by attempting to call them back on their phone.



Using artificial intelligence, scammers can replicate the voice of a loved one to convince a relative to send money.

These are just a few recent examples. There isn't enough space to detail every trick employed by scammers. So make fraud awareness a regular topic of conversation, especially with older adults who are most often targeted by scammers.

If you're ever in doubt about a scammer's claim or believe you may have been victimized by a scammer, call our non-emergency line at 503-655-8211 to speak directly with an officer.

For tips on detecting and dealing with fraud, visit the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at consumer.ftc.gov/scams

Stay informed and stay safe!

Chief Rob Wurpes

Wilsonville HS Student Earns International Innovation Award



Arush Goswami accepts first-place prize money (left) and celebrates with his Exotech teammates and advisor.



Arush Goswami, 16-year-old Wilsonville High School student, recently earned international recognition as a first-place winner in the Diamond Challenge, a prestigious entrepreneur competition for high school students.

Goswami and three teammates were awarded the \$12,000 first-place prize in the Social Innovation category for their creation — a hand rehabilitation device for stroke patients.

"The neural pathways that control motor behavior can become damaged and make it difficult for patients to move," Goswami explained.

Their invention solves this problem by using an EEG to capture the brain signals telling the hand to move. A motorized glove on the patient's hand allows them to "have working hands even if they may be partially damaged."

The device relies on artificial intelligence, using machine learning algorithms to process and complete desired movements, effectively bridging the gap between a patient's brain and their hands.

Goswami conceived the idea, and originally pur-

sued it as a science fair project. Last year, he solicited support from peers at Beaverton's Sunset High School — Jazveer Kaler, Akash Pai, and Eleanor Song — to develop his idea for the Diamond Challenge.

The students researched, developed and refined the product, and advanced through rigorous online stages of the competition, held in April at the University of Delaware. As finalists, they presented their work to judges in front of a live audience.

While nervous about public speaking, Goswami said the experience grew his communication and presentation skills, and reinforced his understanding of the value of concision in conveying complex ideas.

Goswami — who is spending his summer interning for a Stanford professor — plans to continue pursue his passion for melding medicine and engineering, which he says came from watching his older brother.

"A lot of the things I like to do, I've picked up from my brother doing them," Goswami said. "He's a big role model and he's inspired me to do the Diamond Challenge and other science competitions."



This month's Skate Jam on Aug. 24 at the Memorial Park Skatepark is funded by a Community Opportunity Grant.

Grant Funding Available to Support Community Programs, Events

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation offers two funding opportunities for local groups and organizations.

The **Community Opportunity Grant** program distributes \$25,000 annually to support a wide range of local programs and projects in the community. Successful applications for the Community Opportunity Grant program include proposals aimed at promoting education, diversity, arts or community involvement in the city. Applications for the next funding cycle are due Friday, Sept. 20.

Grant Application Deadlines
Sept. 20, Nov. 15
WilsonvilleParkandRec.com

Wilsonville non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply to the 2023 **Community Cultural Events & Programs (CCEP) Grant**. The grant aids local non-profits by funding projects, programs, or events that promote arts, culture, history and heritage, including festivals and special community events. This grant program distributes \$25,000 annually to multiple organizations. CCEP Grant applications are due by Friday, Nov. 15.

To learn more about the City's grant programs, or to apply, please visit WilsonvilleParksandRec.com/Grants. For more information, contact Brian Stevenson, Program Manager at 503-570-1523.

Sneak Peek: New Play Equipment at Boones Ferry Park Set to Open in September

Installation of a new playground space is well underway at Boones Ferry Park in Old Town.

The new, inclusive play equipment and unitary surfacing now being installed replaces 26-year-old play amenities. The park is also getting new restroom facilities, and fencing around the playground area.

In September (date TBD), the City anticipates hosting a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the delivery of these new improvements. Look for details in next month's Boones Ferry Messenger.



Fall Harvest Festival is coming

Saturday, October 19



Keeping an Eye on Villebois

That's not one, not two, but three Green Herons (if you're paying close attention to the photo at left) who recently converged upon Palermo Park in Villebois for a little rest and relaxation.

Less conspicuous than Great Blue Herons, Green Herons are well-established — though somewhat uncommon — residents of western Oregon.

These visitors were spotted through the lens of Joyce Saukants, who was kind enough to share them with City staff.



Progress Continues at Boeckman Road Corridor; Bridge Construction Underway

The Boeckman Road Corridor Project is providing transportation system upgrades and other improvements on Boeckman Road, east of Interstate 5, to make it safer and easier for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit passengers.

Pile driving, a major (and noisy!) step to advance construction of the Boeckman Dip Bridge, is complete. The piles were tested and found to have achieved their required foundation strength; no additional pile driving is needed.

Also complete is the sanitary sewer between Stafford/Wilsonville Road and the future bridge. As of press time, three of the seven major project components were complete.

- Meridian Creek Culvert Replacement
- Temporary Signal at Stafford Road and 65th Street
- Boeckman Sewer Extension

Road improvements are continuing on Boeckman Road, requiring traffic control modifications as necessary over the next several weeks. This includes the installation of curbs, paving, sidewalk construction and other activities.

Grading and underground franchise utility conduit placement continues for the future roundabout at the Canyon Creek Road intersection.

Utilities are installing communication lines in the Joint Utility Trench (JUT) east of the bridge, on the north side of Boeckman Road. Because 11 different service providers need to place lines in the JUT, a variety of crews will be coming and going over the coming months.

Bridge construction continues with the fill for the end abutments being placed and compacted. Construction on the MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) retaining walls supporting the abutments also continues. The abutments are to be monitored to evaluate settlement before approaches to the bridge are constructed.

Contractors will also be setting the girders for each of the three bridge spans and constructing concrete forms for the bridge deck. Construction will begin for the path and maintenance road north of the bridge, near Morgan Farms.

To remain aware of construction impacts as they are set to occur, neighbors near the construction area are encouraged to sign up for the project newsletter at ci.wilsonville.or.us/Boeckman.

Or, to sign up to receive text message alerts delivered directly to your mobile phone, text BOECKMAN to (866) 935-0125. Standard data and messaging rates apply.

Notable Actions: City Boards and Commissions

City Council	Action	What it Means
July 15	The Council adopted collective bargaining agreements with the Wilsonville Municipal Employees Association (WilMEA), American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 7070, and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).	The three-year agreement outlines the terms of employment for a significant number of City employees.
July 15	The City Council confirmed the appointment of Aaron Harris to the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission.	Harris is to serve a two-year term, through June 2026.
June 17	The Council approved a \$10.2 million contract with Tapani, Inc., to complete construction of the West Side Level B Reservoir and Tooze Road Transmission Main.	When complete, the reservoir adds 3 million gallons of additional storage capacity to Wilsonville's water system to support planned growth.
June 17	The Council also approved a \$143,714 agreement with Century West Engineering to provide construction support and inspection services during completion of this summer's annual Street Maintenance Program.	This action enables the resurfacing and restriping about .85 miles of city roadways and upgrades sidewalk curb ramps and signal push buttons to improve pedestrian accessibility on Bailey Street, Boones Ferry Road, and Boberg Road.
June 17	The Council adopted two resolutions which, collectively, adopt administrative rules that align recently adopted Contracting Code with public art policies.	The rules also define when exceptions to procurement requirements may be utilized.
June 17	The Council adopted the canvass of the May 21 primary election.	Wilsonville residents narrowly rejected measures to adjust the City's term limits provisions and to establish an urban renewal district at Wilsonville Town Center.
June 17	The Council approved a new two-year employment agreement for the City Attorney.	The new contract of City Attorney Amanda Guile-Hinman extends through April 2026.
June 17	As part of the funding strategy for the Boeckman Road Corridor Project (BRCP), the Council approved two two-year Interfund Loan Agreements to be repaid in July 2026.	The actions provide a \$1.25 million loan to the Roads CIP Fund from the Road Operating Fund and an \$8.75 million loan to the Roads CIP Fund from the Water Operating Fund.
June 17	The city renewed its membership in the Regional Water Provider Consortium (RWPC), approving an amended intergovernmental agreement among 25 regional water providers.	The City's participation in the RWPC provides effective and efficient support related to water emergency planning, water conservation, and water supply coordination.
June 17	The City Council approved an amended contract with Woodburn Construction CM/GC, LLC, Inc. that provides an additional \$67,000 in funding for renovations to the Wilsonville Police Department building.	The project allows Police to maximize the facility's short-term operational efficiency and provide better customer service.

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Update Your Rolodex (and explain to those under 35 what a Rolodex is)!

New Public Works
 24-Hour Emergency #
 503-682-1231

Free Your Trees! How to Remove Invasive Ivy

Ivy is among the biggest threats to urban forest health and sustainability. This fast-growing woody vine has no natural enemies, out-competes native plants like wildflowers and ferns, competes with trees for water and nutrients, and can deprive tree bark of normal contact with air and microorganisms.

Overgrown ivy can kill trees, and its weight increases a tree's susceptibility to wind stress and/or the risk of branch or whole tree failure.

Easy to identify by its waxy evergreen leaves, ivy has a shallow mat-like root system that is a poor choice for erosion control. Ivy tolerates drought, frost and deep shade, but climbs trees and other tall objects to access sunlight using modified roots to adhere to its host.

Manual removal of ivy is labor intensive, but the most effective means of control. Wear gloves and long

sleeves as the sap is known to cause a reaction in some people.

Use pruners, loppers or a saw to cut vines in a ring around the trunk at chest height. Pull the lower portion of the cut vine off of the trunk carefully to avoid injury to bark, and pull or dig out any attached roots. It is critical to remove as much stem and root as possible because of its ability to regenerate. Minimize soil disturbance to protect desirable plants.

Clearing a 3- to 6-foot ring around the base of each tree helps prevent or postpone re-growth. The upper portion of vines can remain on the tree because they will die back once ivy is completely severed.

Visit solvepestproblems.oregonstate.edu/weeds/ivy to learn more.



To remove ivy and keep trees healthy, use pruners, loppers or a saw to cut vines in a ring around the trunk at chest height.

Briefs

ODOT Invites Engagement on I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement

As the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) explores options to replace the I-5 Boone Bridge with a modern crossing that can withstand a major earthquake and improve traffic flow, the agency is also considering opportunities to improve safety for drivers and to provide new walking and biking options over the Willamette River.



ODOT is inviting Wilsonville residents to drop by any of several summer outreach events; stop by the ODOT table to learn more about the I-5 Boone Bridge Replacement Project and to share your input.

- **Charbonneau Newcomers Event**

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 4:30–6:30 pm
Charbonneau Country Club.

- **Canby Farmers Market**

Saturday, Aug. 24, 9 am–1 pm

NW Holly Street between 2nd and 3rd.

- **Wilsonville Farmers Market**

Thursday, Sept. 5, 4-8 pm
Town Center Park, 29600 Park Place

Additionally, ODOT has scheduled a public open house to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5:30-7:30 pm at Wilsonville City Hall. An online open house is being hosted at the project website, Sept. 11-25, for those unable to attend.

To learn more about the project and/or to sign up for the mailing list, scan this QR code with your phone or visit tinyurl.com/BooneBridge

To reach ODOT directly, e-mail i5boonebridge@odot.oregon.gov or call 503-779-6927.



High School Seeks Donations for Theater Department Rummage Sale

Wilsonville High School's theater department is accepting donations for its rummage sale fundraiser, which helps fund shows for the 2024-25 school year.

From Aug. 19 to Sept. 6, the school is accepting clean, usable and portable items with resale value. No heavy or cumbersome items will be accepted. For a list of desired items, visit ibit.ly/P6aBj.



Student volunteers will be on hand to carry goods from car; do not bring items that cannot be carried by one person.

Donations may be dropped behind the new theatre by appointment at the following times:

- **Aug. 20-23:** 9 am-4 pm.
- **Aug. 27-30:** 3:30-6 pm
- **Sept. 3-6:** 3:30-6 pm

Please e-mail Jason Katz, katzj@wlwv.k12.or.us, to schedule a drop-off date/time.

The rummage sale fundraiser takes place Sept. 7-8, 9 am-3 pm. For more information, visit the theater department's Facebook page: facebook.com/WilsonvilleHighSchoolTheatreDepartment/

2024 WHS Theater Performance Schedule

- **Anastasia**, Nov. 7-16 (two weekends): This musical explores one determined girl's journey to find home, love, and family as she discovers who she was and embraces who she is meant to be.
- **Radium Girls**, Feb. 27-Mar. 8 (two weekends): A play that fiercely examines the commercialization of science, the pursuit of both health and wealth, the power of the underdog, and the fierce injustices faced by American laborers.
- **Once In A Lifetime**, May 15-24 (two weekends): A madcap comedy that pokes gentle fun at the shining, glamorous, ridiculous, and tacky scene that was Hollywood in the late 1920s.

Join SMART's "How Did You Get There?" Challenge!

Get There Oregon is helping commuters and employers shift commute habits and work practices one trip at a time.

To incentivize alternative transportation options, SMART is challenging commuters over the age of 18 to participate during one or both remaining weeks of Get There Oregon's "How Did You Get There?" Challenge:

- Aug. 5-9
- Aug. 12-16

Joining is easy, and participating is a great way to make your summer more active. Using SMART or TriMet buses, Light Rail, WES Commuter Rail, biking, walking, even carpools and vanpools are all options that make you eligible to win prizes!

To take part in the challenge, create a free account at bit.ly/SMARTchallenges. Log your trips by Aug.



By utilizing SMART or other alternative transportation options to get to/from work, August 5-16, commuters can win prizes in Get There Oregon's "How Did You Get There?" Challenge.

19. Each week you log a trip, you will automatically be entered into a weekly prize raffle. Every logged trip is an entry. Winners will be notified via e-mail.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

POWERED BY

PLACE

Enjoy a free movie under the stars!

Bring your own blanket or lawn chair; movies begin at dusk.

August 9
Migration | 8:45 PM
Town Center Park

August 23
Wish | 8:20 PM
Memorial Park River Shelter

THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE PRESENTS

PARTY IN THE PARK

22 August | 5:30 PM

Town Center Park

Free!

Food Trucks, Games & Activities

LIVE MUSIC FROM NATE BOTSFORD

- Live music
- Games
- Civic Engagement
- Giveaways
- Water feature

Rotary Concert Series Concludes with Two August Shows

The Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series continues with shows Aug. 1 (Curtis Salgado) and Aug. 8 (Hit Machine).

Both shows begin at 5:30 pm; headliners take the stage at 6:30 pm. Town Center Park is located at 29600 SW Park Place.

Rotary concerts are free; donations are encouraged to support End Polio Now. Since 2007, concertgoers have contributed more than \$80,000 to efforts to eradicate polio throughout the world.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks; food is also available to purchase on-site.

For details, visit WilsonvilleConcerts.com.



Hit Machine, a popular Portland-based cover band, headlines the final night of the 2024 Wilsonville Rotary Concert Series.



Aug. 24 Car Wash Supports Scouting

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 199 is hosting a car wash to raise funds for scouting programs on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9 am to noon.

This event, supported by donations from generous community members, takes place at the parking lot of Jay Puppo State Farm Insurance (9375 SW Wilsonville Rd.).

**BSA Troop 199 Car Wash
Sat., Aug. 24, 9 am-noon
9375 SW Wilsonville Rd.**

Las Posadas Event to Return on Dec. 17

The City of Wilsonville invites guests to attend the second annual Las Posadas celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4-6 pm in at the Wilsonville Community Center.



Las Posadas is a global nine-day celebration that takes place Dec. 16-24, highlighting unity, hospitality and faith through the biblical story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in search of shelter.

The City's event, established last winter, is held to recognize traditions meaningful to Wilsonville-area residents of Hispanic/Latin American descent.

The City's DEI Committee is seeking community sponsors for this event. For more information, contact DEI@ci.wilsonville.or.us or visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/DEI.



Sept. 7 Emergency Preparedness Fair: Get Your Home Ready!

Disaster can strike without warning. Learn the basics about how to prepare for emergencies and natural disasters at the City's third annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Sept. 7, 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

**Emergency Preparedness Fair
Sat, Sept. 7, 10 am-noon
Stein-Boozier Barn, Mem. Park**

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

- August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- August 19: Raksha Bandhan
- August 21: National Senior Citizens Day



Cultural Calendar

City Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

AUGUST

1 Thu	• Rotary Concert, Curtis Salgado 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
5 Mon	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
6 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
8 Thu	• Rotary Concert, Hit Machine 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
9 Fri	• Movies in the Park, <i>Migration</i> Dusk, Town Center Park
12 Mon	• DRB Panel A Cancelled
13 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
14 Wed	• Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm, City Hall • Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board 6 pm, Parks & Rec. Admin Bldg.
19 Mon	• City Council Meeting, City Hall Cancelled
20 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
21 Wed	• Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm, Parks and Rec. Admin. Bldg.
22 Thu	• Party in the Park w/ music by Nate Botsford 5:30 pm, Town Center Park
23 Fri	• Movies in the Park, <i>Wish</i> Dusk, Memorial Park (River Shelter)
24 Sat	• BSA Troop 199 Car Wash 9 am-noon, 9375 SW Wilsonville Rd. • Wilsonville Skate Jam 1-3 pm, Memorial Park Skate Spot
26 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall

SEPTEMBER

2 Mon	Labor Day City offices, Library, SMART closed
3 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall
5 Thu	• City Council Meeting, City Hall 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
7 Sat	• Emergency Preparedness Fair 10 am, Stein-Boozier Barn
9 Mon	• DRB Panel A 6:30 pm, City Hall
10 Tue	• Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee/Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Joint Mtg. 6 pm, City Hall
11 Wed	• Planning Commission 6 pm, City Hall • Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board 6 pm, Parks & Rec. Admin Bldg.
13 Fri	• Tourism Promotion Steering Comm. Mtg. 2 pm
16 Mon	• City Council Meeting 5 pm-Work Session, 7 pm-Meeting
17 Tue	• Municipal/Traffic Court 2 pm, City Hall • DEI Speakers Series 6 pm, Wilsonville Library
18 Wed	• Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Mtg. 5 pm, Parks and Rec. Admin. Bldg. • ODOT I-5 Boone Bridge Open House 5:30-7:30 pm, City Hall
23 Mon	• DRB Panel B 6:30 pm, City Hall
30 Mon	• Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Committee Meeting 6:30 pm, City Hall

All dates and times are tentative; check the City's online calendar for schedule changes at ci.wilsonville.or.us/calendar

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. Public comment is welcome at City Council meetings.



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