



City of Salem
Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

April 13, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Online ([Zoom](#))

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PARTICIPANTS

Board Members

Dylan McDowell, Chair; Keith Norris, Vice-Chair; Alan Alexander; Woody Dukes; Rick Hartwig; Alan Holland; Joan Lloyd; Debbie Miller; Dave Fridenmaker

Staff

Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director; Mark Becktel, Operations Division Manager; Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager; Rob Romanek, Parks Planning and Natural Resources Planning Manager; Becky George, Recreation Supervisor; Milan Davis, City Urban Forester/Parks Supervisor III; Tammi Starrs, Program Manager II

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Approval of February 2023 and March 2023 Minutes
3. Public Comment – Appearance of persons wishing to address the board on any matter other than those which appear on this agenda.
4. Council Liaison Updates
5. Board Items/Presentations
 - a. Updates on SRC Chapters 51 (Sound Code) and 86 (City Tree Code) – Robert Chandler, PhD, PE
 - b. Mission Street Parks Conservancy – Maureen McGee/Christine Chute
 - c. CIP Discussion – Tammi Starrs
 - d. Review Proposed Budget
 - e. Development of Outreach Materials

6. Board Member Updates
7. Information Reports – written
 - a. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update
 - b. Urban Forestry Update
 - c. Parks Operations Update
 - d. Recreation Services Update
 - e. Parks Damage Report
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 11, 2023

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City of Salem Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

March 9, 2023

[Online Meeting](#)

Minutes - Draft

Members Present

Keith Norris
Woody Dukes
Alan Alexander
Rick Hartwig
Alan Holland
Joan Lloyd

Members Absent

Dylan McDowell
Debbie Miller
David Fridenmaker

Staff Present

Rob Romanek
Jennifer Kellar
Becky George
Milan Davis
Mitchell Jones

1. Call to Order

Welcome and call to order by Vice-Chair Norris at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Dylan McDowell, Debbie Miller and Dave Fridenmaker were marked absent. All other members present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Due to an abstention, which resulted in a lack of a quorum, the February 9, 2023 minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

4. Public Comment

Pamela Garland presented an idea for SPRAB's consideration. Her project, entitled Salem Seekers, has partnered with Glass Art Oregon to create small, solid glass birds which she would like to purchase and put in at least three parks in Salem for park visitors to find and keep, thus encouraging people to get outside and explore local parks. She's looking for feedback, exposure and/or support from the board. Member Lloyd thought that placing the birds in less popular/well-known parks might be a nice idea and inform the neighborhood associations closest to the parks. Vice-Chair Norris clarified the project intent was purchasing the glass birds at a discount, then placing them in the selected parks to be found Easter-egg-style. Member Holland wondered if park vegetation might be damaged by people looking for the hidden birds and asked about plans for monitoring the hunt. Pamela said that the glass birds would be hidden "in plain sight" on trails and labeled with QR codes for potential accountability. Vice-Chair Norris asked if Pamela has approached Parks staff for permitting or park use permission. She hasn't had a lot of response from City staff yet. Vice-Chair Norris wondered about pairing the project with the "90 Parks in 90 Days" promotion. Becky George requested that Pamela email her with the details and she will work with her on this project.

Paula Fordham shared two project ideas with the board regarding the upper

section of the Orchard Heights Park off-leash dog area. This is a very heavily used portion of the park that doesn't have good seating. She would like a large white oak tree in the area designated as a heritage tree and a permanent park bench installed under the shade of the tree. She would be willing to help with fundraising. Member Holland thinks both are good ideas and encourages the board's support. He thought SPIF funds might be a good option. Milan Davis says that that particular tree is already in the process of being designated as a heritage tree. The Urban Forestry team is researching historical background and property ownership for the nomination process. Member Lloyd asked how installation of a bench would affect the tree and its roots. Member Alexander suggested contacting the neighborhood association for their assistance in the process. Jennifer Kellar reminded the board that this year's SPIF projects have been selected, but next September the process will start again. Pursuing a grant application process through the Salem Parks Foundation is a good idea and fundraising is helpful to show support for the project. Jennifer will send more information via email to Paula.

SPRAB's City Council liaison, Councilor Micki Varney, shared information from the City Council:

- Ideas for increasing City revenue included recommendations to consider a City operations fee increase, a potential payroll tax and a local options levy. Council decided against a gas tax idea. Continued discussions will be held in a work session scheduled for April 5.
- The Bond Oversight Steering Committee shared the good news that the new firetrucks have been purchased and the first \$100M was favored by the market, so the City got a better rate than anticipated.
- Looking forward to June or July 2023 for the first commercial passenger flight at airport.
- Mayor Hoy put forward a motion for paid parking options downtown.
- At the upcoming meeting on Monday, topics will include parking-related items and two subdivisions going in. At one of the subdivisions, all seven of the trees that are on the property are being preserved. A condition of approval for one of the subdivisions requires a park temporary access fee. Rob Romanek explained the reason for a fee, which is the developer's alternative to dedicating land for a park. The Lone Oak subdivision will have 40 lots and, of the 860 trees, 677 are marked for removal. For mitigation measures, two spaces are designated as open space lots and some electric vehicle charging stations will be created.

Councilor Varney asked if there was anything the board wanted her to take to the City Council. Member Dukes asked if City Council is still considering SRC Chapter 86. She thinks it is still in the works, but doesn't have an update.

5. Board Items/Presentations

a. Rob Romanek asked for a letter from the board expressing its support for a grant application for project implementation of the Geer Park community skate park, pathway connections and picnic shelter construction. He showed maps of the area identifying features that will be included. Member Holland asked about the finished grass area and how it will be maintained. Rob identified the location the lawn mower will use to access the area. Member Alexander asked about the size of the grant request. Rob was unsure of the exact amount but will be asking for approximately a half million dollars. The current estimate for just this part of the project is over \$4,000,000. Vice-Chair Norris asked about the rest of the funding.

Rob said Parks SDC will match the grant amount based on currently allocated funds and additional funds allocated in future years. Member Alexander made a motion to endorse the grant application and authorize the Chair to write a letter of support to be submitted to OPRD. The motion was seconded by Alan Holland and passed unanimously by all members present.

b. Rob Romanek shared a web-based, 12-slide deck to be used by members for outreach to neighborhood associations. He created it using Canva, making it easy to update/customize/share. Member Lloyd was pleased with the customizable option and thanked Rob for thinking of it. Vice-Chair Norris asked if it might also be possible to customize the map of the parks within the neighborhood association's range and a link to the Salem park finder. Member Holland asked if there are linear parks and connector trail parks. Rob Romanek said the "Salem's Park System" slide can include more classifications/types of parks if desired. Public comment from E.M. Easterly who thanked the board and staff for creating the slide presentation and thought it will be a very helpful tool for getting a wider sense of what is happening. Member Hartwig asked if board members can meet with neighborhood associations in areas of town other than where they live. Vice-Chair Norris assured him that would be considered when the time comes to divide up the presentations.

6. Board Member Updates

Member Hartwig wondered about the progress of the staff recognition idea that was suggested last month. Vice-Chair Norris remembered that the board was also considering a name and asked if a committee could be formed to move the idea forward. Member Lloyd referred to an older SPF newsletter that was a good example of how that organization has recognized City staff. Member Alexander suggested that the board take more of the responsibility and not give staff an even higher workload. Vice-Chair Norris will visit with Member Hartwig to identify a way to move forward with the idea while not duplicating SPF's similar recognition. Member Holland requested to be a part of the committee also.

Vice-Chair Norris provided an update on behalf of Member Miller who has agreed to serve on a community panel involved with the interviews for the new deputy city manager of community services on March 20.

7. Information Reports

(Information reports provided as written reports ahead of the meeting.)

a. Urban Forestry Update

Member Holland asked if the tree planting is complete in Riverfront Park along the river where the beavers damaged numerous trees. Milan Davis responded that riparian tree plantings continue, but, for the most part, the bank restoration planting has been completed.

b. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update

Rob Romanek and Milan Davis made a presentation to the Mid-Valley Association of Realtors on February 23, giving an overview of the City tree program. Staff are working on web content that provides information on City trees.

c. Parks Operations Update

Jennifer Kellar will be participating in a management staff interview panel for the new deputy city manager of community services on March 20-21. Candidates will be given park tours at both Riverfront Park and Minto-Brown Island Park. Vice-Chair Norris asked about the drone flyovers. Jennifer said it was videography with Mayor Hoy doing some voiceovers for the “90 Parks in 90 Days” project. Filming footage should be completed by the end of March pending FAA approval. Project functions at some of the parks include scavenger hunts to get to know some of the parks. Member Holland asked about the timing of the flyovers in relation to foliage and plant blooms. Jennifer said the tree canopy is very thick at some parks but other parks lend themselves to seeing more features. Member Alexander asked about notices posted at the parks for the drones that neighborhood associations can alert residents of. Rob Romanek mentioned that when drone pilots from Public Works go to parks, they wear brightly colored vests for easy identification. Public comment was provided by Pamela Garland who asked about the possibility of collaboration between the “90 Parks in 90 Days” scavenger hunt and her proposed Salem Seekers project.

d. Salem Park Improvement Fund (SPIF) Project Updates

Vice-Chair Norris mentioned that, as part of the SPIF Application Review Committee, he, Chair McDowell and Member Alexander reviewed the applications and gave their recommendations to staff and voted to approve the projects. Jennifer Kellar confirmed that award confirmation letters and amounts were sent to the neighborhood associations.

e. Recreation Services Update

Becky George said that staff created a hard copy of the City’s recreation guide, which is available again the week of Spring Break (March 27). Last year the information was online only. She also mentioned that the July 4 fireworks show that typically occurred at Riverfront Park is not being held there this year and potentially ongoing. Instead, the City has entered into a partnership with the Oregon State Fairgrounds for Fourth of July fireworks shows. The new location allows larger fireworks, which make a bigger and better 20-minute show. There’s also potential for carnival rides, food vendors and a concert. She’ll have more details to share at the next SPRAB meeting in April.

f. Parks Damage Report

8. New Business
None.

9. Next Meeting
The next regularly-scheduled meeting is April 13, 2023.

10. Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

City of Salem Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 9, 2023

[Online Meeting](#)

Minutes - Draft

Members Present

Dylan McDowell
Keith Norris
Alan Alexander
Rick Hartwig
Alan Holland
Joan Lloyd
Debbie Miller

Members Absent

Woody Dukes
Dave Fridenmaker

Staff Present

Rob Romanek
Milan Davis
Becky George
Kathleen Swarm
Mitchell Jones

1. Call to Order

Welcome and call to order by Chair McDowell at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Woody Dukes and Dave Fridenmaker were marked absent. All other members present. Chair McDowell introduced and welcomed Councilor Micki Varney.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Norris moved to approve the December 8, 2022 minutes and the January 12, 2023 minutes. Member Hartwig seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Board Items/Presentations

a. Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater's manager, Kathleen Swarm, introduced herself and reviewed a draft of the strategic plan for the amphitheater's future. Last year, there were 30 different events, and she hopes there will be about 50 events during the dry months of 2023. She explained the five-year projections for revenue and the opportunity for a community economic impact. Partnership, marketing, donations, vending, operations, and administration are focus areas for development. Areas of consideration include venue management focused on unique opportunities and a positive vision for the future.

Chair McDowell asked how many weekends are still available for rental in 2023 and how public versus private events like weddings are handled. Most events are public. Member Hartwig asked about a floating rent based on use. Fees were thoughtfully developed featuring hourly or daily rental opportunities and apply to three rental areas: the stage, the lower lawn and the upper lawn. The vendor area

is available for concessions.

Member Holland asked if the Chamber of Commerce is a partner with the amphitheater. He also wondered about the weathered wood, which is an evolving aesthetic. He also asked about more food carts in the park. The City would like to see food carts occupy the vendor plaza throughout the summer. Member Miller would like more vendors and an event board located near the amphitheater that publicizes upcoming events. Vice-Chair Norris asked about the maximum crowd size that the amphitheater can support and other regional venue competition. Capacity is 5,000 attendees and Cuthbert Amphitheater in Eugene is similar in size. Bend has a larger venue, but Salem can meet the needs of different types of groups. The smaller Riverfront Park Amphitheater is also reservable.

b. Rob Romanek provided updates on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in advance of a more in-depth presentation scheduled for April. He highlighted some new projects that staff have suggested for the CIP process that include some from the recently passed bond measure. The design phase is scheduled next year for three different park athletic courts, as well as a dog park, an additional shelter and sports fields upgrades at Geer Park. Parks Operations is anticipating installing trash compactors at Wallace Marine Park and Riverfront Park. Less System Development Charges (SDC) were received than projected for the current fiscal year, so staff is focusing on completing already-started projects. However, there are two developer-constructed pre-development parks for subdivisions in South Salem. Rob shared that the Robert & Susie Lee School Park is no longer a City park due to a property land exchange with the school district. Willamette View Estates Subdivision will have Neighborhood Park No. 15. Almost three acres is being set aside for the park. A portion will be dedicated to the City and the City will purchase the remainder of the park property. The other area will be the City's twelfth natural area park with some wetland preservation property, located near Pringle Elementary School. The proposed CIP is being drafted and will be presented to the Acting Public Works Director, Brian Martin, then shared with the Citizen Budget Committee in April, then to City Council for review and approval in May or June.

Chair McDowell asked if there are fewer parks with the loss of the Robert & Susie Lee School Park in 2018. There are still 91 Salem parks. He asked for clarification regarding the CIP, which is a five-year plan that is re-approved every year. It's a forecast of anticipated funding, allocated to projects based on what the City expects to receive in revenue and project needs (issues) that are in the queue. The issues list is a collection of projects that have not yet been funded.

Vice-Chair Norris asked where SPRAB could help with this process besides just reviewing the final proposal and corresponding with City Council. He wondered if there are other avenues of potential engagement with City staff. Rob suggested that SPRAB can address the Citizen Budget Committee and comment on the proposed CIP, as well as have a discussion in late Summer to hear suggestions from the board that can be added to the issues list ahead of CIP project scoring in preparation for the following-year's CIP.

Member Alexander asked what the current CIP fund balance is. It's complicated because there are two separate funds: the New Funds and the Old Funds (which

will eventually be combined). Member Holland asked why there appears to be a lot of development around the City, but the funds seem to be lagging in receiving fees. Financial distributions are complicated. Rob reminded the group that if the board is not pleased with the revenue the City is getting, it is welcome to advocate for higher SDC fees. Vice-Chair Norris clarified that SDC fees can only go for parks capital improvement projects, and only toward new services. Chair McDowell requested that the slide presentation from the October retreat on SDC be re-sent to board members.

Member Lloyd asked about the hard-to-read Geer Park street signs. Rob will ask a traffic engineer about the State Street wayfinding signs.

c. Rob Romanek requested feedback from SPRAB members regarding the development of outreach materials. Chair McDowell offered the following suggestions: a list of park master plans that include ward numbers; a fact sheet with basic information (e.g., Chapter 13 of City Code, number of city parks, number of miles of trails, park rangers, etc.); a slide deck for neighborhood associations (e.g., basic information on SPRAB, how to submit public comments, CIP timeline information, SPIF timelines, master plans for that ward, and volunteer opportunities). Member Miller asked for the Salem Parks Foundation grant timeline. It's important that the SPRAB representative knows about the neighborhood association's specific parks and can make a note of concerns that the association might have that the representative can share with SPRAB. Member Holland suggested including what the neighborhood association can expect in the future, like any relevant upcoming projects. Member Alexander identified the tri-fold city parks pamphlet as one of the most popular resources. It is outdated and Rob will work on updating it. Member Lloyd asked how long the presentations to the neighborhood associations should be. Perhaps only sharing about 10 slides but keeping the presentation reasonable in length (about 15 minutes or less). Chair McDowell also suggested including recreation opportunities like reservable facilities and which parks have that feature. Vice-Chair Norris asked about a priority list for staff, recognizing timeframe restrictions. The slide deck, the fact sheet and the park master plan are the most easily completed priority projects. Association outreach will start in May.

6. Board Member Updates

Chair McDowell represented SPRAB in a presentation to City Council last month. Councilor Varney would like to be supportive of SPRAB however she can. (This role ties back to last summer's letter suggesting a Council liaison.) Councilor Varney lives in West Salem and represents Ward 8. She took the new City manager on a recent tour of the West Salem parks. Chair McDowell asked how often she might be able to join the SPRAB meetings. She would like to commit to every month or at least every other month. Vice-Chair Norris thinks SPRAB could benefit the most by having the updates from City Council and discovering how SPRAB could best fulfill its role as parks advisors and advocates. Councilor Varney could offer her thoughts as a member of the budget committee and other committees when parks topics come up. Chair McDowell would like to see a bigger influx of information coming into SPRAB and more folks speaking up and sharing with SPRAB. Member Holland thanked Councilor Varney for her role with SPRAB. Member Alexander was encouraged by the new organizational alignment with Parks. Chair McDowell asked about processes for tree removal permitting and

keeping SPRAB involved in the timeline that includes land use appeals involving trees and raising a voice as an advisory board. Councilor Varney agreed that informing SPRAB whenever she sees the topic of trees on the Council agenda would be beneficial. If SPRAB discusses land use topics, however, she will excuse herself to be compliant with City Council rules.

Member Hartwig and Member Holland reported on their staff recognition ideas that they suggested taking place whenever staff are identified as deserving of recognition. This would include a stylized certificate, recognition to City Council, a feature on the web site and a media press release. Jennifer Kellar is the best resource for identifying deserving staff and providing a bio for writing a press release. Milan Davis provided general information about Parks staff and appreciated the board's desire to recognize deserving staff. Member Hartwig noted that this would also be publicity for the parks and a reminder to the public that City government works well. Member Holland observed that Parks staff are polite and dedicated. Some name ideas for the award were considered.

7. Information Reports

(Information reports provided as written reports ahead of the meeting.)

a. Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC) Minutes

No questions or comments.

b. Organizational Structure Changes

Member Miller asked where Police, Fire and Public Works are on the org chart. They directly report to the City Manager. Vice-Chair Norris asked where Urban Forestry falls on the chart. Rob Romanek identified that the Urban Forestry Department preliminarily will come with Parks to the new Community Services Department.

c. Urban Forestry Update

Milan Davis informed the board that he applied for, and accepted, the supervisory position above his current role. He is now in a position to work in a larger capacity with Parks. He will still be the Urban Forester, but will also work more closely with SPRAB and Rob Romanek. Member Hartwig asked if a private citizen can hire a company to trim a City tree. Milan said it is possible if a company is certified with the City's Development Services. The City prefers to prune City trees. Member Holland asked details about trimming a tree on private property. Certain trees are protected on private property per City Code.

d. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update

Chair McDowell asked about the status of the park usage and planning subcommittee recommendations on code updates. Rob Romanek will provide an update later. Staff are considering code amendments and Chapter 86 updates to go to City Council when staff have had a chance to make structural changes to the code. Member Miller thought the bald eagle web page was impressive and appreciated how many volunteers signed up for eagle monitoring. Vice-Chair Norris asked about the status of the beaver management plan. Rob said the beaver strategy is in City legal review and has been there for some time. Many new trees have been planted. Rob mentioned one more CIP project that is happening: the Minto Island Park parking lot improvements.

e. Parks Operations Update

No questions or comments.

f. Recreation Services Update

Becky George is glad to have Kathleen Swarm on the Recreation team and is looking forward to the summer amphitheater events. Vice-Chair Norris noticed that the City of Salem won four age group bids for the Western Nationals in 2025, which is exciting. Staff are gearing up in preparation for this large number of groups.

g. Parks Damage Report

No questions or comments.

8. New Business

None.

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is March 9, 2023.

10. Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

TO: Members
Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Mission Street Parks Conservancy

DATE: April 4, 2023

RE: MSPC Report on Activities for the Period January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2022

The Mission Street Parks Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving, maintaining, enhancing, and interpreting Bush's Pasture Park and other iconic landscapes on and near Mission Street.

Preserve

Work by the Rose Committee continues as they add new signage identifying all varieties of Old Roses in the Mae Tarter Old Rose Collection, and work to add new Old Roses to fill in gaps in the collection and gaps in the beds.

We are coordinating with the Salem Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN), who has been awarded a generous \$3,500 grant from the Salem Parks Improvement Fund (SPIF) to cover the cost of this work.

Maintain

The Tuesday Gardeners enjoyed several social outings during the winter break and returned to the park in early March to engage in some mostly light-weight routine garden work, generally focused on digging weeds in the Old Roses, but also work such as expanding and re-establishing tree circles and removing suckers.

While volunteers are usually completely off in December-February, a dozen volunteers braved the rain in early February to assist with planting deciduous azaleas and ground cover in specified areas in the park.

MSPC has also assisted in replanting some of the Park's Oregon White Oaks after the damage sustained from the 2021 ice storm.

Enhance

On March 28, Salem Mayor Chris Hoy was scheduled to join the Tuesday Gardeners to plant several Lord & Schryver crabapples and to join the gardeners afterward for coffee and treats. The trees started their lives as cuttings taken from L & S crabapples in the park several years ago. Unfortunately, the event had to be rescheduled because the ground was too wet to plant.

Work on the Woodland Garden project near the Bush Conservatory continues. Planning and fundraising are well underway, and the current schedule continues to project installation beginning in summer of 2023 through spring of 2024.



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Interpret

The MSPC Publications Committee was hard at work over the winter to develop a new brochure to replace the one containing the map of the park. Work focused on making the brochures easier to read, ensuring that they provide a good balance of information and citations to further resources, and gearing the brochures toward readers who are new to the park. The new brochures have been printed and are available in the park and at various tourist-information locations around town.

Plant sale

MSPC will hold a plant sale on April 28-29 at the Bush's Pasture Park Soapbox Derby Track, on Friday from 10am-6pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. A poster is attached. Thanks to the work of several volunteers, along with Board Member Gretchen Carnaby, MSPC will again be offering roses propagated from the Tarter Old Rose Collection at the Spring Plant Sale. It has been around 15 years since we last propagated old roses for sale.

The spring plant sale is a major fundraiser for MSPC and is one of two plant sales we do annually, with the other being held in July in coordination with the Salem Art Fair & Festival.

Attachments: Four Photos



Volunteers planting deciduous azaleas and ground cover in specified areas in the park.



New Oregon White Oak planting.



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Queen's Tears, in the Conservatory in winter. Photo credit Jim Schomaker.



Signs of spring in the park. Photo credit Jim Schomaker.

Mission Street Parks Conservancy

April 28 & April 29

Spring Plant Sale

Plant Experts
On Site!



Natives
Perennials
Annuals
Herbs
Edibles
and More!



2023 Special! Roses propagated
from the Tartar Rose Collection

Jumpstart Your Spring Planting!!

Bush's Pasture Park Soapbox Derby Track
Friday 10am-6pm Easy Pick Up by Car
Saturday 9am-3pm Free Admission

www.missionstreetparks.org



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023

In Attendance

Gretchen Carnaby
Christine Chute
Maureen McGee
Gary McKuen
Kathy Savicki.
Michael Slater

1. **Agenda** Christine called the meeting to order via Zoom. Gretchen moved and Maureen seconded approval of the draft agenda. Motion approved.
2. **Minutes** Maureen moved and Gretchen seconded approval of minutes for the December meeting. Motion passed.
3. **Financial** Gary reviewed the December and end of year financial reports. We show a budget surplus of \$10,000 for the year. The end of year fundraising appeal was very successful, yielding over \$28,000. Christine and Gretchen are contacting businesses who have been sponsors in the past.
4. **Garden Manager** Mike has ordered plants that Brian will pick up and install this winter. He is updating the accession catalog. A recent survey of the park showed new plantings still alive, no flooding. There is grass encroaching into beds in the orchard and Tartar rose collection. We may schedule a couple of work parties before the usual March start-up to cut back hellebores and go after the grass in landscape beds.
5. **Old Business**
 - **Woodland Garden** Christine and Mike met with City staff and Brian prepared a timeline for the work. He is identifying trees to be removed and pruning needed this spring. Irrigation and paths will be installed in the summer. Our major role will be fall planting. Mike will be project manager, with Christine also interfacing with City staff. There is no response as yet to our grant application.
 - **Rose Garden.** Gretchen hopes to start ordering 25 old roses next week, working from a list of 60 proposed by Elaine. There is no response as yet to SCAN's letter of interest for funding for this project. If we are invited to write an application, Christine will need a detailed budget from Gretchen by the end of the month.
 - **Garden Tours** Tours in collaboration with Lord & Schryver Conservancy and Deepwood are scheduled for April 15 and July 8. Gretchen will be our point person. The donor party and celebration of the rose garden rehab is scheduled for June 4. Christine will reconvene the Events Committee to plan this, and Gretchen will reserve the gazebo.

- **Heritage Trees.** Brian supports adding Heritage Tree designation for a few trees, but thinks that overall the trees are well protected by the CLMP. Christine will set up an evening presentation by Don Gunther for our volunteers, and invite Lord & Schryver and Bush House folks to participate. Don wants to learn more about the trees in Bush Park; we will connect him to Tom Beatty for a tour.
- **Weekend Work Parties.** We are scheduled for an April 22 Earth Day event in partnership with Salem Hospital. Melissa will recruit volunteers to help oversee the work. Maureen has begun outreach to the legal community, hoping for a March event.
- **Plant Sale.** The committee will begin work this month. Melissa is finalizing the vendor list.
- **Publications Committee.** Gretchen will convene the group and bring a recommendation for new publications and funding to the Board.

Next meeting: February 8, noon, via Zoom



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2023

In Attendance

Gretchen Carnaby
Christine Chute
Maureen McGee
Gary McKuen
Kathy Savicki.
Emily Standish

1. **Agenda** Christine called the meeting to order via Zoom. Gretchen moved and Kathy seconded approval of the draft agenda. Motion approved.

2. **Minutes** Christine moved and Gretchen seconded approval of minutes for the January meeting. Motion passed.

3. **Financial** Christine proposed that we establish a base bank balance to be held in reserve. Kathy moved and Gretchen seconded that we establish a minimum reserve of \$20,000. Motion approved. Gary reviewed the January financial reports.

4. **Volunteer Coordinator** Emily reported that 10 volunteers came to help with planting yesterday, with the regular gardening season set to resume on March 7. The art barn gatherings for volunteers have been very well received. Gretchen is organizing a potluck lunch in March as a time for volunteers to plan field trips and garden visits for the year.

5. Old Business

- **Fundraising.** There is a \$500 minimum for business sponsorships of MSPC. Board members volunteered to solicit support from additional businesses. We have two nurseries offering to donate plant for our sale; we will recognize them with a sign on site.
- **Woodland Garden** We did not receive the major grant we had applied for. Our fundraising goal is \$40,000, which covers our costs for plants and other materials, with city staff providing the ground preparation, hardscape and irrigation system installation. MSPC volunteers will install the gravel pathways and do the planting. We identified major donors to be contacted, and we will send a fundraising letter to people who used to volunteer with FOBG. We need large posters describing the project to use for fundraising at our events this spring.
- **Old Rose Garden.** We have helped SCAN with an application for \$3000+ to complete the rehab work. Work has begun on new signs for the rose beds and roses have been ordered and will be begin arriving for planting this month. Kathy moved adoption of a budget for completion of old rose garden rehabilitation; Gretchen seconded. Motion approved.

- **Heritage Trees.** Christine will be walking the park with a group of experts at the end of this month to identify potential trees for heritage designation.
- **Weekend Work Parties.** We are scheduled for an April 22 Earth Day event in partnership with Salem Hospital. Melissa will recruit volunteers to help oversee the work. Maureen continues her outreach to the legal community, hoping for a March event.
- **Garden Tour.** The April tour will focus on Lord & Schryver elements in Bush's Pasture Park.
- **Plant Sale.** There is a schedule conflict with the Awesome 3000 race on the Saturday of the sale. Board members felt we could manage to negotiate the parking issues and welcome the added foot traffic in the park.
- **Publications Committee.** The committee is moving ahead quickly with a new Bush's Pasture Park overview brochure. Volunteers are sharing their excellent writing and graphic design skills. The new brochures should be ready by mid-March.
- **Events Committee.** This group will convene the end of this month to plan the June donor party. Expenses can be covered in the miscellaneous budget line.
- **2023 Work Plan.** This has been approved by the City. Emily will share Jennifer's letter appreciating our work with our volunteers.

Next meeting: March 8, noon, via Zoom

SPRAB Information Reports Packet

April 13, 2023

- 1) Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update**
- 2) Urban Forestry Update**
- 3) Parks Operations Update**
- 4) Recreation Services Update**
- 5) Parks Damage Report**

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Parks and Natural Resources Planning Update – April 2023

Grant Application for Potential River Bend Property Acquisition – The owner of approximately 400 acres of land immediately north of Wallace Marine Park has expressed interest in selling it to the City after the property is no longer used for aggregate mining operations. The City is applying for a Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP) grant to acquire the property and to set aside a large portion as a conservation area. City Council will decide on Monday, April 10 whether to approve applying for the grant in the current WWMP FY 2023 funding cycle. The deadline to apply is April 14, 2023. The City's application will seek funding to assist with the purchase of approximately 363 acres or roughly 90% of the site.

Staff have identified several potential advantages to City ownership, including the following:

- Restoration of riparian and wetland vegetation and creation and improvement of habitat for anadromous fish species and other wildlife across approximately 363 acres or 90 percent of the total site area;
- Development of a secondary municipal water source on the west side of the Willamette River, utilizing existing groundwater wells and water rights located on the site; and
- Development of an urban park on approximately 38 acres to provide for the current and future recreational needs of the Salem community.

Restoration opportunities within the proposed conservation area include the potential to reconnect the property to the Willamette River floodplain. Such an opportunity could directly benefit anadromous fish species and other fish and wildlife, including species listed as threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. City staff presumes that the restoration potential may be similar to that of the Willamette Confluence Preserve located south of Eugene. As follows is a link to a recent article from the Oregon Public Broadcasting about the restoration of the site: <https://www.opb.org/article/2023/03/29/willamette-confluence-wildlife-habitat-lane-county-oregon/?outputType=amp>. Additionally, the Oregon Lottery published a short video in 2019: <https://www.myoregon.gov/2019/05/26/willamette-confluence-preserve-abandoned-mining-pits-become-valuable-habitat/>.

All acquisitions supported through WWMP must include provisions for permanent conservation protection. At the time of acquisition, the City must grant the United States of America a conservation easement that will be under the jurisdiction and control of the Bonneville Power Administration. In 2013, the City obtained a grant from WWMP to purchase approximately 307 acres of land within the northern portion of Minto Island. The property is now part of Minto-Brown Island Park and is managed as the Minto Island Conservation Area (MICA). Both BPA and ODFW hold a conservation easement.

The proposed River Bend Property acquisition has many complexities. It will take years to complete the proposed property transaction and it will be subject to funding availability, City due diligence, potential partnerships with other organizations, successful negotiations with the property owner, and authorization by City Council. For more information, please see the staff report for [the April 10th City Council meeting](#). An overview map is attached.

Geer Park Skate Park and Pathways Grant Application – The City successfully applied to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). The application requested \$500k for a skate park; improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation and access, interpretive elements about the historic natural landscape; expanded access to natural features; and a new picnic shelter.

The next step is a technical review by OPRD staff for eligibility, match amounts, budget, required documents, etc. This review will extend through April. The LGGP Advisory Committee will review applications in May. The City will be required to make a presentation before the LGGP Advisory Committee in June or July. Award recommendations are expected in late-summer or early-fall.

Tree Planting with Friends of Trees – Twenty trees, all native species, were planted at Eola Ridge Park on March 25th. Photos from the event are included below. There will be one final Friends of Trees planting event this planning season at Stephens-Yoshikai School Park on April 8th. This will be the City's official Arbor Month Planting event, during which 40 trees will be planted on the west and north sides of the park. On March 22nd, we will be partnering with a local chapter of the American Association of University Women to plant a small grove of native trees in the southeast corner of the same park. Parks Operations has several additional tree planting events scheduled in April to celebrate Arbor Month, in support of the Mayor's Arbor Month Proclamation issued on March 13.



Left: FoT staff member demonstrates how to plant an Oregon white oak



Right: Volunteers plant a madrone



Left: Multiple volunteer crews take part in the event



Right: Crew leader and helper pose with a Willamette Valley ponderosa pine

Minto Island Conservation Area Phase 2 Restoration (Willamette Slough) – Approximately 12,850 native bareroot plants (primarily native shrubs) were planted along the banks of the Willamette Slough from March 20th through March 22nd. As these plants establish, they will help combat future re-infestation by *Ludwigia* and other invasive plants along the shoreline. The plants were donated by Bonneville Environmental Foundation and planted by Integrated Resource Management, the same City contractor who has done treatment of the aquatic invasive plants over the past 3 years. The work also included minimal herbicide treatment of invasives in the immediate planting areas and installation of beaver exclusion fencing around some patches of plants. An article about the project was published in the Statesman Journal.

New Parks Planner III – Job interviews were recently held following a February job posting. Following the interviews, an applicant was provided and accepted a tentative job offer. They will start on April 24th pending a background review, reference check, and issuances and acceptance of a final job offer.

Opportunity Areas River Bend Road Property



LEGEND

- Wildlife Habitat Opportunity Area
- Urban Park Opportunity Area



SPRAB Urban Forestry Report April 2023

The Urban Forestry Division is focused on stump grinding, tree planting, high priority tree removals and pruning in the right-of-way.

Tree planting will continue until the beginning of May, and UF Division is projected to plant over 1,000 trees in the right-of-way.

We recently filled our vacant Tree Trimmer position with Kyle Fowler who was one of our limited duration PMOs. This is the second employee we have hired this fiscal year who was working as an Ice Storm LD PMO. Kyle is a certified arborist and has many years of experience that translates well for the work he will be doing with us.

Following is our Arbor Month Calendar:

April 5th - Planting 150 Willamette Valley Ponderosa pine seedlings with City of Salem Parks staff in Minto-Brown Island Park

April 6th - Planting 20+ trees at Civic and Library campus with city tree crew

April 8th - Planting 25 street trees with city staff and Willamette University students on University St, Oak St & Leslie St

April 8th - Planting 50 trees with city staff & Friends of Trees at Stephens-Yoshikai School Park

April 8th - Planting 6 Trees at Fairmount Park with city staff & volunteers

April 13th - Planting 40 trees as a training event with Parks staff in Geer Park

April 13th & 14th - Meet with Emily Parent & students from North Salem High School to talk about trees, EAB and urban forestry

April 18th - Planting an Oregon white oak memorial tree for Dana Roy with the Salem Library Board

April 21st - Planting 30 trees with city tree crew, AAUW, students (maybe) at Stephens-Yoshikai School Park

April 22nd - Planting trees and plants at Englewood Park with Neighborhood Association

April 26th - Meet with Emily Parent & students from North Salem High School to discuss tree care and maintenance

April 27th - Planting an Oregon white oak with Chemeketa Chapter DAR in Bush's Pasture Park

April 28th - Planting 20 trees with Richmond Elementary School in Richmond School Park on Arbor Day

Parks Operations Update – April 2023

Projects

- A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th toward coordinating with Pamela Garland, Salem Seekers, on the glass blown bird park placement project that was shared with SPRAB members at the March meeting. Salem Seekers will utilize 90 glass blown birds created by local glass blowing artists Gail and Art Obendorf of South Salem and owners of Glass Art Oregon. The hunt will occur during a three-month period during the summer months.

Salem Park Improvement Fund (SPIF)

SPIF award outcomes were shared with the respective neighborhood associations. Amenities are being ordered for those projects needing such; and scheduling of construction and installation work on the seven (7) projects is transpiring. Projects will be completed as amenities are received and/or project work can be scheduled with external and internal staff.

Parks Activities & Volunteer Events

Parks and Recreation will be participating in Take Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 27th. P&R activities include: seed planting for the children to take home (each kit will include a paper cup, dirt, a seed and directions and information on what they are planting), slime making, and free snow cones!

Saturday, April 8th, 2023

8:00am-Noon: Students and staff from Willamette University will be planting trees along Oak St SE/University St SE alongside tree crew staff.

9:00am-1:00pm: FOT will be planting at Stephens/Yoshikai- 1 or 2 staff will assist with mulch and watering.

9:00am-Noon: SCAN @ Fairmount- neighbors will be working on trail maintenance and tree planting. Tree crew to assist with tree planting. SCAN is taking the lead on the rest of the event.

10:00am-1:00pm: Willamette University's Global Day of Service @ Bush Park. Two small groups of students. One behind the stadium that will be litter picking the hillside and another along Pringle Creek that will be pulling ivy. Pringle Creek area of focus will be flagged.

10:00am-Noon: West Salem High will be at Chandler pulling ivy and blackberry.

Monday, April 10th, 2023

9:00am-Noon: Friends of Pioneer Cemetery performing headstone straightening and plot maintenance at Pioneer Cemetery.

Friday, April 21st, 2023

9:00am-Noon: SWAN @ Fircrest – Native planting, mulching, ivy/blackberry removal.

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

9:00am-Noon: SWAN @ Fircrest – Native planting, mulching, ivy/blackberry removal.

9:00am-1:00 pm: NEN @ Englewood – Ivy/blackberry removal, mulching the pollinator garden.

Monday, April 24th, 2023

9:00am-Noon: Friends of Pioneer Cemetery performing headstone straightening and plot maintenance at Pioneer Cemetery.

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Recreation Update–April 2023

1. Events/Facility Use

- The July 4th fireworks show has been moved from Riverfront Park to the Oregon State Fairgrounds. In addition to the 20-minute fireworks show, activities include food and drink vendors, carnival rides, and a major headliner concert – performer released the week of April 10 – in the L.B. Day Amphitheater. Entrance to the event and fireworks display will be free, with the option to purchase tickets to the auxiliary activities and food/drinks. Parking will be available on site for \$10/vehicle. Parks and Recreation staff continue to work with state fair personnel to finalize the fireworks launch site, develop parking and traffic control plans, as well as event marketing.
- Riverfront Park has already hosted its first community events in 2023. There are four scheduled in April, ten in May, fourteen in June, twelve in July, twenty-two in August, and twelve in September.

2. Youth Recreation Programs

- The 2023 Recreation Guide has been mailed out to past participants and registration has begun! The electronic Recreation Guide can be found at www.cityofsalem.net/Recreation.
- Online registration is open to the public as well as in person registration. The Customer Service Center has begun assisting the public with fee waivers and general program registration. The online registration portal shows programs currently offered and is also accepting registrations. To view the online registration, visit <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/ParksRec/Activity>
- The Salem Kids Relays (formerly known as Jaycee Kids Relays or COUNTRY Kids Relays) is scheduled at McCulloch Stadium in Bush's Pasture Park on Saturday, May 13. Besides the many 4 X 100-meter relay races the kids will run, there will also be the token event, the Mayor's Mile, which is a 4 X 400-meter relay race. Teams competing at the Relays must first qualify at time trials, which will be held on April 26 at McCulloch Stadium. Traditionally the only teams that could qualify were teams of all boys or all girls. This year we're adding a mixed gender team option. Schools can enter up to 2 teams, out of the 3 options, to try and qualify for the main event.
- Parks and Recreation is busy getting ready for several special events coming up, like Career Day at Auburn Elementary, Take Your Child to Work Day, and Public Works Day, to name a few. This is our opportunity to share with youth, and the community, the programs we offer and what our daily work life sometimes entails.

3. Softball and Kickball Leagues/Tournaments

- We have 65 teams registered to play in spring softball and kickball leagues. These leagues are scheduled to start next week – April 10 is the first night. A manager's meeting is taking place on April 5. We ended up having four teams on the waitlist for men's play on Tuesday nights, so we added a league for them to play in on Thursdays!
- With the beginning of league play, comes the hiring and training of seasonal staff. We have five new employees who came on and did their new employee orientation last week, as well as five

returning staff. We anticipate needing an additional 10-12 staff and will likely reopen a position in the next few weeks.

- All three of our City Hosted youth invitational/Play for a Cure Series tournaments are currently full, and all teams have paid. We'll be starting schedules for those very soon, before focusing our attention to Nationals and our Fall tournaments.

RECREATION GUIDE 2023

Come Out and Play





General program information can be found at
www.cityofsalem.net/recreation

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register in person at the Customer Service Center, 555 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301.
2. Register online at egov.cityofsalem.net/ParksRec

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration is encouraged, and registration is finalized once fees are paid in full.

If you have previously registered for Parks and Recreation programs, you have an account with us. If you need help accessing your account, contact us at **503-588-6261**, or parksandrecreation@cityofsalem.net

FEE WAIVERS

Fee waivers may be available for qualified Salem residents living within city limits. Proof of the OR Health Plan, OR Trail Card, or WIC information is required.

Eligibility is verified annually in the office. To verify your address is within Salem city limits:

1. Call ahead to the Customer Service Center and verify your address. Once verified, you will need to visit the Customer Service Center and show your OR Health Plan, OR Trail Card, or WIC information.
2. Visit the Customer Service Center, provide your address to see if you live within Salem city limits and bring your OR Health Plan, OR Trail Card, or WIC information with you.

If your address is outside of Salem city limits we will not be able to provide a fee waiver, but you can still register for programs.

If your address is inside Salem city limits and your OR Health Plan/OR Trail Card/WIC Information has been verified, ask the Customer Service Center how to make registering for summer programs easy.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

- The City of Salem reserves the right to cancel programs when minimum enrollment is not met. Full refunds will be issued when programs are canceled.
- Credits are not available. Registration fees may be transferred in full to another program of equal value if requested 10 business days in advance of program start.
- Refunds will not be granted for absence or inclement weather/air quality after the first day a program begins, or for amounts equal to or less than \$10 per person.
- Refunds requested more than 10 business days in advance are eligible for a 100% refund.
- Refunds requested less than 10 business days in advance are eligible for a 50% refund.
- Refunds requested on the day the program begins are eligible for a 25% refund.
- Refunds may take 4-6 weeks to receive.
- Refunds may be requested by contacting the Customer Service Center, **503-588-6261**, or by email at ParksandRecreation@cityofsalem.net

ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations are available, upon request for persons with disabilities or languages other than spoken English. Accommodations may be requested one of two ways:

1. Call **503-588-6261** at least three business days in advance.
2. When registering for programs, note the requested accommodation.

If you need help understanding this information, please call **503-588-6261**.

Park Spray Fountains

Come out and play in our park spray fountains! Each park listed has slightly different water features. Spray fountains are open for daily use beginning June 12. Call **503-588-6336** for comments, questions, or concerns.

TIME	LOCATION
10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	River Road and Riverfront Parks
Noon–8:00 p.m.	Englewood, Fairmont, Northgate, Wes Bennett, and West Salem Parks

Public Works Day

Come explore a day in the life of Public Works employees! Kids can inspect some of our big equipment up close, discover how to repair a broken water main, learn how traffic lights operate, and more.

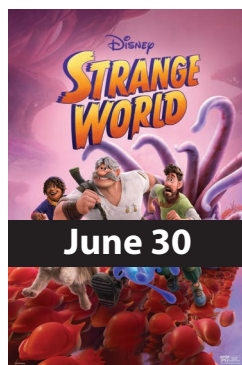
AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE
All Ages	Jun 15	11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Thursday	Riverfront Park	Free

Movies in the Park

Join us on Friday evenings this summer and enjoy an outdoor movie in the Riverfront Park Gerry Frank | Rotary Amphitheater! Movies begin at dusk. *Remember to bring your blankets, low-back chairs, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks.*

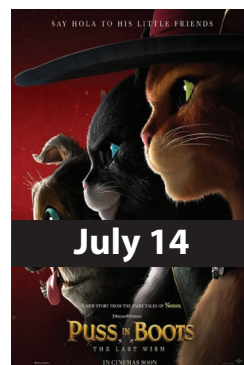
Movies are free, and to help ensure this family-friendly activity continues, donations are suggested on the evening of attendance.

***Start times are approximate.**



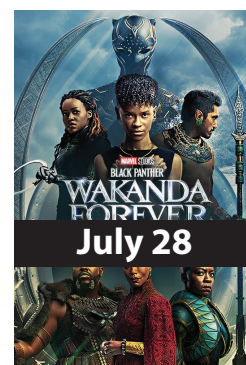
June 30

***9:30 p.m.**
Strange World
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July 14

***9:00 p.m.**
Puss in Boots-The last Wish
PG



July 28

***8:30 p.m.**
Wakanda Forever
PG-13



August 11

***8:00 p.m.**
Bad Guys
PG



August 25

***7:45 p.m.**
Minions-Rise of Gru
PG





Pickleball

Join us for Pickleball! Enjoy weekly round robin games with players of various levels. We provide the equipment and instruction. *Wear non-marking court shoes, bring a water bottle and racquet, if you have one.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
18+	Jun 27–Aug 1*	6–7:15 p.m.	Tue	Woodmansee Park	\$60	\$30
18+	Jun 29–Jul 27	6–7:15 p.m.	Thu	Orchard Heights Park	\$60	\$30

*No class on July 4

Try It Days

Try It Days are available to try the sport before committing to it. Participants should come prepared to play! *Wear non-marking courts shoes, athletic attire, and bring a water bottle.*

SPORT	AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE
Tennis	5–17	Jun 24	9–10:30 a.m.	Sat	Bush's Pasture Park	Free
Pickleball	18+	Jul 1	9–10:30 a.m.	Sat	Woodmansee Park	Free

Tennis Camps

Be a part of the Net Generation! Our tennis camps utilize age appropriate courts and tennis balls to increase the level of success for your player. Each level works on tennis strokes, player coordination, and match play. *Wear non-marking shoes, bring a bottle of water and a tennis racquet if you have it.*



Red

Red is ideal for beginning tennis players, utilizing a 36-foot court with a 23-inch racquet.



Orange

Orange is suitable for both beginning and intermediate level players looking to practice skills on a mid-size 60-foot court with a racquet no longer than 25-inches.



Green Dot

Green Dot is fit for older beginning and intermediate players wanting to experience playing on a full-size 78-foot court with a racquet no longer than 29-inches.



Yellow

Yellow is designed for intermediate and above level players with previous tennis experience comfortable on a 78-foot court with standard tennis balls.



Tennis Camps

LEVEL	AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
Red	5-7	Jun 26-29	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Jul 3-6	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Jul 10-13	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Jul 17-20	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Jul 24-27	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Jul 31-Aug 3	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Aug 7-10	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Red	5-7	Aug 14-17	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Orange	8-10	Jun 26-29	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Orange	8-10	Jun 26-Jul 24	6-7:00 p.m.	Mon	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Orange	8-10	Jul 3-6	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Orange	8-10	Jul 10-13	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
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Orange	8-10	Aug 7-10	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$42	\$21
Orange	8-10	Aug 14-17	9-10:15 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
Green Dot	11-13	Jun 26-29	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$48	\$24
Green Dot	11-13	Jun 26-Jul 24	6-7:15 p.m.	Mon	Bush's Pasture Park	\$48	\$24
Green Dot	11-13	Jul 3-6	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$48	\$24
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Yellow	14-17	Jun 26-29	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$48	\$24
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Yellow	14-17	Aug 7-10	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mon-Thur	Bush's Pasture Park	\$48	\$24
Yellow	14-17	Aug 14-17	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$48	\$24



Basketball

Athletes work on the fundamentals such as shooting, ball control, dribbling, passing, footwork, and participate in daily scrimmages. *Bring your basketball and a bottle of water.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
5-7	Jun 26-29	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	McKay Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jun 26-29	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	McKay Park	\$48	\$24
5-7	Jul 3-6	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jul 3-6	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$48	\$24
5-7	Jul 10-13	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jul 10-13	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$48	\$24
5-7	Jul 17-20	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jul 17-20	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$48	\$24

Soccer

In addition to playing soccer, athletes will gain and further their skills in dribbling, passing, and shooting. *Wear shinguards, bring a soccer ball and a bottle of water.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
5-7	Jun 26-29	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jun 26-29	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	River Road Park	\$48	\$24
5-7	Jul 3-6	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Geer Community Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jul 3-6	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Geer Community Park	\$48	\$24
5-7	Jul 10-13	9:15-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Woodmansee Park	\$42	\$21
8-10	Jul 10-13	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Woodmansee Park	\$48	\$24
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Multi-Sport

Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, Baseball/Softball

Nothing like jumping in and playing! This camp is great for youth already vaguely familiar with the rules or interested in picking up a new skill quickly. City of Salem Multi-Sport camps offer a day spent playing Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, and Baseball/Softball. *Each day, bring a bottle of water and wear clothes for being active.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
8-10	Jul 24-27	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Orchard Heights Park	\$48	\$24
8-10	Aug 7-10	9-10:30 a.m.	Mon-Thur	Geer Community Park	\$48	\$24

Mini Soccer

Learn to dribble, pass, trap, shoot, and more! Participants play games and fun activities as they develop soccer skills. *Wear shinguards, bring a soccer ball and a bottle of water.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
3-4 w/an adult	Jul 11-Aug 1	6:15-7:00 p.m.	Tuesdays	River Road Park	\$42	\$21
5-7	Jul 11-Aug 1	6-7:15 p.m.	Tuesdays	River Road Park	\$48	\$24
3-4 w/an adult	Jul 11-Aug 1	6:15-7:00 p.m.	Tuesdays	Woodmansee Park	\$42	\$21
5-7	Jul 11-Aug 1	6-7:15 p.m.	Tuesdays	Woodmansee Park	\$48	\$24



All Comer Track & Field Meets

Bring the family down for an evening of friendly competition and watch your child participate in one or more events. Everybody earns a ribbon!

Field Events begin at 5:45 p.m. Running Events begin at 7:00 p.m.

AGE	DATE	DAY	LOCATION	FEE
12 & Under	Jul 5, 12, 19, 26	Wed	S. Salem High School	\$5/ 3 events or viewer per participant per meet \$10/ unlimited events per participant per meet

DIVISION	EVENT							
4 & Under Mixed	50m	100m	Softball Throw	Long Jump				
5-6 Mixed	50m	100m	200m	Softball Throw	Long Jump			
7-8 Boy/Girl/ Mixed	50m	100m	200m	400m	1500m	Softball Throw	Long Jump	High Jump
9-10 Boy/Girl/ Mixed	100m	200m	400m	1500m	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	
11-12 Boy/Girl/ Mixed	100m	200m	400m	1500m	Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	

Holiday Fun Runs

Save the Date!

Celebrate the Holiday Season with a Fun Run/Walk. Dressing up is always encouraged!

Strollers and dogs on a leash are welcome.

For start times, please visit www.cityofsalem.net/recreation.

Frightfully Fun 1K/3K

October 28, 2023
Riverfront Park



Turkey Trot Fun Run 1K/5K/10K

November 18, 2023
Riverfront and Minto-Brown Island Parks

Jingle Bell Relay

December 8, 2023
Riverfront Park





Owl Prowl

Spend an evening with Ranger Mike discussing owls before joining him on a night hike through Minto-Brown Island Park in an attempt to encounter some resident owls. *Dress for the weather and for a 2-mile hike on unpaved paths.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	MEETING LOCATION
9–12	Sep 29	6 – 8:00 p.m.	Fri	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$5/participant or \$10/family	Shelter, Parking Lot 3
9–12	Sep 30	6 – 8:00 p.m.	Sat	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$5/participant or \$10/family	Shelter, Parking Lot 3
9–12	Oct 27	5– 7:00 p.m.	Fri	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$5/participant or \$10/family	Shelter, Parking Lot 3
9–12	Oct 28	5– 7:00 p.m.	Sat	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$5/participant or \$10/family	Shelter, Parking Lot 3

Junior Ranger Camp

This fun, activity based program teaches kids to explore nature and learn how to protect our parks and natural areas. Kids will go on guided hikes with Ranger Mike and participate in fun, educational activities to inspire a lifetime of environmental awareness and stewardship. *Participants need to bring a bottle of water, lunch, and appropriate attire for spending the day walking.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
9–12	July 26–28	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	Wed–Fri	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$40	Free
9–12	Aug 9–11	10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	Wed–Fri	Minto–Brown Island Park	\$40	Free

Coyle Outside Nature Camps

Intro to Wilderness Survival

Learn the basics of thriving in the wild. Campers learn confidence, initiative, communication, common sense, and play fun survival scenarios individually and on teams. Skills taught may include shelters, fire building, navigation, knots, and more. The week ends with an exciting final scenario. *Participants need to dress appropriately for the outdoors, to get dirty, and have fun! Bring a lunch, snacks, and a water bottle.*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
6–9	Jun 26–30	9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	Mon–Fri	Minto-Brown Island Park	\$285	\$228

Advanced Wilderness Survival

This camp goes in depth into critical survival skills and cool scenarios that are both challenging and fun. Participants work on their own and in teams to problem solve, play survival themed games, and end the week with an exciting final scenario. *Participants need to dress appropriately for the outdoors, to get dirty, and have fun! Bring a lunch, snacks, and a water bottle*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
8–13	Jul 10–14	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Mon–Fri	Minto-Brown Island Park	\$370	\$296

Fish, Forage, Fire!

Learn the art of being a true outdoorsman! Primary activities will focus on learning and developing a diversity of food acquisition skills through fishing, archery, and foraging. *Participants need to dress appropriately for the outdoors, to get dirty, and have fun! Bring a lunch, snacks, and a water bottle*

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
9–14	Jul 31–Aug 4	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Mon–Fri	Minto-Brown Island Park	\$350	\$280

Tree Climbing NEW

Start your adventure at Howard Creek Trail Head parking lot in Silver Falls State Park. Once everyone is suited up, participants will learn how to climb and rappel on a small tree before hiking to the main climbing trees. *Wear stretchy clothing that can get dirty, long socks, and pants that cover the ankles. (Do not wear jeans or stiff pants.) Bring snacks and a bottle of water. An Oregon State Park day pass is needed and can be purchased ahead of time or on your way to the meeting location.*

Intro to Tree Climbing

Spend a few hours learning to climb some of the largest and tallest trees in the world, around 300' high! Explore a perspective of nature rarely seen and learn about the unique ecology, plants, and animals of old-growth forests. Participants will get equipment fitted and have time to practice on smaller trees before moving on to climbing to the top of the canopy.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE*	W/FEE WAIVER*
8+	May 4–Oct 26	1–5:00 p.m.	Thursdays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 6–Oct 28	9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Saturdays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 6–Oct 28	1–5:00 p.m.	Saturdays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 7–Oct 29	1–5:00 p.m.	Sundays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120

*fee is per person per day

Sunset Climb

Catch a sunset from the top of the canopy of giant old-growth trees! Participants learn the same basics as the Intro to Tree Climbing class. No experience necessary however participants must be able to hike for up to 1.5 hours while using a head lamp. At the end of the sunset, night rappelling and climbing in the dark with head lamps is required. Start times can vary based on sunset times. We will be in contact to adjust if necessary.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE*	W/FEE WAIVER*
8+	May 4–Oct 26	5–10:00 p.m.	Thursdays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 5–Oct 27	5–10:00 p.m.	Fridays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 6–Oct 28	5–10:00 p.m.	Saturdays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120
8+	May 7–Oct 29	5–10:00 p.m.	Sundays	Howard Creek Trail Silver Falls State Park	*\$149	*\$120

*fee is per person per day



Summer Parks Program

Sign up for a summer full of outdoor play! Each week boasts a theme for activities, games, and crafts. Participants will enjoy afternoons playing outside in a positive and supervised environment! Choose one of 3 parks: Englewood, Sumpter, or Sunnyslope. *Wear clothes for getting dirty and being active, bring a snack and a water bottle.*

THEME	AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
Spirit Week	5-12	Jun 26-29	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Forest Animals	5-12	Jul 3-6	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Sea Creatures	5-12	Jul 10-13	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Galactic Week	5-12	Jul 17-20	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Discovery Week	5-12	Jul 24-27	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
International Week	5-12	Jul 31-Aug 3	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Olympics Week	5-12	Aug 7-10	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free
Carnival Week	5-12	Aug 14-17	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Mon-Thu	\$40	Free

Skyhawks

T-shirt is included in fee. *For baseball camps, bring a glove if you have one. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, bring 2 snacks, lunch, a water bottle, and sunscreen.*

Cheerleading

Learn to lead the crowd and support the home team! Learn cheers, proper hand and body movements, and jumping techniques. No stunting, just fun while learning important life skills such as teambuilding and leadership. Concludes with a choreographed performance.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
7-12	Jul 5-7	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Wed-Fri	Woodmansee Park	\$89	\$72
6-12	Jul 31-Aug 4	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Geer Community Park	\$149	\$120
8-14	Aug 14-18	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Orchard Heights Park	\$149	\$120

Flag Football

The perfect introduction to "America's Game." Campers learn offensive and defensive skills including core components of passing, catching, and defense – all presented in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Super Bowl, giving participants a chance to showcase their skills on the Gridiron!

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
7-12	Jul 5-7	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Wed-Fri	Woodmansee Park	\$165	\$132
7-12	Jul 31-Aug 4	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	Geer Community Park	\$279	\$224





Skyhawks

Mini-Hawk®

Give children a positive first step into athletics in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER	SPORT
4-6	Jun 26-30	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Orchard Heights Park	\$149	\$120	Baseball
4-6	Jul 17-21	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Geer Community Park	\$149	\$120	Baseball, Flag Football, Soccer
4-6	Aug 7-11	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	River Road Park	\$149	\$120	Baseball, Soccer, Basketball

Multi-Sport Camp

Introduce athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting! Athletes learn the rules and essentials skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER	SPORT
7-12	Jun 26-30	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	Orchard Heights Park	\$279	\$224	Baseball, Soccer, Dodgeball
7-12	Jul 10-14	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	River Road Park	\$279	\$224	Capture the Flag, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee
7-12	Jul 17-21	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	Geer Community Park	\$279	\$224	Baseball, Flag Football, Soccer
7-12	Jul 24-28	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Woodmansee Park	\$149	\$120	Capture the Flag, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee
7-12	Aug 7-11	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	River Road Park	\$279	\$224	Baseball, Flag Football, Soccer

Volleyball

All aspects of volleyball are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting, and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player. Staff will assist campers in developing fundamental skills through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE	W/FEE WAIVER
8-14	Jul 10-14	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	River Road Park	\$149	\$120
8-14	Jul 24-28	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri	Woodmansee Park	\$279	\$224
8-14	Aug 14-18	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mon-Fri	Orchard Heights Park	\$149	\$120



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You've heard the instructor on TV and Radio Commercials, now join Lisa Foster on a LIVE webinar to learn how YOU could actually begin using your speaking voice for commercials, films, and videos. Brought to you by Such A Voice, this exciting and fun class could be the game changer you've been looking for!

Visit egov.cityofsalem.net/ParksRec for future dates.

AGE	DATE	TIME	DAY	LOCATION	FEE
18+	Jun 3	10:00 a.m.–Noon	Sat	Live Webinar	\$25

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DATE	DISTANCE	PARK	MEETING LOCATION
5/20	5K	Bush's Pasture Park	Phillips' Field
6/10	5K/10K	Riverfront, Wallace Marine, and Minto-Brown Island Parks	Riverfront Rotary Pavilion
7/8	5K/10K	Minto-Brown Island Park	Minto-Brown Island Parking Lot 3 Shelter
8/19	5K	Bush's Pasture Park	Phillips' Field
9/9	5K/10K	Riverfront, Wallace Marine, and Minto-Brown Island Parks	Riverfront Rotary Pavilion
10/7	5K/10K	Minto-Brown Island Park	Minto-Brown Island Parking Lot 3 Shelter

5K/\$5/person/race
10K/\$10/person/race

Scan to Register



Bibs are available in the office and on race day.
Strollers and dogs on leash are welcome.

The Run/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

Reasonable accommodation and accessibility services will be provided upon request by calling 503-588-6261. Three business days notice before the event is required.
Los servicios de accesibilidad y adaptaciones razonables se proporcionarán a pedido llamando al 503-588-6261. Se requiere un aviso de tres días hábiles antes del evento.

Attached is the Parks and Open Space damage report. If you would like to be removed from this list or know if someone who should be added to the list, please let us know.



MEMO

TO: Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
Public Works Department *JK*

FROM: Marlene Cisneros-Villalovos, Staff Assistant
Public Works Department

DATE: March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Damage to City of Salem Parks and Open Space

Damage to the City of Salem's parks and landscape maintenance areas caused by malicious mischief, theft, and reckless action is reported by the appropriate law enforcement agency, citizens, and maintenance personnel. The following is a list of incidents during February 2023. The dollar amount shown represents the estimated repair/replacement cost for the damage sustained.

A total value of \$735.00 in repair/replacement costs occurred from forty eight incidents. In comparison, the total from February 2022 was \$579.00 from seven incidents.

cc: Keith Stahley, City Manager
Trevor Womack, Chief of Police
Chris Hoy, City Mayor
Lt. Ben Bales, Commander, SPD
Irma Coleman, Neighborhood Services Specialist
Reed Godfrey, Deputy Fire Chief, SFD
Michelle Teed, Risk Manager
Jennifer Hingston, Management Analyst, SPD
Lt. Treven Upkes, SPD, Community Response Section
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Mark Bechtel, AICP, Operations Division Manager
Robert Romanek, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
Becky George, Recreation Supervisor
Skip Miller, Deputy Police Chief, SPD

PARK_NAME	FREQUENCY	COST
Bush's Pasture Park	3	\$ 15.00
Center 50+ (Senior Center)	1	\$ 10.00
Civic Center / Library	3	\$ 15.00
Edgewater Parkway	1	\$ 10.00
Englewood Park	1	\$ 15.00
Geer Community Park	3	\$ 45.00
Harry & Grace Thorp Park	1	\$ 60.00
Highland Park	1	\$ 15.00
Hoodview Park	8	\$ 225.00
Hoover Park	7	\$ 120.00
McRae Park	1	\$ 10.00
Mill Race Beautification	3	\$ 15.00
Nelson Park	1	\$ 20.00
Orchard Heights Park	1	\$ 30.00
Pringle Creek Trail	3	\$ 30.00
Waldo Park	2	\$ 30.00
Wallace Marine Park	6	\$ 30.00
Weathers Street Park	1	\$ 30.00
Woodmansee Park	1	\$ 10.00
Total	48	\$ 735.00