

CITY OF SALEM
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (SPRAB)

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CITY OF SALEM
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL AGENDA
July 14, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS, CITY STAFF &
UPCOMING MEETINGS**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

CITY STAFF

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City Council meeting – July 11, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
- City Council meeting – July 25, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan

LINKS

[BOARD WEB PAGE](#)

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (5:30 p.m.)
- 2. ROLL CALL – Introduce New Member Debbie Miller**
- 3. MINUTES** (5:40 p.m.)
 - a. June 9, 2022
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Public Comment for agenda and non-agenda items, 3 minutes.*) (5:45 – 5:55 p.m.)
- 5. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS** (5:55 – 6:15 p.m.)
 - a. Presentation of Final Skate Park Concept for Geer Park Phase II Development – Rob Romanek
- 6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES** (6:15 – 6:30 p.m.)
- 7. INFORMATION REPORTS – WRITTEN** (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)
 - a. Mission Street Park Conservancy Quarterly Report
 - b. Urban Forestry Update
 - c. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update
 - d. Parks Operations Update
 - e. Recreation Services Update
 - f. Park Damage Report
- 8. NEW BUSINESS** (7:00 – 7:10 p.m.)
- 9. NEXT MEETING**
 - a. August 11, 2022
- 10. ADJOURN**



**SALEM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DIGITAL MEETING
June 9, 2022
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dylan McDowell
Keith Norris
Woody Dukes
David Fridenmaker
Rick Hartwig
Alan Holland
Joan Lloyd

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alan Alexander

STAFF PRESENT

Milan Davis
Becky George
Mitchell Jones
Rob Romanek
Toni Whitler

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDowell called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Alan Alexander was marked absent. All other members present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. BOARD ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan

The Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan and process was presented to the Board by Toni Whitler, Parks Planner and Cameron-McCarthy Landscape Architecture and Planning team members Liz Auvil and Colin McArthur.

Motion:

Member Norris moved and Member Hartwig seconded to endorse the Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan and make a recommendation to City Council to approve.

Vote:

The Board unanimously endorsed the Master Plan.

b. Communication from the Board to City Council

Chair McDowell provided to the Board for its approval a draft letter to City Council to elevate the work of SPRAB by seeking to find opportunities to interact with Council on park and recreation and tree items, issues, and current and future planning efforts.

Staff will determine the best way to move this forward to City Council that provides an opportunity for Chair McDowell to speak to Council directly about the Board's request for collaboration.

6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Member Lloyd mentioned her disappointment in the lack of a city process to have improved funding opportunities to put a picnic shelter in Englewood and McRae Parks in the Northeast Neighbors neighborhood. Rob Romanek explained that there is a funding opportunity through system development charges, but it can only apply to growth-related improvements. Other creative funding opportunities are available as they arise.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

(Information reports will now be provided as written reports ahead of the meetings.)

a. Mission Street Park Conservancy Minutes

No questions or comments.

b. Urban Forestry Update

Member Holland asked Milan Davis if there are any Heritage Trees in Minto-Brown Island Park or Riverfront Park. Mr. Davis said he is not aware of any in those parks. Member Norris asked how Arbor Day planting with Junior High students went. It went well with 25 trees being planted.

c. Parks & Natural Resources Planning Update

Chair McDowell asked Rob Romanek if he is taking over the Climate Action Plan duties. Mr. Romanek said he was no longer involved. Patricia is participating on a temporary basis on Climate Action implementation. Mr. Romanek is following the process and will update the Board as appropriate.

d. Parks Operations Update

No comments or questions.

e. Recreation Services Update

Chair McDowell noted disappointment in the cancellation of the Fireworks show. Becky George commented that the City is looking at 2023 for a Fireworks show. The FY2023 budget will go before City Council at the upcoming Council meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14, 2022.

10. ADJOURN 7:15 PM

Information Reports Packet
For SPRAB Meeting July 14, 2022

1. Mission Street Parks Conservancy: Quarterly Report – April 2022 through June 2022
2. Urban Forestry Report
3. Parks and Natural Resources Planning Report – Rob Romanek, Parks and Natural Resources Planning Manager
4. Parks Operations Report – Jennifer Kellar, Parks and Recreation Services Manager
5. Recreation Services Report– Becky George, Recreation Services Supervisor



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY

TO: Members
Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Mission Street Parks Conservancy

DATE: July 1, 2022

RE: MSPC Report on Activities for the Period April 1, 2022, through June 30, 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

Both the bracing of horizontal limbs and the pruning that we reported in our last report have been completed. See more about this work [here](#). Our board is beginning a planning process to develop the Conservancy's longer-term plans. We don't yet know what this will look like.

Maintain

The Tuesday Gardeners are hard at work weeding, mulching, and deadheading as needed. We have had 20+ volunteers each Tuesday for a few months. The very wet spring brought us lots of "opportunities" to hone our weeding skills.

Enhance

Last quarter, we reported that we were working toward creating a Woodland Garden near the Bush Conservatory. We are pleased to report that we have secured permission from the Historic Landmarks Commission to proceed with this project. The next step is to obtain permission under the Cultural Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park.

Interpret

The Rose Committee has nearly completed its work identifying all varieties of Old Roses in the Mae Tarter Old Rose Collection. The group completed a new diagram that identifies the roses within each bed. The committee is now considering adding new Old Roses to fill in gaps in the collection and gaps in the beds.

Plant sale

MSPC will hold a plant sale beginning on Friday, July 15, in conjunction with the Salem Art Fair & Festival.

Attachments: Four photos



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY



Two new structures prop the long horizontal limbs of this Montezuma cypress.



A view (facing North) of the area for the proposed Woodland Garden. Bush House and the Bush Conservatory are in the background.



MISSION STREET PARKS
CONSERVANCY



Volunteers in the weeding brigade at Bush's Pasture Park.

URBAN FORESTRY STAFF & EQUIPMENT SUMMER 2022

Urban Forester Supervisor – Milan Davis, 10305, Chevy Colorado
Urban Forestry Project Coordinator - Tom Bradley, 11282, Ford F250
Urban Forestry Project Coordinator – Don Gunther, 10471, Ford F250

CREW 1- 10744 High Lift 65' Tree Truck, 11387 255Xp Bandit wood chipper
Lead Operator Mike Tyler
Tree Crew Specialist PMO Cesar Estrada

CREW 2- LR&/UFU Duralift 55' Tree Truck, 11562 BC 1500 Vermeer wood chipper
Lead Operator - Evan Doney
Seasonal Tree Crew Apprentice - Jacob Rybloom

Ice Storm Remediation Stump Grinding Crew – 11222 F350, SC70 Vermeer, 11535 Vermeer Mini Skid
UF LD 18mo PMO – Makaela Dodds
UF LD 18mo PMO – Nolan Rodgers

Tree Maintenance & H2O Crew – 11579 Isuzu flatbed 500G water tank
Seasonal – David Kahawai Jr
Seasonal – Aidan Anderson
Seasonal – Thomas Nonacs

Street Tree Inventory Natural Resources Internship
Seasonal – Brandon Culcasi

EQUIPMENT-

0769 – 2000 Vermeer 70 Stump grinder
4301 – 2004 Sterling L7500 Chip Truck
10304 – 2009 Chevy Colorado
10471 – 2009 F250
10604 – 2001 150 12" Yellow Bandit
10744 - 2012 4300 International Altec 54' Tree Truck
11222 – 2017 F350 2yd Dump
11282 – 2017 F250
11387 – 255XP Green bandit
11535 – 2020 Vermeer Mini Skid Steer CTX 100
11560 – 2021 BigTex Dump Trailer 14k
11562 – 2021 Vermeer BC1500
11579 – 2021 Isuzu NRR Hooklift Flatbed, Chip box
11628 – 2022 SC70 Vermeer Grinder
11645 – 2022 Maxx D 14 Dump Trailer
New Equipment- 2022 Urban Forestry Unit F600 4x4 45' Duralift Tree Truck

URBAN FORESTRY REPORT JULY 2022

Urban Forester – Milan Davis

The Urban Forestry Division is currently focusing on High Priority work with two city tree crews. We have 89 open High Priority pruning work orders and 21 open High Priority removal work orders.

Additional crews include new Tree Watering Crew who are focusing on watering all the trees planted over the last two seasons and the Inventory Crew two intern staff, both recent graduates from Willamette U who are helping us with the GIS street tree inventory.

As well we have the Ice Storm Restoration Project that has gotten under way after many months of planning and project proposals to upper management and city council. We had to provide documentation and present why we should hire internal staff vs. contracting out these services. We are very excited to have the opportunity to do this inhouse as we have a lot more control over how the work gets done as well as more control over purchasing locally grown quality nursery stock.

We were given over 700k from insurance proceeds to fund this project. We have purchased equipment and are going to be able to hire 4 fulltime limited duration staff. These positions will be limited duration 18 month terms and will be divided in to two terms along with more seasonal positions to continue the establishment and watering of the trees during summer months. The first 2 person crew has already been hired and are currently working to help us remove over 1200 tree stumps. The next two person crew will be hired to replant new trees lost from the ice storm. We were very fortunate to have had a great recruitment for the first two positions, one who was a graduate from OSU with and Urban Forestry degree and the second a current student working on her degree from OSU in Urban Forestry. They started on June 6th and the project is rolling along well.

Most of these trees will be planted in locations where stumps were removed or in nearby suitable locations. Me and my staff are working on tree species lists that will take into consideration global warming, site soil conditions, future storm events and many other factors that will determine the trees that we select for planting.

On 3/28/22 City Council approved the following to appropriate funds for this project

· Ice Storm Tree Planting - The City received insurance proceeds for the damage caused during the ice storm to fund a multi-year replanting program for City owned trees. This action allows this program to begin its work within the current fiscal year

The February 2021 ice storm resulted in significant damage to property in the City of Salem and particularly to the tree canopy. A total of \$721,860 has been received in insurance proceeds and placed in a trust account to fund a multi-year, limited duration program for replanting and reestablishment of city-owned trees in the rights-of-way, parks, and other city property. The Parks Section plans to begin the process of stump grinding in Spring 2022 and seeks to purchase equipment and begin recruitment for two limited duration Parks Maintenance operators. The supplemental budget request for FY 2022 includes \$88,250 for the stump grinder and trailer and \$31,350 for personal services. The existing 22-year old stump grinder is being replaced with one that is well-suited to addressing street trees in an efficient way with minimal disruption to traffic flow as well as park areas with challenging access. The proposed FY 2023 budget will continue the limited duration positions and expand the program to begin replanting.

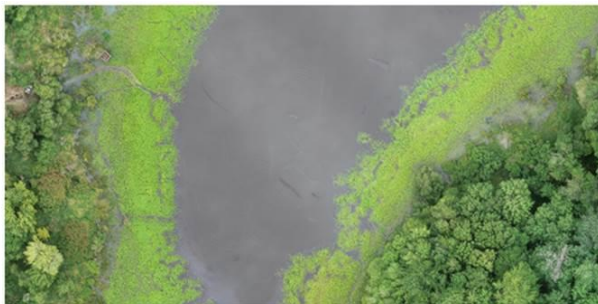
Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Parks and Natural Resources Planning Update – July 2022

Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan – City Council will consider approval of the Bailey Ridge Park Master Plan on July 25, 2022. The Master Plan is the result of an eight-month planning process and presents the overall park design, describes the proposed facilities and uses for the park, and provides guidelines for its future development. The Master Plan has been developed in consideration of community input and the unique characteristics of the site.

Geer Community Park, Phase 2 Development – Skate Park Design Concept – A staff presentation will be provided under a separate agenda item. On July 19, the City will host an online community meeting to review the skate park design concept with the Salem skateboarding community and other interested members of the public. A recording will be available on the [City of Salem Public Meeting YouTube channel](#). Comments will be gathered after the meeting through an online form. Comments will be considered by the project team as the project progresses. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2024.

Willamette Slough Ludwigia Treatment – A third year of treatment of the invasive aquatic plant, Ludwigia (or water primrose), in Willamette Slough will soon begin. The City started treating this highly invasive plant in Willamette Slough in July 2020 in collaboration with Willamette Riverkeeper. This year's treatment of Ludwigia is scheduled for the week of July 18, running through July 22. A follow-up treatment is anticipated to occur during the week of August 22. All application dates are weather dependent and subject to change.

The below imagery shows the south end of the Willamette Slough at the time of the first Ludwigia treatment in July 2020 next to the same area a year later.



Willamette Slough
July 2020



Willamette Slough
July 2021

As with the past two summers, we will be contracting with IRM, an experienced habitat restoration company that employs state-licensed herbicide applicators, to treat the invasive plants with an aquatic-approved herbicide. To ensure efficient application, a blue-green dye is added to the herbicide, allowing IRM staff to see where the herbicide is applied. Use of the area will be restricted during the treatment window and for 24 hours after application; however, the blue-green dye may remain visible longer.

Funding for this project was provided to Willamette Riverkeeper by Meyer Memorial Trust and Bonneville Power Administration. More information is available on [the City website](#).

Bill Riegel Park Phase 2 Improvements – A construction contract has been awarded to Gelco Construction. Work is expected to begin by the end of July 2022 and conclude this fall. Improvements will include new walkways, which complete a perimeter loop, as well as a 5-12-year old appropriate playground, a plaza with shelter and two picnic tables, bike racks, additional benches, and landscape improvements. The project is funded with Park System Development Charges.

Woodmansee Park Phase 1 Improvements – Construction began in Woodmansee Park on Monday, June 27, 2022. This first phase of park improvements in the Woodmansee Park Master Plan include:

- Reconstruction of existing tennis courts with new fencing and restriping for tennis and pickleball
- Construction of an irrigated multi-use sports field
- Construction of a reservable shelter for picnicking and group gatherings
- New paved trails
- Planting of over 30 trees
- Reconstruction of existing park paths and ADA-accessible ramps
- Stormwater system upgrades

The improvements will take place south of the park entrance roadway, extending from the entrance on Sunnyside Road SE to the existing tennis courts. The area of the park where the improvements are located will be closed through November 2022. More information is available on [the City website](#).

Brown Road Park Phase 1 Improvements – Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Grant Application — As a last step in the competitive selection process, staff will present the project to the OPRD Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee on July 11. Award recommendations are expected in late Summer 2022.

Fairview Land Donation — The Woods at Fairview — The owner of a parcel of land known as the “Fairview Woods” property is donating the property to the City. The 14-acre property will be managed as a natural area under the Salem park classification system. A donor agreement is fully executed, and closing is set for August 15.

Bond Measure – A \$300 million Community Improvement Bond proposal is headed to Salem voters on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot. Salem City Council approved the package of improvements at their June 27 meeting. If approved by voters, the bond will provide for investment in parks as well as streets, sidewalks, and public safety without increasing the City’s property tax rate. At the June 27 Council meeting, several changes were made to the project recommendation made by the Council’s bond subcommittee where approved. These changes are not directly related to the proposed park improvements. More information is available on [the City website](#).

Skyline Trail Realignment – Sprague High School to Joplin Court S – A contractor for Salem-Keizer School District 24J has nearly completed a realignment of a section of the Skyline Trail that crosses through the Sprague High School property. The realignment is being completed in conjunction with other upgrades to the school. The trail development terminates at the northeast corner of the School District property near Joplin Court S, leaving a short unimproved gap in the Skyline Trail.

The northeastern section of the Skyline Trail is temporarily closed. The City expects to reopen the trail after a new connection is made to a public sidewalk on Joplin Court S. The closure may last up to a year or more as the sidewalk connection is planned, designed, and completed. Much of the trail remains open during this temporary closure and signage is in place to notify users.

The trail is frequented by joggers, dog walkers, bird watchers, hikers, and mountain bikers. Trailhead access is located in front of Sprague High School near Kuebler Road S.



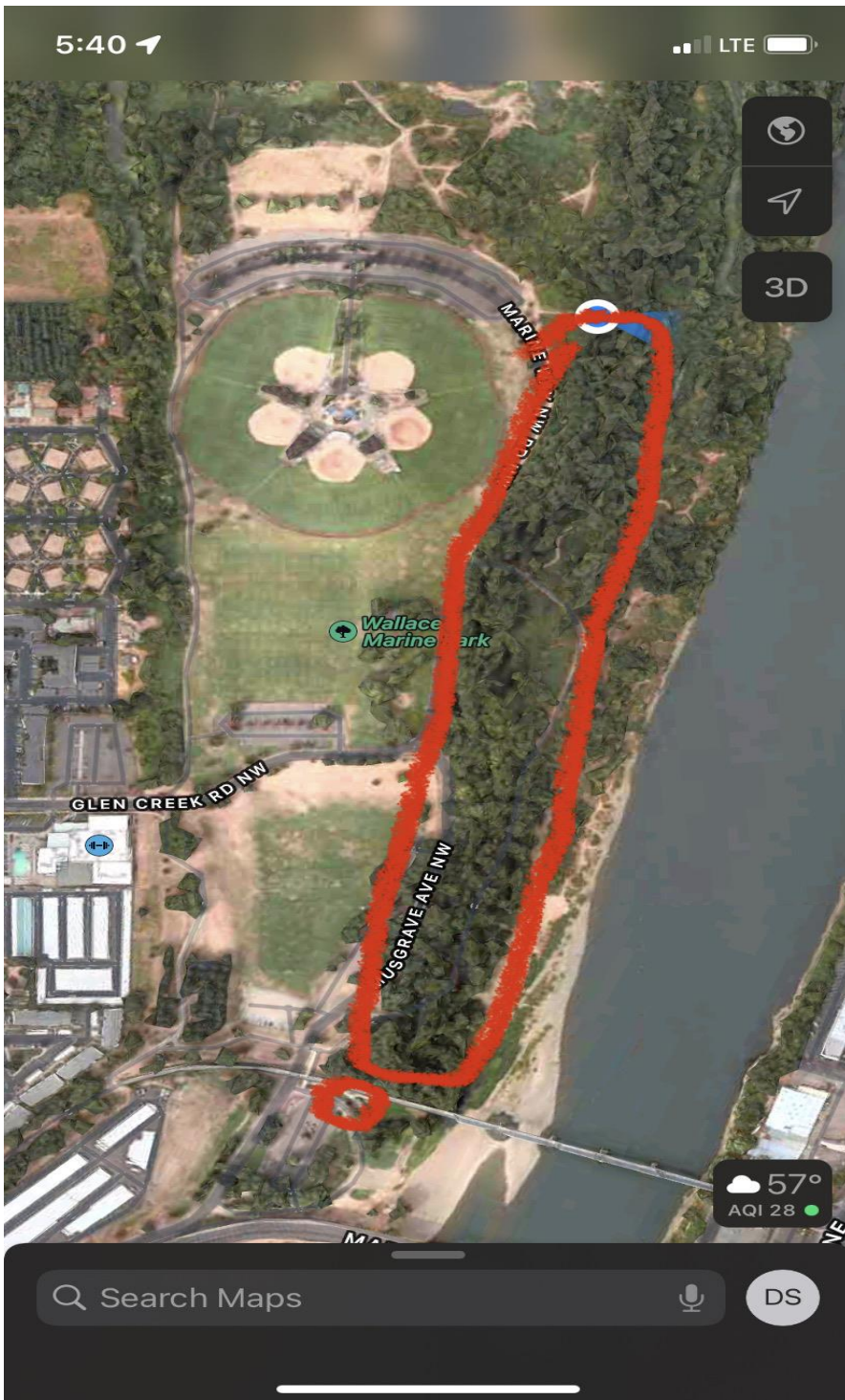
New trail section under development at northeast corner of Sprague High School Property, approaching Joplin Court S

Parks Operations Update – July 2022

Unsheltered Population Clean-Up Update

A clean-up was held at Wallace Marine Park on 6/2/2022.

A large 21-person Service Master/Gliss crew was used, along with SPD, Park Ranger, Parks Operations, Utility Operations, and Street Maintenance staff. There was 141 cubic yards of garbage removed from the park; including 21 cubic yards of metal for recycling. A very large area was cleaned from the Union Street Pedestrian Bridge trestle north between the north-south park drive and the Willamette River – all the way to across from the Softball Complex. The garbage truck was filled twice; in addition to two 10-yard dump trucks being filled.



A clean-up was held at Cascade Gateway Park on 6/9/2022.

Homeless campsites were cleaned up over the entire southwestern quadrant of Cascades Gateway Park. A 16-person crew from Service Master/Gliss was used with a full complement of Parks Operations, Utility Operations, Street Maintenance staff, Salem Police officers and the Park Ranger. A total of 75 cubic yards of garbage and about 10 cubic yards of metal were removed in the clean-up effort; for a total of 85 cubic yards of garbage and debris.

A clean-up was held at Cascade Gateway Park on 6/30/2022.

Using a medium-sized, Service Master/Gliss crew, and staff from Parks Operations, Utility Operations, and the Streets crew, campsites along both sides of Mill Creek in the north portion of the park, including the entrance road and along the fence with Walmart/Lowes were cleaned. An estimated total of 78 cubic yards of garbage/debris, including 8 cubic yards of metal for recycling were removed.

Projects

Due to disrepair, parks entrance signs were replaced at the following locations:

- West Salem Park
- Morningside Park
- Hillview Park
- Lee Park

SPIF and Salem Parks Foundation (SPF) projects were completed as follows:

- New benches (2) installation at Geer Park
- New picnic table installation at Lee Park
- Asphalt trail rehabilitation at Hillview Park
- Trail improvements, new picnic tables (2), and 3-hole disc golf practice area installation at Brush College Park
- Trail improvements, new picnic tables (4), and mutt mitt dispenser installation at Fisher Park

Salem Parks Foundation (SPF) awards were determined at the June 2022 SPF meeting:

Minto Brown Island Park (SWAN) – new main entrance sign denoting park as wildlife refuge

Northgate Park (Northgate NA) – pollinator garden

Morningside Park (Morningside NA) – bench and mutt mitt dispenser

McKay Park (NOLA) – picnic tables (2)

“D” Street Park (NESCA) – information kiosk

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Recreation Update–July 2022

1. Events/Facility Use

- Ironman is in town this week and started their event set-up on Tuesday, July 5. This second-year event is expected to host over 2,000 athletes from around the world as they compete in the 70.3-mile course on Sunday, July 10. Athletes will begin with a 1.2-mile swim in the Willamette River exiting at the Riverfront dock. Next they'll grab their bike in the South Meadow of Riverfront Park, exiting out onto Front Street at Court Street and head south and onto River Road toward Ankeny Wildlife Refuge and back, riding a total of 56 miles before getting off the bike and heading out of Riverfront Park on foot and into Minto-Brown Island Park for a 13.1-mile run finishing in the new Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater! New this year, Ironman will be using the Peter Courtney Bridge for the run portion of the event. For the safety of the athletes and the general public, the bridge and attached one-mile path into Minto (through the Minto Island Conservation Area) will be closed to the public from 8 am to 4:30 pm on race day. A robust public information plan including substantial signage in both parks is taking place.
- Salem Art Fair and Festival is back this summer and will occur in Bush's Pasture Park on July 15-17. Returning guests to this popular summer event will notice it has been moved from under the tree canopy in the Upper Leffelle area of the park to the open meadow off High Street. This move was a coordinated effort between the Salem Art Association and City of Salem Parks and Recreation staff and is due to concern of tree health as outlined in the Cultural Landscape Management Plan for this historic park.
- Facility use requests for 2022 and even some for 2023 continue to come into our office at a rapid pace. Upcoming community events include the following:
 - West Salem Thursday Farmer's Market, continues every Thursday, Edgewater Linear Park
 - Salem Art Fair and Festival, July 15-17, Bush's Pasture Park
 - Race to Save the Harvest, July 16, Minto-Brown Island Park
 - Bark for Life Fundraiser for American Cancer Society, July 16, Riverfront Park
 - Movie in the Park, July 16, Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater
 - USA Skate Qualifier, July 23-24, Soap Box Derby Track in Bush's Pasture Park
 - Movie in the Park, July 30, Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater
 - First Friday Concert, August 5, Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater
 - Family Building Blocks Family Fest, August 6, Riverfront Park
 - STRIDE 5K, August 6, Bush's Pasture Park

2. Youth Recreation Programs

- Over 30 participants completed the STRIDE 5K event on July 2 in Riverfront and Minto Brown Island Parks. Our August STRIDE event is a 5K and is scheduled in Bush's Pasture Park on Saturday, August 6 – it only costs \$5 to participate! The course for the August event will be different than the June Bush Park event. Come out and enjoy a walk in one of the city's most beloved parks!
- We are only two weeks into the summer recreation season and already nearly half of our camps have reached capacity. There are more than 1,900 participants registered! The long-standing Summer Parks Program and Sport Camps are just as popular as the newer Wilderness and LEGO camps!

- We also have a fairly new Pickleball program, which is filling the courts at Orchard Heights Park on Thursday evenings. Pickleball is similar to tennis but is played on a smaller court and with a wooden paddle and wiffle type ball. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States! Our program teaches participants, age 18 years and older, the rules of the game and provides them with an opportunity to discover the sport and improve their game before jumping into more competitive programming.
- After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the award-winning Movies in the Park series is back! Movies begin at dusk and will be held in the Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater on the following schedule:
 - July 16 – Free Guy, PG-13
 - July 30 – Love, Simon, PG
 - August 6 – The Mitchells vs. The Machines, PG
 - August 13 – Encanto, PG

3. Softball and Kickball Leagues/Tournaments

- The weather made running spring programs difficult, but slowly the forecast improved
 - We were able to complete our first City Hosted Youth Fastpitch Tournament over Father's Day weekend (June 17-18). We rained out on Friday and but were able to reschedule games on Saturday and Sunday to get it completed!
 - We just finished hosting another city run invitational in our Play For The Cure Fundraising series this past weekend. Twenty-four youth fastpitch teams participated in the Stars n' Stripes Forever tournament held July 1-3 at the Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex.
 - With the improving weather we have been able to start completing spring leagues, while also finishing summer session sign-ups. The start of summer leagues is weeks behind schedule but will be starting very soon.
- We are finally fully staffed! Employees have been trained and now that regular play has started, they are getting into a groove of maintaining the facility at the high level we're known for.
- Lead softball staff have been busy preparing for the USA Softball 10B Western National tournament the end of July. Teams will check-in and have opening ceremonies in the new Gerry Frank I Salem Rotary Amphitheater on Monday, July 25, and games will begin on Tuesday, July 26. We are expecting up to 35 teams of youth fastpitch players ages 10 and under, plus their families, from all over the Western United States!