

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## *Parks & Recreation*



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### *Recreation Division Highlights*

#### **Falls Fest:**

Parks & Recreation hosted the 3rd Annual Tumwater Falls Fest on Saturday, September 28, in Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls. This event is offered in partnership with the Olympia Tumwater Foundation and celebrates the local and historical significance of the Tumwater Falls. It highlighted over a dozen local art vendors, three musical acts, seven food vendors, history and culture, salmon education, children's activities, and more. (A few images of this year's event below.)

#### **Recreational and Competitive Basketball Leagues:**

Basketball league on-time registration closed on September 27. Nearly all divisions reached capacity before the closing date! Between the recreational and competitive leagues, this season of Tumwater Basketball will include over 90 teams and nearly 1000 youth players.



### *Volunteer Tumwater - Clean-Up, Drop-Off coming up!*

On Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., it's time again for Volunteer Tumwater's popular Clean-Up, Drop-Off event. Community members are invited to attend in order to: safely discard expired prescription medications; donate non-perishable food; reusable grocery bags; shred personal documents; and recycle rechargeable devices and batteries.

It's fast, and it's free. Drive through the parking lot at City Hall and remain in your vehicle. Volunteers will remove items from the trunk or back of a pick-up truck. More details on the CUDO page of the City website.

# 2024 CLEAN-UP, DROP-OFF

IT'S FAST, IT'S EASY, IT'S FREE!

- DISCARD
- DONATE
- SHRED
- RECYCLE

555 ISRAEL RD SW, TUMWATER, WA 98501

9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON | OCTOBER 5

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### *Facilities Division Highlights*

As they do every month, Facilities worked on a wide variety of projects to maintain all of our City buildings. Facilities staff has been working to install two new HVAC units at the Brewmaster's House (formerly Henderson House). Work is also underway to repair the foundation at Crosby House. **And (much to upstairs staff's relief) Facilities staff bravely captured a mischievous squirrel in the attic of City Hall!**

### *Parks Division Highlights*

In early September, Parks staff completed aerification of the Pioneer Park sports fields. This includes removing plugs, filling with sand, and dragging the sand for uniformity. This annual process supports the turf health in numerous ways, resulting in improved soils that over time will need less water and nutrients. This very involved process is important for our community as well, because field use becomes steadily heavier as spring approaches.

Staff installed new irrigation at Deschutes Valley Park with a Rain Master Central Control. This system is a "real time" control that maximizes irrigation efficiency and water savings. Plans are in the works to have this great tool in several more Tumwater parks.

Tis the season for high school cross country competitions. Both Tumwater & Black Hills compete at Pioneer Park on a specified route through the trails. Staff performs extra maintenance on those routes for the volume of runners. It's quite fun thing to watch. Come support your local high school athletes!



**Recently spotted:** Parks Maintenance worker Chase Olson and Seasonal Angel O'Neal began beautifying the landscaping in front of City Hall. Get ready for City Hall to be transformed into a wonderland of seasonal lights in just a few months!

### *Golf Highlights - First Green Event*

On September 26, Tumwater Valley Golf Course hosted Bush Middle School 8th grade Advanced Environmental Science students (approx. 60) for a First Green Event.

First Green is a science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) environmental outreach program that uses the golf course as a living laboratory. K-12 students participate in hands-on, outdoor learning stations that include lessons on wildlife habitat, soil science, environmental sustainability, mathematics, water conservation, water quality, and much more.

Kudos to Golf Course Superintendent, Eric Thompson, for coordinating this project with the Tumwater School District and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Thanks also to Water Resources & Sustainability staff who supported this event.

