

# FACT BOOK 2025



LAKE  
OSWEGO

Parks  
& Rec

# MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

*Hello Community Members and Friends,*

*This past year was one of transition and milestones for the City of Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation Department. Stepping into the role of Director has been both an honor and an opportunity, and I am grateful to serve a community that values its parks, facilities, and shared spaces so deeply.*

*With this transition in leadership came a renewed focus on a hands on, collaborative approach that prioritizes supporting staff, building strong partnerships, and creating opportunities for both our team and our community to grow.*

*2025 marked a major chapter for our projects. We celebrated the reopening of the Lake Oswego Golf Course and the grand opening of the Lake Oswego Recreation and Aquatics Center, known as LORAC. Since opening in April, more than 77,000 member visits have been recorded, not including day pass users, non member program participants, or the many community members who visited the facility for events. From lap swimmers and swim lessons to competitive teams and families enjoying the play features, the pools have been active, welcoming, and full of life. The weight room and gym have also been well used, with participants embracing LORAC as a new community gathering place for recreation and wellness. In our parks system, the opening of Phase 2 at Rassekh Park created Lake Oswego's most inclusive park to date. This milestone reflects our continued commitment to access and welcoming spaces for all ages and abilities.*

*This year also marked the completion of all 2019 Parks and Recreation Bond projects, a significant accomplishment made possible through years of planning and community support. Our intergovernmental partnership with the Lake Oswego School District continues to thrive, and seeing swim and water polo teams train and compete in the LORAC competition pool has been especially rewarding.*

*None of these achievements would have been possible without our incredible staff. Opening major facilities, supporting record participation, and maintaining high levels of service within a single year required flexibility, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to the community.*

*Thank you to the Lake Oswego City Council, advisory boards, volunteers, partners, and residents for your continued support and trust. Together, we are building a parks and recreation system that strengthens connection, supports wellness, and enhances quality of life across Lake Oswego.*

*I look forward to what lies ahead and am excited to continue this work alongside such a dedicated team and community. I invite you to explore the many accomplishments of 2025 and learn more about the wide range of programs and opportunities available to our residents and community members.*

*With appreciation,  
Jeff Munro, CPRE*



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## LEADERS OF FUN

### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Joe Buck

Councilor Ali Afghan

Councilor Trudy Corrigan

Councilor Massene Mboup

Councilor Aaron Rapf

Councilor Rachel Verdick

Councilor John Wendland



### PARKS, RECREATION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Board (PARKS Board) advises and assists City Council and staff in the city-wide provision, operation, conservation and protection of the city's parks, open spaces, recreation facilities, community centers, programs and opportunities, natural resources, and environmental quality for the health and well-being of the residents of Lake Oswego. The Parks Board meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m.

### 2025 PARKS BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Dorn, Co-Chair

Patrick Gutierrez, Co-Chair

Jim Desmond

Sarah Ellison

Rebecca Greene

Matthew McGinnis

Jymn Meier

David Walters

Gregory Wolley

### YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

2025 Spring - Diya Deepu and Katherine Gragg

2025 Fall – Aditya Deepu and Logan Nelson

### 2025 COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilor Trudy Corrigan \*

*\* Term complete in 2025. Incoming Councilor for 2026 is Massene Mboup*

### UPDATE FOR 50+ ADVISORY BOARD IN 2025

City Council formally redefined the 50+ Advisory Board as the Community Health and Resiliency Advisory Board (CHRAB), reflecting both the success of the board's original mission and the evolving needs of the Lake Oswego community. After nearly two decades of advancing programs, services, and policies that support older adults, the board's work expanded to address broader, community-wide priorities focused on health, connection, and preparedness.

## DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Jeff Munro, CPRP

## Deputy Director, Parks

Antonio Garcia

## Deputy Director, Recreation & Adult Services

Jan Wirtz, CPRP

## LORAC Superintendent

Anthony Markey

## Adult Community Center Manager

Maria Bigelow, CPRP

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Parks & Recreation Department operates a wide range of systems and services to enhance the Lake Oswego community.

### Parks Division

**Maintenance & Preservation:** Ensuring parks and facilities remain safe, clean, and welcoming.

**Athletic Field Upkeep:** Maintenance of sports fields and coordination of park and facility reservations.

**Natural Area Stewardship:** Habitat enhancement and environmental preservation programs.

**Waterfront & Trails:** Care for trails, pathways, and waterfront areas.

**Park Security:** Park rangers provide education and ensure public safety.

### Recreation Division

**Community Services:** Human services and recreational programs at the Adult Community Center.

**Sports & Fitness:** Leagues, drop-in activities, camps, and fitness classes for all ages.

**Enrichment Programs:** Adult, teen, and youth programs and camps.

**Luscher Farm:** Organic farming, botanical education, and agricultural programming.

**Community Events:** Cultural, seasonal, and special events that bring the community together.

**Outdoor Adventures:** Guided outdoor experiences and recreation opportunities.

**Lake Oswego Golf Course:** Rounds, practice opportunities, and scenic recreation, reopened in 2025.

**Tennis Programs:** Court reservations, lessons, and organized play.

**Swimming:** Swim Park access on Oswego Lake and year-round aquatics at the Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatics Center, opened in 2025

**Rassekh Park:** Open daily for skating and Lake Oswego's most inclusive park, opened in 2025.

### Management Services

**Land Acquisition:** Expanding public spaces, natural areas, and trail connections.

**Planning & Projects:** Long-range planning, capital projects, and system improvements.

**Administrative Support:** Ensuring efficient, effective operations across the department and facilities.

# ENRICHING LIVES

## ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Lake Oswego Adult Community Center (ACC) proudly serves adults specializing in programs designed for those aged 50 and older. The ACC offers a wide array of programs designed to inspire growth and connection, ranging from fitness, enrichment, and social activities, all to maximize potential.

The ACC also provides supportive services, such as home visits, referral information for aging services, transportation, and Meals on Wheels.

### Engaging Activities

- 9,656 visits to participate in our On-Going Activities such as Bridge, Scrabble, and Mahjong.
- 5,560 participants for our Senior Scholar Program, highlighting topics such as "The Role of Immigration in Shaping Our Communities".
- Trip and lunch adventures for 456 participants.

### Meals on Wheels Program

- 10,872 served in the dining room.
- 15,736 delivered to homes.

### Supportive Services

- 1,116 trips to the grocery store and food pantry.
- 11,037 invaluable volunteer hours.

### Safety Enhancements

- Added outdoor railing around the property.
- Upgraded wooden light poles to metal.



## FITNESS

The LORAC opened in April 2025 which significantly expanded our fitness offerings. LOPR now has a state-of-the-art weight and cardio room, a dedicated fitness studio, and offers personal and small group training.



### FITNESS REVENUE

\$229,103 gross revenue,  
49% increase from 2024!

The Fitness Division ran a total 308 fitness and wellness programs with 2,815 participants, a 30% increase from 2024. This includes a partnership with Every Body Athletics that provides fitness opportunities for adults with disabilities.

**Virtual Programs:** 6 virtual yoga classes with 36 participants.

**First year offering Youth Fitness Camps:** 4 camps offered with 30 participants.

**Outdoor Fitness Programs:** 35 outdoor classes offered with 376 participants, includes various formats from yoga to more intense strength training.

# ENRICHING LIVES

## ENRICHMENT

The Enrichment Division offers diverse programming for all ages and abilities throughout the year, including art, music, dance, language, and more.

**Programs Total:** The Enrichment Division ran 581 classes and camps, with 3,125 participants (an increase of 9.9%).

**Summer Camps:** The Enrichment Division ran 207 camps, including art, music, dance, STEM, and computer camps. An impressive 1,739 kids, ages 3-17, participated in this Division's camps at Forest Hills Elementary and George Rogers Park (an increase of 37.6%).

**Indoor Playground:** Indoor Play tallied 1,507 tiny visitors from September through May (an increase of 19.3%).

### INCLUSION SERVICES

Each year, LOPR ensures youth participants with disabilities or special needs have access to enriching activities. This year, the department provided 983 hours of one-on-one inclusion support during summer camps.

### JR. CAMP COUNSELOR PROGRAM

The 2025 Jr. Camp Counselor program had over 110 applicants, 79 students were accepted and in total volunteered 3,882 hours helping with various summer camps from June-August.

### YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL (YAC)

YAC had 27 members during the 2024-25 school year and volunteered 727 hours presenting events like the Outside the Art Room Teen Art Show, YAC Book Swap, and STEM Fair.



## TEEN

We are dedicated to keeping kids active—both physically and mentally—through diverse opportunities offered across 12 locations. This year, we provided enriching activities that inspire creativity, connection, and growth in the youth of our community.



### The Lounge

- Celebrating 19 years of programs serving the community.
- Lifetime visits have reached an impressive 111,897.
- Hosted 5,377 visits during the 2024-25 school year.
- Organized 8 camps and 2 trips for youth engagement.
- Hosted 5 rentals for community events.
- Welcomed an additional 384 visits during special summer hours.

### TEEN SERVICE CORPS

- 86 participants contributed to the program.
- 1,091 hours of community service.



# ENRICHING LIVES

## OUTDOOR

Parks & Recreation brings the community together with a wide variety of outdoor programs that celebrate the beauty of our parks, trails, and natural spaces. From guided nature walks to engaging hikes to kayaking on the Willamette, our programs are designed to inspire adventure, foster connection, and encourage an active, healthy lifestyle.

### Hikes and Rambles

- 95 hikes offered throughout the year.
- Welcomed 1,073 hikers to explore the outdoors.
- Covered a combined total of 4,895 miles.



### Alder Creek

- Facilitated 3,463 craft rentals, connecting participants to the water.
- Hosted 7 youth camps with 79 participants.
- Achieved an impressive 11,668 hours spent on the water.

### Lake Oswego Community Rowing

- LOCR operated programs for both adult and youth rowers. They dedicated over \$4,000 in scholarship funding to support daily training opportunities and competitive experiences essential to the development of young rowers.

### Outdoor Camps

- Held 38 camps tailored for outdoor exploration and learning
- Engaged 439 participants in outdoor adventures.

## OUTDOOR PARTICIPANTS

A total of 510 participants engaged in outdoor programs through the LOPR registration system.



## LUSCHER FARM

Luscher Farm serves as a cherished community hub, blending agriculture, education, and sustainability. The farm offers opportunities for people of all ages to connect with nature, grow fresh produce, and engage in meaningful learning experiences.

### Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Wild Geese Farm kicked off their first-ever CSA shares in Summer of 2025. They had limited time start up, only beginning their planting in March. Despite the short window they had to grow produce, they grew an astounding 40,000+ pounds of food, and served over 160 main season members. Wild Geese donated leftover produce to our local food assistance programs as well.

### Educational Opportunities & Wide-Ranging Programs

- Hosted 14 farm field trips with participation from almost 600 students.
- Over 1,500 students signed up for approximately 1,100 hours of scheduled Luscher Farm classes, from gardening to cooking to summer camps.
- 230 gardeners participated in our Adopt-a-Plot program or Community Garden plot program. And, they often brought their friends and family, too!

### Generous Harvests for the Community

Luscher Farm's Adopt-a-Plot program and community garden members joined forces to plant, harvest, and donate 4,800 pounds of fresh produce. These donations primarily went to our local partners: Hunger Fighters and Meals on Wheels. However, we grew so much produce we exceeded their capacity on multiple visits, allowing us to support even more food banks in the Metro area.



### DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

There are never ending opportunities to work on the Farm! Gardeners, local businesses, and students contributed thousands of volunteer hours to work parties, harvesting and delivering, field trips, event storage organization, cooking class assistance, and more. Our Friends Group each spent over 1,000 hours maintaining and improving their spaces. Some even spent almost 5,000 hours volunteering this year!



Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation offers dynamic sports programs for all ages and abilities, fostering skill development, teamwork, and fun.



### Youth Sports Camps and Classes

- Youth Sports opportunities for youth ages 2 years to 13 years, including camps and weekly class sessions, included 147 programs with 1060 participants and 11,583 participant hours! Camps ran during spring break, through 10 weeks of summer, and on “no school” days in the fall.
- These programs included martial arts, skateboarding, fencing, biking, soccer, basketball, baseball, lacrosse, flag football, track and field, volleyball, and more!

### Teen Sports

- High School City League was back on the courts with three divisions of boys and girls, grades 9-12, and 258 local high school players, including 10,963 participant hours.

### Adult Sports

- Adult Soccer League ran 4 divisions with 194 players.
- Summer Adult Slow-Pitch Softball League had 6 divisions, 40 teams, 283 total games with approximately 650 players.
- We introduced basketball leagues at LORAC and had 2 leagues with 171 players.

With over 8,300 youth and adult sports participants engaging in camps, classes, and leagues, many people GO PLAY in Lake Oswego!

# GOLF

The Lake Oswego Public Golf Course reopened in April 2025 following a full renovation that refreshed this beloved community asset. The redesigned 9-hole executive course includes updated fairways and greens, a 15-bay driving range, and enhanced practice areas. With a focus on playability, sustainability, and accessibility, the course offers an inviting experience for golfers of all skill levels.

The golf course opened on April 27 and had a very busy year!

## Lake Oswego Public Golf Course Facts

- Rounds played:  
30,360
- Range balls dispensed:  
1,623,410
- Total revenue:  
\$907,705



## TENNIS

The Lake Oswego Tennis Center continued its strong momentum in 2025, building on the success of previous years with high participation across youth and adult programs and expanded opportunities for community engagement. With thousands of participants and tens of thousands of hours on court, the Tennis Center remained a vibrant hub for recreation, competition, and connection.

### Youth Programs:

- 2,153 youth participants across camps and instructional programs.
- 29,631 participant hours, reflecting continued demand and program stability.

### Adult Programs:

- 1,271 adult participants | 13,102 participant hours.

### Special Olympics:

- 22 participants per season | 540 participant hours.
- Supported by 500+ volunteer hours, highlighting strong community involvement.

### SPEC Tennis:

- Maintained 3 weekly sessions | Engaged 1242 participants.
- 2,769 participant hours, continuing to grow accessibility and inclusive play.

### Women's City League Teams:

- Home to 8 teams throughout the year, and approximately 135 players | Hosted 64 matches | 34,443 participant hours.

### U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) League Teams:

- Supported 54 teams across multiple seasons and levels.
- 877 participants | 1,801 participant hours.

### Seasonal Reservation Holders:

- 155 seasonal reservations | 625 participants.
- 33,550 participant hours.

## FUN FACTS

16,307 court hours used (71.55%)

Tennis balls used: 30,000



LOTC Special Olympics program was honored by the National Recreation and Park Association using this image of Hannah and Katie on the Park and Recreation Month 40th anniversary posters.

## ACHIEVING NATIONAL EXCELLENCE: CAPRA ACCREDITATION

In October 2023, the City of Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation earned national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the only national accreditation program for park and recreation agencies. This distinction, awarded at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference, places Lake Oswego among an elite group of agencies recognized for excellence in planning, operations, management, and community service.

CAPRA accreditation reflects the department's commitment to meeting rigorous national standards that ensure high-quality programs, well-maintained facilities, strong stewardship of public resources, and a continued focus on safety, equity, and customer service. Maintaining accreditation requires ongoing annual reviews and updates to policies, procedures, and operational practices, reinforcing a culture of accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement. Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation is proud to be the sixth accredited agency in Oregon and one of only a small number of agencies nationwide to achieve this distinction.

As a department, we continue to evaluate our practices and remain under ongoing review to maintain CAPRA accreditation.



We are proud to be the 6th agency in Oregon and one of only 222 park and recreation agencies in the United States to achieve CAPRA accreditation.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## EVENTS

Lake Oswego celebrated another remarkable year of community events in 2025, bringing residents and visitors together to enjoy music, culture, and cherished traditions. These events reflect the city's commitment to creating a vibrant, inclusive, and connected community.



### Events, Farmers' Market, Concerts

- Over \$55,000 in sponsorship revenue was generated through local business partnerships.
- 4th of July parade & celebration had record attendance, over 14,000 attendees.
- Monster Mash had record attendance over 1,250 children & families.
- Tree Lighting had nearly 5,000 attendees.
- LOFM Received a Climate Resilience Grant from the Oregon Farmers Market Association of over \$32,000.
- The Cultural Xchange Festival had nearly 3,000 people in attendance and over 15 nations represented in musicians, performers and speakers booked.
- Over 30,000 people attended the outdoor concerts held at Westlake Park and Foothills Park.
- The 3rd annual Symphony in the Park show drew over 1,250 attendees.
- It takes 11 volunteers each week to help Wednesday night concerts take place effectively.
- There were over 350 musicians in 50 different musical acts in ages ranging from 9 to 94 who performed during 2025!
- The *Stone in Love* show at Westlake Park had nearly 5,000 people in attendance. Potentially the largest Wednesday night concert held in Lake Oswego history!

The Lake Oswego Farmers' Market is a food, maker, and agriculture-focused market supporting farmers, food producers, and value-added vendors from across the Pacific Northwest, with an emphasis on locally grown and produced goods.

- The Saturday market expanded to 25 markets, extending the season through the end of October, and welcomed up to 8,000 attendees each week at Millennium Plaza Park.
- An average of 85 vendors participated each week, with four additional booth spaces added, and 225 vendors represented throughout the season.

### FARMERS' MARKET FACT

It takes 16-18 volunteers each week to make the market run smoothly.



- The Young Entrepreneurs Program provided high school-aged participants with hands-on business experience while contributing to a vibrant and diverse market atmosphere.
- The Farm Fresh Kids Program engaged families through interactive activities that promote healthy eating, local agriculture, and food system awareness.
- The First Sunday Market in Lake Grove hosted four themed markets between August and November, welcoming approximately 1,000 visitors per market with an average of 30 vendors each week.



# CARING FOR THE URBAN AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Lake Oswego's parks, natural areas, and stewardship programs are vital to preserving the city's beauty, fostering community connection, and encouraging outdoor exploration. Through thoughtful care, innovative projects, and dedicated volunteers, these spaces continue to thrive as places where residents and visitors alike can enjoy recreation, relaxation, and the wonders of nature.

## Stewardship

The stewardship program brings the community together to care for our parks and natural spaces. With the help of dedicated volunteers, impactful events, and innovative programs, we continue to enhance local habitats, foster environmental education, and celebrate the natural beauty that defines our city.

- 1,730 volunteer hours contributed by dedicated community members.
- 169 children, parents, and teachers explored nature through Springbrook Park Preschool Nature Walks.
- Hosted 20 stewardship events to foster environmental engagement.
- 26 Lake Oswego students and leaders removed invasive species on Community Service Day.
- Organized 10 Friends of the Parks work parties and partnered on 10 events with SOLVE.
- Created 5 "Tree of the Week" videos, highlighting species like the Oregon White Oak and Pacific Madrone.
- We celebrated our third year as a Bee City with educational signs at Iron Mountain Pollinator Garden in partnership with a Girl Scout Gold Award project, along with banners throughout the City.
- Recognized 36 years as a Tree City with 6 Arbor Day events.

## STEWARDSHIP

616 stewardship volunteers participated in enhancing local parks and natural spaces.



## Natural Areas

Lake Oswego's natural areas thrive through dedicated restoration efforts, habitat enhancements, and sustainable practices. From planting thousands of native trees and shrubs, addressing storm damage and fostering healthy ecosystems, these initiatives ensure the preservation and beauty of our cherished green spaces.

- 38,705 shrubs were planted in natural areas (HEP).
- 11,835 trees were planted in the natural areas (HEP, Arbor Month, Stewardship).
- 5,805 herbaceous plants were planted.
- We are continuing to implement the Shaded Fuel Break in 17 of our Natural Areas
  - \* Invasive removal.
  - \* Debris clean up, chip and leave on site.
  - \* Plant with fire-wise recommended plants and spacing.
- We have completed an ash tree inventory of all park's properties along park borders and along trails.
- The Natural Areas team built a "Beaver Deceiver" water flow device near a known beaver home to allow damming for habitat but also allows the stream to continue flowing.
- 400 acres in restoration for our Habitat Enhancement Program.
- \$55,488 in grants to Oswego Lake Watershed Council and Tryon Creek Watershed Council.

## Emerald Ash Boarer

Worked with a team from Parks, Planning, and Public Works to form a plan to prepare for EAB for the next 5 years.

- Inventoried 2,481 Ash Trees along park borders and trails.
- Started removal of unhealthy and bad condition ash trees from our inventory.
- Debris mitigation, chip, and leave on-site for Natural Area
- Put up EAB traps.



# CARING FOR THE URBAN AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## Dedicated Parks Staff in Action

Lake Oswego Parks staff worked tirelessly throughout the year, dedicating thousands of hours to maintaining facilities, supporting community needs, and ensuring the city's parks remain safe, clean, and welcoming for all.

- All staff winter storm clean-up, helped clear streets then our Parks.
- All staff worked to prepare for the opening of the LORAC.
- Parks prepared for and staffed Arbor Day activities, Tree of the Week videos, Farmers' Market booth, and a Tree planting workshop, along with Kids' corner activity booth at Farmers' Market, and Gnomes in the Parks.
- Staff had over 249 hours working on the Festival of the Arts with, set up/take down and staffing the 3-day event.
- Staff worked on the 4th of July events, pancake breakfast, star spangled parade, Millennium concert band, and the Illumination concert and laser show.
- Replaced the track slide at East Waluga.
- Re-graveled Headlee pathway.
- Installed 5 memorial benches.
- A bed of Lavender was planted at Foothills Park.
- Had a safety rail installed at Millennium Park.
- Re-built 2 bridges and resurfaced a section of trail at Freepons Park.



## Ranger Life

- Park Rangers now have a drone; both Rangers have their Part 107 Drone Operators license.
- We have a new temporary life jacket station at Lower Millennium for Lake access.
- We had our 1st season with a Lake Ranger.

## Park Reservations

- 273 "3-hour block" picnic shelter reservations (excluding events, camps, and classes).
- 51 premier park reservations (excluding City or Parks & Rec events).
- Permits Issued: 13 special event, 8 block parties

## New Electric Equipment

- 2 BRA 600 Backpack Blower | 1 Hedge Trimmer.
- 1 walk behind Mower | 1 String Trimmer.
- 1 Kombi electric motor w/attachments.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: PARKS PLAN 2040

Parks Plan 2040 was adopted by City Council on June 3, 2025 (Resolution 24-25) following over two years of work by Parks & Recreation staff and consultants. The project involved collaboration with numerous City departments and input from City Council, PRNRAB, a Community Advisory Committee, and thousands of Lake Oswego community members. This high-level Plan is intended to help to guide Department policies, projects, and operational practices over the next 15 years in a way that aligns City investments with community priorities. Parks Plan 2040 balances identifying actionable, near-term steps; ideas and concepts to consider in long-term planning; and tools to help the City and the Department adapt and prioritize new projects as they arise in a way that ensures that we're still heading in the right general direction.



More information is available at [www.lakeoswego.city/parks-plan-2040](http://www.lakeoswego.city/parks-plan-2040)

## OSWEGO LAKE PUBLIC ACCESS



In 2025, the City of Lake Oswego updated Park Rules governing public access to Oswego Lake at Lower Millennium Plaza Park. Following a March 3, 2025 Clackamas County Circuit Court judgment requiring public access at this location, and subsequent City Council direction under Resolution 25-18, the City Manager adopted new rules related to boating and swimming on April 15, 2025. The City of Lake Oswego provides lake access, signage, and park rules at Lower Millennium Plaza Park and added a seasonal Park Ranger presence to provide education, answer questions, and support safe, responsible use of the site.

# LORAC

Opened in April 2025, the Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatics Center (LORAC) is a vibrant, multi-generational hub designed to support health, wellness, and community connection. The 65,000-square-foot facility features a recreation, competition pool, and spa, gymnasium, fitness studio, cardio and weight areas, meeting spaces, and Oswego Hall for programs and events. Together, these amenities create a welcoming space for residents of all ages and abilities to stay active and connected.

## AQUATICS - Pools opened to public June 17

- Hired 134 staff, including:
  - \* 2 Recreation Specialists
  - \* 4 Aquatic Fitness Instructors
  - \* 9 dedicated Swim Instructors
  - \* 119 Lifeguards
- Taught 727 participants enrolled in swim lessons.
- Certified 48 new Lifeguards in the community.
- Recertified 16 Lifeguards.
- Trained and Certified 16 Water Safety Instructors.
- Provided 48 hours of ongoing training and in-services for staff.
- Collaborated with the LOSD High School teams and ran:
  - \* 16 Water Polo games
  - \* 4 Swim Meets



# LORAC FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

## MAINTENANCE

- Reduced pool chlorine usage by 50% with adjustments to pool sanitization equipment. Estimated annual operation cost savings: \$40,000.
- Improved temperature and air quality in pool spaces through adjustments to Dehumidifier equipment.
- Adjustments have reduced corrosion of room materials.
- Worked with contractors to improve temperature control in the dry side of the building.
- Ensured all water polo and competitive swimming equipment functioned properly for school district events.
- Reviewed energy usage in the building to ensure proper reporting and budgeting of operational costs.
- Acquisition and deployment of FCC licensed radios for building communications.
- Continued work optimizing equipment and building functions.
- Continued work with contractors for warranty claims and fixes.
- Continued work on facility improvements.
- Continued work on solutions to staffing constraints.

## OSWEGO HALL

In 2025, the former Golf Clubhouse was renovated and reintroduced as Oswego Hall, transitioning from a single-use facility into a flexible space designed to support community programming, rentals, and events. Oswego Hall hosted a variety of public, private, and City-supported uses, reflecting early success in repositioning the facility as a multi-purpose community venue and laying the groundwork for expanded programming in future years.

### 2025 events included:

- 3- City of Lake Oswego Chamber events
- 2- City Manager events
- 24 – Indoor Play rentals
- 5 – Private events
- 1 – LOPR event (Magpie Market)



## BY THE NUMBERS - PUBLIC RESPONSE

### PARKS & RECREATION SUMMARY – 2025 RESIDENT SURVEY

Every other year, the City launches a community survey, administered by the ETC Institute to measure the general attitude of residents toward City services and programs. The survey is sent to randomly selected Lake Oswego households to ensure statistical validity. Here is the Parks & Rec recap:

Residents express very strong satisfaction with Parks & Recreation services in Lake Oswego, reinforcing the department's role as a core contributor to quality of life and community well-being.



#### Overall Satisfaction

- Overall quality of parks properties and facilities: 91% satisfied.
- Overall quality of recreation activities, events, and services: 88% satisfied.
- These ratings place Parks & Recreation among the highest-rated City services, well above national and regional benchmarks.

#### Parks, Facilities, and Programs

- Appearance and maintenance of City parks: 96% satisfied.
- Quality of outdoor park facilities: 92% satisfied.
- Quality of events provided: 90% satisfied.
- Outdoor recreation opportunities and athletic fields: 87% satisfied.
- Preservation of natural areas and open spaces: 84% satisfied.



## Recreation & Wellness Services

- Health, wellness, and fitness opportunities: 80% satisfied.
- Adult Community Center social services: 78% satisfied.
- Youth and teen opportunities: 71% satisfied.
- Aquatic programming: 64% satisfied based on 2 months of pool opening in 2025.

## Golf & Fee-Based Recreation

- Golf course and golf facilities: 74% satisfied.
- Fee-based recreation activities: 72% satisfied.

The 2025 survey confirms that Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation is a standout City service, delivering exceptional value across parks, facilities, programs, events, and natural areas. Residents strongly support continued investment in maintenance, environmental stewardship, and high-quality recreation offerings, while modest opportunities exist to further enhance aquatics, youth, and wellness programming.



## PARKS & RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program helps remove financial barriers so community members of all ages can participate in programs that support health, connection, and well-being. As the needs of our community continue to grow, so does the demand for scholarship support.

In 2025, Parks & Recreation awarded \$6,692.45 in scholarships, while \$3,668.00 was received in donations. The year ended with an available scholarship balance of \$3,789.10, highlighting both the impact of the program and the gap between need and available funding.

In 2026, Parks & Recreation will launch a focused fundraising campaign to help meet increasing community need and ensure that access to recreation, wellness, and enrichment programs remains within reach for everyone in Lake Oswego.

# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PROJECTS

In 2019, Lake Oswego voters passed a \$30 million dollar bond to fund parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, City Council, dedicated City staff, and key project partners and stakeholders, Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation leveraged 2019 bond dollars along with additional funding sources to complete the following 12 projects.





**1. Lake Oswego Swim Park Repair** *Completed: February 2021*

*Total Cost: \$197,000 Bond Funded: \$197,000*

This project removed the aging timber containment curtain at the Lake Oswego Swim Park and replaced it with a new 14' plywood wall and treated wood framing.

**2. Hallinan Woods Expansion & Design** *Completed: October 2021*

*Total Cost: \$1,718,000 Bond Funded: \$56,000*

The City purchased a two-acre parcel on Yates Street to expand Hallinan Woods and create a new trail connection. The project removed old structures and identified a preferred trail route to link the neighborhood to Hallinan Elementary School.



**3. East Waluga Park Restroom Replacement** *Completed: August 2021*

*Total Cost: \$323,000 Bond Funded: \$323,000*

This project replaced the old wooden restroom at East Waluga Park with a durable, modern facility featuring four ADA-compliant family restrooms and improved amenities.

**4. George Rogers Park Restroom Replacement** *Completed: November 2021*

*Total Cost: \$354,000 Bond Funded: \$354,000*

This project replaced the old restroom at George Rogers Park with a durable new facility featuring four ADA-compliant family restrooms and upgraded amenities.



**5. Water Sports Center Dock Replacement** *Completed: February 2022*

*Total Cost: \$212,000 Bond Funded: \$212,000*

This project replaced the damaged dock that connects the Charlie S. Brown Water Sports Center boathouses to the shore at Roehr Park.

**6. Adult Community Center Renovation** *Completed: March 2022*

*Total Cost: \$2,926,000 Bond Funded: \$2,926,000*

This project fully renovated the Adult Community Center, improving accessibility, updating building systems, and creating more flexible spaces for programs and events.



# BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PROJECTS

## 7. Lake Oswego Indoor Tennis Center Renovation *Completed: January 2023*

*Total Cost: \$2,378,000 Bond Funded: \$1,731,000*

This project upgraded the four-court facility with improved accessibility, refreshed common areas, resurfaced courts, and added an upstairs viewing area and new multi-purpose room.



## 8. George Rogers Park Picnic Shelter Replacement *Date Completed: February 2024*

*Total Cost: \$269,000 Bond Funded: \$269,000*

This project replaced the aging picnic shelter at George Rogers Park with a larger, modern structure featuring improved seating, pathways, ADA picnic tables, and accessible barbecues.

## 9. Oswego Hall Renovation *Date Completed: March 2025*

*Total Cost: \$1,039,000 Bond Funded: \$798,000*

This project renovated the former Golf Course Clubhouse into flexible program and rental space, improving accessibility, updating restrooms, adding storage, and creating a versatile hall that can be used as one large room or two separate spaces.



## 10. Golf Course Renovation *Completed: April 2025*

*Total Cost: \$5,313,000 Bond Funded: \$5,313,000*

This project rebuilt the former par-3 course into a new 9-hole executive course by Dan Hixon, added an improved driving range, new wash stations, and a maintenance building. Golf check-in now occurs at the LORAC front desk.

## 11. Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatics Center *Completed: April 2025*

*Total Cost: \$47,536,000 Bond Funded: \$16,957,000*

This new state-of-the-art recreation center features competitive and recreational pools, a gymnasium, weight and cardio areas, group fitness space, accessible locker rooms, and a central front desk and lobby. The project was funded by the bond and an agreement with the Lake Oswego School District.



## 12. Rassekh Park (Phases 1-2) *Completed: October 2025*

*Total Cost: \$7,031,000 Bond Funded: \$792,000*

Funded in part by the bond, this new community park features an inclusive playground, large picnic shelter, plaza, covered bike parking, a 10,000-square-foot skatepark, and a restroom with four gender-neutral restrooms.

## RASSEKH PARK OPENS TO THE COMMUNITY

In October 2025, the City of Lake Oswego proudly celebrated the grand opening of Rassekh Park, a vibrant new space that reflects the heart of our community. This project embodies what can happen when a shared vision takes shape through collaboration and dedication. From the earliest neighborhood conversations to the final ribbon cutting, residents, families, and City staff worked together to create a park that welcomes everyone. Funded in part by the 2019 Parks Bond along with other City funds and grants from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program, Mt. Hood Territory's Strategic Investment Program, GameTime's Community Champion's Grant, and incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon, Rassekh Park features Lake Oswego's most inclusive playground yet, designed so children of all abilities can play side by side. Wide, accessible pathways connect to play areas with sensory and musical elements, an inclusive spinner, and a group swing with easy transfer points from mobility devices. The park also offers a large covered picnic shelter for users and families to gather and rest. Together with nearby recreation destinations like LORAC, Hazelia Field, the Golf Course, and Luscher Farm, Rassekh Park enhances a growing corridor of recreation, play, and community connection.

We are thrilled to welcome the community to this new space, along with the skatepark, creating even more recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.



## UNDERSTANDING LOPR FINANCIALS

As a resident of LO, the cost to maintain LO Parks & Recreation services is \$756.20 per year, per household, based on average home value of \$587,000.00.

Recreation, Golf and Tennis operations costs \$75.78 per year, per household for a wide array of healthy classes and activities for all ages and abilities at facilities.

Supporting LOPR's Management and Acquisition breaks down to the amount of \$216.30 per household per year to provide trail and park land purchases, planning efforts and oversight of operations.

The investment to keep the parks, pathways/trails, athletic fields and natural areas in tip top shape costs each household \$375.91 per year.

The LO Adult Community Center's activities and other essential service programs support older adults at the cost of \$88.50 per household, per year.





LOPR DIVISION AND SUPPORT SOURCES	FEE GENERATED AND SUPPORT REVENUE	LOPR DIVISION	EXPENSES
RECREATION, GOLF* & TENNIS	\$3,066,460.00	RECREATION, GOLF* & TENNIS	\$4,138,064.00
ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER	\$472,540.00	ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER	\$1,723,908.00
MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ACQUISITION	\$893,624.00	MANAGEMENT SERVICES & ACQUISITION	\$3,952,100.00
GENERAL FUND SUPPORT (BEG FUND BALANCES, GRANTS, TRANSFERS)	\$18,727,675.00	PARKS, OPEN SPACES, ATHLETIC FIELDS, FACILITY MAINTENANCE	\$5,311,046.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,160,299.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,125,118.00</b>

\*The Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatics Center (LORAC), the Lake Oswego Public Golf Course and Driving Range opened in May during FY 24/25. LORAC and Aquatics Divisions operations included startup costs of personnel, materials, and services in recreation.



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