

# History of McMinnville Parks

McMinnville's first community indoor pavilion was constructed on the site of the present day Aquatic Center - it served as the center of community activity until it was demolished in 1922.



A 30 yard outdoor pool and 20 yard indoor pool were built. McMinnville Swim Club was founded.

Voters pass park betterment millage property tax levy at 2 mills (~\$1.00/1,000 assessed value), establishing an annual revenue source dedicated to support parks and recreation services and parks maintenance.

McMinnville Senior Citizens, Inc. is established and later changed its name to Friends of the McMinnville Senior Center.

1908      1920      1930      1948      1956      1965

POPULATION: 2,400 — 2,767 — 2,917 — 3,706 — 6,635 — 7,656 — 10,125

1910      1927      1935      1950      1960      1970

Funds are approved for construction of Soper Fountain and the Star Mills property is purchased. A new kidney shaped pond/pool is built in upper City Park.

Another concrete pool was constructed later near West 2nd Street and Star Mill Road. The pool was heated in the winter by a boiler works from the old Star Mill.



A pond and small zoo were added to upper City Park. Until 1917, the zoo housed a bear, deer, and other animals. The pond was improved and became an outdoor swimming pool.



# and Recreation Facilities

Aquatic Center is remodeled.



Community Center opens and Parks & Recreation Department headquarters move from City Hall, recreation programming begins and McMinnville Senior Citizens, Inc. moves in.

Due to aging facilities City Council funds Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan and established advisory committee.

City is awarded a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant to build the McMinnville Senior Center. McMinnville Senior Citizens, Inc. donates \$100,000 and the City adds another \$300,000 to the effort.

Voters pass 20-year bond levy to remodel the old National Guard Armory into the Community Center for \$2,622,000.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan completed.

1975      1979      1981      1990      1993      1999      2020



1978      1980      1984      1986      1995      2000

Voters pass 5-year bond levy for City to purchase the old National Guard Armory (built in 1922) for \$190,000 for the future Community Center

Voters pass Swimming Pool Renovation Bond Levy for \$1,885,000.

Senior Center opens.



Current Aquatic Center opened in 1986.



Voters pass Park Improvement Bond for \$9,500,000