City of Tigard's Official Newsletter CTTSCAPE



Mayor's Corner

Summer's here and the time is right... for getting out and enjoying Tigard's beautiful parks and greenways!

Many of us are choosing to stay close to home this summer and enjoy our free time. Tigard has twelve beautiful parks that offer a wide range of activities to fill your summer with fun and relaxation.

Explore the woodland trails of Cook Park or use its access to the Tualatin River for fishing and boating. Traverse the Ki-a-Kuts pedestrian bridge which links Tigard's Cook Park and the Durham City Park to the Tualatin Community Park. Together, these parks form the largest open space and outdoor recreation area in the southwest Metro area.

Visit Summerlake Park, Bonita Park, and Woodard Park for their trails, picnic areas, playground, basketball courts, and sports fields. Many of Tigard's parks are connected by the Fanno Creek Trail System which makes them ideal for exploring on foot or bicycle. And don't leave "Spot" at home—Tigard has three dog parks that cater to your family pet.

If you're searching for other kinds of summer fun, watch the city's web site and monthly Cityscape newsletter for special events, programs and classes happening throughout the year.

Happy summer everyone!

Cirj I. Dirksen, Mayor

Burnham Street Sidewalks, Art and More!

Student Art Winners Leave Their Mark

Congratulations Louise Clark, Mary

Graham, Ashley Kim, and Rosie Rogers.

The artwork from these four talented Tigard students has been chosen to decorate the new sidewalks along the refurbished Burnham Street and Ash Avenue in downtown Tigard.

Their drawings of native turtles and frogs will be stamped into freshly poured concrete sidewalks along these busy thoroughfares.



For more information, contact Project Manager Kim McMillan at kim@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2642 or visit www.tigard-or.gov/burnham.



Later this summer, the contest winners will join Tigard Mayor Craig Dirksen for a ceremony to stamp the first impression of their designs into the sidewalks.



Fun Factoids!

- ★ It will take over 10,000 tons of rock for the new Burnham Street and Ash Avenue. With each truck carrying 14-16 tons that means about 700 truck loads, WOW!
- * A black woven fabric is used six inches under the roadway to keep native soil from contaminating the structural rock fill. Without this fabric, there's a risk of wet soil pumping up into the rock fill, causing pavement failure.
- * A driver awaiting her turn to move past construction on Burnham asked the city's Project Engineer Kim McMillan what caused the musical bell sounds coming from one of the construction trenches. Kim replied that the "music" is from crews cutting concrete with a diamond blade. No other blade material results in this type of construction symphony!

www.tigard-or.gov/burnham



Safe Drinking Water Starts with Backflow Prevention

Backflow prevention devices are required anytime an irrigation system, pond, pool or other water feature is connected directly to the public drinking water system. These devices prevent contaminants from

entering the water supply and Oregon law requires annual testing to ensure they function properly.



If your system uses an

unapproved device, or fails to comply with the annual testing requirement, it is a violation of state plumbing codes and health standards. Under state law, the city could determine non-compliance and discontinue water service until testing is completed.

If you choose not to use your irrigation system this season, the backflow prevention assembly must be physically disconnected from the water service. The city is required to inspect and document all disconnected irrigation systems. Call our Backflow Coordinator at 503-718-2603 to set up an inspection appointment.

The safety of Tigard's drinking water is a mutual responsibility. You play an essential role in protecting our drinking water supply from health contaminants which affect your family, your neighbors and the community.

To learn more about backflow prevention, visit the city's website at www.tigard-or.gov/backflow or contact Hung Nguyen, Water Quality/ Backflow Coordinator at 503-718-2603 or hung@tigard-or.gov.

Tomorrow's Urban Forest

Last fall, Council adopted the city's first Urban Forestry Master Plan to help guide the Urban Forestry Code Revisions (UFCR) process. One top priority identified by the community is to develop a program to preserve Tigard's remaining native tree groves through a flexible and incentive-based process. This was in response to research showing a 24 percent decline in large tree groves (5+ acres in size) over the past decade.

What's Next?

The city completed the first step by defining a tree grove and is now starting the inventory phase. Data on the characteristics of Tigard's tree groves is being collected and will be analyzed to determine the value of each particular grove. When complete, the City Council, Planning Commission, and UFCR Citizen Advisory Committee will work to preserve valuable tree groves in ways that benefit the community and respect property rights.

The tree grove preservation program is one piece of a broader effort to update the city's code provisions relating to urban trees and forests. For more information, visit www.tigardor.gov/trees.

For specific information on the tree grove preservation program, contact Darren Wyss at darren@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2442.

Rooting For Streams

The "Tree for All" program earned a 2010 Oregon Forestry Award from the Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Community Trees for its strong track record in planting more than half a million native trees and shrubs in the Tualatin River Watershed since 2005.



Led by Clean Water Services and its member cities (including Tigard) "Tree for All" has set an ambitious goal of planting two million trees over 20 years to improve water quality and habitat in the Tualatin Basin.

"Tree for All" engages volunteers in planting projects organized by Friends of Trees, SOLV, The Wetlands Conservancy, Raindrops to Refuge, and other community and school groups. Legions of volunteers have planted 519,043 native trees and shrubs throughout urban Washington County in the last five years.

Tigard's contribution to this effort includes the installation of 82,768 native trees and shrubs along its river corridors. This is 116 percent of the goal established for the city under the program. Planting trees will restore shade and cool water; establish healthy root systems to slow erosion; and provide high quality urban wildlife habitat for aquatic and upland wildlife.

Schedule a Free Presentation Today...

Learn more about the partnership to provide clean, safe, affordable water to customers in Tigard.

To schedule a short presentation at the next meeting of your organization, school, church or neighborhood group, call the Lake Oswego • Tigard Water Partnership hotline at 503-697-6502.



For More Information:

- On the web at www.lotigardwater.org
- Find us on Facebook and Twitter!



Pacific Hwy/99W Intersection Construction Continues

Contractors and utility companies continue to make progress on major construction at the intersections of Pacific Hwy/99W/Greenburg Road and Main Street. While most of us sleep, construction workers toil throughout the night and stop in time to re-open the road for the day's busy commute.



Each morning we see a little more change. Look closely and follow the project with us.

Rebuilding a road in the middle of a developed community is no easy task. Thanks to our friends at PGE, NW Natural, Comcast, Tualatin Valley Water District, Verizon, and others, the utility work is nearly complete. Several miles of wires, lines, pipes, and conduit have been relocated to accommodate the new roadway and develop a more efficient utility infrastructure.

Kerr Contractors Inc. has been working hard to keep access open to local businesses as much as possible, while accommodating thousands of pedestrians and 70,000 vehicles per day driving through the construction zone.

Work, Work, Work...

July, August, and September are prime road building months in Oregon. In Tigard, crews have been busy preparing roadbed, pouring curbs, and placing base lift (layer) pavement on Main Street and the south side of Hall Boulevard and Pacific Hwy/99W.



Much of the sidewalk stormwater infiltration planters and irrigation pipes are in place, as is the traffic signal interconnect conduit and finished water line. Next, crews move to the north side of Pacific Hwy to construct the road base, curbs, and base lift paving on Greenburg Road and the north side of Hall Boulevard.

Trees Make the Street

When the roadway and sidewalks are nearly complete, contractors will bring in topsoil and plant trees and landscaping that makes this area green and beautiful. Near the end of the project, crews will place the final lift (top layer) of pavement for a nice, smooth, safe ride throughout the road intersections. Finishing touches like roadway striping, traffic signal detector loops, pedestrian amenities, and other elements will make this an attractive part of our community.

Thank you for your patience during construction, particularly for bearing with us through traffic delays, noise, and disruption—all of which accompany a project of this magnitude. We're doing our best to balance the productivity needs of the project with your mobility needs. Crews strive to keep traffic moving, minimize disruptions, and keep everyone safe.

If you have any comments or questions about this project, please contact project manager Mike McCarthy at 503-718-2462 or *mikem@tigard-or.gov*.

New Bike Racks in Downtown!

Have you ever ridden into downtown Tigard and had trouble finding a place to securely lock your bicycle while you shopped or grabbed a bite to eat? Well, it should be a whole lot easier now that 25 new bike racks have been installed around downtown for your convenience. Another perk? The racks and installation were FREE!

The Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA), with grant monies awarded by Metro, purchased the racks and partnered with the city to identify locations around downtown and install the racks. This partnership developed from the WTA's knowledge of the city's vision to transform downtown Tigard into a mixed-use, pedestrian/bicycle-friendly urban village. These new community assets are a step towards achieving that vision.

This is the beginning of a partnership that shows what can be achieved by working together to improve a community. So the next time you are visiting downtown Tigard, go by bike and look for one of the new yellow racks. They're easy to find and we hope you'll use them again and again.

For more information, please contact Darren Wyss at *darren@ tigard-or.gov* or 503-718-2442. For more information on the WTA, please visit *www.wta-tma.org*.





Rules of the Road: The Perils of Aggressive Driving

A few weeks ago, I was driving from Tigard to Portland on I-5. The afternoon rush hour was well underway, but traffic was moving along at the speed limit. In my rearview mirror, I saw a white sedan switch abruptly into my lane and edge close to my rear bumper. When a small opening appeared in the left lane, the driver accelerated, passed me and moved back into my lane for a few seconds before swerving into the right lane and passing several other cars. I never saw him signal a lane change.

Unfortunately, such aggressive driving is common on busy highways. The symptoms are familiar: tailgating, cutting off other vehicles, weaving through traffic, speeding, angry gestures, refusing to let other vehicles

merge, honking and flashing lights. Aggressive or impaired drivers might even brandish firearms, ram other vehicles or try to force them off the road.

If faced with an aggressive or impaired driver, the best response is to avoid a confrontation. Get out of the way as quickly as possible and don't challenge the other driver with aggressive driving of your own. Avoid eve contact and don't respond to gestures or other provocations. Report extremely dangerous or impaired drivers by stopping at a safe location and calling 9-1-1, or have a passenger make the call.

Aggressive driving is often the result of frustration with traffic delays that can aggravate personal or job-related stresses. You can reduce the risk of becoming an aggressive driver by planning ahead and allowing extra time. You can avoid provoking aggressive drivers by simply paying attention to traffic conditions and going the speed limit, if possible. Riding the bus, or the efficient WES/ MAX light-rail system, may be the best

And the white sedan? A few miles later, approaching downtown Portland in crawling traffic, my line of cars caught up with it. Despite his aggressive behavior, the driver had gained no advantage over the rest of us.

By JUDGE MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN TIGARD MUNICIPAL COURT

Free Guided Walks... **Coming to a Neighborhood Near You**

Join Metro for a series of free guided walking tours this summer.

Registration is not required. Please arrive at meeting location



Upcoming Walk:

- Fanno Creek Greenway Trail
- 9–11 a.m. on Saturday, August 14
- Meet at Tigard Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd. at 8:45 a.m.
- Learn more about guided walks at www.oregonmetro.gov/walkthere

Tigard Trivia

Test your knowledge about the city you call home! (Answers below)

- 1. What is Tigard's original name?
- 2. Who was the first Mayor?
- 3. How may sites within the city limits are on the National Historic Register? Can you name them?
- 4. What is the official flower of Tigard?
- 5. As of December, 2009, the city's official population was 47,460. Do you know the city's daytime population?

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News That's Fit to Tweet

Want to find out what's going on at the Library today? Wondering if it will be closed on Labor Day? The Library is now on Facebook (www.tigard-or.gov/

library / facebook) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/ tigardlibrary).



Access info about programs, services and other Library news. Connect directly to the catalog from our Facebook page.

Residents of South and West Tigard

Major street work (pavement slurry seal) is coming your way this month. Stay informed by subscribing to the Tigard_Roads Twitter feed at www.tigard-or.gov/construction.

Become a Friend. Become a Follower. Become Informed.



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Help Wanted!

We are looking for a neighborhood resident in Area 13 (West Tigard) to serve as web administrator for the site. Also, the Cook Park administrator said she is open to sharing admin duties with a partner. Go Teamwork! We'll show you the tools you'll need to give your site neighborhood flavor.

So if you or a neighbor (or both!) are looking for a fun and easy way to engage with neighbors and the city, and be in the know for all things Tigard, this is the volunteer position for you! Contact Joanne at 503-718-2476 or Joanne@tigard-or.gov for more information.

Help Found in Area 2!

Welcome John Pierce! Thank

you to all the neighbors who expressed an interest in serving as web



administrator

for this beautiful area. I'm happy to announce that John takes the reins from Peter Lunsford, who moved from the area. Thank you Peter for sticking with us as the program developed! Well done.

If you would like to contact John, provide input to your neighborhood site or see what's going on, log onto www.tigardarea2. blogspot.com.

Main Street Green Street Project gets the "Green" Light

Stop by Tigard Town Hall for an open house on Thursday, August 19, anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to contribute to the Main Street Green Street project which will turn the southern half of Main Street, from Pacific Hwy to the railroad tracks, into a full green street.

This "green street" project will feature sustainable elements such as pavers and pervious areas where storm runoff can infiltrate naturally, as opposed to being piped underground. Project design is just getting started. Here's your opportunity to meet the design team, learn about the project, get more information about green streets, and provide valuable feedback from a resident's point of view.

WHEN: Thurs., Aug. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. WHERE: Tigard Town Hall 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard

For more information about the Main Street Green Street Project, please contact Project Manager Kim McMillan at kim@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2642.

More Photographs Please!

Grass swaying in the wind, kids catching fireflies, dog lolling about—which of your pictures exemplifies

the place you call home? There's still time to submit your photographs and comments for the



2011 Neighborhood Network Calendar.

E-mail your contribution to Joanne@tigard-or.gov with your name and a phone number—and your Neighborhood Area if you know it! Or give Joanne a call at 503-718-2476 and she will help you identify your area.

It's a great way to connect with neighbors and the city you call home.

WES is Your Ticket to Friday Fun in August

Looking for something different to do with your kids? Thanks to TriMet, you can explore your world by WES train! TriMet is offering free Friday WES rides for your children (up to 17 years of age) every Friday in August when accompanied by an adult. Adults must purchase a TriMet All-Zone pass to ride.

Rides are available during regular WES hours as space allows. Check out the WES schedule at www.trimet.org/wes. Organizers of groups of more than eight children must schedule two weeks ahead

by calling 503-238-RIDE.

This comfortable train provides a quick trip between Beaverton and Wilsonville every Monday through Friday during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Hop on board and discover a whole new way to go!

Heading to the zoo or downtown? Connect with MAX at the Beaverton Transit Center (TriMet's regular fares apply). Children up to seven years of age ride free on TriMet buses and trains.



Back to School Passport Reminder

If you plan to travel anywhere outside the United States (including Canada and Mexico) during the winter holidays, remember that you'll need a passport for everyone, including minors. Consider getting your child's passport before it's time to head back to school.

Passport applications are accepted at the Utility Billing counter located inside Tigard City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Blvd. When applying for a minor under age 16, the child and both his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) must be present at the time of application.

The City of Tigard accepts passport applications Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For a fee schedule and additional information, please visit our web site at *nnm.tigard-or.gov/passport*, or call 503-718-2489. Passports arrive approximately four to six weeks after the application is submitted. For an additional fee, the application can be expedited to arrive in approximately three weeks.

New Online Service Code Compliance System

Code compliance is a responsibility shared between multiple city departments as well as outside agencies.

The Community
Development
Department has been hard at work on a new system to respond to code compliance matters, especially for nuisance issues.

Log onto www.tigard-or.gov/ CodeCompliance to access the new webbased software which allows citizens to report code violations online.

We understand that compliance with a broad range of code requirements is an important element of neighborhood livability. It is important to us that Tigard remains a safe, clean, and attractive community.

For more information about code compliance, you can email *CodeCompliance@tigard-or.gov* or call 503-718-2441.

More Events, More Days for 6th Annual Family Fest!

The Family Fest Planning Committee has added another weekend to the city's annual celebration, as well as two new activities to this year's Family

Join friends and family for the citywide celebration on two consecutive weekends: Saturday, September 11, *and* Friday— Saturday, September 17–18.

Fest line-up.

On Saturday, September 11, spend the evening at Cook Park. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy free ice cream, music and fireworks! On Friday evening, September 17, head to the library to search your family's roots and learn about family holidays around the world.

Saturday morning, September 18, is the 5K Fun Run/ Walk followed by breakfast at the finish line.

Two new events in the Family Fest line-up are Doggie's Day Out and a Pet Parade on Saturday, September 18 at Summerlake Park. There will be prizes, music and doggy treat

For all the details and a complete schedule, please visit Tigard's website at www.tigard-or.gov/familyfest or check out the September Cityscape. See you there!

provided by Davidson's restaurant.

Water... A Tale of Two Cities

Once upon a time, there was a city that dreamed of having its own water supply. With no significant source of its own, the city was forced to buy water from its neighbors. The city had little control over cost and other issues like water treatment and water quality.

The leaders of the city searched far and wide for water to call their own. Finally they found a neighbor who was willing to share his water. In exchange the city would share in the cost of transforming the neighbor's aging water system into a state-of-the-art facility. Poof! Water system improvements were made, water flowed, and everyone lived happily ever after.

Well that's the fairy tale version, but it's not far from the truth. If you hadn't already guessed, Tigard was the "city" and Lake Oswego was the "neighbor" in our story. In 2008, Lake Oswego and Tigard entered into a water partnership, the culmination of Tigard's 15-year search for ownership in a water source.

Currently Tigard purchases the majority of its water through a contract with the City of Portland. That contract expires in 2016 when the re-vamped Lake Oswego—Tigard water system is slated to come online. In the meantime, plans are already underway to upgrade and expand the intake, treatment facility, pipelines, and reservoir that will serve both cities. Construction begins in 2012.

And the happy ending? The city delivers delicious, high-quality water to all its customers for years to come.





Shelf

News from the Tigard Library

13500 SW Hall Blvd.

Meet the Author **R. Gregory Nokes** Monday, August 16 7-8:30 p.m.

Community Room In Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon, local author R. Gregory Nokes tells the story of the long-forgotten 1887 massacre

when several Chinese gold miners

were killed in Oregon's Hells Canyon.



Teen Mystery Night and Summer Reading Wrap Up Thursday, August 12, 7–10 p.m. **Community Room**

It's late-night at the library and a heinous crime has occurred. Dress as your favorite book character and help Sherlock Holmes solve the crime. The big winners of the Summer Reading Program will be announced and mystery game participants will have the chance to take home more prizes.

Catching the Brass Ring The History of Carousels Saturday, August 14, 2-3 p.m. **Community Room**

Violinist Aaron Mever

Wednesday, August 4, 7–8 p.m.

Community Room

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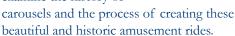
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Enjoy an evening of

cutting-edge music with concert rock violinist

From Classical to Progressive Rock

Take a trip down memory lane as Salem filmmaker Darrell Jabin shares his video about Oregon carousels. He will examine the history of



The Basics of Selling Online: Craigslist and eBay

<u>craigslist</u>

Discover how fun and profitable it can be to sell items online using Craigslist and eBay. Learn how to register and conduct business using safe, successful methods. You'll learn how to effectively price items and create titles and advertising to sell items quickly.

Craigslist

Wednesday, August 11 7-8:30 p.m., Community Room

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Wednesday, August 18 7-8:30 p.m., Community Room

Highlights of India: A Destination Guide

Monday, August 9, 7-8:30 p.m. **Community Room**

Explore popular travel destinations in India. Join author/journalist Allison Sodha as she shares travel tips and resources for visiting the country.

Create-a-Game

Wednesday, August 4, 4-7 p.m. **Technology Room, Teens and Adults**

Love to play computer games? Now you can be a god in your own gaming world. We'll show you how to use special software to create and play 3D games. Only 16 game stations are available, so come early to claim your spot!

Knit-Out and Crochet 2010

Saturday, August 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Community Room**

Do you want to learn to knit or crochet or practice your techniques?

crochet.

The Tigard Knitting Guild and Always in Stitches, the Oregon Chapter of the Crochet Guild of America, will provide demonstrations, free instruction, displays of crocheted and knitted items and door prizes to participants who drop by to knit or



Sky in the Road

Thursday, August 19, 6 p.m., Library Gazebo

Sky in the Road's folk-based style encompasses Americana, Celtic, gypsy jazz, New Age, rock and reggae. Their unique sound is performed with a variety of instruments including 6and 12-string guitar, Irish bouzouki, banjo and East Indian harmonium. Please bring your own seating for this outdoor concert. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Library Community Room.



Register for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

The national news has applauded the efforts of CERT teams across the country. Now it's your chance to join this elite team of neighbors, community leaders, and business people who are trained and ready to serve the community in the event of an emergency.



The training is FREE. Sign up for the next eight-week course which begins Tuesday, September 7, 2010. **CERT Training:**

- * Teaches you basic emergency response skills—first aid, search and rescue, and fire safety & suppression.
- * Cultivates partnerships between emergency service providers and the residents they serve.
- * Expands our community's emergency response capability through citizen involvement.

Class size is limited and registration is required. For more information, a detailed class schedule, or to enroll in the next class, visit www.tigard-or.gov/cert, or contact Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Lueck at 503-718-2593.



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Regular Council Meetings: Tuesday, August 10, 17 @ 6:30 p.m., Tigard Town Hall (13125 SW Hall Blvd.)

Cancellation of Council Meeting:

The August 24 City Council Meeting has been cancelled.

All meetings are open to the public. Council agendas are available online at www.tigard-or.gov/council or contact Cathy Wheatley at 503-718-2410 or cathy@tigard-or.gov.

Beware of Door-to-Door Alarm Scams

Please be aware of alarm company representatives using deceptive sales tactics and/or alarm company impersonators. Alarm company scams are usually higher in the summer months, targeting homes with existing alarm systems.

item, imply that they work for a security equipment manufacturer. Manufacturing companies do not sell directly to the public!

> If you believe you have been solicited by one of these representatives, please gather the following information:

- ID badge and name of the representative
- Name and phone number of the alarm company that he/she is representing.

Do not let unsolicited alarm representatives into your home or tamper with your alarm system! If you think you have been approached by one of these representatives, contact the Tigard Police Department Alarm Coordinator at 503-718-2810.

Some commonly used tactics:

- Representative offers to "upgrade" your system.
- Representative states your alarm company is out of business or purchased by their company and that they will now monitor your system. Alarm companies do not use door-to-door visits to notify subscribers of such a change!
- Representative wearing a manufacturer's name or logo on a name badge, shirt or other

Q & A with Tigard Staff

Stop by the Tigard Area Farmers Market on the third Sunday of every month between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to chat with staff members from the city. Get the scoop on construction projects, master plans, involvement opportunities and more. Your questions and comments are welcome—it's the place to go to get "in the know" about Tigard.

The Farmers Market is located near the intersection of Hwy 217 and Pacific Hwy/99W. Drop by the city booth to catch up on what's going on in Tigard. For a list of featured departments and projects, contact Marissa Daniels at 503-718-2428.

• Sunday, August 15: Join staff from Parks, Water, Long Range Planning and Engineering to discuss current construction projects (Pacific Hwy, Burnham Street, and summer paving).