

Mayor's corner

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season! For those of us who are fortunate and in the spirit of the season, it's a good time to lend a helping hand or donate to the many charities that would appreciate your assistance.

This year has been busy with the starting of construction for the new library, some major street projects and the completion of Cook Park improvements. We are making progress, but as always, we'd like to see more done!

Council is preparing for its goal-setting review in January. If you have ideas for us to consider, please email me at mayor@ci.tigard.or.us or contact City Administration staff by calling 503-639-4171, ext. 2410. The goal-setting meeting is open to the public and is scheduled for January 12 at 1 p.m. in the Tigard Water Building, 8777 SW Burnham Street.

As this year comes to an end, I thank you for your support. I look forward to 2004, which will be the best yet!



Jim Griffith, Mayor



You and your family are invited to join the Tigard Central Business District Association and Tigard's downtown businesses in watching Santa Claus light the Christmas Tree. The 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in Liberty Park, across from McDonalds on Main Street. There will be hayrides

(originating near Tigard Fitness) that will take you through "Old Town" Tigard beginning at 6 p.m.. Santa Claus will arrive at 7 p.m., along with Fox 12's, Kimberly Maus from Good Day Oregon who will kick off the festivities. Watch as thousands of lights come to life. Choirs will sing holiday songs and there will be surprises for young and old alike. Immediately following the lighting of the huge sequoia, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will work their way down to Tigard Fitness where the whole family can enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies. Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available for \$5.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and we will look forward to seeing you at the celebration!



Tree planting program

Tree planting season has begun so it is time to get the Street Tree Planting Program back into full swing. This program provides free street trees to any Tigard resident who is willing to plant the tree(s) in the public right-of-way. Ideally, entire neighborhoods come together to participate in the program. Last year the city provided more than 200 street trees to Tigard residents. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this exciting program, please call the Tigard City Forester Matt Stine at 503-718-2589.

Bull Mountain?

Please see page 6 for Bull Mountain annexation plan information and a map of the proposed annexation area.

**Free Leaf
Disposal
December 6**

See Page 7 for details



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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE:

City Council

December -

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

January -

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Jan. 12 - Special Goal Setting, 1 p.m.
Water Auditorium

Jan. 20 - Special Meeting, 5 p.m.
Town Hall

Library Board

2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Library Puett Room

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.
Town Hall

Intergovernmental Water Board

2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
Tigard Water Building



December's "Focus on Tigard" airs Thursday, December 4, and January's "Focus on Tigard" airs Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. on TVTV Cable Channel 28. The program will replay throughout the month. For a complete schedule of broadcast times, visit the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us and click on the link under Focus on Tigard.

December - Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Program overview

What has changed in the CIP process?

What is the schedule for considering projects?

What projects are being considered for 2004-05? How can I provide input?

January - Bull Mountain Annexation

Learn more about the annexation plan

What's the difference between an annexation plan and a comprehensive plan?

What's the timeline? How can I be involved?

Tune In! If you have Focus ideas contact Liz Newton at liz@ci.tigard.or.us or 503-639-4171, ext. 2412.

CAP Update

Community Assessment Program (CAP) walks were conducted in Areas 1b, 5, 36, 15, 6, 37, 44, and 16 in October and November. To view the report to citizens for one of those areas, log onto the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us, click on Community Assessment Program under hot topics and click on a CAP area map.

No web access? Call Julia Hajduk or Liz Newton at 503-639-4171. If you see the walkers in your area, feel free to ask questions or share your observations.

The schedule for CAP walks in December and January are as follows:

Dec. 3 – Area 3, Dec. 10 – Area 10, Dec. 17 – Area 15

Jan. 14 – Area 22, Jan. 21 – Area 2a, Jan. 28 – Area 2b



Due to a quarterly review of the program, there will not be CAP walks December 24 & 31 and January 7.



Have you checked your right-of-way lately?

Property owners, please take a few minutes to check out the right-of-way next to your property. Is anything there that should not be? Is it time to do some maintenance work? Property owners are not always aware of their responsibilities and liabilities associated with maintaining the public right-of-way adjacent to their property. Right-of-way areas include streets and sidewalks, medians, planter strips, drainage ditches, private and public access ways and roadsides. The property owner is responsible to keep these areas clean, safe and in good repair for their "intended use."

What is "intended use"? The sidewalk is for pedestrian travel. The street is for pedestrian and vehicular travel and temporary parking of motor vehicles. Pedestrians should not have to duck under tree limbs, watch out for overgrown bushes, step cautiously on grass clippings, negotiate around basketball hoops, hop over landscaping materials, dodge signs, or avoid raised, cracked or buckled sidewalks. Motorists should not have to swerve around items such as basketball hoops or landscaping materials being "stored" in the street. In addition, motorists need to have adequate vision clearance for safe travel, which means property owners should clear away sight obstructions caused by overgrown trees, bushes or recreational vehicles parked on their property. Planter strips, ditches and areas next to fences should be kept free of signs or improperly stored items. Grass, weeds and other vegetation should be trimmed and not allowed to encroach into the right-of-way.



If you have questions about this information, please contact Code Compliance Specialist Christine Darnell at christine@ci.tigard.or.us or by calling 503-639-4171, ext. 2441.

Congratulations to Joel Groves, Employee of the Month for November 2003

Joel has been working for the City of Tigard since April 1999 as an Associate Planner with the Community Development Department. Joel is well known for his valuable contributions to the Geographic Information System (GIS). He is eager to assist and extremely knowledgeable in working with other county, state and local jurisdictions. Joel's mapping information is used by city departments everyday. Joel also just finished developing the first Global Positioning System for the city, borne from code enforcement's need to identify properties where the address and property lines are not identifiable. He is creative and open to new ideas. Joel is described by his coworkers as hardworking, innovative, a valuable team member and a pleasure to work with. Thanks Joel for a job well done!

What can I do about my noisy neighbors?

According to a 1999 U.S. Census Report, Americans named noise as one of the major problems in neighborhoods. Noise problems range from a neighbor's barking dog, loud music, muffler noise or the aspiring garage band next door.

What should you do if you are experiencing a noise problem in your neighborhood? Call the Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center, a free and confidential service provided to Tigard and eastern Washington County residents.

The Dispute Resolution Center's staff are experts at helping neighbors resolve noise issues. They can provide you with some time-tested techniques on "How to Talk to Your Neighbor."

If approaching your neighbor is too uncomfortable or difficult for you, the Center's trained volunteer mediators can make the call for you. Besides noise concerns, the Center also provides services to help neighbors resolve conflicts such as property line disputes, tree and vegetation issues, parking problems, landlord/tenant concerns, and manufactured dwelling park issues.



Contact the Center at 503-526-2523 or cdrc@ci.beaverton.or.us. The center's office hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library Events Calendar

December 1	4-5:30 p.m.	Let's play chess game day (Grades 4 and up)
December 2, 9, 16	10:30 a.m.-noon	New Parent Network Play Group (NPN) (Reg. req'd, call Sheila Walker 503-846-2139)
December 3, 17	4-5:30 p.m.	Club Newbery book discussion (Grades 5 - 8, Reg. req'd)
December 3, 10	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Early Words (Reg. req'd, call 971-223-6100)
December 4	6-7:30 p.m.	NPN Nutrition Basics class (Reg. req'd)
December 5	10:30 a.m.-noon	NPN Spanish Playgroup (Reg. req'd, call Kristy Hinson 503-846-4533)
December 10	10:30-11:30 a.m.	6 th Annual Mitten Tree Event (All ages)
December 19	5-8 p.m.	3 rd Annual Holiday Open House
December 25		Christmas Day - Library Closed
January 1		New Year's Day - Library Closed
January 5, 12, 26	10:30-11 a.m.	Toddler Time (Ages 18-36 mo.)
January 6, 13, 20, 27	10:30-noon	NPN Playgroup (Ages 9 mo.-5 yrs., Reg. req'd) - Town Hall
January 7	4-5 p.m.	Club Newbery party (Reg. req'd)
January 7	7-8:30 p.m.	Friends of William Stafford host readings and celebration
January 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30-11 a.m.	Stories & Crafts (Ages 3-6 yrs.)
January 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30-11 a.m.	Book Babies (Infants up to 18 months)
January 9	10:30-noon	NPN Spanish Playgroup (Req. req'd, call Kristy Hinson 503-846-4533) - Town Hall
January 9	6-8 p.m.	Friday Night Music
January 13	7 p.m.	Pajama Time (All ages)
January 14, 21	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Early Words (Reg. req'd)
January 19		Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Library Closed
January 22		The Joy of Reading: Adult Reading Program begins
January 22	7-8:30 p.m.	"It Was a Dark and Stormy Night" with Jill Hinckley
January 22	7-8:30 p.m.	Early Words for Parents - Town Hall
January 28	6:30-8:30 p.m.	The Pharaoh's Curse (Grades 6-12, Reg. req'd)

Library Programs are free and in the Puett Room unless noted otherwise
For more information on library programs,
visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us/library
Some library programs require registration.
To sign up, call 503-684-6537



Let's play chess day

Monday, December 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
 Puett Room, Grades 4 & up

Challenge your friends! Out-think your opponents! Chess Odyssey game masters will be on hand to offer both beginners and experienced players help with improving their game. Game boards and snacks provided.

New Parent Network Nutrition Basics

Thursday, December 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.,
 Puett Room, Reg. req'd

Teaching your children to eat healthy foods can be fun. Creative ways to work healthy eating habits into your family diet will be discussed. To register call Sheila Walker at 503-846-2139.

6th Annual Mitten Tree

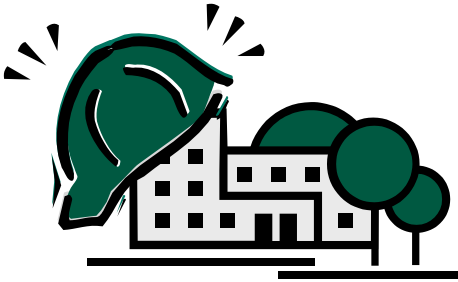
Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Puett Room, All ages

The whole family is invited to enjoy wonderful winter stories, make fun winter crafts, warm up with refreshments and decorate the tree with mittens!

3rd Annual Holiday Open House

Friday, December 19, 5 to 8 p.m.,
 Puett Room

Join us for our Third Annual Holiday Open House. Drop by for refreshments, to chat with staff and friends, and to enjoy a variety of musical performances throughout the evening.



Hard Hat Report

Wrap Up the New Library

By Margaret Barnes
Tigard Public Library Director

As we enter the season of giving, the Tigard Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library have some suggestions to help you through the holidays.

Do you know any library lovers? As the holidays approach, consider buying them an engraved brick for \$50. It will be a lasting testament to their passion for reading and libraries. Recipients will receive a special certificate describing this original gift.

The bricks will be laid in the courtyard and entry plaza of the new building. Proceeds from the bricks will help buy new materials for the many shelves we will be adding. So far, the Foundation has sold more than 160 bricks, but there is room for 1,000. You can pick up a Bricks for Books flyer at the library.

Tigard Library Foundation volunteers will gift wrap purchases at the Borders Books and Music Store in Tigard on December 13, 20 and 23. All proceeds will go to the new library.

If the holidays put you in a giving mood, consider dropping your spare change in the Change Your Library jar near the circulation desk. We appreciate your support of the library during the holidays and all year long.

Cozy up with Books at the Library

Toddler Time

Monday, January 5, 12, 26, 10:30 a.m.,
Ages 18 to 36 months, Puett Room

Enjoy books, music, and movement activities chosen with special consideration of the abilities and needs of toddlers ages 18 to 36 months. Limit 20.

Stories and Crafts

Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28,
10:30 a.m., Ages 3 to 6 years,
Puett Room

Scratch your imagination with books! We will take the words right off of the page and create some beautiful artwork to take home.



Book Babies

Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, 29,
10:30 a.m., Infants up to 18 months,
Puett Room

Join us for this "lap-sit" program and share the joy of books, stories and rhythm with interactive activities especially suited for infants up to 18 months. Limit 20.

Pajama Time

Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m., All ages,
Puett Room

Wear your jammies to the library for books and more "good night" fun. Don't forget to bring your favorite grown-up (and your teddy bear)!

The Pharaoh's Curse!

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Puett Room, Reg. req'd., Grades 6-12
A girl is found injured and unconscious at the foot of the stairs. Can you unmask the culprit? Refreshments will be provided. For details, call Suzanne Harold, Young Adult Librarian, at 503-684-6537 ext. 2520.

"It Was a Dark and Stormy Night"

Thursday, January 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Puett Room

Jill Hinckley, co-owner of Murder by the Book, brings a wealth of information about the detective and mystery genre. Jill will discuss the history of the mystery, the wide variety of mystery and detective novels, the hottest titles, authors, current trends and who else writes like Janet Evanovich.



Friends of William Stafford host reading and celebration

Wednesday, January 7,
7 to 8:30 p.m., Puett Room

To celebrate the birthday of Oregon's Poet Laureate, the Friends of William Stafford bring an illustrious group of Oregon poets to read and reminisce. Audience members may bring a poem to read or share a story.

The Joy of Reading: The 9th Annual Adult Reading Program

Thursday, January 22 (Registration begins)

Join us for the annual Adult Reading Program and explore the joy of reading! The grand prize, donated by the Tigard Library Foundation, will be a brick inscribed with the winner's name. Call or visit the library for more details.



Learn more about Bull Mountain annexation plan

Council will conduct a public hearing on December 2 to consider the Bull Mountain annexation plan.

If Council decides to place the Annexation Plan on the ballot at this meeting, two open houses will be held to provide an opportunity to both Bull Mountain and City of Tigard residents to ask questions and obtain information. The open houses are scheduled for January 21 at Fowler Middle School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and February 18 at Tigard High School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

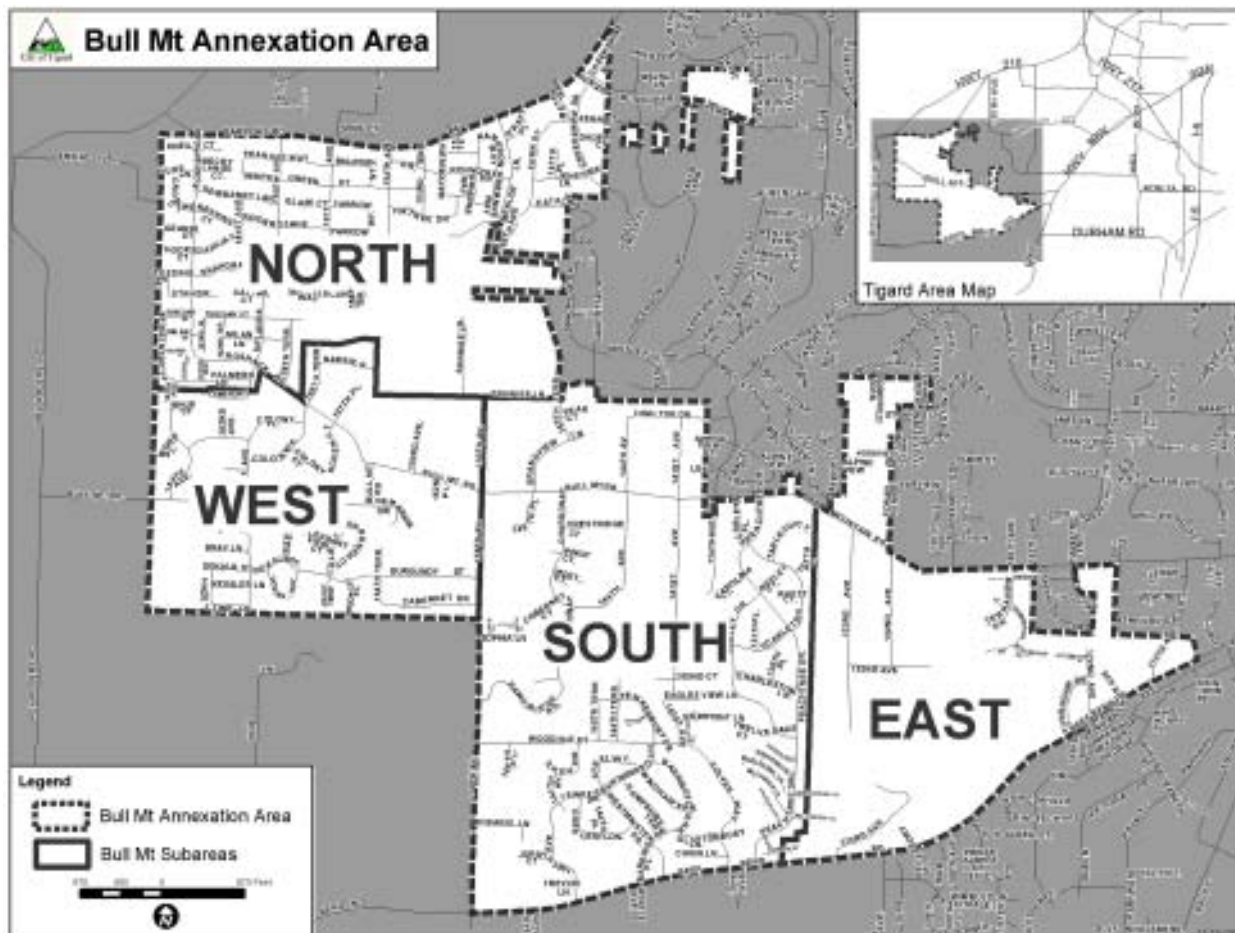
Council decides on phasing alternatives for annexation plan

At the City Council meeting on November 4, 2003, the City Council provided direction on the Bull Mountain annexation plan proposal. An annexation plan identifies the timing and sequence of annexation. The Bull Mountain area has been divided into 4 areas for evaluation purposes. Council was given several options, ranging from annexing all areas being proposed at one time to one area being annexed per year over a four-year period.

The Council determined that the annexation plan should specify the East area as the first to be annexed, in part because it has a smaller population and fewer service needs. Second to be annexed would be the South area in 2005, followed by the North and West areas in 2006. This would give departments more time to acquire staff and equipment to serve the more populated areas.

Now that Council has made the sequencing policy decision, the annexation plan will be finalized for Council consideration at a public hearing on December 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Tigard Town Hall. At the same meeting, Council will determine whether to place the annexation plan on the ballot. If placed on the ballot, registered voters in the Bull Mountain area *and* Tigard would vote on the annexation.

For current information, visit www.tigard.or.us, e-mail questions to BullMountain@ci.tigard.or.us, or call the Bull Mountain phone line at 503-718-2799.





Public Works Presents...

Parks Update -

Potso Dog Park is now open on weekends only. The park will resume its regular schedule next spring. Also, the soccer and baseball fields at **Cook Park** have been renovated; however the fields are closed for play until spring.

The construction at **Bonita Park** is nearing completion. The playground is in and the shelter is almost completed. The grounds have been seeded but will not be ready until next summer.

The Sorg Rhododendron Garden at Summerlake Park continues to expand thanks to generous donations from local residents.

Free Leaf Disposal -

The annual leaf disposal event is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents are encouraged to drop off leaves at the Tigard Water Building, located at 8777 SW Burnham Street (corner of Hall & Burnham). In addition, Team Tigard, a volunteer group of city employees will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Oregon Food Bank.

Water Information -

With the abundant rainfall of the Pacific Northwest, it may be difficult to understand why water conservation is important. To find out more about Tigard's conservation program, visit www.ci.tigard.or.us/water or contact Sara Danz, Water Conservation Program Coordinator, at 503-718-2599.

- The 2004 "Make Every Drop Count" Water Conservation Calendar is now available at Tigard Public Library. The artwork for the calendar was designed by local students and includes many water conservation tips and facts.
- Don't forget about freeze protection! Plumbing located against exterior walls, in unheated basements and crawl spaces, is vulnerable to the cold and can easily freeze.
- Winterize your lawn irrigation system. Remember to shut off and drain all the water from the system. Damage can occur if you fail to take these preventative measures.
- Backflow prevention assemblies that require insulating must be accessible for testing. Do not leave your backflow prevention assembly out in the cold. It costs less to protect than to repair a damaged backflow prevention assembly.
- For recommended freeze protection information, check out www.ci.tigard.or.us/water or contact Hung Nguyen at 503-718-2603.

For more information on any of the above programs, please contact Tigard Public Works at 503-639-4171.

Broadway Rose offers a Musical Survival Guide for the Holidays

Do you find the holidays more than a little stressful? Then the light-hearted musical, *A Christmas Survival Guide*, is just what you need!

Performances are scheduled Friday through Sunday, December 5 – 21 at the Tualatin High School auditorium, 22300 SW Boones Ferry Road. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Seats are assigned, so order early for best seats. Tickets may be purchased by calling The Broadway Rose box office 503-620-5262 or online at www.broadwayrose.com

Adults \$19; Seniors and Students \$17; Children 12 and under \$10. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. Sponsored by TIC – The Industrial Company.

TVTV Cablecast

Council business meetings are cablecast on Tualatin Valley Television channels as follows:

Live Coverage - (Comcast)
Channel 28: 2nd and 4th Tuesday
each month at 7:30 p.m.

Replays of the most recent meeting air on Channel 28:

Thursdays* 9 a.m. & 11 p.m.;

Fridays* 7 p.m.;

Saturdays* 12 p.m.;

Sundays* 4 a.m.

(*Following 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

Free holiday concert

Tualatin Valley Community Band
December 14, 2003, 3 p.m. - Tigard
High School Auditorium



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Important Council Meetings in December and January

Listed below are highlights of the agenda items scheduled. All meetings are open to the public:

December 2 - Bull Mountain Annexation Plan

6:30 p.m. Study Session in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room at City Hall

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting in the Town Hall at City Hall

- ◆ Public Hearing on the Bull Mountain Annexation Plan
- ◆ Public Hearing on Forwarding a Ballot Title to City of Tigard and Bull Mountain Voters to Consider the Annexation Plan

December 16 - Long-term Water Supply - Joint Water Commission

6:30 p.m. Study Session in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room at City Hall

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting in the Town Hall at City Hall

- ◆ Continue Deliberation on the Bull Mountain Annexation Plan (if Council did not make a decision on December 2)
- ◆ Meet with Senator Ginny Burdick and Representative Max Williams
- ◆ Adopt an Agreement with the Joint Water Commission
- ◆ Adopt a TriMet Memorandum of Understanding for Improving Local Transit Service

January 12 - Goal Setting

1 p.m. Council Goal-Setting Session for 2004 in the Water Auditorium at the Water Building

January 13 - State of the City

6:30 p.m. Study Session in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room at City Hall

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting in the Town Hall at City Hall

- ◆ Mayor Griffith's State of the City Address
- ◆ Vision Update for 2003

January 20 - Transportation Strategic Planning

5 p.m. Special Workshop Meeting in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room at City Hall

- ◆ Transportation Strategic Planning

January 27 - Community Assessment Program Review

6:30 p.m. Study Session in the Red Rock Creek Conference Room at City Hall

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting in the Town Hall at City Hall

- ◆ New Library Update
- ◆ Annual Review of the Community Assessment Program

Council agendas and Council packet information are available online five days before the Council meeting at www.ci.tigard.or.us/city_hall/city_council/agenda.asp. A Council packet is also available at the Tigard Public Library. For additional information, contact City Recorder Cathy Wheatley at 503-639-4171, ext. 2410 or cathy@ci.tigard.or.us.

For further information, visit the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us.