



Tigard's Official Newsletter

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Mayor's corner

The new Tigard Library is open! After more than three years of effort by literally thousands of people, Tigard's beautiful new library is a reality. The old library closed on July 16, and the new library opened its doors to its first customers on August 2. On August 21 we celebrated the official Grand Opening with tours, games, and all the pomp and ceremony such an event deserves. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank the citizens of Tigard for passing the bond measure in favor of the new library. I'm pleased to announce that the library was built on time and well within budget, and the final product is even better than we had hoped. Please drop by soon and enjoy your new facility. Be sure to go upstairs and check out the view of Fanno Creek Park, and step inside the Houghton Room for a look at "Tigard's living room."

I'd also like to report that after three years of study and 100's of hours of public meetings and testimony, on August tenth the City Council voted to put the annexation of the Bull Mountain area on the November 2 ballot. Washington County and the City of Tigard have worked toward this outcome for over 20 years, identifying Tigard as the ultimate provider of urban services for the area. The Bull Mountain area was brought inside the Urban Growth Boundary in 1980, and as a result has become developed to an urban level. As Tigard residents, they would pay city taxes and be subject to the Tigard Municipal Code. In return, annexing into the city would place the area under the jurisdiction of the Tigard police department, give residents of the area access to Tigard's street maintenance and capital improvement programs, as well as all the other city programs and services we all enjoy.



Craig Dirksen, Mayor

Tigard City Council decides on Bull Mountain Annexation

After months of work and many opportunities for the public to express their thoughts on the Bull Mountain annexation, the City Council has decided to place the issue on the November 2004 ballot. The Council opted for a voting method which requires a majority of Tigard voters *and* a majority of unincorporated Bull Mountain voters to approve the annexation. The measure, if approved, would annex the unincorporated Bull Mountain area into the City of Tigard on July 1, 2005.

City property taxes for the annexed areas would be phased in over three years. In the year following annexation, annexed properties would be assessed at one-half the city's actual tax rate. In the second year, assessments would increase to 75% and taxes for subsequent years would be assessed at the actual tax rate.

To obtain more information on Bull Mountain annexation, visit the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us or contact Julia Hajduk at 503-718-2442 or julia@ci.tigard.or.us.

First Street Maintenance Fee paving project underway!

The first contract awarded to Brix Paving of Tualatin, Oregon will provide pavement overlays on 110th Avenue, Park Street, Derry Dell Court, James Court, Ventura Court, 66th Avenue, 67th Avenue, and 72nd Avenue. Also, two gravel roads (66th and 67th Ave) will be paved.

This is the first of three phases scheduled. The other two phases will be performed in spring 2005 and include 121st Avenue from Walnut Street to North Dakota Street, Burnham Street, and Fern Street.

The Street Maintenance Fee provides the City with a stable source of revenue to maintain existing streets. More detailed information on the Street Maintenance Fee is available on the City's web site www.ci.tigard.or.us or contact Gus Duenas, City Engineer, at 503-639-4171 ext 2470 or gus@ci.tigard.or.us.



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CITY MEETING SCHEDULE:

City Council

2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Planning Commission

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

**Park and Recreation
Advisory Board**

2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Tigard Water Building

Intergovernmental Water Board

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

Library Board

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



September's "Focus on Tigard" airs Thursday, September 2, 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.

September

Traffic Safety

Find out about:

- The new school zone law
- The new pedestrian crossing law
- Other tips on traffic safety

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

CAP update

Community Assessment Program (CAP) walks were conducted in Areas 6, 16, 37 and 44 in August. To view the report to citizens for one of those areas, log onto the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us/cap.

No web access? Call 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 September are as follows:

Sept. 1 – Area 3	Sept 8 - Area 10
Sept 15 - Area 24	Sept 22 - Area 41



Meet your Council candidates

The October *Focus on Tigard* topic is the Candidate Forum which will tape on Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. The Mayor and Council candidates have all been invited to participate. We hope you will be able to attend the taping and have a chance to meet the candidates.

Council meetings air

Live on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Replays are every: Sunday at 12 p.m.; Monday at 7 a.m.; Thursday at 2:30 a.m. and 11 p.m.; Friday at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday at 4 p.m.

All programs are on Channel 28.



Make-A-Difference... Volunteer!

Eighth Annual Tigard Make-A-Difference Day Saturday, October 16

Volunteers make a positive difference in the Tigard community throughout the year. Gather your friends, family, neighbors or fellow employees and make a difference in Tigard on Saturday, October 16. Most projects will be from 9 a.m. to noon but some projects may extend throughout the day. Sites will include a local pioneer cemetery, downtown Tigard, Summerlake Park, Bonita Park, Good Neighbor Center and the wetlands behind Fowler Middle School.

If you can't volunteer on the 16th, perhaps you would like to assist with pre-event preparation or after-event wind up activities. Your company might want to donate project supplies, or snacks and beverages for volunteers.

Watch the October Cityscape issue for more details on projects and sites. For more information please contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

“John E. Boss” Award

City of Tigard Building Official Gary Lampella received the “John E. Boss” award of Building Official of the Year at the Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) annual conference. Gary was recognized for his contribution and leadership in Oregon’s codes adoption process. Obviously, this is a significant accomplishment. Through Gary’s efforts, Tigard’s interests were represented through the code adoption process.

New school zone law - have you heard?

A new traffic law approved by the Oregon Senate went into effect on July 1. The new rule is designed to improve safety for pedestrians in school zones. In addition, language was also changed to better define “when children are present.”

The basics for the changes are as follows:

- Within a school zone, if the roadway traveled is posted as 30 mph or less - the speed in the school zone is 20 mph all day, everyday.
- If the roadway which coincides with the school zone is designated at 35 mph or greater – the 20 mph speed limit will be indicated by a flashing yellow light and/or when times are specified on a school speed zone sign. Signs will be posted before school starts in September.
- The 20 mph speed limit applies at crosswalks in school zones when lights are flashing, and/or children are present, and/or during designated times as specified on school speed signs and/or when a crossing marshal is present.



Remember to use caution, particularly this time of year when schools are preparing to resume classes. Children may not be accustomed to the new routines that are associated with back to school and traffic safety. Also remember the requirement to stop for school buses that are displaying flashing lights.

Setting a standard for safety and pedestrian awareness is every motorist’s responsibility. Tigard Police Departments appreciates your assistance in getting the new school year off to a safe and happy start.

Planning Commission openings

The City Council is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on the Planning Commission. Applications are being accepted through September 30.

The Planning Commission plays an integral role in the city’s growth issues and consists of nine volunteer members who are appointed by the City Council. Two members may reside outside the city boundaries. The Commission usually meets on the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Members may also be asked to represent the commission on additional task forces or committees.

Copies of the required Citizen Appointment Interest Application are available in the City Hall lobby, the Tigard Library and on the website, www.ci.tigard.or.us, “Volunteer Opportunities” page. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission or have questions, please contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171, ext.2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

Update childhood vaccinations

Summer is a great time to make sure your child’s vaccinations are up to date to prepare them for school. If you are unsure about your child’s immunization status, check with your child’s physician to review his/her immunization records.



If you do not have health insurance or a health care provider, contact the Washington County Department of Health and Human Services at 503-846-8851 for an immunization appointment. Once your child has obtained their updated immunizations, make sure that their school or childcare facility has a record.



Shelf



Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library Events Calendar

Sept. 6		Library closed for Labor Day
Sept. 14	7-8 p.m.	Jack & the Beanstalk – Community Room (all ages)
Sept. 15	7-8 p.m.	Destination Retirement – 10 Steps to Becoming a Savvy Retiree – Community Room
Sept. 20	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Job Searching Seminars – Community Room
Sept. 22	7-8 p.m.	Chinese Stick Puppeteers – Community Room (all ages)

*Library programs are free.
For more information on library programs,
visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us/library
Click on "Calendar of Events"*

*Some library programs require registration.
To sign up, call 503-684-6537*

10 Steps to Becoming a Savvy Retiree

Presented by Ginny Brewster, Financial Planner

Wednesday, September 15, 7 to 8 p.m., Community Room

Want to enjoy a comfortable retirement, then it's important to start planning and saving at an earlier age. This class is for adults, either working or retired, who want to understand how to gain control of their money. If you have been forced into early retirement and have not reached age 59 1/2, this presentation will also explain the early payout structure and how to avoid the IRS 10% penalty.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Presented by Cwerks Interactive Children's Theatre

Tuesday, September 14, 7 to 8 p.m.,
Community Room

Join us for a live theater production of Jack and the Beanstalk. Children young and old are invited to experience the thrill of live theatre while participating in this hilarious presentation of the classic fairytale.



Dragon Art Studio- Chinese Stick Puppeteers

**Wednesday, September 22,
7 to 8 p.m.,** Community Room

Chinese rod puppetry is an ancient art form with more than 1,000 years of history. It started as cultural ritual, and later became a form of entertainment to the royal family and the public.



Yuqin Wang, master puppeteer, Zhengli Xu and Brenda Zu of Dragon Art Studio, have performed internationally and nationally to critical acclaim. "Images of China" a series of five vignettes depicting Chinese folklore and culture, mixes puppetry with music, elegance, humor and special effects to create a dazzling performance for the whole family to enjoy.

Library Hours

August 29 through November 6

Monday - Thursday

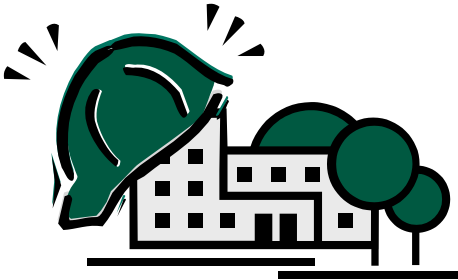
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday

Closed



Hard Hat Report

Space and Places in the New Library

By Margaret Barnes
Tigard Public Library Director

The most compelling reason to build a new library was space. The new library is over three times larger than our old building. Larger spaces like the children's area, the greatly expanded fiction and non-fiction areas and the Community Room have drawn much praise.

We invite you to also explore some of the smaller spaces in the new library. For instance, the new library offers three quiet study areas that can be reserved for one hour each day at the reference desk on the second floor. Each room seats up to six people.

The technology room on the second floor offers opportunities for training and classes. Equipped with 16 computers, projector, screen and printers, the room will allow for videoconferencing. In the ever evolving world of technological innovation, the technology room will offer educational opportunities to help us keep up with the changing times.

This will be the last Hard Hat Report. Our diggin' is done. We hope you will enjoy the results for years to come. If you haven't been to the new library, please come and explore. It's your building. It takes a community to build a library, and it takes a library to build a community.

New rooms available for your event

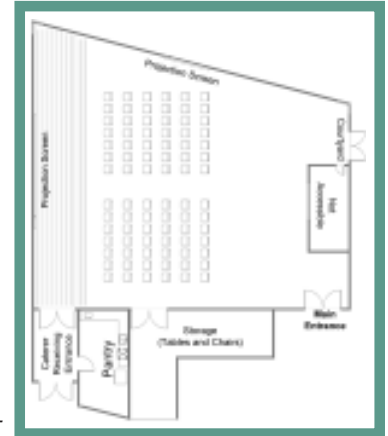
Library construction is complete and the Library has new spaces and resources to discover. If you are looking for a place locally to hold a meeting, small or large, you can consider the Library as a possible site. Beginning September 1, the Community Room and the Library Conference Room at the Tigard Library will be available to the public.

The new Community Room is perfect for larger events, celebrations, lectures and performances. The 3,000 square foot space comfortably seats 160 people, boasts a hard-surface "stage" floor and features two projection screens. For a nominal fee, the adjoining pantry is also available.

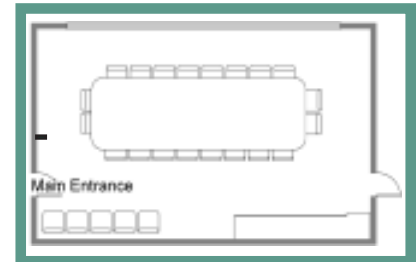
Rental hours are Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The room rental includes: 40 tables (7 by 1½ feet), 160 chairs and 2 projection screens. The room also features a hard surface "stage" floor, flexible room configurations, fabric wall panels for mounting displays, a separate catering/receiving entrance, and a pantry (for additional fee) with microwave, side-by-side refrigerator/freezer, sink, instant hot water tap, dish washer and counter prep space.

The new Library Conference Room is ideal for meetings, small gatherings and classes. Located on the second floor of the Library, the room offers a large conference table, seating for 25, a projection screen, dry erase board and beautiful views of Fanno Creek. This room is available for rent during normal Library business hours.

For more information, visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us and click on the Room Reservation Quick Link or contact Jill Byars, Room Reservation Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2474 or jillb@ci.tigard.or.us.



Community Room Configuration



Library Conference Room Configuration

Job Searching Seminars

Monday, September 20, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Community Room

On the third Monday during the months of September, October and November 2004, the Tigard Public Library will host three seminars on techniques to improve your job searching skills. The September 20 workshop will explore resumes and cover letters. On October 18 there will be an interactive seminar on effective interviewing, and November 15's workshop will look at general job searching tactics and resources you can find at the Tigard Library. Attend one session or attend all three!



Street Tree Planting Program returns

The Street Tree Planting Program returns as tree planting season approaches! The program provides free street trees to any Tigard resident who is willing to plant the tree(s) in the public right-of-way and maintain them so they thrive. Ideally, entire neighborhoods will participate in this program to help beautify communities throughout Tigard and Bull Mountain with more trees. Last year the City of Tigard provided over 200 street trees to residents. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this exciting program please contact Matt Stine, City Forester, at 503-718-2589 or mstine@ci.tigard.or.us.



Keep your water drinkable



Like fastening your seat belt or donning a life vest can save your life, a backflow prevention assembly keeps your drinking water safe. Your irrigation backflow prevention assembly must be tested at least once a year. Water quality protection is a mutual responsibility. For more information about backflow protection, visit www.ci.tigard.or.us/water or contact Hung Nguyen, Cross Connection Control Program Coordinator, at 503-718-2603 or hung@ci.tigard.or.us.

New catch basin grates

Storm water catch basin grates are being reviewed and updated to provide safe travel for bicyclists in the city. The new style catch basin grates are designed to have steel bars or straps that provide a checkered appearance to the top of the grate so bicycle wheels cannot wedge between the bars. If you see a catch basin grate that needs straps please contact Eric Hand, Wastewater/Storm Water Supervisor, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or eric@ci.tigard.or.us.



Help your neighborhood

Help your neighborhood be prepared in the event of an emergency! Become a member of Tigard's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Attend an evening meeting once a week for eight weeks to receive training in fire suppression, disaster medical support, utilities containment, as well as search & rescue operations. The first graduating class of seven citizens completed the training in June. The next training session begins September 7, 2004 with another session scheduled to begin February 1, 2005. Space is limited. If you are interested please call Mike Lueck, Program Assistant, at 503-718-2593 or mikel@ci.tigard.or.us.



Help shape the downtown's future

The Tigard Downtown Task Force wants to talk to you about the downtown's future. Task Force members will be seeking citizen input on the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan from September 20 through October 22 through small community get togethers. If your group or neighborhood is interested in discussing the plan with a Task Force member, please contact Beth St. Amand, Associate Planner, at 503-639-4171, ext. 2435.

The Task Force is a 24-member citizen group appointed by the City Council. You may have already met some members at the Balloon Festival, the Farmers' Market, chamber events or while filling out the survey, but here's the full list:

Mike Marr (Chair), Jim Andrews, Janice Arave, Carolyn Barkley, Martha Bishop, Joshua Chaney, Alexander Craghead, Ken Dawson, Mayor Craig Dirksen, Heather Guevara, Marland Henderson, Barry Houk, Chris Lewis, Susan Morelli, Judy Munro, Dan Murphy, Lisa Olson, Nicole Palmateer, Yudhi Patel, Catherine Renken, Jan Richardson, Mike Stevenson, John Wilson and Sue Wirick.

By focusing on land use and transportation, the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan will provide a practical strategy to improve downtown Tigard. It is important that the plan be community-supported, so everyone needs to be involved in its creation. All meetings are open to the public and there will be additional workshops and open houses.

For updates on Task Force meetings and the planning process, visit www.ci.tigard.or.us.



Sign ordinance includes political signs

It's that time again when many want to show support for their favorite political candidates. If you plan to display any type of sign, please note that the City of Tigard has regulations regarding the type, placement and size of signs. Signs include but are not limited to lawn signs, A-boards, freestanding signs, balloons, banners, flags and pennants. Any signs in the public right of way are illegal, can be confiscated, and are cause for a court citation and fines.

The following is a guideline to help legally display signs:

Right-Of-Way and City Property: All signs must be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner. Signs are never allowed in the public right-of-way or on city property and the right-of-way varies on each property. Persons placing signs illegally do not need to be apprehended, as the person for whom the sign is being placed can be cited. Contact the City for legal placement of signs in specific areas.

Commercial and Industrial Zones: Lawn signs are not permissible. A-board signs are permissible when a permit is obtained.

Residential Zones: A temporary lawn sign is a small sign on a single stick and is allowed without permits in all residential zones. Additionally, A-board signs in residential zones may only be erected from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and do not need permits.

All Zones: Larger signs which need additional supports such as posts or multiple stakes are considered freestanding signs, and also require a permit in any zone. If a single stick will not securely support the sign, or if a hole must be dug to secure the sign, it is not a temporary "lawn sign".

For questions about political advertising, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. If you have questions regarding types of signs, permits, and proper placement, please contact the Planning and Engineering Technicians at 503-639-4171 ext. 2421.

To view the complete sign ordinance, visit http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/business/municipal_code/docs/title18/18780-1.pdf



Legal sign placement



Illegal sign placement

Walnut Street improvements

The design is almost complete to widen Walnut Street between 135th and 121st Avenue to three lanes with sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and bike lanes. The project includes paving Fern Street, reconfiguring Walnut Street/Walnut Lane/135th Avenue intersection and constructing two new creek crossings.

A final neighborhood meeting to be hosted by Washington County is tentatively scheduled for October 2004 where attendees will be able to view plans and maps for the project. Notices will be mailed to area residents prior to construction. Also check the County's web site at www.co.washington.or.us for updates.

The project is funded by Washington County MSTIP-3 dollars. The City will spend Street Maintenance Fee funds to pave Fern Street and the intersection of Walnut and Gaarde. City will also pay to place existing overhead utilities underground; extend existing sanitary sewer main and upgrade the water system. For more information, contact Vannie Nguyen at 503-639-4171, ext. 2460 or vannie@ci.tigard.or.us.



Smoke alarms and fire escape plans

Most people mistakenly believe that it takes 10 minutes or longer for a fire to create a life-threatening condition. The reality is a fire can produce toxic fumes and block escape routes in less than two minutes. Protect yourself and your family with WORKING smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan.

By installing working smoke alarms on every level of your home you can help save lives in the event of a fire. Make sure your family has a fire escape plan and practice your plan at night at least once a year.

For fire and injury prevention tips, visit Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's web site at www.tvfr.com or call 503-649-8577.





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Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Downtown Tigard Main Street

- Parade
- Car show
- Chamber of Commerce trade show
- Petting Zoo
- Kids games
- Dunk tank
- Live music
- Family fun

This year's event promises to be fun for the whole family. Classic and hot rod cars will line the street while a lively community parade marches along Main Street. There will be activities planned all day.

Want to be in the parade? Get your groups together to decorate your trailer, bike, car or truck and get ready to have a great time. The parade is free and is a good way to promote your organization and show your community spirit. For a parade application please contact Dave Owen at 503-866-1658 or bugout926@aol.com.

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to engineering department employees John Hadley, Mike Mills, Ray Woolf and Karleen Aichele, the City of Tigard Employees of the Month for August 2004.

All were instrumental in completing the design and construction of the Gaarde Street Phase 2 Project (Hwy. 99W to 121st Avenue). The original design consultant for the project was unable to complete the work. John, Ray and Karleen performed the additional survey work needed, redesigned a major portion of the project and saved the city approximately \$150,000 in consultant fees.

Mike took over the project during the construction phase and worked closely with the contractor and residents adjacent to the project. Through his diligence and prompt attention to potential problems, Mike was able to help the contractor get the job done five months earlier than scheduled!

This was a true team effort and the project could not have been completed without the coordinated efforts of these outstanding employees.