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## Mayor's corner

Fall is here and our children are back in school, so please be careful on our streets. It was my pleasure last month to be involved in the dedication events for our new schools at C. F. Tigard and Metzger Elementary. We should all be proud of our new facilities and proud of the commitment we have made to our children and their futures.

Much of this month's Cityscape is dedicated to the Bull Mountain Annexation, Measure 34-98, on the ballot for the November 2 election. As is typical when the City has a measure on the ballot, we want to present as much information about the issue to allow the voter to make an informed choice. The annexation decision, whichever way it goes, would have a multitude of impacts on the City and Bull Mountain as we look to the future. Parks, comprehensive planning, finances, land use, transportation - all the big decisions we would make in the foreseeable future would vary greatly depending on the outcome of this single issue. Please take time to consider all the ramifications of each different potential future for our community. Discuss it with your friends and neighbors. And most importantly, make sure you are registered and vote.

  
**Craig Dirksen, Mayor**

## Make-A-Difference Day

**Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. to noon**  
**All hands are welcome – and needed**

Volunteers make a difference in Tigard throughout the year. Take a look at the following list of sites and find the right one for you and your group on this special day. For maps and details look at the city web site [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us).

### Sites this year include:

**Fowler Middle School** - Plant trees and shrubs behind the school near Summer Creek. Remove blackberries and ivy.

**Downtown Tigard** - Remove litter and debris along the railroad tracks and downtown streets before winter rains start. Sponsored by the Tigard Central Business District Association. Meet on Main Street at the railroad tracks.

**Good Neighbor Center** - Halloween is coming! How about making some decorations and jack-o-lanterns for the center?

**Tigard Library** - Help get those books off the carts and back on the shelves. Check shelves to be sure books are in the right places and easily accessible.

**Bonita Park** - Plant trees and shrubs along Fanno Creek. The park is on Milton Court off Bonita Road.

**Summerlake Park** - Plant native shrubs and trees, maintain soft trails, and remove invasive plant species. Meet in the parking lot on Winterlake Drive near the off-leash dog park.

Some sites can only accommodate a limited number of volunteers so be sure to register for the site you want. To register yourself or your group or get more information, please contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, 503-639-4171, ext. 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

Tigard Breakfast Rotary needs volunteers on October 23 to help clean a pioneer cemetery. Contact Pam Brown at 503-598-7482 for more information.

## City Hall Day - Please join us!

Meet state senate and representative candidates on October 14, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall at City Hall. Candidates and local elected officials will discuss issues of importance to the city such as financial strategy, water rights, land use, franchise and right of way authority. The audience will also have an opportunity to ask questions. The session will be taped to air on TVTV. Check the City's web site, [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us), for a playback schedule. For more information please contact Liz Newton at 503-718-2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@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**

October 7 and November 18, 7 p.m.  
Library Conference Room

**Downtown Task Force**

October 7, 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium  
November 4, 6:30 p.m. - Town Hall  
December 4 workshop,  
9 a.m. to Noon - Community Room



October's "Focus on Tigard" airs Thursday, October 7, 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](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us) and click on the link under Focus on Tigard.

**October**

**Candidates Forum**

Hear your Mayor and Council candidates speak on issues and respond to questions.

**Tune In! If you have Focus ideas contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171, ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us).**

**CAP update**

Community Assessment Program (CAP) walks were conducted in Areas 3, 10, 24 and 41 in September. 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](http://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 October are as follows:**

- October 13 - Area 12a
- October 20 - Area 12b
- October 27 - Area 45



**Tigard City Council meetings air**

**Live on the second and fourth**

- Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Replays 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.
- Saturday at 4 p.m.

All programs are on Channel 28.

For questions about programming, contact TVTV Programming Coordinator, Kris Merkel at 503-629-8534, ext. 124 or [kris@yourtvtv.org](mailto:kris@yourtvtv.org).

## Bull Mountain annexation questions and answers

Many people have asked questions of the City relating to the proposed annexation of the Bull Mountain area. The following is an attempt to provide factual answers to some of the questions the City has received. Due to election law, the City cannot answer questions that ask for opinion. The answers should not be interpreted as taking a position on the annexation. In these answers, the City cannot and does not intend to advocate for or against annexation.

### What would the impact of the annexation be on the City's budget?

For most operating services, the revenues generated from this area would pay for those services required by the areas proposed for annexation. For capital improvements (road construction, road major maintenance, and parks acquisition and construction) the area does not generate sufficient revenues to pay for the total need. This, however, is similar to the situation for other areas within the City. The City manages this situation by building projects as funds become available and looking for additional sources of funds. For example, the additional operating revenues generated from the area would help to address capital improvement needs.

### What are the financial impacts to Bull Mountain residents if the area is annexed?

Bull Mountain residents would see an increase in their taxes. The estimated increase is \$308 for a home with an assessed value of \$250,000. The City's web site ([www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us)) includes a tax rate table for people to see the estimated tax increase based on their assessed value. The tax rate information provided is based on the ultimate tax payment, not the first 2 years of phase-in. It is estimated that the first year, many residents will see a slight decrease in their taxes due to the elimination of payment to the Enhanced Sheriff Patrol and Urban Road Maintenance.

### How would the phase-in of taxes work?

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 150-222.111 governs how taxes would be phased in for an annexed area and sets the process for notification by the City to the assessor. The City would be required to notify the assessor's office about the phase-in of taxes for the annexed area and the assessor would establish separate code

areas for each territory subject to phase-in. The City would be also required to inform the assessor of the ratio to be applied according to the phase-in provisions.

The Oregon Administration Rule also addresses how both rate and dollar levy would be calculated for the annexed areas. The City of Tigard's permanent tax rate is \$2.5131. For the first year of annexation (fiscal year 2005-06) the rate for the Bull Mountain area would be 50% of the permanent rate or \$1.25655; for the second year (fiscal year 2006-07) the rate would be 75% of the permanent rate or \$1.884825 and for all subsequent years the rate would be 100% of the City's permanent rate or \$2.5131.

The City currently has a general obligation bond dollar levy for the new Library. The dollar levy works on the same basis as the permanent levy, but requires multiple calculations to calculate a rate for the City. The calculated rate would be multiplied by the phase-in percentage for each year of phase-in.

### What services or rights would be provided for Bull Mountain residents?

The ballot title states:

In comparison to the services that Washington County provides residents of the Bull Mountain annexation area, the City of Tigard provides its residents with more police officers per 1000 population, shorter police emergency response times, more park facilities, traffic calming programs, and more frequent road maintenance services.

If annexed, Bull Mountain residents would receive broader civic participation and voting rights in the City of Tigard.

### How much do Bull Mountain residents pay in taxes for the Tigard Library?

Bull Mountain residents, like Tigard residents, pay approximately \$0.36 per

\$1,000 of assessed valuation for Washington County Cooperative Library Service. This money is collected by Washington County and is used to provide support to all public libraries within the County. Washington County libraries generally receive between 45% and 95% of their funding from Washington County Cooperative Library Service (depending on a variety of factors.) Tigard receives 46% of its funding for the Library from Washington County Cooperative Library Service. The balance of the funding comes from City sources.

In addition to the Washington County Cooperative Library Service levy, Tigard residents pay property taxes to the City. Bull Mountain residents do not. These City property taxes and other City fees paid by Tigard residents make up the balance of funding for the Tigard Library operations.

Bull Mountain residents pay nothing towards the construction cost of the new Library. That cost is borne entirely by Tigard tax payers through taxes authorized to pay debt service on bonds.

### What would the effect be on current Tigard residents during the 3-year phase-in of taxes for Bull Mountain residents?

If the annexation is approved, there would be fiscal impact on Tigard residents. The City's property tax rate is capped by state law and would not change. As to impacts on services, additional revenues from the Bull Mountain area are projected to equal or exceed any additional costs, including early implementation of police hiring.

If the annexation is approved, the property tax phase-in would, however, limit options to deal with outstanding capital needs of the area, particularly park development. This could delay the City's ability to address this need until the phase-in of taxes is complete.

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### **Is it true that Tigard is facing a budget deficit in 2007?**

The City anticipates that it can continue to provide services without significant cuts without a local option tax until at least 2007.

In 1997, Measure 50 effectively limited annual property tax revenue increases. These increases are limited to 3% on existing properties and a proportionate share on the value of new construction. Since 1997, because of the new construction, property tax revenues have increased 40% – an average of 5.1% per year.

Tigard's General Fund operating budgets in recent years have averaged about a 6.2% increase each year, mostly due to increased costs of wages, fuel, health insurance, and property insurance. For example, health insurance premiums for City employees have increased 181% since 1997 – an average of 26% per year (which is why the City is requiring employees to share a higher proportion of premium costs and increasing insurance deductibles). Oil prices (which affect not only gasoline, but also the cost of asphalt for paving) have increased 132% since 1997 – an increase of 19% per year). The cost of a sedan used as a police vehicle has increased 49% since 1997 – an increase of 7% per year. Property and liability insurance has increased 110% since 1997 – an increase of 16% per year.

Measure 50 set every city's permanent tax rate at the level it was in 1997. Tigard's tax rate is \$2.51 per thousand. Beaverton's tax rate is \$4.62. Lake Oswego's is \$4.88. In addition, Measure 50 allows local jurisdictions to ask voters to approve supplemental funding in the form of local option levies, which cannot extend beyond five years. Ten local jurisdictions within Washington County, including Washington County, the Washington County Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District, King City, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Banks, Cornelius, North Plains, Portland, and TVF&R have local option levies to supplement their Measure 50 tax rates. Tigard does not have a local option levy.

### **What immediate actions would the City take to provide parks on Bull Mountain?**

The City plans to continue its support for the County to initiate an interim Park SDC for unincorporated Bull Mountain. If the annexation is approved, the City plans to work with the County on an intergovernmental agreement for the collection of those funds.

If the annexation is approved, the City plans to initiate a public input process to review and complete a new Bull Mountain Park and Open Space Plan which would revise the Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the City. This would begin immediately upon annexation and would take four to six months.

If the annexation is approved, the City plans to take additional steps to obtain park land or secure land for park use. Possible park lands include excess property owned by the Tigard Water District adjacent to the Menlor water reservoir, the Trust for Public Land property adjacent to Cache Creek, and other suitable properties.

If annexation is approved, the City plans to initiate discussions with the School District to consider an intergovernmental agreement to provide park and recreational facilities at the new Alberta Rider school as well as Deer Creek.

### **What has the City done for parks on unincorporated Bull Mountain in the last 20 years?**

While the City's policy has been to not purchase or develop property with City funds outside the City limits, in recent years the City has endeavored to accomplish projects on the Park System Master Plan list within the Bull Mountain area.

The Metro Greenspaces bond measure passed for neighborhood and community scale greenspace acquisitions and trail projects. The City of Tigard's total share was \$758,000. Of that, Tigard used \$86,000 to acquire a three-acre property along Fern Street on the south slope of Bull Mountain, outside Tigard City limits. In 1998, Council

authorized the acquisition of 4.3 acres of Bull Mountain forest land as an addition to 7.5 acres of abutting forest land acquired by Washington County using its local share of Greenspaces funds and conveyed to the City (Cache Creek Nature Park). The purchase price of the City-acquired piece was \$345,025.

In early 2000, the City and Trust for Public Land requested a \$250,000 (lottery funded) Local Government Grant to add 7.7 acres to the Cache Creek property. The City project was not selected for funding. The Trust for Public Land sought to have the property placed on Metro's list of target properties, however, Metro did not add this property to the list and the property has since been sold and cleared in preparation for development.

The City accepted a land donation of 0.6 acres of forest land located along the edge of Cache Creek Park (outside Tigard City limits) as a park addition.

The City has recently requested \$942,165 in grant funds from Metro to design and construct a multi-use trail within the Barrows to Beef Bend corridor segment. Funding of the trail includes a 10% City match from the General Fund. Half the trail is in the City and half is in unincorporated Bull Mountain.

### **How much does the City of Tigard collect in park user fees?**

Tigard charges user fees for reservations of picnic shelters and ball fields. The budget for FY 04-05 projects collections of \$46,750 for park reservations. The fees collected cover costs to coordinate the park reservations and maintenance of the shelters only, not the cost of maintaining ball fields.

Additional questions and answers are available on our web site  
[www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us),  
Hot Topics - Bull Mountain Annexation

## To the Citizens of Tigard and unincorporated Bull Mountain:



Members of the Tigard City Council have wrestled with the issue of annexing Bull Mountain for years, albeit, some members for more years than others. The following discusses some of the issues relating to the annexation proposal that will be voted on in November.

The history of the annexation effort dates back to 1983 when Washington County and the city of Tigard agreed that Tigard would annex unincorporated Bull Mountain within the next 20 years. Washington County recognized then, and maintains today, that it is not in the business of providing the urban services that Bull Mountain requires. As a city, Tigard is capable of providing these urban services.

Bull Mountain residents would see an increase in their taxes if annexation occurs. (Tigard residents would see no change in their level of taxation.) The estimated increase in taxes for a home in unincorporated Bull Mountain with an assessed value of \$250,000 is \$317 a year. The City's web site ([www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us)) includes a tax rate table for people to see the estimated tax increase based on their homes' assessed values. The tax rate information provided is based on the ultimate tax payment, not the first two years of the phase-in period. In fact, it is estimated that in the first year, many residents will see a slight decrease in their taxes due to the elimination of payment to the Washington County Enhanced Sheriff Patrol and Urban Road Maintenance.

The three-year phase-in period of city taxes is consistent with applicable statutes. For the first year of annexation (fiscal year 2005-2006) the rate for the Bull Mountain area would be 50% of the permanent rate; for the second year (fiscal year 2006-2007) the rate would be 75% of the permanent rate and for all subsequent years the rate would be 100% of the City's permanent rate.

Many have asked about the impact of annexation to the City's budget. For most operating services, the revenues generated from annexation would pay for those services required by the areas proposed for annexation. For capital improvements (road construction, major road maintenance, and parks acquisition and construction) the area does not generate sufficient revenues to pay for the total need. These additional capital improvement needs would be managed in the same manner as the City currently manages capital improvement projects.

Bull Mountain residents already sit on some City boards and committees. Through annexation, Bull Mountain residents would be afforded the opportunity to sit on all City boards and committees. More importantly, they would be able to vote in city elections and run for and serve in elective offices in the City.

There is a great deal of technical information available on the annexation of unincorporated Bull Mountain. Review this material and carefully consider the broad impacts of annexation.

Tigard City Council

# QUICK FACTS ABOUT ANNEXATION

## Who would vote on annexation?

Registered voters in the city of Tigard and in unincorporated Bull Mountain will have the opportunity to vote. In order for annexation to be approved, a majority of Tigard residents and a majority of unincorporated Bull Mountain residents must vote to approve annexation.

## What is Tigard's tax rate?

Measure 50 set every city's permanent tax rate at the level it was in 1997. Tigard's tax rate is \$2.51 per thousand. How does this compare to nearby cities?

<b>Tigard</b>	<b>\$2.51</b>
Beaverton	\$4.62
Lake Oswego	\$4.88

Measure 50 allows local jurisdictions to ask voters to approve supplemental funding in the form of local option levies, which cannot extend beyond five years. Ten local jurisdictions within Washington County have local option levies to supplement their Measure 50 tax rates. Tigard does not have a local option levy.

## Impact on services

SERVICE	Tigard Residents	Bull Mtn. Residents
Long-Range Planning	▲	■
Police	▲	■
Street Maintenance	▲	■
Parks and Open Spaces	▲	■
Road Quality Maintenance	▲	●
Storm Sewer	▲	●
Street Light Maintenance	▲	●
Sanitary Sewer	▲	●
Water	▲	▲
Schools	▲	▲
Recreation	▲	▲
Building & Development Services	▲	▲
Mass Transit	▲	▲
Fire Protection & Emergency Svcs	▲	▲
<p>■ Service and provider change</p> <p>● Service same, provider changes</p> <p>▲ No change</p>		

## Estimated difference in taxes paid by Bull Mountain residents if annexation is approved (compared to 2003-2004 tax year)

Real Market Value	Assessed Value	Year-one phase-in 50%	Year-two phase-in 75%	Year-three phase-in 100%
\$362,500	\$250,000	(-\$18)	\$149	\$317
\$725,000	\$500,000	(-\$36)	\$299	\$634
\$1,087,500	\$750,000	(-\$54)	\$488	\$951

# CITY OF TIGARD

## Measure No. 34-98

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

### BALLOT TITLE

ANNEXATION BY TIGARD OF BULL MOUNTAIN WITH PHASED IN TAXATION.

**QUESTION:** Shall unincorporated Bull Mountain be annexed to Tigard with city taxes phased in for two years within the annexed areas?

**SUMMARY:** Approval would annex the following territory to Tigard effective July 1, 2005: North of center of Beef Bend Road to 150<sup>th</sup> Ave.; East of center of 150<sup>th</sup> Ave.; North of south line of French Prairie and Meyer's Farm subdivisions to southerly extension of west line of The Woods subdivisions; East of west line of Kerron's Crest, Tuscany, The Woods subdivisions, and the southerly extension of west line of The Woods subdivisions to westerly extension of south line of Meyers Farm; South of SW Barrows Road to BPA power lines; West of BPA power lines to north line of High Tor subdivisions; South of north line of High Tor subdivisions; West of east boundary of High Tor subdivisions; South of city limits. All city taxes, including property taxes and bond or serial levies in the annexed area would be: FY05-06: 50% of City's rate, FY06-07: 75%, 100% thereafter.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure, if approved in both the City and in the area proposed for annexation, would annex the unincorporated Bull Mountain area into Tigard effective July 1, 2005, and withdraw the area from the Tigard Water District, Washington County Street Lighting District, Washington County Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District, and the Urban Road Maintenance District. The area is within the UGB.

The area includes areas west of the existing City limits, north of Beef Bend, south of Barrows. The area does not include UGB expansion areas 63 and 64.

Property owners in the unincorporated Bull Mountain would no longer pay for county special service districts such as road maintenance, Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol, and street light maintenance.

All city taxes, including property taxes and bond or serial levies for the area to be annexed, would be phased in over three years. City property

taxes in the area proposed for annexation for the first year after annexation (fiscal year 2005-06) would be set at 50% of the City's tax rate; City property taxes for the second year (fiscal year 2006-07) would be set at 75% of the City's tax rate, and City property taxes for all later years would be at 100% of the City's rate.

Annexation would result in a property tax increase of approximately 8.3% to 8.4% within the area to be annexed, based on the amount payable in the third year after annexation. Property owners within the area to be annexed would begin paying property taxes to the City of Tigard, but would stop paying some property taxes to Washington County. Property with an assessed value of \$250,000 would experience a net property tax increase of \$317 in the third year. The area would be subject to the City's street maintenance fee on annexation. Other charges may also increase. The annexation would create an increase in revenue to the City of Tigard, but the City would have higher operating costs. Increased revenue to the City includes additional state shared revenues, system development charges, traffic impact fees, franchise fees and property taxes. Property taxes for existing City property owners will not increase, and service levels to existing city residents will not decrease, as a result of this annexation.

Annexation of the Bull Mountain area would not impact service levels for existing city residents. The City would become responsible for capital improvements in the Bull Mountain area.

In comparison to the services that Washington County provides residents of the Bull Mountain annexation area, the City of Tigard provides its residents with more police officers per 1000 population, shorter police emergency response times, more park facilities, traffic calming programs, and more frequent road maintenance services.

If annexed, Bull Mountain residents would receive broader civic participation and voting rights in the City of Tigard.

Newly annexed residents and existing City residents would be involved in updating the Comprehensive Plans for both the City and the Bull Mountain areas.



# Shelf



# Life

## News from the Tigard Library

### Library Events Calendar

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25	10-10:45 a.m.	Preschool Stories-Puett Room (ages 3-6 years)
Oct 5	7-8 p.m.	Super Tuesday Program: Magical Strings
Oct 7, 21	2-3 p.m.	Computer Class: Using the library catalog -Technology Room
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	10-10:30 a.m.	Toddler Time-Puett Room (ages 18 to 36 mo.)
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	6:45-8:45 p.m.	Early Words Classes for Childcare Providers
Oct 13	7-8 p.m.	A Musical Journey through the Ages with Laila Murphy, flutist (all ages)
Oct 15	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer Class: Basic Email Part I -Technology Room
Oct 18	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Job Searching Part II: Effective Interviewing
Oct 20	7-8 p.m.	ElderHostel Travel Presentation
Oct 26	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Time-Puett Room (all ages)
Oct 29	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer Class: Basic Email Part II -Technology Room
Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10-10:45 a.m.	Preschool Stories-Puett Room (ages 3-6 years)
Nov 3	7-8 p.m.	Tigard in Transition - Tigard Area Preserv. Assn
Nov 4, 18	10-10:30 a.m.	Toddler Time-Puett Room (ages 18 to 36 mo.)
Nov 4, 18	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Computer Class: Using the library catalog -Technology Room
Nov 4, 18	6:45-8:45 p.m.	Early Words Classes for Childcare Providers
Nov 11	Veteran's Day-Library Closed	
Nov 12	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer Class: Basic Email Part I -Technology Room
Nov 15	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Job Searching Part III: Job Strategies
Nov 17	7-8 p.m.	Ed Drury in Concert: Didjeridu (all ages)
Nov 19	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer Class: Basic Email Part II -Technology Room
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day-Library Closed	
Nov 30	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Time-Puett Room (all ages)

All library programs are free. Events are held in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. Some library programs require registration, please call 503-684-6537.

For more information about library programs, visit our web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us/library](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/library)

### Strategic plan for the new library

In October the library will start to prepare a new five-year strategic plan. The timing is perfect as the previous plan expired just as we moved into our new building and had begun thinking about planning for our future. We are inviting all interested Tigard residents to participate in this important planning process. If you would like to be involved, please contact Cheryl Silverblatt at 503-684-6537, ext. 2511 or [cheryls@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:cheryls@ci.tigard.or.us).

### Tigard Public Library is closed on Sundays

**Monday - Thursday**  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Closed

### Art dedication

The art commissioned for the new library through a generous donation from the Library Foundation and a bequest from Neva Root will be dedicated on Saturday, October 9, at 2 p.m. Mary Josephson created the art in the Children's Room and Rae Mahaffey created the fused glass panels that will hang in the entryway.

### Community Room

For a limited time the city is offering a special promotion to those who wish to rent the Community Room. For promotion details, check our web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are looking for a location to hold a business meeting, a cultural or theatrical event, or even a reception or party the city has a variety of rooms. For more information or availability, contact Jill Byars, Room Reservation Coordinator, at 503-718-2474 or [jillb@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:jillb@ci.tigard.or.us).

### Coffee bar hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday**  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.





## Water rates increase

Tigard's water wholesalers are increasing their water rates. The City of Tigard must pass these increases on to its customers. As of October 1, 2004, customers within the Tigard Water Service Area will pay an additional 6% on all water related charges. This rate increase will cost the average water customer an additional \$2.00 per billing period. Water customers received an informational brochure with their latest water bill. If you have not yet received a brochure or would like additional information, please contact Richard Sattler, Water Quality and Supply Supervisor, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2609.



## Fire hydrants need to be visible

For many households, the fire hydrant in their front yard is an eyesore. Some residents have planted beautiful foliage and shrubbery to help camouflage the hydrant. Unfortunately, such landscaping also hides a hydrant from firefighters. It is important for the fire department to have an unobstructed view which allows firefighters to quickly locate and readily operate a fire hydrant. As a reminder, the City of Tigard's standards require property owners to maintain a 3-foot clear space around the circumference of a fire hydrant. Keeping hydrants visible and clear of obstructions helps make Tigard a safer place to live.

For more information, contact Sam Morrison, Water Construction Supervisor at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600.

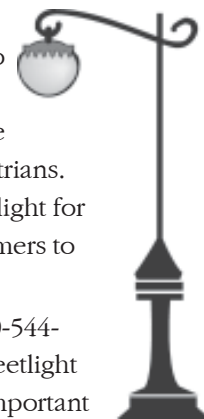


## Streetlight out?

As children begin heading back to school and daylight starts to dwindle, the City of Tigard would like to remind everyone of the rise in pedestrian traffic. Streetlights provide an important service to the community by supplying light for both motorists and pedestrians. However, PGE is unable to manually check each and every streetlight for proper operation and instead, depends on the assistance of customers to help identify streetlights in need of repair.

If you notice a streetlight outage, please contact PGE at 1-800-544-1795 (press "3"); or [www.portlandgeneral.com](http://www.portlandgeneral.com) (to submit a Streetlight Outage Form online). When reporting a streetlight outage, it is important to provide the following information: address; nearest cross street; pole number (on pole); and map number (on pole).

Thanks to the assistance of citizens, PGE will be able to find and repair streetlights in a timely manner, and in turn, make our community safer and brighter.



## Fanno Creek Park

Expansion of Fanno Creek Park is underway with the newly constructed shelter near the new library. The vision for this area of the park is to leave it in a natural condition. Planned features include hard and soft trails, a viewing deck, large grass open space area for public gatherings, benches and interpretive signage of flora and fauna. Tables and a drinking fountain will also be placed at the shelter. In the future, the Fanno Creek Trail will be constructed near the shelter.

For more information, contact Dan Plaza, Parks Manager, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2590 or at [daniel@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:daniel@ci.tigard.or.us).

## Four projects submitted to Metro for funding

Tigard submitted four projects to Metro for Transportation Priorities 2006-09 funding. Funding is competitive. See the city's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us) or contact Julia Hajduk at 503-718-2442 for information on Tigard's projects. As part of the process, Metro has established opportunities for public comment. The closest location for Tigard citizens will be Thursday, October 28 at 5 p.m. at the Beaverton Resource Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd. For a complete list of public comment opportunities, see the Metro web site at [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org) or call Metro at 503-797-1839.

## September Employee of the Month

Congratulations go to Danny Gill, the City of Tigard Employee of the Month for September 2004! Danny is a School Resource Police Officer (SRO). He was nominated for his dedication to citizens, Tigard High School and the police department. Danny has demonstrated leadership in his role as SRO with the security personnel working at the school and set the bar high regarding his zero tolerance approach to drug and tobacco enforcement. Danny's integrity is above reproach and his most outstanding feature is the level of team work that he brings to any assignment he is in. During the school year at Tigard High School, SRO Gill made 94 arrests for a variety of reasons ranging from drug possession, vandalism, gang activity and theft. He also investigated 33 child abuse referrals. Congratulations Danny!



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### On the ballot November 2

#### School District Local Option renewal

The Tigard-Tualatin School District will ask voters to renew its Local Option levy at the November 2 mail-in election. Measure # 34-87 would continue the school district's existing Local Option tax rate for another five years beginning in 2005-06.

It is not a new or additional tax. The current Local Option levy was approved by voters in 2000. It expires at the end of this school year. Local Option dollars would continue to be used to pay for teachers and support classroom instruction.

Without the continuation of this levy, the district anticipates losing \$4.75 Million in 2005-06. This funding loss would mean further reductions to staff and educational programs.

Property owners can find their Local Option cost by looking at the "LOL" line under the schools portion of their property tax statement.

The exact amount varies from property to property. For a home assessed at \$175,000 and taxed at the maximum Local Option tax rate of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the cost would continue to be \$175 per year—or about \$14.58 per month.

The Local Option levy is expected to generate \$4.75 million the first year and a total of about \$26.1 million over the five-year life of the levy.

#### Fire District Levy renewal

If you voted in November 2000, you may get a sense of ballot déjà vu when you read the details of Measure 34-94 from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R). The requested \$.25 per \$1,000 tax rate is exactly what voters previously approved, which leads to the obvious question: Why vote on this again?

The short answer is that the 2000 vote authorized a four-year levy that expires in June 2005. Measure 34-94 would extend the same tax rate and retain existing personnel for an additional five years. If the measure is approved, typical homeowners will pay \$46 towards the levy in 2005, essentially the same as they paid in 2004. The measure would also retain the 33 firefighters and 6 staff personnel hired with the 2000 levy and continue funding for firefighter safety and response aids.

For additional information on Measure 34-94, visit [www.tvf&r.com](http://www.tvf&r.com) or contact TVF&R at 503-649-8577.

*For further information, visit the city's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us).*