

Mayor's corner

First, I'd like to thank all of you who voted. Exercising your right to vote is the clearest way to make sure your voice is heard and to protect all the freedoms we enjoy. I'd especially like to thank all of you who voted to elect me to the position of Mayor. Originally appointed to fill a year of Mayor Griffith's unexpired term, I am grateful to be confirmed by popular vote. Also elected to council for 4-year terms were Tom Woodruff, appointed last year to fill my Council seat, and Sally Harding, filling the seat being vacated by Councilor Brian Moore. Please join me in congratulating Tom and Sally.

On December 4, the Downtown Task Force will be hosting an open house in the new Library Community Room. This is an opportunity for citizens to review the results of the Task Force's community outreach to date, and to offer your thoughts and ideas on the initial design for the Downtown's future. Parametrix, the consultant firm retained through a grant, will be presenting the initial design. The open house is from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Citizen input is needed to ensure that the final plan represents the wants and needs of the community. Please plan to participate!



Craig Dirksen, 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 Fifth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in Liberty Park, across from McDonald's on Main Street.

Special events include:

- Hayrides (originating near Tigard Fitness) will take you through "Old Town" Tigard beginning at 6 p.m.
- Santa Claus will arrive at 7 p.m.
- Fox 12's Kimberly Maus, host of Good Day Oregon, will kick off the festivities.
- Watch as a thousand lights come to life.
- Choirs will sing holiday songs.
- 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 Martial Arts 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. We look forward to seeing you at the celebration!



Park and Recreation Advisory Board opening

Applications are now being accepted for a position on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, as well as at least one alternate. As with other Tigard boards and committees, this board is advisory to the City Council. Applicants may reside outside Tigard city limits. Board members should have some knowledge of Tigard parks and the recreational interests of the Tigard community.

Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2004. Application forms are available on the city web site, www.ci.tigard.or.us, on the "Volunteer Opportunities" page, at the library and in the City Hall Lobby. For more information, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171, ext. 2402 or susank@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

December 2 and January 18, 7 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Downtown Task Force

December 2
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Community Room
January 6
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Town Hall



December's Focus on Tigard airs Thursday, December 2, and January's Focus on Tigard airs Thursday, January 6 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 - News You Can Use

What are your opportunities to get involved?
Where can you get the latest information on city issues?

January - Tigard Beyond Tomorrow

An update on the citizen long-term vision for Tigard's future

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 12a, 12b, 20a, 20b, 27 and 45 in October and November. To view the report to citizens for any 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 December are as follows:

Dec. 1 – Area 30 Dec. 8 - Area 25,29
Dec. 15 - Area 38 Dec. 22 - Area 1



Tigard City Council meetings air

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- 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, David Renshaw at 503-629-8534, ext. 124 or david@yourtv.org.



Traffic safety – everyone's responsibility

Over the past few years, Tigard has experienced an increase in motorist and pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Two laws, designed to enhance safety, took effect this year.

Speed limits in school zones

Many school zones throughout Oregon now require motorists to travel at 20 mph *at all times*. Other school zone speeds are enforced at specified times during the day or at times when children are present.



Pedestrian crossings

Oregon law requires motorists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and areas that are equipped with a traffic control device, like a stop sign or traffic signal. Depending upon the type of intersection, motorists must to yield to pedestrians until the pedestrian has either crossed the motorist's lane and the adjacent lane, or until the pedestrian has crossed all lanes.

You might be surprised to learn that a crosswalk, according to Oregon law, can be either at an intersection or at a location that begins from a corner of intersecting streets to a location opposite where no intersection may exist. An example would be the area where O'Mara Street meets Hall Boulevard. The opposite location on the east side of Hall is not an intersection, however, the crossing at this location is within the scope of a "crosswalk." Curb "cut-outs" can also be an indicator of a crosswalk.



The intent of the law was not to complicate drivers by bogging them down with unnecessary rules - but to improve safety. Bottom line, safety takes the highest priority when it comes to motor vehicle traffic.

If you would like more detailed information on the new laws, visit the city's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us under "Police" and "Traffic." In addition, the same web page also offers an on-line traffic complaint form to report problems or concerns regarding traffic in Tigard.

Capital Improvement Program process

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) formulation process for Fiscal Year 2005-06 began with an overview of the process through the Focus on Tigard program. The CIP process for the next few months is tentatively scheduled as listed below. Future CIP event dates and specific times will be posted on the "Events Calendar" located at www.ci.tigard.or.us.

- Draft list of CIP projects posted on the City's web site – mid-December - a hard copy is available by calling 503-718-2465.
- Citywide meeting to gather public comment – January 19, 2005
- Planning Commission meeting – early-February 2005
- City Council meeting – mid-February 2005

For more information contact Vannie Nguyen, CIP Division Manager, at 503-639-4171, ext. 2460 or vannie@ci.tigard.or.us.

Annual free leaf disposal and food donation event

**Saturday, December 11
9 a.m to 3 p.m.**

Residents are encouraged to drop off leaves at the City of Tigard Water Building, located at 8777 SW Burnham Street (on the corner of Hall Street & Burnham Street). This event is for residential customers only.

Litter, rocks, sticks and other yard debris will not be accepted.

In addition, city employee volunteers will collect non-perishable food items for the Oregon Food Bank. A donation of two cans of food is suggested. For more information about the event, contact Eric Hand, Wastewater/Storm Water Supervisor, at 503-639-4171, ext. 2607 or eric@ci.tigard.or.us.



Park reservations

2005 reservations being accepted

Make reservations online at www.ci.tigard.or.us/community/parks/online_park_reservations.asp or call the parks reservation desk at 503-639-4171, ext. 1799.

Fees increase starting January 1

To address the rising costs associated with park reservations, the City Council has increased park reservation fees. The increase will allow the City of Tigard to continue offering the picnic shelter reservation program at a level of service customers have come to expect. For more details, visit the web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us/community/parks/park_fees.asp.



Your Tigard Your Downtown



Attend the Community Workshop

December 4, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Library Community Room

See the results of the Community Dialog events and offer comments and suggestions on the initial design for Downtown's future.

Take the First Step...

Join us as we plan for
Downtown's Future.

Attend our meetings:

(January 6, February 10, March 3,
April 23, May 26)

Talk with a Task Force member:

- Small group discussions will be held Sept.-Oct. and in Jan.-Feb.
- Email us a comment:
downtown@ci.tigard.or.us

Workshop - December 4:

Roll up your sleeves and give us
your ideas.

Open House - April 23:

How has the plan taken shape?
Provide your comments.

**Visit the Downtown Task Force
web page:** www.ci.tigard.or.us/downtown

Join the Mailing List or Contact the Task Force Staff Liaison:

Associate Planner Beth St. Amand
Email: beth@ci.tigard.or.us
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Meet the Downtown Task Force

The Downtown Task Force is composed of 24 volunteers appointed by the Tigard City Council. We are residents, property and small business owners – we are your neighbors.



Downtown Task Force Members

We are committed to strengthening our community by developing a Downtown Improvement Plan that will:

- improve the Downtown core area,
- create long-lasting benefits for all of Tigard,
- achieve the community's vision,
- and be cost-conscious.

Join us as we develop a Downtown Improvement Plan that is realistic and addresses funding for future improvements. Together, we can plan for a future that inspires Tigard by investing in our community, our home.



EXPLORE YOUR DOWNTOWN

For the Heart of Tigard

Every city has a heart, a place that reflects its true community spirit—Downtown. As we step into the future, it's time to strengthen this special place for Tigard, keeping it strong for generations to come.

Let's Plan Together!

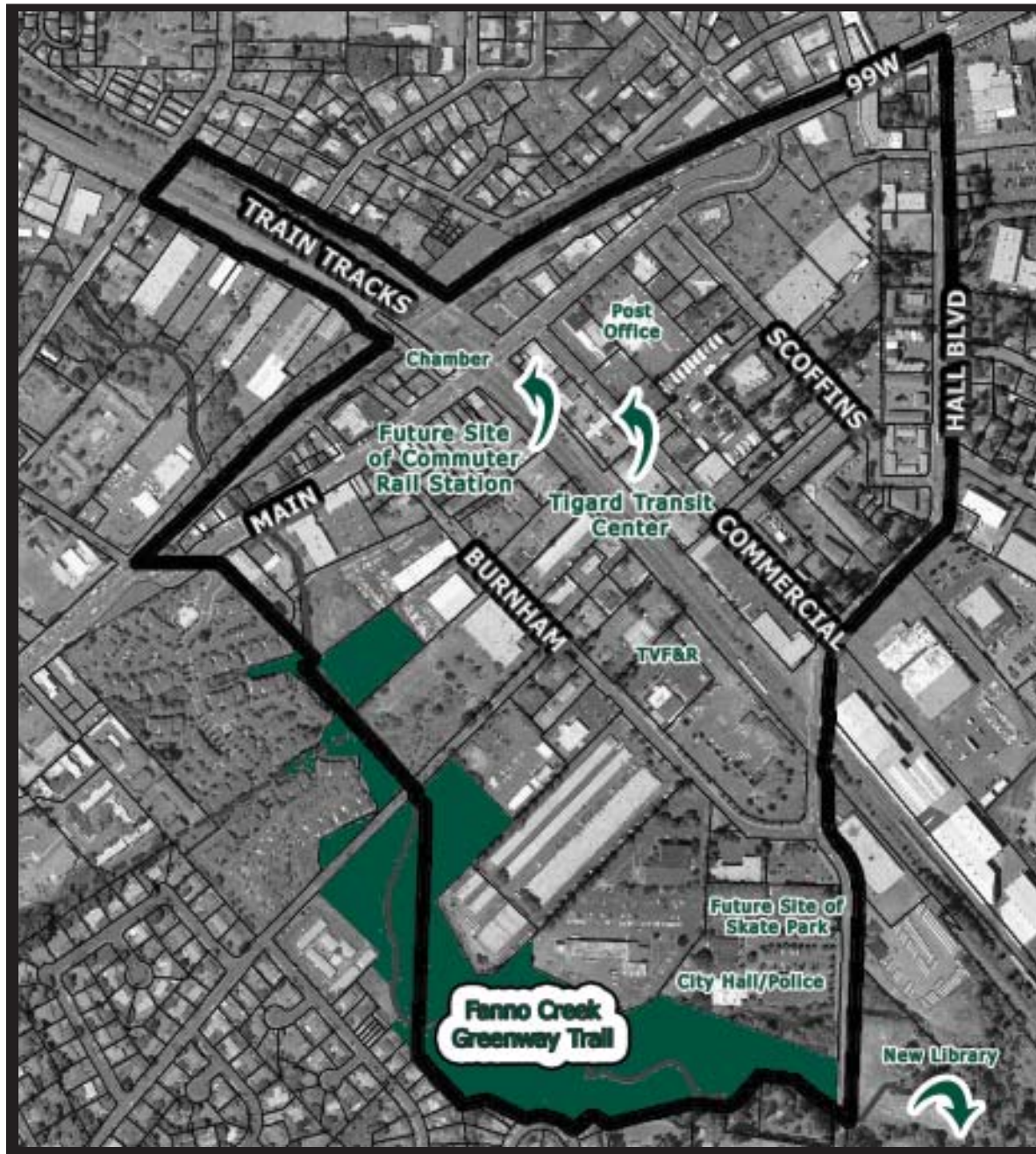
We need you—we can only do this with all of Tigard's citizens and our Downtown partners!

Together with the Downtown Task Force, we will develop a Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan from September 2004 - June 2005 using a state Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant.

What is an Improvement Plan?

The plan will build upon what is Downtown today by proposing improvements based on answers to these questions: **What** happens in Downtown today, **Where** does it happen, **How** do we want to use this special place in the future, and **How** we can make that happen?

Together, we'll explore these questions – come join us and add your voice!



Facts about Downtown

Commuter rail is coming in 2007

- Downtown will have a station
- AM and PM service
- Will link Wilsonville to Beaverton's Light Rail

In Downtown's 146 acres...

- There are over 150 registered businesses,
- with 800+ employees,
- and more than 800 residents.

The Fanno Creek Greenway Trail is part of a 15-mile regional trail that links five cities.



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Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library Events Calendar

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| Dec. - Jan. 7 | | 7 th Annual Mitten Tree & Winterland Storytimes |
| Dec. 2, 9, 16 | 10-10:30 a.m. | Toddler Time (ages 18 to 36 mo.) |
| Dec. 3 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Class: E-Mail – Part I (Reg. req'd) |
| Dec. 4, 11, 18 | 10:15-11:30 a.m. | Dogs and Tales (Reg. req'd) |
| Dec. 4, 11, 18 | 1-3 p.m. | Kings and Queens Chess Club (ages 8-H.S.) |
| Dec. 6, 13 | 10-10:45 a.m. | Preschool Stories (ages 3-6 yrs.) |
| Dec. 7 | 7-8 p.m. | Super Tuesday: Portland Taiko (all ages) – Community Room |
| Dec. 8 | 7-8 p.m. | Tigard Pops Program – Community Room |
| Dec. 9, 23 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Using the Library Catalog in the library (Reg. req'd) |
| Dec. 14 | 6-7 p.m. | Early Words for Parents (English) - Comm. Rm. |
| Dec. 15 | 6-7 p.m. | Early Words for Parents (Spanish)– Puett Rm. |
| Dec. 17 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Class: E-Mail Part II (Reg. req'd) |
| Dec. 25 | | Christmas Day – Library Closed |
| Dec. 28 | 7-7:30 p.m. | Pajama Time (all ages) |
| Jan. 1 | | New Year's Day – Library Closed |
| Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10-10:45 a.m. | Preschool Stories (ages 3-6 yrs.) |
| Jan. 5 | 7-8 p.m. | Financial Planning for Your Later Years – Part I |
| Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10-10:30 a.m. | Toddler Time (ages 18 to 36 mo.) |
| Jan. 7 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Basic Internet Part I (Reg. req'd) |
| Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:15-11:30 a.m. | Dogs and Tales (Reg. req'd) |
| Jan. 11 | 7-8 p.m. | Super Tuesday: Return of the Reptile Man – Community Room |
| Jan. 12 | 7-8 p.m. | Financial Planning for Your Later Years – Part II |
| Jan. 13 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Using the Library Catalog from the Web (Reg. req'd) |
| Jan. 17 | | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – The Library is open today |
| Jan. 19 | 7-8 p.m. | Friends of William Stafford Poetry Reading – Houghton Room |
| Jan. 21 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Computer Class: Basic Internet Part II (Reg. req'd) |
| Jan. 22 | 1-3 p.m. | Lemony Snicket (grades 3-6, Reg. req'd) – Community Room |
| Jan. 27 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Using the Library Catalog from the Web (Reg. req'd) |

All library programs are free.

For more information about library programs, visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us/library

Some library programs require registration.

To register, please call 503-684-6537.

Coffee bar hours

Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Portland Taiko

Tuesday, December 7, 7 to 8:00 p.m.

Portland Taiko shares dynamic drumming and Asian tales in "Is That Thunder?" Join us for a top-notch Super Tuesday family event!

Reptile Man!

Tuesday, January 11, 7 to 8 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Richard Ritchey, the Oregon Reptile Man, invites you to join him on an unforgettable journey with some of the most feared and misunderstood animals in the world: reptiles!

Poetry reading

Wednesday, January 19, 7 to 8 p.m.

Spend an evening with the Friends of William Stafford for a celebration and remembrance of Oregon's Poet Laureate, with readings by Oregon poets.

Did you miss out on buying a brick?

You have another chance, but act quickly!

Tigard Library Foundation's Bricks for Books campaign ends December 21.

Order forms available online at www.ci.tigard.or.us or at the library.

For more information contact Jackie at 503-620-4829.



The end and the beginning

By Margaret Barnes
Library Director

2004 was an exhilarating year for the library—a year of construction and completion. And most of all, a year of celebration! After years of work and support, the new Tigard library opened its doors in August.

Tigard library users finally were able to enjoy the gift they gave themselves—the gift of knowledge, reading and information wrapped in an airy, brick and glass edifice. Since the library opened in August, more than 100,000 people have passed through its doors.

As this year ends and another begins, we want to develop ways to help serve you better. Tigard Public Library. “Public” is its middle name. And that’s where the public belongs in the Tigard Library—in the middle of everything. That’s why we sought to involve people in our strategic planning process. Twenty-two people attended the first meeting in November and offered creative ideas to help plot the library’s future during a time of tight budgets and limited resources. A second community meeting will take place on January 10.

Another way to be a part of this monumental year is to buy an engraved brick. It’s an original gift idea and a great way to celebrate the love of reading.

New to computers?

The library offers free classes every week. The class covers - email, basic internet and how to use the library catalog. Registration is required. Please call 503-684-6537, ext. 2517.



Winter Wonderland Storytimes & 7th Annual Mitten Tree

Tigard Public Library invites the whole family to join us at our regular storytimes during the second half of December to enjoy wonderful winter stories, make some fun take home crafts and decorate our 7th Annual Mitten Tree:

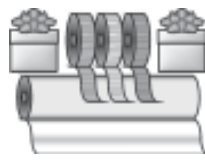
- ❖ Preschool Stories – December 13, 10 a.m.
- ❖ Toddler Time – December 16, 10 a.m.
- ❖ Pajama Time – December 28, 7 p.m.



Throughout the month of December, the Mitten Tree will be up in the Puett Room and ready to be decorated with donations of scarves, hats and mittens. Your gifts will be given to the Good Neighbor Center, which offers assistance to the homeless in Washington County. Let’s give our neighbors the gift of warmth this season! The Mitten Tree is provided by the Friends of the Tigard Public Library.

Do you hate to wrap gifts?

Help out the Tigard Library. Have your Border’s purchases wrapped by



Tigard Library Foundation volunteers at Border’s Books and Music in Tigard on Sunday,

December 12 and Friday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lemony Snicket

Saturday, January 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

Community Room

Grades 3 - 6, Registration Required

Start the new year off with a *bad beginning* at our unfortunate Lemony Snicket event! Everyone brave enough to come will get snacks and a mysterious file to take home. If you are in third through sixth grade, call the library at 503-684-6537 to register...unless you know what’s good for you.

Financial planning for your later years

Wed., January 5 and 12, 7 to 8 p.m.

A four-part series for seniors and families to learn how to protect your assets and plan your future. This series covers Medicare, Medicaid, Long-Term Care Insurance, Retirement and Estate Planning, and options for living assistance in the elder years. Parts three and four will be coming in February.

Gift suggestions

from Friends of the Tigard Library

Book bags that carry much more than books. The sturdy, bright red bag sports a drawing of the new library. A bargain at \$10. Or give the gift of nights on the town with the Entertainment Books (\$30). These items are on display at Library. Contact George or Yvonne at 503-639-0903 or friendsbooks.1@juno.com for more information.

Early words for parents

Tuesday, December 14 (English)

6 to 7 p.m. Community Room

Wednesday, December 15 (Spanish)

6 to 7 p.m. Puett Room

“Leap into Language and Literacy” is a one-hour class for parents, presented free of charge by your local library and WCCLS. Classes are made possible by a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation. Parents receive free books for their children. No registration required. No childcare provided.



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Volunteers make a BIG difference

During the twelve months in 2004, volunteers worked in the Tigard community each and every month. You, your neighbors, friends, and students, in groups and as individuals, contributed to this community. Many different agencies, organizations, schools, faith communities and individuals benefited. The town has more trees, cleaner streams, better readers, and more materials on the library shelves. People were transported to appointments, meals were prepared and distributed, and classes were taught. You contributed to discussions and decisions in committees, festivals and events went off smoothly... the list goes on and on.

For those of you who pitched in once or many, many times, this "Thank You" goes out to you. For those of you who have been thinking about helping out, please make 2005 your year to get involved. Make this the year your family volunteers together.

For additional information or to find the right volunteer opportunity for you, contact Susan Koepping, City of Tigard Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.



Employees of the Month

Congratulations Tom Imdieke and Joe Barrett, Employees of the Month for October 2004. Tom, the city's Financial Operations Manager, began working for the city in October 1999. Joe, the city's Buyer, came on board in April 2002. Joe and Tom facilitated the transition to the new library. Joe researched the library's furniture and equipment needs, put together proposals, led negotiations with vendors and made sure deliveries coincided with the library's opening. Joe's efforts saved the library money and time. Along with coordinating the financial/purchasing aspects of the transition, when it came time to move out of the old library, Tom and Joe rolled up their sleeves and delved into the dirty work. They broke down old bookshelves, controlled traffic during pickups, removed and stored equipment and coordinated the work of volunteers. Joe and Tom's energy and fun personalities are an inspiration to their co-workers. The city is pleased to have them as employees!

Congratulation Aaron Beattie, the City of Tigard Employee of the Month for November 2004. Aaron, a Utility Worker II in the Water Division, began working for the city in August 2001. This summer Aaron's supervisor was out on leave. The responsibility of assuring adequate water supply for the city became Aaron's. The Water Division had several unusual incidents that crippled the water system. It required a lot of careful juggling to make things work! The bottom line is that Aaron gave his all during this time to keep the water flowing! So we wanted to say thanks Aaron for doing a great job.