

## Mayor's corner

Happy 2005! As we say goodbye to the old year and look forward to the new, it is my sincere wish for each of you to have a happy and prosperous new year.

As the City of Tigard steps into 2005, we have the opportunity to pursue several goals that will improve our future. On January 18, the City Council met to discuss which goals and priorities to focus on for the coming year. Two of those were to complete and implement the Downtown Plan, and to proceed with the review and revision of Tigard's Comprehensive Plan. This document will serve as a guide and map of what we want our city to become. To that end, the first thing to do is put together the citizen involvement process for the Comprehensive Plan update. If you have ideas on how the plan should change, or would like to be involved in the review and revision, please contact Julia Hajduk, Associate Planner, at 503-718-2442 or [julia@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:julia@ci.tigard.or.us).

On February 7, city staff will submit their proposed Capital Improvement Plan for 2005/2006 to the Planning Commission for input. For more information, please see the community calendar on the web site.



**Craig Dirksen, Mayor**

## Tigard seeks members for two boards

Applications are being accepted from area residents who would like to be considered for the Tree Board or the Building Appeals Board.

The mission of the Tree Board is to develop and administer a comprehensive program for the management, maintenance, removal, replacement and protection of trees on public property.

The Building Appeals Board hears and decides appeals of decisions made by the building official relative to the Oregon State adopted specialty building codes. One citizen member represents the general public.

Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2005. Please complete a Citizen Interest Application form, which can be downloaded from the city web site [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us), "Volunteer Opportunities" page. Hard copies of the form are available in the City Hall lobby. Additional information is available on the City web site. If you have questions or would like an application form mailed to you, please contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171, ext. 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

## Your Tigard, Your Downtown

Exciting things are happening with the Downtown Task Force!

- The Task Force developed a Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan logo. It incorporates the upcoming commuter rail, Main Street's historic buildings, and Fanno Creek.

Look for Task Force members wearing their logo button.

- Thank you to everyone who attended the December 4 "Your Tigard, Your Downtown" community workshop. Your ideas and comments will help revise the draft Downtown design and create the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan (completion June 2005).



### What's Next

Join us as we plan for Downtown's future!

**Monthly Meetings:** The Task Force meets February 10, March 3, April 23 and May 26.

**March:** Community dialog round two is coming! The Downtown Task Force will hold small-group discussions to present the revised plan design, and ask for your comments on how to make the plan happen.

**April 23:** Mark your calendar for the Funding Forum with state and regional agencies, and state representatives. From design to making it a reality, the entire plan will be presented.

For more information, contact Beth St. Amand, Associate Planner, at 503-718-2435 or [downtown@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:downtown@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**

February 10, 7 p.m.  
Library Conference Room

**Downtown Task Force**

February 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

*Meeting agendas are available on the web. Click on Board and Committees under the City Hall link for a complete list of boards and committees.*



February's *Focus on Tigard* airs Thursday, February 3, 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*.

**February - What's Happening in Downtown Tigard?**

- Hear the exciting news on the progress that is being made on shaping the future for our downtown.
- Did you miss the December 4, 2004 "Your Tigard, Your Downtown" community workshop? Learn how the community wants to shape the future of our downtown.
- How can you get involved in the future of the downtown? More community dialog meetings will be scheduled starting in March 2005 – get involved!

**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 1, 5, 25, 29, 30, 36 and 38 in December and January. To view the report to citizens for any of those areas, log onto [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 February are as follows:**

Feb. 2 - Area 15      Feb. 9 - Area 6  
Feb. 16 - Area 37      Feb. 23 - Area 44



**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 David Renshaw, TVTV Programming Coordinator, at 503-629-8534, ext. 124 or [david@yourtv.org](mailto:david@yourtv.org).



# Tigard Beyond Tomorrow

## 2004 Annual Report

### Where we've been

A remarkable event happened in the Tigard community in the fall of 1996 and throughout 1997. Residents, government professionals, business people, and community group leaders volunteered to work together to determine the community's future. Adopting the name "Tigard Beyond Tomorrow," they established a process to define a vision for our community. Then they identified the resources for implementing that vision through a partnership of individuals and organizations.

The *Tigard Beyond Tomorrow* process has now completed its eighth year of working toward the community's long-term goals.

### Goal update

A commitment was made to update the vision on a regular basis and conduct a community-wide review of the vision to ensure that *Tigard Beyond Tomorrow* stays on track with the changing times and desires of our community.

In the spring of 2004, the Citizen's Vision Task Force met to hear updates on issues in all six target areas and provide input for a citizen opinion survey. The 2004 opinion survey was distributed in the City's newsletter, *Cityscape*, in June. The survey asked respondents about neighborhood and commercial area characteristics, leisure time activities, volunteerism, Tigard's identity and communication. In October 2004, the Vision Task Force met to review the survey results and modify and add to the goals in each target area.

### Where we're going

What will Tigard look like in 2017? In 1997, the citizen-based Vision Task Force developed the direction for our community and goals to be achieved by 2017. These principles continue to be the overall direction for our community as reflected in our community's vision statement.

**We, as citizens of the Tigard community, are committed to shaping the community's future in agreement with the direction given through this ongoing vision process. This process relies on citizen involvement and participation, and coordinated actions by the community's decision-makers.**

**Tigard is a safe, dynamic community supported by coordinated and efficient public services. Funding for services is stable and recipients pay their share.**

**Citizens are educated about how to access public**

**services and understand their responsibility to participate as members of the community.**

**There are a variety of opportunities for citizens of all ages to access education programs for life-long learning. Our community recognizes and accepts the responsibility each citizen has in promoting and supporting quality education.**

**Small and local businesses thrive. Business owners are involved and take responsibility for the impacts their businesses have on the community.**

**A community value "to respect open spaces and natural features" encourages access to these by our citizens. Many leisure time and recreational opportunities are available for our community.**

**All of these elements work together to promote and protect Tigard's individual identity and quality of life.**

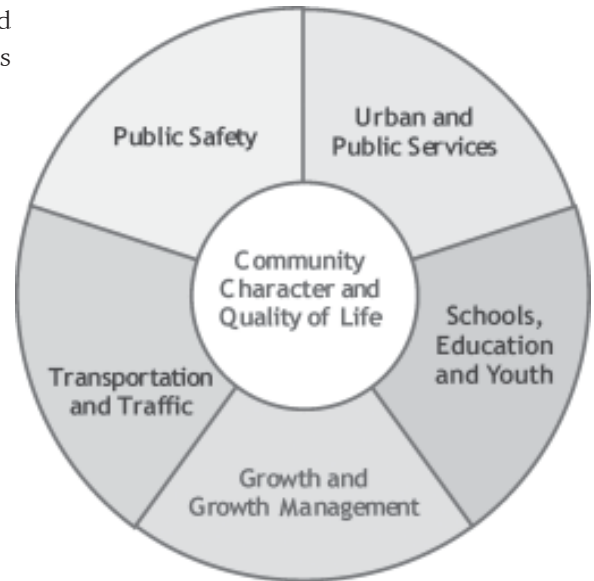
### Turn the page

On the following pages the reader will find the direction statements and the goals for each target area. The direction statements were developed by the original Citizen's Vision Task Force based on citizens input in 1997 to express what the citizens want the community to look like in 2017. Goals for each target area shown include the existing goals and those modified *shown in green* by the 2004 Vision Task Force to reflect the latest citizen input.

# Tigard Beyond Tomorrow Progress Report

The major review of the *Tigard Beyond Tomorrow* Vision in 2004 allowed citizens to give input to the Citizen's Vision Task Force. Several key themes emerged in the survey responses:

- Access to pathways, sidewalks, street and mass transit
- Community appearance
- Safety
- Traffic congestion
- Community center/gathering place
- Density and growth related issues
- Downtown development
- Environmental protection
- Open space, greenway and tree protection
- Park and recreation opportunities
- Two way communication between city and citizens



## Community Character & Quality of Life

### Direction Statement:

Tigard citizens are involved in their community. Involvement will be citizen driven and citizens will have the tools to communicate effectively with community-wide decision-makers. Volunteer spirit will be maximized through community-wide coordination of volunteers. Our community will support its volunteers with appropriate training and volunteer recognition. Tigard will encourage local, regional and community events. City funding priorities will go to events, which move toward financial self-sufficiency, and new community-wide events. Business owners, property owners, and residents of the Main Street Area shall display strong leadership, ownership, and commitment to downtown development. The Main Street area will be seen as a 'focal point' for the community. A clear direction will be established for a pedestrian-friendly downtown and will be implemented. The Tigard community must have a defined, proactive vision for community aesthetics.

### Goals:

#### Communication

- 1) The City will maximize accessibility to information in a variety of formats, providing opportunities for input on community issues and effective two-way communication.
- 2) *City policy makers shall facilitate two-way communication by providing timely information and responding to concerns raised.*
- 3) *The community will be able to effectively participate in decision-making processes because they understand the land-use system.*

#### Volunteerism

- 1) City will maximize the effectiveness of the volunteer spirit to accomplish the greatest good for our community.

#### Central Business District (CBD)

- 1) Provide opportunities to work proactively with Tigard Central Business District Association (TCBDA) businesses and property owners and citizens of Tigard to set the course for the future of the central business district.
- 2) *The downtown will provide a gathering place for the community and honor the sense of a small town/village.*

#### Community Events

- 1) Develop overall approach for sponsoring community events that establishes balance among popular or traditional standing events, requests for support of new events and limited City resources.

- 2) On-going community-events will be financially self-sufficient long-term.

#### Community Aesthetics

- 1) Identify *and implement* projects and activities that enhance aesthetic qualities valued by those who live and work in Tigard.

#### Community Diversity

- 1) *Ethnic groups represented in Tigard will be recognized and involved in the community.*

#### Community Participation

- 1) *The community will be encouraged to participate in all decision-making processes.*

## Growth and Growth Management

### Direction Statement:

Tigard continues to grow. Growth will be accommodated while protecting the character and livability in new and established neighborhoods. The City will encourage and supports private sector programs to maintain diverse and affordable housing. Urban services will be provided to all citizens within Tigard's Urban Growth Boundary. Recipients of services will pay their share. Local and small businesses will be encouraged as an important part of our community and our economy. The City of Tigard must be an active participant in regional issues. Its citizens will be educated about issues in our region and take advantage of opportunities to participate in decision-making processes.

### Goals:

1) Growth will be managed to protect the character and livability of established areas, protect the natural environment and provide open space throughout the community.

2) Urban services will be provided to all citizens within Tigard's urban growth boundary.

3) *Encourage affordable housing development through public/private partnerships.*

4) *Distribute affordable housing throughout the community where it is close to services and transportation.*

5) *Establish and maintain economic development programs to attract and retain business.*

6) *Develop transportation infrastructure concurrently with new growth.*

7) *The City Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed and revised to:*

- *Accommodate growth while protecting the character and livability of new and established neighborhoods;*
- *Provide for preservation of the natural environment and open space throughout the community;*
- *Provide for parks and alternative transportation (e.g., bike paths); and*
- *Create community gathering places.*

## Public Safety

### Direction Statement:

Tigard will be a safe place to live, play, and do business, with efficient public safety services coordinated by police, fire, and emergency management providers. Citizens and businesses will be well educated about public safety services; Tigard's citizens will understand their role and responsibilities for the safety of themselves and their community, and businesses will take a proactive role for their responsibility in protecting their investment in the community. Public Safety service providers shall plan for their service delivery in such a way as to minimize the negative impacts of the regional populations that travel to and through our community each day. Stable funding will provides uninterrupted public safety services at desired levels.

### Goals:

1) The community residents, business owners, and service providers will understand their roles through effective communication to successfully enhance public safety and emergency services.

2) Develop long-term, stable funding sources to ensure efficient, uninterrupted public safety and emergency services.

3) The community will be trained and prepared for emergencies.

4) *Police outreach – better communications with all citizens.*

## Transportation & Traffic

### Direction Statement:

Tigard will take a proactive role in regional transportation planning. Funding sources will be diverse, include regional resources and shall be adequate to build and maintain our transportation system. Each type of street will safely handles the traffic it is designed to serve. Local traffic will be served by a well-connected street network that minimizes traffic impacts on neighborhoods. Tigard's arterials and major collector streets will accommodate through-traffic reducing the impact of regional traffic on local neighborhoods. Alternative transportation methods will be affordable and available. Use of alternative transportation will be encouraged.

### Goals:

1) Improve traffic safety.

2) Alternative modes of transportation will be available and use shall be maximized.

3) Improve traffic flow.

4) Identify and develop funding re-sources.

5) *Reduce reliance on 99 W for local traffic use.*

6) *Support and promote ECO (Employee Commute Options) Rules.*

## Schools, Education and Youth

### Direction Statement:

Tigard area residents will have access to good quality public and private schools. Residents of our community, whether or not they have children in the school system, will understand the importance of education and how they can help promote education of our community. The public schools will have stable funding through state and local funding options. Curriculum and extra-curricular programs are important and will be well supported through volunteers, local funding, and increased partnerships with business and government. New development will assist in paying for new education infrastructure required by growth in the community. Public schools and governmental entities in our community shall actively partner in day-to-day operations and other costs to facilitate the most efficient delivery of services.

### Goals:

- 1) Fully funded educational opportunities for students in Tigard-Tualatin Schools will be maximized.
- 2) Schools and city government will effectively work together to achieve *operational* efficiencies and develop support options.
- 3) Adequate government funding will permit the Tigard - Tualatin School District to prepare for growth.
- 4) School districts will ensure effective two-way communication to the entire community by regularly providing information about school-related issues.
- 5) Schools will encourage a variety of opportunities for citizens of all ages to access education programs for life-long learning.

## Urban & Public Services

### Direction Statement:

Basic Urban Services (parks, recreational opportunities and libraries) will be provided to Tigard citizens through property taxes, fees, endowments, grants, estate planning and other alternative funding sources for service. Enhanced services (i.e. rental of shelters in the park, rental of rooms in the library, etc.) will be available on a cost-for-service basis. Expansion of the infrastructure necessary to serve growth will be paid for by growth. In an effort to facilitate the most efficient delivery of basic urban services, the city will encourage partnerships with businesses, special interest groups, and other communities. Citizens will be educated about basic urban services; and how to access and preserve them.

### Goals:

#### Library

- 1) Library will have a stable funding base for the provision of basic services.
- 2) A wide array of opportunities for life-long learning will be available in a variety of formats and used by the community.
- 3) Adequate facilities available for efficient delivery of life-long learning programs and services for all ages.

#### Parks & Greenways

- 1) The City will educate and supports citizen efforts to understand the importance of floodplains and wetlands and how the areas are managed and protected.
- 2) Open space & greenway areas shall be preserved and protected.

#### Recreation

- 1) Partnerships will provide a wide range of leisure and recreation opportunities that are coordinated and available for the Tigard community.

#### Water & Stormwater

- 1) Actively participate in regional development of drinking water sources and adequate, innovative funding mechanisms to develop those sources for Tigard users while exploring local options for water reuse and groundwater source.
- 2) *Equity position in a regional water system by 2007.*
- 3) Stormwater runoff is effectively managed.

## Want to know more?

Each of the action committees representing the six target areas met in the fall of 2004 to review progress on the 2004 goals and establish strategies and action plans to achieve the goals set for 2005. A copy of the full report will be posted on the city's web site, [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us), in mid-February or contact Loreen Mills or Liz Newton at 503-639-4171.



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# Life

## News from the Tigard Library

### Library Events Calendar

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	10-10:30 a.m.	Family Stories (0-6 yrs.)
Feb 2	7-8:30 p.m.	Financial Planning for your later years (Part III) – Community Rm
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24	10-10:30 a.m.	Toddler Time (ages 18-36 mo.)
Feb 4, 11, 17, 25	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer classes (reg. req'd)
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	10:15-11:30 a.m.	Dogs and Tales (new readers-Grade 5) (reg. req'd)
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	1-3 p.m.	Chess group (ages 8 & up)
Feb 7, 14, 21	10-10:45 a.m.	Preschool Stories (3-6 yrs.)
Feb 8	7-8 p.m.	Super Tuesday: Poetry Alive! – Community Rm
Feb 9	7-8:30 p.m.	Financial Planning for your later years (Part IV) – Community Rm
Feb 16	7-8 p.m.	Oregon Shadow Theater – Community Rm
Feb 17	7-7:30 p.m.	Hora de Cuentos para la Familia (Spanish Storytime, all ages)
Feb 22	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Time (ages 0-6)

**All library programs are free.**

For more information about library programs, visit [www.ci.tigard.or.us/library](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/library). Some library programs require registration. To register, please call 503-684-6537.

### New to computers and the Internet?

Free classes: Basic Internet Part I on February 4 and Part II on February 11; Be a Wise Consumer with Consumer Reports on February 17 or 25.

Please call the reference desk at 503-684-6537, ext. 2517 for information about classes and to register. See calendar above times.

### Dogs & Tales

**February 5, 12, 19, 26 -- 10:15-11:30 a.m.**

**New readers-Grade 5, registration required, Puett Room**

Could your child use a helping paw with reading? Reading aloud to a dog creates a non-judgmental environment that helps children develop their reading skills and builds confidence. Our visiting dog and owner teams are volunteers certified in pet-assisted therapy through the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter.

### Financial planning for your later years:

**Wednesday, February 2 and 9 -- 7-8:30 p.m., Community Room**

Parts three and four of a four-part series for seniors and families to learn how to protect your assets and plan your future. Presenter Martin Jacobs, a licensed securities fund specialist, will cover preparing for the financial needs of retirement in part three, and will address estate planning including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney in part four.

### We want to hear from you!

Now that the new library has been open for almost six months, we'd like to ask **you** some questions. The Tigard Public Library will conduct its annual survey from Monday, February 7 through Saturday, February 19. Please take the time to fill out a brief survey in the library.

**Your feedback will help us help you.**

### Oregon Shadow Theater

**Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m. Community Room**

Mick Doherty and Deb Chase of Oregon Shadow Theater perform *Thumbelina*, an original shadow play based on the classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen as performed in the ancient tradition of shadow puppetry. *Thumbelina* journeys through a series of natural habitats to find her home in a land of flowers, accompanied by live music on hammer dulcimer, electric guitar and sound effect devices.

### Super Tuesday

**February 8, 7-8 p.m. Community Room**

Join us for an excellent performance for young people. Fun poems jump from the page to the stage with Poetry Alive! *Super Tuesdays are made possible by a Ready to Read Grant.*

### Hora de Cuentos para la Familia (Spanish Storytime for all ages)

**17 de febrero, 7-7:30 p.m., Puett Rm**

Se presentarán cuentos, canciones y rimas para niños de todas las edades y sus familias.



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Tigard partners with Friends of Trees

The City of Tigard's parks division, in partnership with Friends of Trees, is currently working to restore the riparian zone along Fanno Creek in Bonita Park. Tigard's staff has cleared nearly 3.5 acres of non-native species along the stream's bank in preparation for re-vegetation with native plants. In addition, the City of Tigard has allocated nearly \$10,000 worth of stormwater management funds towards the purchase of native plants.

Friends of Trees has agreed to organize and gather volunteers for events to be held in February and March of 2005. During this time period Friends of Trees, with the help of volunteers, will plant over 1,300 native shrubs and trees in Bonita Park.

For more information regarding the project contact Matt Stine, City Forester, at 503-718-2589 or [mstine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:mstine@ci.tigard.or.us). For more information on volunteering, visit the Friends of Trees web site at [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org).

### Leaf disposal event a success!

Thanks to the support and participation of our residents, Tigard's third annual leaf disposal event was a great success! During this two-day event, over 181 residents delivered over 190 yards of leaves and donated seven barrels of food for the Oregon Food Bank. Way to go Tigard!

### Employee of the month

Congratulations go to Cathy Herbert, our December 2004 Employee of the Month. Cathy is a Senior Human Resources Analyst in human resources and she has been working for the city since September 1999.

Cathy assists all city departments in recruiting for new employees. She always welcomes new ideas and is cheerful even in the face of daunting tasks and deadlines. As an example, in September she worked with the police department on five separate tests involving several hundred applicants, and over the year has helped the department fill sergeant, lieutenant and captain job openings.

Cathy's major asset is her can-do, upbeat attitude. In spite of a large work load, she consistently retains her pleasant demeanor and cooperative spirit. Thanks, Cathy, for a job well done and congratulations!

### TriMet open house

**Thursday, February 10, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Library Community Room, 13500 SW Hall Blvd**

Stop by and learn more about transit service in our area and around the region served by TriMet bus Line 76 - Beaverton/Tualatin. For more information, contact DeeAnn Sandberg at 503-962-5635 or [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).