



Tigard's Official Newsletter

CITYSCAPE

May 2005

www.ci.tigard.or.us

Volume XXIII No. 3

Mayor's corner

Greetings!

Recently I received the most charming letter from Jennifer Ries. The letter is reproduced here for you to see. Jennifer suggests creating a new "Family Day" holiday in Tigard. The rest of Council and I think this is a great idea, and would like to integrate the Family Day holiday with the recognition of the city's birthday each September. The event would recognize the importance of family and also serve as a showcase for citizen and neighborhood organizations, diverse cultures, and traditions in our community. There could be performing arts, music, displays, and, of course, food. Jennifer also suggests that a fireworks display would be appropriate, and the city is exploring that possibility. Let's create this together! If you belong to a group that would like to be involved, or if you have ideas for this event, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us.


 Craig Dirksen, Mayor

Dear Mr. Mayor,
 Can you make a new holiday in May called family day with fireworks at night. And have treat sand cookies?
 Your friend
 Jennifer
 P.S.
 Families are important and it would be a fun day for families.





It's Your Tigard - Get Involved!

Be a part of the decision making process and learn more about programs. Agendas are available at www.ci.tigard.or.us under the Events Calendar link. No web access? Contact the person noted under each board or committee.

City Council

Town Hall - 6:30 p.m.

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays

Let your voice be heard – 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. - an opportunity to speak to Council for two minutes on any item not on the agenda.

Cathy Wheatley, City Recorder, at 503-718-2410.

Planning Commission

Town Hall - 7 p.m.

1st and 3rd Mondays

A nine member citizen committee that conducts public hearings on land use issues and development applications. Dick Bewersdorff, Planning Manager, at 503-718-2432.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

7 p.m. - 2nd Monday

A seven member citizen board that advises the Council on park and recreation policies, facilities, programs and budgets. Daniel Plaza, Parks & Facilities Division Manager, at 503-718-2590.

Library Board

Library Conference Room - 7 p.m.

2nd Thursday

A seven member citizen board that advises the Council regarding library policies, budget, facilities and other needs. Connie Martin, Senior Administrative Specialist, at 503-718-2512.

Downtown Task Force

Town Hall - 6:30 p.m. - May 5

A twenty-two member citizen task force guiding the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan. Beth St. Amand, Planner, at 503-718-2435.

Committee for Citizen Involvement

7 p.m. - 3rd Thursday in May, July, September and November

A newly expanded committee that reviews and evaluates public involvement and communication plans primarily for city land use and development programs. Jim Hendryx, Community Development Director, at 503-718-2443.

Planned Development Review Committee

A citizen committee whose task is to review and recommend changes to the Planned Development sections of the Community Development code. Morgan Tracy, Planner, at 503-718-2428.

Tree Board

Library Conference Room

6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday

The mission of the board is to develop and administer a comprehensive program for the management, maintenance, removal, replacement, and protection of trees on public property. Matt Stine, City Forester, at 503-718-2589.

CPO 4B/Tigard

C.E. Tigard Elem. School Library

7 p.m. - 1st Thursday

Membership is open to all residents and property owners within the CPO 4B Tigard boundaries. Map and agendas available at the Washington County Citizens Participation Organization link on the city's web site. Contact Patt Opdyke, at 503-725-2117.

Learn more!

Budget Committee meetings set

Are you interested in learning about the city's budget process? On April 25, the Budget Committee begins a series of meetings to consider the proposed budget for FY 2005-06. Meetings will be held in the Community Room of the library at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates are as follows:

- April 25
- May 2
- May 9
- May 16
- May 23

The Budget Committee consists of five citizen members, the City Councilors and the Mayor. The committee is responsible for deliberating on the proposed budget and for sending the board approved budget to the City Council for adoption.

Downtown Task Force update

Thank you to everyone who sponsored or attended a community dialog in March, and to those who attended the April 23rd open house. Your comments and ideas helped build the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan. The plan will be completed by July 2005. We invite you to attend meetings and find out more, or visit our web page at www.ci.tigard.or.us/downtown. This is the community's plan – thank you for your involvement in Tigard's future.

Opportunities

Continue to look here for opportunities that may be of interest to you or call Liz Newton, at 503-718-2412.



Jim Griffith Memorial Skate Park

Providing a Safe Place for Skate Boarding, In-Line Skating & BMX

Parents... Kids... It's time to GET ON BOARD!

You want a skate park right?
It's time to step up and do your part. Let's make this happen!



In 2001, members of the Mayor's Youth Forum

collected information about what services were being provided to youth and what additional services were needed. They noted that while there are many facilities and services available for other sports, Tigard lacked facilities for skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMX bikes — sports popular with a large number of Tigard youth. Mayor Griffith established the "Skatepark Task Force" to further pursue the idea. The City hired a professional landscape architecture firm to work with the task force on conceptual design, view online at: www.tigardskatepark.com.

A variety of sites were explored and evaluated, the task force unanimously endorsed the City Hall parking lot as the preferred City-owned site for the skate park. Centrally located, highly visible, accessible via public transportation, near the police department, lit at night, the site is ideal for the skatepark!

It's about supporting our young people and steering them toward healthy lifestyles.

The Tigard community understands the value of providing opportunities for its youth to be active and engaged in healthy "off the couch" activities. Talk to kids about skate parks and they get excited! They voluntarily attend public meetings where they learn about community involvement, civic responsibility, collaboration, public process and ownership. Giving young people an opportunity to become involved in the community, builds on their strengths and gives them hope for the future.

Eugene = 5 Skateboard Parks (pop. 137,893)
 Lincoln City = 2 Skateboard Parks (pop. 7,437)
 Forest Grove = 2 Skateboard Parks (pop. 18,200)
Tigard = 0 Skateboard Parks (pop. 44,070)

Tigard provides baseball fields, soccer fields and basketball courts but has no facilities for the fastest growing sport among young people in the U.S. — everywhere is a skatepark!

One of the concerns of the City and local businesses is that skateboarding can cause damage to public and private facilities. When skating in parking lots and on sidewalks, and mixing with vehicle and pedestrian traffic, skaters put themselves and others at risk. By building a safe, legal spot to skate we offer a place for skaters to enjoy their sport and not be in conflict with vehicles, pedestrians and the business community.

Skatepark construction can begin as soon as funding is secured! — How much will this cost?

City Contribution (as matching funds)	..	\$150,000
Grants	\$150,000
Community Fundraising	\$105,000
Total Cost	\$405,000

How Can I Help?

Contributions may be made with cash or in-kind contributions of materials or services. All donors will receive public recognition and a "We're On Board" bumper sticker. For more information on Platinum and Gold Sponsorship please contact Rich Carlson (address below).

Yes, I want to help. DETACH ALONG DOTTED LINE

- I wish to contribute In-Kind Materials of _____
(example: Concrete, Rebar & Reinforcement Ties, Steel Pipe, water)
- I wish to contribute In-Kind Labor _____
(example: Earthmoving, Grading, Fabricating Steel, Irrigation)
- I wish to make a cash donation of:
\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, Other: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Make your check payable to Tigard Skate Park and mail to...
Tigard Skatepark Fundraising Campaign
 14250 SW 88th Ave. / Tigard, OR 97224
Tigard Skatepark c/o Tigard Turns the Tide is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by Law.
 For more information, a complete list of needed materials and labor, or to get involved with the fund-raising effort, please contact:
 Richard Carlson, Chair Phone: 503.224.0871 EMAIL: rich@teleport.com or visit www.tigardskatepark.com



Shelf



Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library events calendar

May 2, 9	10-10:45 a.m.	Preschool Stories (3-6 yrs.) - Puett Rm
May 3, 10	10-10:30 a.m.	Family Stories (0-6 yrs.) – Puett Rm
May 4	11 a.m.-Noon	Stepping Back: A Look at Local History – Houghton Rm
May 4	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer class: Internet for Beginners (Reg. req'd, see article at bottom of page)
May 5	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Leisure Café (grades 6-12) – Puett Rm
May 5, 12	10-10:30 a.m.	Toddler Time (ages 18-36 mo.) – Puett Rm
May 7, 14, 21, 28	10:15-11:30 a.m.	Dogs and Tales (new readers-grade 5) (Reg. req'd) – Puett Rm
May 7, 14, 21, 28	1-3 p.m.	Tigard Public Library Chess Group – Puett Rm
May 10	7- 8 p.m.	Super Tuesday: Oregon Symphony Storytime – Community Rm
May 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Computer class: Internet for Beginners (Reg. req'd, see article at bottom of page)
May 13		Library Closed – Staff In-Service Day
May 18	2:30-4 p.m.	Computer class: Online Resources for Travel (Reg. req'd one week prior to class)
May 18	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Workshop: Job Searching Tactics – Conf Rm
May 19	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Idea Group (grades 6-12) – Puett Rm
May 19	7-7:30 p.m.	Hora de Cuentos para la Familia (Spanish Storytime) – Puett Rm
May 24	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Time (0-6 yrs.) – Puett Rm
May 26	10-11:30 a.m.	Computer class: Online Resources for Travel (Reg. req'd, see article at bottom of page)
May 30		Library Closed – Memorial Day

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.

Library closed May 13

The library will be closed Friday, May 13 for the annual staff training day. The library will reopen Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

Coffee bar hours

Monday - Thursday

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

Friday and Saturday

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

Sunday

1 to 5 p.m.



Computer Classes

Beginning Internet and Online Resources for Travel

The library offers free computer classes. Take a look at the calendar above for dates and times. Registration is required and begins one week prior to the date of the class. Please call 503-684-6537, ext. 2517 or drop by the reference desk.

Expand your world

It was great to hear from you
By Margaret Barnes
Tigard Library Director

We asked. You answered. The library's 2005 patron survey was the most successful ever with more than 2,800 surveys completed. Thank you for taking time to share your views.

Your responses show how libraries have changed over the years. Dark, musty places with shushing librarians is a worn-out stereotype that doesn't reflect the new Tigard library, where both light and enlightenment are emphasized.

Libraries provide enlightenment in many ways — through books, DVDs, CDs, the Internet and other resources.

Over 500 people named the additional computers and time on the Internet as their favorite features. Nearly 250 people said they appreciated additional books, DVDs, CDs, etc. Several named both books and computers as their favorite library features. That's the balance between books and bytes we aim for.

Nearly half those surveyed said they used the library four or more times per month. More than 70 percent responded that they would like the library open on Sundays. Over 300 people said they wouldn't change a thing about the new building.

The new library is intended to be "Tigard's living room"—a place to drop by for a few hours or a few minutes, a place where you feel at home. Using your responses and suggestions, we will work to make your living room even more inviting.



Get ready for the Summer Reading Program!

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds

For Kids!

Joust Read

For Teens!

Registration begins June 1, programs begin mid-June. Watch for details on the city web site and in future Cityscape editions.

Stepping Back: a Look at Local History

The Hunzikers: Farming Life and Times

**Wednesday, May 4, 11:30 a.m.-Noon, Houghton Room,
no registration required**

As part of the series, "Stepping Back: a Look at Local History" Mr. Ed Hunziker will talk about The Hunzikers: Farming Life and Times. The Stepping Back series is provided in partnership with the Tigard Area Historical and Preservation Association.

Teen Leisure Café

Thursday, May 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m., grades 6-12

Escape the stress and demands of your hectic life at Tigard Public Library's Teen Leisure Cafe. Come share your favorite books, graphic novels, games, CDs, and movies with other teens and your friendly young adult librarian.

Meetings are the first Thursday of each month in the Puett Room. Snacks, music and fun will be provided. Questions? Contact Jessica Marie at 503-684-6537 or jessica@ci.tigard.or.us.



Job Searching-Tactics

**Wednesday, May 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Conference Room**

This seminar covers effective job search tactics. Discover how to stay organized, learn the advantages of informational interviewing, and how to make use of the Internet to seek employment opportunities. No registration required.

Teen Idea Group

Thursday, May 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Come join Tigard Public Library's Teen Idea Group (TIG) and help shape the library's young adult collections and activities. Open to all in 6th through 12th grade, the group meets monthly to share ideas about future young adult programs at Tigard Public Library, to socialize and to have fun. We meet in the Puett Room. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Questions? Contact Jessica Marie at 503-684-6537 or jessica@ci.tigard.or.us.

An open letter from Susan Koepping to Tigard volunteers, past and present:

After seven years, I have retired from my position as the City of Tigard Volunteer Coordinator. Although I'm not usually at a loss for words, I don't quite know how to say good-bye to so many people who have made my job such a pleasure. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed knowing and working with you.

Volunteers give so much to make this a fine community. You work in the city offices and outdoors, and in all kinds of weather. You work alone and in groups. Literally

hundreds of volunteers pitch in on a myriad of jobs and projects.

So where do I begin to thank everyone I have met and enjoyed so much? To all of you who care so deeply about your community that you invest your own time and energy, I want to say "thank you" for making my job so rewarding, and keep up the good work. You make a remarkable difference.

Susan Koepping



Verizon Fiber-to-the-Premises construction

Verizon is implementing its Fiber-to-the-Premises (“FTTP”) project in areas of Tigard. The FTTP project involves the installation of a fiber-optic network in Verizon service areas. The network ultimately will bring fiber-optics directly to the homes of customers requesting this service. The installation of the network requires boring and trenching in the public right-of-way and public utility easements where conduit for the new fiber-optics will be placed.

Verizon has hired contractors to install its fiber-optics network. Recently, while working on the FTTP project, a Verizon contractor unintentionally bored through a Northwest Natural Gas line. Northwest Natural responded quickly and repaired the line. No injuries occurred and there was minimal service interruption, although one family was asked to leave their home while the line was being repaired.

The city is working closely with Verizon and its contractors to minimize the disruptions caused by construction on the FTTP project and to ensure that Verizon and its contractors follow all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. The city also routinely inspects the contractors’ work and has daily contact with Verizon or its contractors to ensure that the work is being performed properly, all work sites are properly repaired and restored, and residents’ concerns are being addressed.

For more information about Verizon’s FTTP project, contact Verizon at 503-684-8478, Verizon’s contractor, Underground Specialties, at 866-258-8097 or the City of Tigard’s Right-of-Way Administrator, Nancy Werner, at 503-718-2462.



City Manager recruitment

The City of Tigard has begun a nationwide recruitment for a new city manager. The deadline for interested candidates is May 2, 2005. The City Council is seeking a leader and administrator to oversee an organization of 264 employees and a \$110 million budget. Innovation and creative problem solving along with excellent community relations and collaborative skills rank high in the qualities that the Council is searching for. Additional information on the recruitment is available on the city’s web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us. The Council anticipates that it will take approximately six months to complete the executive search. Until a candidate is appointed, Finance Director Craig Prosser is serving as Interim City Manager.

City of Tigard Employee of the Month

Congratulations to **Michelle McMahan**, Employee of the Month for March 2005. Michelle is a Community Service Officer with the police department. Michelle was recognized for her efforts to get any graffiti that appears in the community removed quickly. Thank you Michelle for your hard work!



Congratulations to **Mike Lueck**, the April 2005 Employee of the Month. Mike joined the city in 2004. Since then he has worked to establish the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. This program, primarily funded through grants trains citizens to help respond to emergencies. So far 36 citizens have completed the training. Congratulations Mike!

Did you know?

The mission of the 65 public works department employees is to “proudly provide stewardship over the city’s water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, streets, fleet, buildings, and park services in a safe, efficient, courteous, and professional manner.” Here’s a snapshot of their activities:

- The street crew maintains 287.75 lane miles of streets in the City of Tigard with a seven person crew. This breaks down to 41.11 lane miles per crew member.
- The public works department received 2,839 customer service calls in 2004; a monthly average of 237 calls.
- Last year, Tigard water customers used over 2.5 billion gallons of water; that’s enough water to cover 23 football fields one (1) foot deep.
- In 2004 Tigard drilled more than 1000 feet, the equivalent of three “Statues of Liberty” on top of each other, for a new well.
- On an average weekend, 2,400 people will play soccer at Cook Park. That’s over 80,000 people every year.
- Tigard has nearly 147 miles of sanitary sewer pipe and 111 miles of storm sewer pipe. Last year Tigard inspected via video, 20.7 miles of sanitary and 17.2 miles of storm pipe, 37.9 miles in all. That’s approximately the same distance as driving from Tigard to Salem.



2005 Council Goals - 1st quarter update

Goal 1 - Revitalize Downtown

Complete and implement the downtown plan

Based on community dialogs and the workshop in December, the Downtown Improvement Plan has been revised. A developers' forum with the consultant was held in March. Eight metro-area developers attended this forum and offered their experience and comments. A series of neighborhood meeting on the Ash Street extension have been held. The task force will be considering this input as they proceed with the plan.

Urban renewal implementation

Public relations plan and vote - Council's goal addresses urban renewal as a program for revitalizing the downtown. Discussions occurred in April on the necessary

steps to establish an urban renewal plan for the downtown.

Council's direction is to take steps leading to a May, 2006 election on urban renewal and tax increment financing, including consultant selection for public outreach and preparation of an urban renewal plan.

Identify and begin projects - The Downtown Improvement Plan includes a detailed list of catalyst and brand Tigard projects. Catalyst projects are public and private projects that are designed to compliment development in relation to surrounding properties. Brand Tigard projects are public projects designed to support catalyst projects – street improvements, beautification, parks, etc. A list of potential projects has been identified.

Goal 2 - Improve 99W

Identify projects to alleviate congestion on 99W

Prioritize projects/funding

Leverage additional funding

McDonald Street/Hwy. 99W Intersection - Design for the proposed improvements has been completed. Project construction will begin in May with completion expected by the end of June.

Hall Blvd/Hwy. 99W Intersection (MSTIP 3 Project) - W&H Pacific has been contracted by Washington County to identify improvements to enhance traffic flow and alleviate congestion. Project elements will be selected by mid-2005 with design to follow later this year. The county intends to begin construction on the project in late 2006.

Greenburg Road/Hwy. 99W Study - Funding for the

alternatives analysis is included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects proposed for FY 2005-06. If funded, a consultant can be selected to perform the study and recommend alternatives for evaluation and discussion.

Hwy. 99W Corridor Improvements Study - This project is proposed for the FY 2005-06 CIP. The opportunity to obtain a Transportation and Growth Management grant to perform this study is available. The city is pursuing this funding.

Walnut Street Corridor Study - A series of neighborhood meetings discussing connection of Ash Avenue across Fanno Creek into downtown have been held as part of the downtown study process. All input will be considered before final decisions are made regarding additional access to the downtown.

Goal 3 - Address Growth

Revise Comprehensive Plan for Tigard and, if funded, for Bull Mountain

The Planning Commission reviewed the elements of a Comprehensive Plan update and Council previewed a work program. A citizens task force will be appointed later this year.

Seek changes with Metro

Seek changes that would free our Comprehensive Plan process to respond to citizens concerns.

Initiate a discussion regarding flexibility with density requirements - City Council has directed staff to initiate discussions with other area jurisdictions and Metro regarding this issue.

Identify and acquire parks and open space

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board is currently

working on a presentation seeking additional input on the community's interest in acquiring more open space and park land. The proposed FY 05-06 parks CIP budget contains a land acquisition project aimed at acquiring land in the Bull Mountain area (both inside and outside the city limits) and in other parts of the city.

Review growth of expenditures and revenue

The Budget Committee will hold public hearings throughout the month of May to discuss budget requests as well as review city expenditures and revenue over the last three years (see article on page 2).

Graphic identify (branding)

- Signage
- Logo
- Stationery

City Council will work with a graphic designer this spring to develop a branding program.



City of Tigard
13125 SW Hall Blvd.
Tigard, OR 97223

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, OR
PERMIT 2528

POSTAL CUSTOMER

CAP walk schedule

The schedule for CAP walks in May is as follows:

May 4 - Area 45 May 11 - Area 27
May 18 - Area 20a May 25 - Area 20b

To view the report to citizens for any of those areas, log onto www.ci.tigard.or.us/cap. No web access? Call Liz Newton at 503-718-2412. If you see the walkers in your area, feel free to ask questions or share your observations.




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.



Focus on Tigard airs the first Thursday at 7 p.m. on TVTV Cable Channel 28 with replays throughout the month.

May - Water Matters

Tune In! If you have Focus ideas contact Liz Newton at 503-718-2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us.