



## Mayor's corner

Dear Fellow Citizens,

Due to rising costs, from fuel to utility costs to employee health insurance, each year the city's budget goes up about eleven percent (11%) on average just to maintain city services at their current levels. At the same time, because of legal limitations to property tax increases, the city's revenues only increase each year by about four and a half percent (4½%). As you might guess, this cannot continue for long before our reserves are exhausted and our budget goes into deficit. To prevent this, I have asked Council to form a task force made up of private citizens from Tigard to study this issue and determine a course of action. This could include cuts to service levels and reductions in staff, or increases in fees and perhaps a local option property tax levy to increase revenue. Of course, any increase in property taxes would require a vote of the people. But whatever the decision, it must be arrived at through the direction of you, the public. The task force will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 21, October 26, November 30, and December 21 in the Tigard Water Auditorium. You are invited to attend the meetings and provide input on what future steps should be taken to address the city's financial future. Working together, we can find a solution.



**Craig Dirksen, Mayor**

## City of Tigard's Family Festival

Join us for a week of family-friendly activities and events!

### Skate Park Fest, Sat. 9/10

Noon to 8 p.m. - City Hall parking lot site  
**Free** music, games, skate competitions. Bring empty pop cans/bottles to support the Skate Park!

### Ice Cream Social, Sun. 9/11

6 to 8 p.m. - Library Community Room  
*hosted by Tigard 2000 Lions*  
 Honor those serving overseas in the military, celebrate the city's birthday with **free** ice cream treats and a short fireworks display! Bring used eye-glasses or hearing aids in any condition for the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

### Movie Night, Mon. 9/12

7 p.m. - Tigard Cinemas  
 Bring the whole family (and a can of food) to see a first run movie. **Free!**

### Share a Meal, 9/12 & 9/13

Enjoy family discounts at these restaurants: Cafe Allegro, Coffee Cabana, Davidson's, Hometown Buffet, La Tapatia, and the Tigard Sub Shop. **See page 3 for details.**

### Story Time! Tues. 9/13

7 p.m. - Library Community Room  
 Enjoy the storytelling of Alton Chung. Birthday cupcakes will be served. **Free!**

### Music Night, Wed. 9/14

7 p.m. - Library Community Room  
 Enjoy the music of the Tualatin Valley Community Band & the Tigard High Jazz Ensemble.

### Family History Night, Thur. 9/15

3 to 9 p.m. Latter-day Saints Church at 15555 SW 98th Street (near Durham Rd)  
 From 3 to 9 p.m. genealogy specialists will be on hand to help you do a computerized search of your family's history. **Free!** Beginning at 7 p.m., families can create craft projects together!

### Game Night, Fri. 9/16

7 p.m. - Tigard High School  
 Cheer on the Tigers as they play Central Catholic.

### 5K Run/Walk, Sat. 9/17

9 a.m. - starts at City Hall, ends at LDS Church on North Dakota  
 This is a **free** family friendly race. Strollers encouraged! Register via email at [tigard5k@gmail.com](mailto:tigard5k@gmail.com).

### Family Heritage Day, Sat. 9/17

1 to 6 p.m. - Library Community Room  
 Enjoy **free** music, dance, and food from cultures that reflect our families' heritages.

**There will be canned food collection boxes at each event for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Anthony's to benefit local families.**



# It's Your Tigard - Get Involved!

Board, committee and task force meetings in September are below. Agendas are available at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us). No web access? Contact the person noted under each meeting.

## Library Board

### Library Conference Room

Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m.

Connie Martin at 503-718-2512

## Downtown Task Force

### Library Community Room

Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Denver Igarta at 503-718-2429

## Planning Commission

### Town Hall

Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m.

Dick Bewersdorff at 503-718-2432

## Park and Recreation Advisory Board

### Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m.

Daniel Plaza at 503-718-2590

## Tree Board

### Library Conference Room

Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

Matt Stine at 503-718-2589

## City Council

### Town Hall

Tuesdays, September 13, 20, & 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Cathy Wheatley at 503-718-2410

## Committee for Citizen Involvement

### Town Hall

Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m.

Jim Hendryx at 503-718-2443

## CPO 4B - C.F. Tigard Elem.

Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m.

## CPO 4M - Metzger Park Hall

Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Patt Opdyke at 503-725-2117

## Join the Tigard Youth Advisory Council (TYAC)!

### Library Conference Room

Wednesday, September 7 & 21 at 6 p.m.

Liz Newton at 503-718-2412

TYAC members have a great time empowering, improving, and connecting the lives of Tigard's youth through service, peer input, and other activities. It is a fun way to get involved and meet cool people. The TYAC is open to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders who live in Tigard or the Tigard Service Area (unincorporated Bull Mountain).



Continue to look here for opportunities that may be of interest to you or contact Liz Newton at 503-718-2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us).

# Learn more!

## Putting plans into action!



### City Council Goal 1- Revitalize Downtown

The creation of the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan will be winding up this month; however, the Downtown Task Force is now preparing to embark on the exciting yet critical endeavor of translating the Plan into real action.

In order to accomplish the many pending tasks, the Task Force is forming smaller sub-groups to tackle specific areas of plan implementation. These groups will include the Brand Tigard Advisory Group, the Catalyst Advisory Group and the Land Use Regulation Advisory Group. Advisory groups will report to the full Task Force on recommendations specific to their areas of responsibility.

New members are being recruited to join the Task Force and serve on each of the three advisory groups. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to complete an application form. For more information contact Denver Igarta, Planner, at 503-718-2429 or [denver@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:denver@ci.tigard.or.us).





# Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

## Library events calendar

Sept 3	10:30-Noon	Computer Class: Computer Basics
Sept 3, 10, 17, 24	1-3 p.m.	Tigard Chess Group (ages 8 and up) – Puett Rm
Sept 5	Library Closed for Labor Day	
Sept 6, 13, 20, 27	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Sept 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Sept 7	7-9 p.m.	Stepping Back: Oregon Electric Railway – Community Rm
Sept 12, 19, 26	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Sept 13	7-8 p.m.	Storyteller Alton Chung (all ages) – Community Rm
Sept 21	7 p.m.	Portland Art Museum’s “Art Speaks” The Mauritsuis Project: An Introduction to Dutch 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Painting – Community Rm
Sept 22	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Leisure Café (grades 6-12) – Puett Rm
Sept 27	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Storytime (all ages) – Puett Rm
Sept 28	7-9 p.m.	Book Discussion Group – Houghton Rm
Sept 29	4:30-6 p.m.	Teen Idea Group – Puett Rm
Sept 29	7 p.m.	Grupo Condor, Latin American Folk Music – Community Rm

All library programs are free. For more information 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.

### Stepping Back

**September 7, 7 to 9 p.m.,**

A Look at Local History – Oregon Electric Railway. Bill Binns from the Oregon Electric Railway Museum will give a slideshow and lecture highlighting the railway that once connected our community and the metro area. Join us for a look at the grand old trolleys and railway equipment that made it all possible.



### Art Speaks lecture

**September 21, 7 p.m.**

Join a discussion on upcoming exhibits at the Portland Art Museum. Art *Speaks* brings an evening of lecture and slide show, with overview, highlights and historical background of each exhibit. The series begins with a lecture/slide show on the Mauritsuis Exhibit of 17 Century Dutch masters, exemplifying The Golden Age of Art.

### Attention Teens! Get ready to “Get Real” at the Tigard Public Library!

The theme for Teen Read Week this year is “Get Real” and runs from October 16 to 22. Beginning in September, join the Tigard Public Library in celebrating this year’s Teen Read Week with some fun and engaging activities. Tell “The Real Story” in the Teen Essay Contest; join us in making the “Real Teen Life” Photo Collage; and help design a book display of realistic fiction for the YA area. For more information, visit our teen programs page at [www.ci.tigard.or.us/library/teens](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/library/teens) or send an email to [jessica@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:jessica@ci.tigard.or.us).

## Family Week - Share a Meal

On September 12, the following restaurants are providing discounts as part of the City of Tigard’s Family Festival. There are also a few discounts available on September 13. Share a meal out and enjoy these special discounts:

### Café Allegro

12386 SW Main Street  
in Historic Downtown Tigard

Dinner special 4 to 9 p.m. - **Buy one dinner get one free**, if a soup or salad is also purchased, up to a \$9 value

### Coffee Cabana

12215 SW Main Street  
in Historic Downtown Tigard

**Buy one, get one free!**

### Davidson’s Casual Dining

12830 SW Pacific Hwy.

September 12: Bring the September 12 Tigard Cinema’s movie ticket and your family for a **free piece of Apple or Marionberry Pie ala mode**.

September 13: **Two for one - all Mexican items** on menu, dine in only.

### Hometown Buffet

13500 SW Pacific Hwy.

September 12 & 13: Lunch or dinner special - **one meal for \$4.99 with each full priced meal purchased**. Please bring this article to receive discount.

### La Tapatia

11705 SW Pacific Hwy.

2 specials: For lunch or dinner – **Family Taco Platter for \$6.95** (includes 2 chicken, 2 pork and 2 beef hard shell tacos), For dinner – **buy one combination and get the second one ½ off**. Please bring this article to receive discount.

### Tigard Sub Shop

12501 SW Main Street

**Buy one, get one free!**



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

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Garbage rates change, new services coming!

Following months of study the City Council held a public hearing on July 12 and approved an adjustment to garbage rates and the rollout of a new recycling service. Effective August 1, 2005 rates charged by your hauler will increase. Those customers who have a 32 gallon weekly container with yard debris will see a 90 cent a month increase. All rates are affected and your hauler will send a notice advising of the new rates. Rates were last adjusted in 2001, and items such as fuel, health insurance and disposal costs have impacted the haulers to the extent that an adjustment was warranted.



Effective January 1, 2006 your hauler will be providing you with a 90 gallon roller container for recycling. This container will allow you to co-mingle all recycling except motor oil and glass. These items will need to be placed in your old red crate.

This program has been implemented in other cities in the Metro area and has won the praise of customers as well as the city and hauler. Ease of recycling, more tons of recycling, and less mess blowing through the neighborhood are the results of this change. Effective January 1, 2006 an additional rate increase of 73 cents a month will pay for this increase in service. The City Council also elected to adjust the franchise fee upwards 1% to a new 4% fee. This adjustment will impact monthly bills 22 cents a month, effective January 1, 2006, and the funds will be directed to recycling, neighborhood cleanups and other similar events.

For more information please contact Twila Willson at 503-718-2597 or [twila@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:twila@ci.tigard.or.us).

### CAP walk schedule

**The schedule for CAP walks in August are as follows:**

- September 7 - Area 39
- September 14 - Area 31 & 32
- September 21 - Area 23
- September 28 - Area 14

View the report to citizens for any of these areas at [www.ci.tigard.or.us/cap](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/cap). No web access? Call Liz Newton at 503-718-2412.

### Tigard City Council meetings air

**Live Video Stream Available:**

**[www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us), click on City Council Meeting Webcast.**

Live on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Replays every Sunday - 12 p.m., Monday - 7 a.m., Thursday - 2:30 a.m. and 11 p.m., Friday - 7:30 p.m., and Saturday - 4 p.m. All programs air on Channel 28.