



Tigard's Official Newsletter

# CITYSCAPE

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## Mayor's corner

Hurray! After three years and countless hours of work by members of our Downtown Task Force, planning staff, and professional consultants, Tigard's Downtown Improvement Plan is a reality. I also want to thank the hundreds of Tigard residents who offered their input into the plan. Because of this intense public involvement, our Downtown Improvement Plan is truly a citizen's plan, reflecting the needs, wishes and vision of the entire community.

The next step is to complete the financial support base for the plan's public projects such as street improvements, open space acquisition, and public spaces construction. The Task Force and City Council have identified an Urban Renewal District as one of many tools that can be used to fund these projects; one being used successfully by Tualatin, Lake Oswego, and others. The Council plans to bring such a district before the voters at the May election next year.

For more information on the Downtown Improvement Plan or about urban renewal, visit [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov) and click on "Help Build Downtown's Future", or contact Tom Coffee, Interim Community Development Director, at 503-639-4171.

  
Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor

## Revitalizing your Downtown

### Council endorses the Downtown Plan

On September 27, City Council met to consider accepting the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan which details the community's vision, goals, and implementation framework to revitalize Downtown Tigard.

The Plan aims to integrate changes into a coherent strategy to create a "vibrant and active urban village at the heart of the community" which will serve as a functional, attractive and "uniquely Tigard" downtown neighborhood.

Following a presentation, the Council unanimously approved a resolution accepting the findings and recommendations of the Plan.



### Urban Renewal

In June, Council created an urban renewal agency in order to accomplish the projects set out in the Downtown Improvement Plan. Council acts as the agency, which is known as the City Center Development Agency. The agency is responsible for developing and implementing an urban renewal plan that details funding sources and timelines for the accomplishment of the projects and activities included in the Plan. Council also created a citizen's committee known as the City Center Advisory Commission, to assist in developing the plan and to make recommendations to the Development Agency. In early October, the Advisory Commission completed work on a draft urban renewal plan. On October 11, the City Center Development Agency referred the plan to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations. A Commission public hearing on the plan is set for October 31. Council review and consideration of the urban renewal plan is scheduled for November 22. A tax increment financing measure will be placed on the May 16, 2006 ballot to provide funding for downtown improvement. If approved by voters, the measure would allow a portion of the property taxes collected from downtown Tigard properties to be used for improvements to downtown.

### Enhancing Downtown Streetscape

The Downtown Plan identifies eight "catalyst projects" intended to produce a climate which fosters complementary development in the area. Efforts are underway to realize the first catalyst project, which seeks to enhance downtown's streetscape.

A consultant team will provide design services to create a downtown streetscape plan. This plan will combine design principles and transportation requirements to develop a unifying theme and to identify specific design elements for select streets, gateways, public spaces, railroad crossings, and the commuter rail station area. Watch future issues of Cityscape for your opportunity to provide input.

For more information contact Denver Igarta, Associate Planner, at 503-718-2429 or [denver@tigard-or.gov](mailto:denver@tigard-or.gov).



# It's Your Tigard - Get Involved!

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

## Library Board

### Library Conference Room

Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

Connie Martin at 503-718-2512

## Downtown Task Force

### Town Hall

Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Denver Igarta at 503-718-2429

## Planning Commission

### Town Hall

Thursday, November 7 & 21 at 7 p.m.

Dick Bewersdorff at 503-718-2432

## Park and Recreation Advisory Board

### Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m.

Daniel Plaza at 503-718-2590

## Tree Board

### Library Conference Room

Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Matt Stine at 503-718-2589

## City Council

### Town Hall

Tuesdays, November 8, 15 & 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Cathy Wheatley at 503-718-2410

## Committee for Citizen Involvement

### Town Hall

Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m.

Duane Roberts at 503-718-2444

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

Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m.

## CPO 4M - Metzger Park Hall

Call for details.

Patt Opdyke at 503-725-2117

## Fifth Tuesday - City Council

### Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m.

Cathy Wheatley at 503-718-2410

## New web address

The City of Tigard has a new web address: [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov). The new address replaces the previous [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us) address which will remain functional during a six-month transition period. This change will also affect city employee email addresses. Emails can now be sent using the format `<emailname>@tigard-or.gov`.

Previously, citizens could rely on the .us suffix as a sign that the website they were visiting was a legitimate government website. With the opening of the .us suffix to non-government entities, that is no longer the case. The .gov suffix, administered by the federal government, can only be used by government agencies.

During the next six months, both addresses will work, however, the city recommends that citizens and others update their bookmarks and city employee email addresses to ensure a smooth transition.

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## Books and Coffee Together at the Library?



### Is that allowed?

It is at the Tigard library! You can look for your favorite book, surf the net, or catch up with the news – all with a cup of java in your hand!

### Can it get any better than that? Yes, it can and does!

Bring this bookmark to the library checkout desk during the month of November and you'll receive a coupon to the Java Mama Coffee Café located in the library's lobby! How sweet and simple is that? Great coffee, great books...great pair!



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## Opportunities

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



# Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

## Library events calendar

Nov. 2	7-8 p.m.	Stepping Back – Tualatin Indians: the Atfalati
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6-7:30 p.m.	Dogs and Tales, Reg. req'd (beginning readers thru grade 5) – Puett Rm
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Nov. 3	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Leisure Café – Puett Rm
Nov. 3	6:30 p.m.	Computer Class: Word Processing
Nov. 5	10:30 a.m.	Computer Class: Basic Computer Skills
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26	1-3 p.m.	Tigard Chess Group (ages 8 and up) – Puett Rm
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (ages 0-6) – Puett Rm
Nov. 8	7-8 p.m.	Mad Science – Spin Pop Boom! (all ages) – Comm. Rm
Nov. 9	7 p.m.	Art Speaks: Portland Art Museum Center for Modern and Contemporary Art (all ages) – Comm. Rm
Nov. 10	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Idea Group – Puett Rm
Nov. 10	6:30 p.m.	Computer Class: Internet for Beginners
Nov. 12	2-4 p.m.	Harry Potter Party (grades 3-8 only) – Comm. Rm
Nov. 17	5:30-8 p.m.	Teen Movie Night – Puett Rm
Nov. 17	6:30 p.m.	Computer Class: Introduction to Windows
Nov. 17	7-7:30 p.m.	Spanish Storytime – Children's Rm
Nov. 22	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Storytime – Puett Rm
Nov. 23	7 p.m.	Book Discussion Group – Houghton Rm
Nov. 24		Library Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

All library programs are free. For more information about programs, visit our web site at [www.tigard-or.gov/library/](http://www.tigard-or.gov/library/). Some library programs require registration. To register, please call 503-684-6537.

### Teen Movie Night

Thursday, November 17

Bring your friends to the library, and enjoy the movie, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, and popcorn. For more information visit the teen web page at [www.tigard-or.gov/library/teens/](http://www.tigard-or.gov/library/teens/).

### Tualatin Indians: the Atfalati

Wednesday, November 2

Warren Lockwood from the Washington County Historical Society & Museum will share artifacts and give a presentation exploring the lives of the Native Americans indigenous to the Tualatin Valley. Discover how the Atfalati lived and the resourceful and ingenious technologies they developed.



### Art Speaks

Wednesday, November 9

The Portland Art Museum brings a series of evening lectures and slide shows to the library. Docent Paolo Gramaccioni will discuss the Art Museum's new building with over 35,000 works of contemporary art.

### Harry Potter Party

Saturday, November 12

Calling all Muggles! Come dressed as your favorite character to find out your Hogwarts house from the sorting hat, compete in Harry Potter Jeopardy, and create extraordinary wizard crafts. Muggles who come dressed as their favorite Harry Potter character will be eligible for a special prize. Parents may drop children off for the program's duration.



### Mad Science Presents Spin Pop Boom!

Tuesday, November 8

How do you know that a chemical reaction has occurred? After this event you'll know! Join us for an extravaganza of chemical reactions featuring flaming didgeridoos and a genie erupting from a flask to find out!



This program is made possible by The Ready to Read Grant fund.

### Dogs and Tales

Welcome "Miss Lillie"

Wednesdays!

Could your child use a helping paw with reading? Reading aloud to a dog creates a relaxed, 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. Registration is required.



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### Prepare for winter

Fall is the time of year to start thinking about winterizing your irrigation system before the first frosts. Extended periods of freezing temperatures can cause considerable damage to underground irrigation systems. Expansion of frozen water will crack water lines and damage internal gearing in sprinkler heads. Initiating an annual winterization program is a positive step toward preventative maintenance care, and will save you from problems next season.

#### Steps to winterization:

- 1) Turn off the water to the irrigation system at the main shut-off valve.
- 2) Open all drain valves which are usually located at low points.
- 3) Remove water from system. Opening the drain valves is not usually enough. To fully ensure that your system will not suffer freeze damage, the best method is to blow out the system with air. It is recommended that a professional is hired. Most landscape professionals use a high volume air compressor to blow all the water out of your entire system.
- 4) Wrap above ground valves and backflow prevention devices with insulating material to prevent freezing.
- 5) Shut down the automatic controller by either putting it on "rain mode" which will keep all of the programming information (start times, valve run times, etc.) or simply shut the power off to the controller.

For more information on water conservation contact Corianne Hart at 503-718-2599 or [corianne@tigard-or.gov](mailto:corianne@tigard-or.gov).

### CAP walk schedule

#### The schedule for CAP walks in November are as follows:

- November 2 - Area 4
- November 9 - Area 43
- November 16 - Area 26
- November 23 - Area 21
- November 30 - Area 7

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

### Tigard City Council meetings air

#### Live Video Stream Available:

[www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov), 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.