



CITYSCAPE

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Mayor's corner

99W changes

How can we make 99W work better? Besides the intersection improvements that the city and Washington County are making, what can be done? Representatives of the major public stakeholders met on March 4 to explain the obstacles and identify the possibilities, hosted by the local Citizen Participation Organizations CP4B, K & M.

Former Tigard Mayor and Washington County Chair Tom Brian talked about the I5-99W intertie proposed for just south of Tualatin, intended to pull flow-through traffic off of the corridor.

Another opportunity presented by the city and ODOT is the 99W study they are partnering, funded by a Transportation and Growth Management grant from the federal government. This study is intended to result in the identification of specific construction and development projects that will improve the congestion on 99W from which we all suffer.

There will be an opportunity for citizens to provide input. Watch future issues of the Cityscape for more information. The study should be completed by early next year.

Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor

Downtown Urban Renewal Plan Set for May 16 Ballot

On December 13, 2005, the Tigard City Council adopted the City Center Urban Renewal Plan and referred it to the voters for the final decision on the plan. The Urban Renewal Plan is project-specific, and if approved, would provide financing options for projects in the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan. The development of the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan was led by the Downtown Task Force, a group of Tigard citizens and business owners with assistance from city staff and consultants. Completed and adopted in September 2005, it envisions an active Main Street, public plazas, a fully restored Fanno Creek Park with outdoor space where people can gather for events, and a mix of new development.

In May, voters will be asked whether to approve the use of Tax Increment Financing ("Urban Renewal") as a primary source of funding for public improvements in the Downtown. If approved, the city would have the financial resources to construct streets, parks, plazas, a public market, and a performing arts center, as listed in the Urban Renewal Plan. The funds could also be used to assemble land for key development sites, or enhance Downtown storefronts.

Taxes will not go up if the Urban Renewal Ballot Measure is passed in May. Instead, approval of the Urban Renewal Plan would give the city the ability to create a separate tax fund from the appreciation of Downtown properties to pay for Downtown public improvements. Taxes, which otherwise would go to taxing districts, would instead go to the Urban Renewal Fund. Tax Increment Financing has been used in Oregon for more than 35 years in many cities including Lake Oswego, Tualatin, Gresham, Portland, Salem and Eugene. When this financing plan was presented to the taxing district boards (school, fire, Washington County, etc.), no major objections were raised or comments filed. However, some persons may have concerns that tax increment financing would result in tax proceeds going to the urban renewal district that otherwise would have gone to the city and other taxing districts. They may be concerned that money would be diverted to urban renewal from schools, police, fire or public facilities maintenance. Under the State's School Financing Statutes (ORS Chapter 327), tax increment funding, in most cases, does not affect the total amount received by a school district.

The plan limits new bond indebtedness to 20 years and does not allow any forced sale of property for development. The City Center Urban Renewal Plan provides a method of financing the improvements called for in the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan.

You may look at Tigard's Urban Renewal Plan at www.tigard-or.gov or contact Phil Nachbar, Senior Planner, at 503-718-2557 or phil@tigard-or.gov.



It's Your Tigard - Get Involved!

Be a part of the decision making process and learn more about programs. Agendas are available at www.tigard-or.gov 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, 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, 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, 503-718-2590.

Intergovernmental Water Board

Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

5:30 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday

A five member board, established through an agreement between Tigard, Durham, King City and the Tigard Water District, which makes recommendations on water-related issues. Greer Gaston, Confidential Executive Assistant, 503-718-2595.

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, 503-718-2512.

Committee for Citizen Involvement

7 p.m. - 3rd Thursday

A newly expanded committee that reviews and evaluates public involvement and communication plans primarily for city land use and development programs. Duane Roberts, Planner, 503-718-2444.

Tree Board

Library Conference Room

6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday

The Tree Board's mission 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, 503-718-2589.

CPO 4B - C.F. Tigard Elementary

7 p.m. - 1st Thursday

CPO 4M - Metzger Park Hall

7 p.m. - 4th Wednesday

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

Monday Night Budget Hearings Begin April 24

Join us to share comments on how your tax dollars are spent. The City Manager's proposed budget will be available at the first hearing. Hearings follow each Monday through May 15, or May 22, if necessary. Each department will make presentations. The Committee (City Council plus five citizens) can then make revisions or amendments to the proposed budget as a result of the feedback.

Following Committee approval, the budget will come before City Council and then a final public hearing will be held for citizen participation and comment June 13. A public notice will be in The Oregonian, The Tigard Times and online at www.tigard-or.gov.

For further information, contact Bob Sesnon, Finance Director, at 503-718-2406 or bobs@tigard-or.gov.

Tigard City Council Meetings Air

Live on the 2nd and 4th 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 7 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. All programs air on Channel 28.

Additional information:

Missed a meeting? View past meetings for the last year anytime via downstream video at www.tvctv.org. Go to government programming under the programming tab from the home page.





Tigard Gets Applause from Paws

The residents of Tigard are very fortunate to have three dedicated city established off-leash dog parks within our city limits. These parks came about through the efforts of the City Council, the Mayor, the Parks and Facilities Manager, and a group of volunteers who make up the Tigard Dog Park Committee. The parks vary in size and amenities and are maintained by the city parks department. Neighboring communities as well as those out of state have contacted Tigard for information on how to get dog parks established. A full description of the parks as well as events and updates about happenings at the parks is available at, www.tigard-or.gov/community/parks/default.asp.

Potso Dog Park is the largest of the three parks and offers both a large and small dog play area. Potso has the highest user rating score of all dog parks in the Portland area as reported by portlandpooch.com. Potso is actually on private land that was made possible in cooperation with Coe Manufacturing through a lease arrangement with the city, which expires in June 2012.

Recently it was reported that the private owner of the property had received approval to partition the land the dog park sits on. Despite getting the partition approved they have no plans to sell any piece of the property at this time. Keeping in mind that Potso is temporary and a timeline of 1-2 years is necessary to convert property into a dog park, the city and the Committee are beginning the search for another location.

Anyone who knows of a possible site within the city limits is encouraged to contact Dan Plaza at 503-718-2590 or daniel@tigard-or.gov. Property owners who might allow the city to use their property for a dog park are eligible for a Washington County tax credit.

A vital link to keeping the parks open, in good condition, and creating a safe, fun environment is the stewardship of those who use the parks. Abiding by the rules posted at each park and volunteering to lend a helping hand with additional maintenance and projects continues to make our dog parks thrive. The Tigard Dog Park Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers that coordinates activities, events, and projects at the dog parks. It is actively looking for a few dedicated people to serve on the Committee and volunteers for each park. Please contact the committee at TigardDogParks@yahoo.com.

Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain!

Gravy, cooking oil, shortening, and sauces, oh my! The battle of the bulge isn't just at our waistline; it's in our sewers causing clogs and messy overflows. To combat the fatty enzymes, the Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain! homeowner kit is here. To prevent back-ups in your home, never pour bacon, fried chicken or other cooking grease down sink drains or into toilets. Follow these steps to dispose of cooking grease:

1. Scrape grease into a can.
2. Freeze the can.
3. Toss the can into the trash.



Call 503-681-3678 to receive a FREE Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain! kit in Spanish and English that includes a pan scraper, a plastic lid that fits metal cans and easy-to-follow instructions. Your pipes will thank you for it!

Celebrate Earth Day

Join the City of Tigard's public works department in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 22.

Planting Event – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your friends and family to this SOLV IT event and spend the morning planting trees and removing non-native vegetation at Derry Dell Creek and 115th Avenue. For more information, please contact Carla Staedter at 503-718-2788 or carla@tigard-or.gov.

Activities & Info - 11 a.m. to 2p.m.

Visit the Tigard Public Library lobby for fun, interactive and educational information and activities for children and adults. Learn about water conservation, recycling and other "green" choices you can make to help the planet. For more information, please contact Corianne Hart at 503-718-2599 or corianne@tigard-or.gov.



Tigard Gears Up for Emergencies

On June 14, the City of Tigard, along with other emergency response agencies, will test its emergency preparedness skills. Residents may observe emergency activities throughout the city and possibly in their own neighborhoods. This practice exercise, using a domestic terrorism scenario, will be used to evaluate incident plans, procedures, and equipment, to familiarize emergency response personnel with their responsibilities, and to help the city assess its ability to provide critical services during an emergency.

Later this spring the city will ask for volunteers to participate in this exercise by filling the roles of shelter workers, evacuees or victims. For more information on this exercise or emergency preparedness, contact Mike Lueck, Emergency Management Coordinator, at 503-718-2593 or mikel@tigard-or.gov.



Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

Library events calendar

April 1	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Basic Computer Skills
April 1	12:30-2 p.m.	Computer Class: Intro to Windows OS
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1-3 p.m.	Chess Group (ages 8 and up) – Puett Rm
April 2	2-3 p.m.	Rick Huddle, Storyteller: Hearing Voices Storytelling Festival – Comm. Rm
April 3, 10, 17, 24	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (0-6 years) – Puett Rm
April 4, 11, 18, 25	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (0-6 years) – Puett Rm
April 5	11 a.m.-Noon	Stepping Back: A Look at Local History
April 5, 12, 19, 26	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Storytime Adventures (0-6 years) – Puett Rm
April 5, 12, 19, 26	6-7:30 p.m.	Dogs & Tales (Reg. req'd, new readers -Grade 5) – Puett Rm
April 6	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: E-Mail for Beginners
April 8, 22	10:00 a.m.-Noon	Open Computer Lab
April 11	7-8 p.m.	Super Tuesday: Captain Bogg & Salty (all ages) – Comm. Rm
April 11-17		“Rock the Poem” Teen Poetry Contest (Teens Grades 6-12)
April 13	4:30-5:30 p.m.	YA Book- Discussion Group (Reg. req'd) – Puett Rm
April 13	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: Surfing the Web for Fun
April 15	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Internet for Beginners
April 15	1-5 p.m.	Genealogy: Learn how to Research your Family History (Reg. req'd) – Tech. Rm
April 19	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Job Interviewing Workshop (Reg. req'd)
April 20	5:30-8 p.m.	Teen Movie Night - The Legend of Zorro (Grades 6-12 only) – Comm. Rm
April 20	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: Introduction to MS Word
April 20	7-7:30 p.m.	Spanish Storytime (all ages) – Puett Rm
April 21, 28	10-11 a.m.	Sing, Sign & Playtime (Ages 0-6 w/parent or caregiver) – Puett Rm
April 22		Earth Day Events – Comm. Rm
April 25	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Storytime (all ages) – Puett Rm
April 27	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: E-Mail for Beginners
April 29	10:00 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Excel for Beginners

All library programs are free. For more information about programs, visit www.tigard-or.gov/library/.

Some library programs require registration. To register, please call 503-684-6537.

“Rock the Poem” Teen Poetry Contest

All entries due to TPL by April 17

April is National Poetry Month, and April 11–17 is Young People’s Poetry Week. Teens are encouraged to read, write, and enjoy great poetry. Tigard Public Library is celebrating with a poetry contest for teens in grades 6 - 12. All entries must be original, and include entrant’s name, school, grade, and phone number.

Rick Huddle, Storyteller: Hearing Voices Storytelling Festival

April 2, 2 to 3 p.m.

In celebration of National Library Week, April 2 - 8, the Washington County Cooperative Library Services present Hearing Voices - A Family Storytelling Festival for all ages. Rick Huddle tells humorous and inspiring stories about princesses who slay dragons, monsters that play kickball, and cows that dance. To locate all storytelling events in Washington County, visit

www.wilinet.wcccls.lib.or.us.

Funded by a grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council.

Stepping Back: a look at Local History, Heritage Trees

April 5, 11 a.m. to Noon

Discover the historical significance of area trees and make suggestions for trees that should be added to the newly created Tigard Heritage Tree Program.



“Ask a Librarian Email Service” at Tigard Public Library

The Tigard Public Library has implemented a service called “Ask a Librarian” which is available through the library’s web site. Email reference service provides brief answers to factual questions as well as suggestions for resources to help you find what you need. You must have a library card from the Washington County Cooperative Library System to use this service. To access the form, visit www.tigard-or.gov/library.



**Super Tuesdays!
Captain Bogg & Salty**

April 11, 7 to 8 p.m., All ages welcome

Portland's own pirate band will perform a set full of audience interaction and inspired silliness, featuring pirate jigs and mermaid lullabies. Arrr!

Made possible by The Ready to Read Grant fund.



Genealogy: Learn how to Research Your Family History

Saturday April 15, 1 to 5 p.m. Technology Room

Representatives from the Tualatin Family History Center will be on hand in the Library's Technology Room to assist the public in the use of the library's two genealogy-related databases. Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest are tools library patrons can use to research their family history. Come and find out more about these resources and how to use them!

Download Audio Books from Home

The next big thing in library services—audio books you can download onto your PC or MP3 player—is now available to Tigard Library users. Library2Go allows patrons to access popular books through the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) web site.

The Tigard Library has dedicated two computers for patrons who wish to download audio books to their MP3 players or laptops. Patrons with a Washington County library card in good standing can also download the books from home. For more information, go to www.tigard-or.gov/library or call the Reference Desk at 503-684-6537.

Like other library materials, popular audio books may be subject to holds if too many people are trying to access them. Library2Go is available through WCCLS, a member of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium. It consists of eight public library groups that share costs and pool resources in order to provide this 21st Century service to their patrons.

Computer classes

Registration is no longer required for computer classes. Attendance is on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited.



Job Interviewing Workshop

April 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Attend this class and learn how to manage your interview with tips on self-preparation, typical interview phases, how to handle tough questions, and different interviewing styles. This workshop will cover phone, panel and behavior-based interviews, as well as salary negotiation. This is the second of a three-part series on job searching topics. Please call 503-684-6537 to register.

Sing, Sign & Playtime

April 21 & 28, 10 to 11 a.m., ages 0-6 with parent or caregiver

Sing songs, learn and review American Sign Language signs, play and interact with your child! Each week, educator Dawn Prochovnic will lead the group in signs,



songs, stories and movement related to a theme such as "food & drink," "animals" or "things that go." Workshops are suitable for both new signers and those with experience.

**(Self) Help Is Here!
Ask at the Library!**

Volunteers Take Time for Tigard

Celebrate Tigard's Volunteers!

April is National Volunteer month

We love our volunteers and appreciate their hard work to make our community a better place to live, work and play. Results from a recent survey:

Reasons for getting involved:

- Civic Pride
- Give back to the community
- Input into the concerns of the city
- Meet new people
- Help develop parks and recreation
- Know what is happening in the city
- Making the community better/stronger

Recommendations to others:

- Good way to learn about community
- Can't complain if you are not involved
- Volunteering can help people stay involved and learn about new things
- Work is appreciated, and
- If you want to be heard, volunteering is a great way to make it happen.

**Tigard Special Events
Volunteer Calendar**

April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Earth Day (SOLV IT)* - Derry Dell Creek & 115th Ave. (see article on page 3)

May 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Down By the Riverside* - Cook Park

Contact Carla Staedter 503-718-2402 or carla@tigard-or.gov.





New Play Structure for Englewood Park

The City of Tigard has installed a new playground structure in Englewood Park just off Ironwood Loop. A spiral slide, swirl slide and climbing ladder are some of



the fun features to explore on the new equipment, which is ADA wheelchair accessible and meets all playground safety standards. Pathways to and from the area are constructed of specially-engineered wood chips designed for wheelchair access. The park's existing swing set received some minor improvements as well.

The City of Tigard wishes to thank Jerry Burgess of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District who helped with the playground layout and Kaiser Permanente who donated the benches near the play structure.

Construction Noise

The City of Tigard recently changed the hours allowed for construction and power equipment noise. This applies to air, electric or gas driven tools, such as table and circular saws, lawn mowers, edgers, and other lawn or construction tools. People may use this type of equipment during the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. The change in hours became effective on December 8, 2005. You can find the revised language in Section 7.40.180 of Title 7 in the Tigard Municipal Code. You can access this on-line at www.tigard-or.gov.

Tigard Safety Town Registration

What:

Tigard Safety Town is a nine-day class where children learn about bicycle, pedestrian, home fire, electrical and personal safety through the use of puppets, speakers, films, music, and hands on activities.

Who:

For kids who have a birthday between September 1, 1999 and January 1, 2002. No exceptions!

When:

Registration is on April 15, 2006 at 9 a.m. for Tigard residents. At 9:45 a.m. registration is open to those living outside of the 97223 & 97224 zip codes if space allows. Each session offers a morning (9-11:15) or afternoon (12:00-2:15) class. This year the session dates are planned for June 20- June 30 (weekdays) or July 3- July 13 (weekdays, except for July 4th)

Where:

Registration is at Tigard City Hall. Safety Town is held at Mary Woodward Elementary School.

Fee:

\$45 (each additional sibling \$40). Limited scholarships are available. A legal guardian must be present at registration and bring: Child's birth certificate (no substitutions!), proof of address, insurance policy number, medical information, and the name and phone number of the participant's doctor.

For additional information, please contact Michelle at 503.524.6930 or mdaily2312@comcast.net

Play Safe

Did You Know?

- April is National Volunteer Month across the United States and Tigard has a wealth of volunteer opportunities available locally.
- The total number of Tigard Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers expanded to 45 in 2005.
- The current value of volunteer time has been determined to be \$17.55 per hour.
- Tigard Library volunteers include people from Germany, Latin America, China, Iran, India, Bulgaria, Thailand, Japan, and Russia.
- Police Department Reserve Program Officer volunteers conduct traffic control at major accidents, provide vacation home checks, bicycle patrols, and assistance at special events.
- Oregonians over 55 years old are the largest age group for volunteers.
- In a March 2005 telephone survey, over 2/3 of Oregon organizations contacted reported an increase in the total number of volunteers involved in their organizations.
- The City of Tigard Public Works Department is a prime source of local Eagle Scout projects.
- The Retired Senior Volunteer Program reimburses participants for commuting costs associated with their volunteer service.
- During 2005, 970 City of Tigard volunteers contributed over 21,600 hours of their time.

For current ongoing volunteer opportunities call Bob Roth at 503-718-2402 or visit www.tigard-or.gov/community/volunteer.



Why Are Those Cops Just Standing Around?

Tigard Police respond to a variety of types of traffic crashes. Some involve injury; some involve property damage, some involve pedestrians. Most frequently they involve two or more vehicles.

Our primary objective upon arriving at a traffic crash is to preserve potential evidence and protect lives and property. We may have to block one or more lanes of traffic to ensure the safety of responders and while we evaluate the situation. If the incident involves injury, evidence at the scene might aid us in solving the crime. If we don't block off the roadway, evidence could be lost forever.

So why are the police officers standing around at a traffic crash? Several reasons! The first officer to arrive is usually responsible for ascertaining whether medical assistance is necessary and obtaining license, insurance and registration information. He or she is responsible for any investigation that will be done, including witness interviews at the scene whenever possible. Other officers who arrive assist the primary officer and direct traffic as necessary, especially during rush hours. If you see several officers standing around, they've all had some involvement in the incident and need to brief one another before leaving the scene.



Another objective is to get the roadway open as quickly as possible. If the vehicles are drivable we make every effort to move them off the road to avoid hindering traffic flow. If the vehicles are not drivable, officers will wait for the tow truck(s) to arrive. Although it may appear to some motorists at this point that officers are standing around idly, in essence they are anticipating arrival of the tow trucks to expedite the scene. The officers will now need to focus their efforts on removing the damaged vehicles and getting the roadway reopened.

Now Accepting Passport Applications

The City of Tigard is now a passport application acceptance agency. The Finance Department provides passport application services Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The Finance Department is located at 13125 SW Hall Blvd in the Tigard City Hall. Passport application forms are available in the Tigard City Hall lobby Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Routine processing time for passports is 6 to 8 weeks. The U.S. Department of State's fee to apply for a passport for anyone age 16 and over is \$67.00 and \$52.00 for anyone under age 16. There is also a \$30.00 execution fee, per application, payable to the City of Tigard.

To apply for a passport, you will need proof of citizenship and proof of identity. Examples of proof of citizenship and proof of identity are available at the city's or U.S. Department of State's web sites. Additionally you will need two identical passport photos (2 inches by 2 inches). The City of Tigard does not take passport photos, however, you can identify a business that takes passport photos in the Yellow Pages under Photographers.

For more information about the City of Tigard's passport process please visit the city's web site at www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/services/passport/default.asp. The U.S. Department of State provides complete passport application information at www.travel.state.gov.

Volunteers Encouraged to Apply for Clerical Opportunities

City of Tigard departments have several one-time and ongoing clerical positions available for new volunteers. These projects may involve data entry, file updates, and mailings. Computer skills, attention to detail, and reliability are important. For more information about volunteer opportunities contact Bob Roth, Volunteer Program Development Specialist at 503-718-2402 or bob@tigard-or.gov.

Skatepark Update

After an energetic drive to raise funds for the Tigard Skatepark, the committee has raised over \$55,000. Fund-raising volunteers are still needed to continue to reach out to businesses who have not yet been contacted. The city has located the site. The next step will be choosing a design firm who will work with Tigard young people to determine the final design. If you have comments or questions, please contact Rich Carlson, committee chair, at 503-224-0871 or rich@teleport.com. If you would like to donate money to the skatepark, please make out checks to Tigard Skatepark and mail them to 14250 SW 88th Ave., Tigard, OR 97224.



Family Fest

Planning is underway for Tigard's Family Fest scheduled for the weekend of September 9 and 10, 2006. If you're interested in helping plan the activities, please contact Liz Newton at 503-718-2412 or liz@tigard-or.gov.



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Tigard 2027: The Comprehensive Plan Update

What will Tigard be like in 2027, and how will we get there? To provide a guide for the City's next stage of life (20 years), the City is now updating its Comprehensive Plan. This article is the first in a series about the Plan and what's changed since the Plan was created (1983).

What is the Comp Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a citizen-driven guide for Tigard's investments and actions over the next 20 years. Through the Plan, the community balances its needs and values with the existing land, determining how the city will look and operate in the future.

The Plan will be based on current conditions, community values and goals (identified through Tigard Beyond Tomorrow, past and current surveys), and state and regional requirements. It will be built upon previous efforts, most notably Tigard Beyond Tomorrow. Since 1997, the Tigard community has defined its values and goals through Tigard Beyond Tomorrow, which provides a solid foundation for the Plan. Because state law mandates that we must meet all applicable Statewide Planning

Goals, we will consider additional topics in an expanded approach.

What Does it Mean For You?

From services and public facilities, to housing, economic development and land use, the Comprehensive Plan defines Tigard's future. Through a citizen-driven process, the Plan will use the community's values to move from policy to action. The City's Planning Commission will be the project's steering committee.

How can You be Part of the Process?

- Attend Planning Commission meetings
- Attend open houses and other outreach events
- Read proposed materials and provide comments
- Join the Comp Plan NewsList to receive regular update

The project launches this month. For more information, contact Senior Planner Beth St. Amand at 503-718-2435 or beth@tigard-or.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!