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Mayor's corner

The votes are in and although there were no City of Tigard measures on the ballot, several county and regional ballot measures approved by voters will help support services for Tigard citizens.

The Washington County Public Safety levy will not increase the number of Tigard police officers, but many important county-wide public services are supported by this levy. Funds pay for jail beds and staff, juvenile counselors, deputy district attorneys, 911 dispatch computers, emergency shelters (including the Good Neighbor Center in Tigard), probation and parole officers, and several multi-agency crime task forces. These services provide the means to prosecute and house criminals and support crime victim and juvenile offender programs throughout the county.

Voter approval of the county-wide library levy will provide additional funds to help the city pay for the operation of the Tigard Public Library. The City Budget Committee will consider what programs and services can be funded including increasing library hours.

The Metro natural areas bond measure includes funds for local greenspace and park projects. Tigard's share of these funds is estimated to be \$1,326,780. City Council and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board have worked over the past year to identify potential park and open space sites. These funds will go a long way to leverage local funds to move forward on additional land acquisition.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's bond issue was also approved by voters. Funds from the bond will allow TVF&R to build an additional fire station in Tigard on Walnut Street between Gaarde and SW 121st which will dramatically improve fire and emergency medical service response in that area.

Thanks to all who supported these levies to fund services and programs that are important to Tigard citizens.

Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor

Holiday Happenings



Tree Lighting Festivities Set for Friday, December 1st

You and your family are invited to join the Tigard Central Business District Association and Tigard's downtown businesses in watching Santa Claus light the Christmas Tree. The 7th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in Liberty Park, across from McDonald's on Main Street. Special events include:

- Festivities begin at 7 p.m.
- Santa Claus will arrive around 7:20 p.m. in a fire truck!
- Watch as a thousand lights come to life.
- Surprises for young and old alike.
- Cookies and cocoa at Tigard Fitness.

TYAC Blanket Drive

Join the Tigard Youth Advisory Council their 4th Annual Blanket Drive. Blankets are distributed to area families by the Caring Closet where families in need can "shop" for free clothing and household items.

You can drop off new and clean gently used blankets and comforters into decorated boxes by December 14 at the following locations: Templeton Elementary, Durham Elementary Alberta Rider Elementary, Tigard High School, Jo-Ann's Fabric Store, George's Giant Hamburgers, Primo Espresso, Curves on Durham Road, Rolling Hills Community Church, Tigard Public Library, and the Tigard Senior Center.

Thanks for your support!

Music to get you in a Holiday Mood

The Tualatin Valley Community Band, under direction of Steve Heuser, will present a free Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m. in the Deb Fennell Auditorium, Tigard High School, 9000 SW Durham Road, Tigard. The concert will feature a number of familiar holiday melodies and a few new tunes that will have you humming on the way home.

For more information please visit www.tvcb.org or contact Steve Heuser, Music Director at 503-691-1446.





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, 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, 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, 503-718-2590.

Intergovernmental Water Board

Tigard Water Bldg. Auditorium

5:30 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday

A five-member board, established between Tigard, Durham, King City and the Tigard Water District, which makes recommendations on water-related issues. Greer Gaston, 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. Margaret Barnes, 503-718-2501.

Committee for Citizen Involvement

7 p.m. - 3rd Thursday

The Tigard CCI reviews the form and process of the City's communications with City residents to improve those communications and to encourage City residents to be more involved with City affairs. Duane Roberts, 503-718-2444.

Tree Board

Library Conference Room

6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday

A seven-member board established to develop and administer a comprehensive program for the management, maintenance, removal, replacement and protection of trees on public property. Matt Stine, 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. Contact Patt Opdyke at Washington County, 503-725-2117.

Recruiting Members

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Members

The City of Tigard Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) is recruiting to fill two voting member and one non-voting alternate vacancies. PRAB members advise the Tigard City Council on park and recreation policies, facilities, programs and budgets.

Tigard's PRAB meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Tigard Water Building Auditorium.

Individuals interested in being considered for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board vacancies need to fill out a Citizen Committee Interest Application form and return it to Tigard City Hall by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 5th. These forms are available on line at www.tigard-or.gov/volunteer or at Tigard City Hall.

For more information about these vacancies and PRAB activities contact Dan Plaza at 503-718-2590 or daniel@tigard-or.gov.

City Competes for Federal Transportation Dollars: Citizen Support Needed!

Tigard needs citizen support to compete for federal transportation dollars to help fund Downtown street improvements, Downtown transit center planning, and, in partnership with Metro, master planning a Westside regional trail that includes a Tigard portion. To learn how you can help, please go to the Tigard webpage at www.tigard-or.gov or call Duane Roberts at 503-718-2444. **There is no time to spare.** The deadline for phone, e-mail, web, and mailed comments is December 1, 2006.





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Your City Wants to Save Money! Here's How You Can Help!

In a recent survey, when asked how they generally learn what's going on in local government 29% mentioned the *Cityscape* newsletter. The City views the *Cityscape* as an important tool to communicate with citizens about what's happening in the community, how citizens can get involved in their community, and provide updates on projects and programs.

City staff is committed to continuing to produce the *Cityscape* regularly.

However, with the ability to send each issue electronically to subscribers it's time to review the cost effectiveness of printing and mailing one copy for each postal customer. Currently the City prints and mails 26,000 copies of the *Cityscape* each month at an annual cost of over \$68,000.

Estimates are that 70% of Portland-area residents have access to the internet. If a significant percentage of Tigard

citizens subscribe to *Cityscape* electronically, they would receive it on their desktops about a week before it goes out in the mail and the City may be able to significantly reduce the cost of newsletters that are printed and mailed. Over the next few months we will evaluate the most cost-effective way to distribute the *Cityscape* newsletter.

PLEASE let us know!

I plan to sign up to receive *Cityscape* via the free e-mail subscription service

I would like to receive *Cityscape* in the mail:

Name: _____

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Please detach and mail to Liz Newton, City of Tigard, 13125 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, OR 97223 or send your request to cityscape@tigard-or.gov. Please include your name and mailing address.

*If you don't respond by Jan. 31, 2007 we will assume you don't want to receive **Cityscape** in the mail.*



Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

13500 SW Hall Blvd.

Library events calendar

December 1	10:30-11 a.m.	10th Annual Mitten Tree Story Time
December 1	3-5 p.m.	Teen Drop-In Holiday Crafts
December 2	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Basic Computer Skills
December 2	12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.	Computer Class: Introduction to Windows
December 4,11,18	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6)
December 4	5-7:30 p.m.	Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)
December 5,12,19	10:30-11 a.m.	Book Babies (ages 0-18 mos.)
December 5	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Internet for Beginners
December 5	7-8 p.m.	Super Tuesday! Komedya 4 Da Kids w/ Angel Ocasio
December 6,13,20	10:30-11 a.m.	Toddler Time (ages 18-36 mos.)
December 6,13,20	6-7:30 p.m.	Dogs & Tales
December 7	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Book Discussion Group
December 7	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: Basic Word Processing
December 8, 15 22	10:30-11 a.m.	Family Story Time (ages 0-6)
December 9	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Popular Uses of the Web
December 11	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Teen Library Council & Zine
December 12	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Computer Class: Email for Beginners
December 14	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Teen Workshop-Punched Tin Lanterns
December 14	6:30-8 p.m.	Computer Class: Introduction to Using Library Databases
December 16	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Open Computer Lab
December 18,19,20,21,22	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Winter Break Matinee
December 18	5-7:30 p.m.	Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)
December 19	7-7:30 p.m.	Pajama Story Time (ages 0-6)
December 21	5-7 p.m.	Teen Holiday GameFest
December 27	2-4 p.m.	Winter Break Craft
December 28	2-4 p.m.	Winter Break Movie

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

10th Annual Mitten Tree Story Time

Friday, Dec. 1, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Puett Room, Ages 0-6

Bring the whole family for winter stories, fun crafts and warm, yummy refreshments! Library patrons are invited to decorate the Mitten Tree throughout the month of December with donations of new scarves, hats and gloves for the Good Neighbor Center. *Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Teen Holiday GameFest

Thursday, Dec. 21, 5-7 p.m.
Community Room, Grades 6-12

Bring your friends to the library and enjoy Dance Dance Revolution, Super Smash Brothers, Twister, board games, and snacks!

Winter Break Movie

Thurs., Dec. 28, 2-4 p.m.
Community Room, Ages 5-12

Take a break from Winter Break to join us for snacks and a movie on the big screen.

Super Tuesday!

Komedya 4 Da Kids with Angel Ocasio

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7-8 p.m.

Community Room, Ages 5-12

Comedian Angel Ocasio returns for another side-splitting, bilingual (English/Spanish) one-man show. Get ready to laugh your socks off!

Un martes fantástico! Comedia para los niños con Angel Ocasio

El cómico Angel Ocasio regresa para hacer otro show bilingüe muy divertido. Prepárense para morirse de la risa!

Teen Workshop – Punched Tin Lanterns

Thursday, Dec. 14, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Puett Room, Grades 5-12, Reg. Req'd

Art Instructor Kathy Karbo returns for another fun workshop just for teens. Create your very own dramatic sculptural lantern using recycled metals, wire, beads, bells and more for a great gift or keepsake.

Teen Drop-In Holiday Crafts

Friday, Dec. 1, 3-5 p.m.

Puett Room, Grades 5-12

Drop in for hot chocolate and crafts. Make gift bags, picture frames, cards and more. All supplies provided!

Winter Break Matinee

Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Community Room, All ages!

Join us during your Winter Break for a movie matinee complete with popcorn. A different family movie classic will be shown each day. Please contact the library for more information.

Winter Break Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2-4 p.m.

Puett Room, Ages 5-12

Drop in and make a beautiful winter snow globe to take home. All supplies provided!



Explore Bonita Park

Bonita Park is located at the intersection of Bonita Road and Milton Court and was dedicated to the city in 1989. In 2004, with money from the city's park fund and a federal grant, a family-friendly park was developed to serve residents living in several nearby apartment complexes.



Recreation features now include a basketball court, a family-size picnic shelter, open, grassy areas, and two play structures, catering to kids of different ages and ability levels. Irrigation was also installed and gently sloping cement pathways were constructed to connect the various areas of the park. Drinking fountains, benches, picnic tables and ADA accessible portable restrooms completed the park's development.

With the help of volunteers from Friends of Trees and the Tualatin Riverkeepers, the city is returning 4 of the park's 5.5 acres to a more natural state by removing the invasive vegetation and planting native trees and shrubs. Mass native plantings have been done in the park's two seasonal wetlands and along Fanno Creek. Large native Oregon white oaks still stand in some of these sites and there is also a small interpretive area, protected with a cedar rail fence, where native camas grow. Restoration work continues at the northern end of the park.

For more information, contact Parks Supervisor Steve Martin at 503-718-2598 or steve@tigard-or.gov.

Prevent Frozen Pipes

Don't be left in the cold this winter!

Here some helpful things you can do to prepare pipes and water lines for freezing temperatures:



- Insulate or apply heat tape to pipes that run along exterior walls or are in unheated parts of your home, like the crawl space, basement or garage.
- Close off vents to crawl spaces and basements.
- Shut off inside valves supplying outdoor faucets and drain and disconnect hoses.
- Turn off and drain water from your irrigation system.
- On very cold days, take special precautions in older homes. Allow water to drip from faucets that are supplied by exposed pipe and open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing.
- If leaving your home for an extended period of time, consider asking the city to turn your water off during your absence.

Free 2007 Calendars

Water: Reduce Your Use!

The City of Tigard is pleased to present its 2007 Water Conservation Calendar, "Water: Reduce Your Use!" The calendar features winning artwork from a contest held last spring. The contest was open to all elementary students in the Tigard Water Service Area. In addition to artwork, the calendar is filled with water conservation tips and fun facts.

In mid-December, the free calendars will be available at the library and city hall or by contacting Water Conservation Program Coordinator Corianne Hart at corianne@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2599.

The winning artists are:

CF Tigard: *Gavin*

Deer Creek: *Justin D., Michael A., Alisa D., Aparna G.*

Durham: *Courtney, Jordan H.*

Templeton: *Cicely B.*

Alberta Rider: *Mallory R.*

St. Anthony School:

Austin S., Isabella B., John M.

Gaarde Christian School: *Katherine R.*

Have You Tried WATPL?*

Do you own a laptop computer?

Would you like to access the Internet away from home free of charge?

Have you tried Wireless Internet at the Tigard Public Library?



Basic tips for getting started

- Make sure your laptop is configured for wireless access.
- Connect to wireless.
- Open a browser.
- Your computer will be directed to a log-in page for the Library's Wireless Network.
- Log in using your library card and PIN # (your library password).

Having trouble logging in?

Check your library card. It must be in good standing in order to use the wireless service. If you have any blocks, like reserved books that have arrived or fines over \$9.99, it will prevent you from logging in.

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Holiday Tree Recycling

When recycling holiday trees through your regular garbage hauler, please remember:

- Remove the tree stand and all decorative material (tinsel, lights, ornaments, etc.) from the tree. Flocked trees **can** be recycled.
- Trees over 5 feet in length must be cut in half.
- Place the tree at the curb *in lieu* of your yard debris cart, the same day as regular yard debris pick up. Your tree will be collected at no additional cost.
- An extra charge of up to \$6 will be added to your bill if your tree is put out *in addition* to your yard debris cart.
- Holiday greenery can be recycled in the yard debris cart once all metal and decorative material has been removed.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

This holiday season, the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on a Monday. Garbage will not be collected on these days, but will be picked up one day later than your normally scheduled day.

For example, Monday collection will occur on Tuesday and Friday collection will take place on Saturday. Normal collection days will resume the week of January 8.



Free Leaf Disposal

On December 2, the City will hold its last **Leaf Disposal and Food Drive** event for 2006. Leaves can be dropped off and non-perishable food items will be collected from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tigard Water Building, located at 8777 SW Burnham Street, at the corner of Hall & Burnham Streets.

REMEMBER...

- *leaves only, no yard debris*
- *leaves can be loose or bagged in paper or plastic*
- *a donation of two non-perishable food items will be appreciated*

For more information, contact Eric Hand at 503-718-2607 or eric@tigard-or.gov. For information on the day of the event, call 503-799-5209.

If you have any questions, please contact your hauler, either Pride Disposal Company at 503-625-6177 or Waste Management at 503-249-8078.