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## Mayor's Corner

Councilor Sally Harding is resigning from office before the end of her term. Here is her personal farewell to her constituents:

"An unexpected job opportunity has come to take my husband back to New York, closer to his mother who is not well. It saddens me to leave before my term ends, but I know this is where we need to be.

My husband, Kevin, left home at 18 to join the Air Force. His deep sense of patriotic duty and is what has made him proud of the time constraints Council puts on a family, not against them. We all owe him a big thank you for his support.

My passion for helping bring about change began as a youth in Tigard. Being elected to Council has been an honor, and I have worked hard to be a good steward for your tax dollars, provide a strong voice for better communication and truly represent you. My Lady Liberty necklace is a constant reminder to ask myself, "What would the people want?" Exciting things are happening in Tigard. I urge you to frequent [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov) to stay up-to-date and participate frequently in city business. It's YOUR Tigard!

I'll let Garth Brooks close: 'Well, I have been accused of makin' my own rules, there must be rebel blood just a runnin' through my veins, but I ain't no hypocrite, what you see is what you get ... But if you're gonna leave your mark you can't follow like a bunch of sheep. You got to listen to your heart.'

I listened to my heart and to the people. Fondest regards and love to you all. Councilor Sally Harding"

Council will immediately begin the process to appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of Councilor Harding's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2008.

**Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor**

## Decision Time for Long-Term Water Sources

The Tigard Water Service Area (TWSA) includes the cities of Durham, King City, two-thirds of Tigard and unincorporated areas to the south and west of Tigard. The City of Tigard is the water provider for the TWSA and entities within this partnership are represented by the Intergovernmental Water Board (IWB).

The TWSA's peak water demand can reach 13 million gallons a day, but as our population continues to increase, that number is expected to reach 20 million gallons a day by the year 2040. Currently, the TWSA receives its water from several sources, but these sources aren't capable of meeting our growing demand for water.

As a result, the City of Tigard, along with IWB partners Durham, King City and the Tigard Water District, will soon be faced with a series of decisions regarding a long-term drinking water source. These important decisions will chart a course for our future water supply and will affect water customers for decades to come. The IWB is currently studying the following long-term water supply options:

- **LAKE OSWEGO EXPANSION & WATER PARTNERSHIP** | Water Source: Clackamas River
- **PURCHASE CITY OF PORTLAND WATER** | Water Source: Bull Run Watershed

- **TUALATIN BASIN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT** (Also known as the Hagg Lake Dam raise project) | Water Source: Trask and Tualatin Rivers
- **WILLAMETTE RIVER TREATMENT & TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** | Water Source: Willamette River

All of these options have the ability to deliver high-quality, safe, drinking water that exceeds existing and anticipated regulatory standards. Yet, each option also comes with its own set of challenges, opportunities, and constraints, including a stipulation that the Willamette River source would require Tigard voter approval. Costs to develop, expand, or improve infrastructure will likely cost tens of millions of dollars.

In part, the water supply's proximity to Tigard will influence these costs, because the construction of large capacity piping is expensive.

Over the next six months, the IWB and the Tigard City Council will decide which option(s) should be pursued and which option(s), if any, should be abandoned. "It is time to fish or cut bait," proclaimed Tigard Mayor Craig Dirksen at a recent Council meeting.

To learn more about water supply options, the IWB encourages citizens to attend its meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Tigard Public Library, or contact Public Works Director Dennis Koellermeier at 503-718-2596 or [dennis@tigard-or.gov](mailto:dennis@tigard-or.gov).

"...time to fish or cut bait."

Craig Dirksen  
Mayor, City of Tigard



## Neighborhoods in Your City

In 2004, Council agreed to the concept of creating a neighborhood program based on geographic areas divided by common interests such as school attendance areas, major streets, proximity to parks and commercial service areas.

### Program Goals

The purpose of the Enhanced Neighborhood Program will be to provide increased opportunities for citizens to be involved in community issues and to connect with the city and other citizens. The goal is to involve citizens as partners in addressing their neighborhood issues as early as possible, and to facilitate neighborhood-level input on broader community issues.

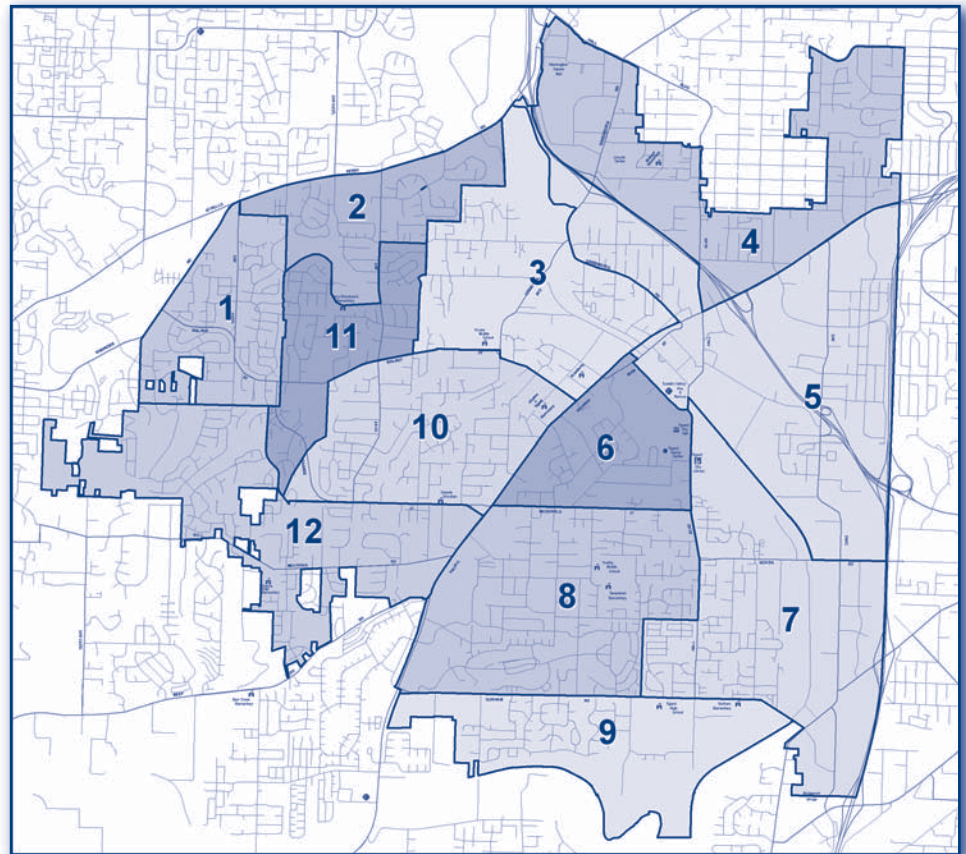
Citizens echoed this through the Tigard Beyond Tomorrow Community Action Committee when they included an action plan item for 2005 that read: *“Develop and implement an enhanced citizen involvement program which may include re-invigorated neighborhood associations encouraging interactions which are led by citizens within 12 months.”*

### Neighborhood Concepts Defined

The Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) has played an integral part with the development of an enhanced neighborhood concept. Since 2004, there have been open houses, public surveys and presentations to the community in an effort to gain valuable input on the proposed concepts of the program. Council accepted the concept and since 2006 has dedicated one of their yearly goals to this program.

### Do You Have Ideas to Share?

If you have questions or ideas, please contact Assistant City Manager Liz Newton at 503-718-2412 or [liz@tigard-or.gov](mailto:liz@tigard-or.gov).



### What's Next?

Roll-out of the pilot program started in April, and will be followed by full scale implementation of the citywide, 12-area program by the end of 2007. Neighborhood web pages are currently being developed. The pilot area testing will take place in three neighborhoods: Metzger, Summer Lake and South Tigard. This pilot program will assist in developing effective community-building activities.

## Your City Council Wants to Know –

The Mayor and City Council are interested in your opinion on Council meetings broadcast on TVCTV Public Access Television, Channel 28. Please take a moment to respond to these two questions. You can send your answers to Assistant City Manager Liz Newton at [liz@tigard-or.gov](mailto:liz@tigard-or.gov) or 503-718-2412 or go to the city's web site and look for the on-line survey at [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov).

- Do you watch **FORMAL** City Council Business meetings broadcast on cable TV? (*Currently being telecast on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.*)
- Would you watch **INFORMAL** City Council Workshop meetings on cable TV if they were broadcast?



## Mediation: A Positive Approach to Problem Solving

Spring and summer are the times of year when we all emerge from our homes to engage in all types of activities in our yards, patios and gardens. Most of the time, these activities don't create any problems with our neighbors. However, from time to time there is that one neighbor, or that one activity, that creates tension between neighbors, and talking to them about the problem is not always easy. If you are experiencing a situation like this, the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) may be able to help.

The City of Tigard, through the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), is committed to providing mediation services as an effective method for resolving conflicts. This informal process is FREE, confidential, and provides everyone the opportunity to create their own solution and build a positive ongoing productive relationship. DRC mediators are professionally trained volunteers that can help you identify needs, clarify issues, explore options for resolution, and negotiate collaborative agreements that are satisfactory to all parties.

## West Nile Virus Prevention

West Nile Virus (WNV) comes from birds. Mosquitoes that feed on infected birds can transmit the virus to humans, birds and horses. The virus does not affect most people, with only about 20 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes developing symptoms and less than 1 percent becoming seriously ill. However, the virus has been found in Washington County and there are things you can do to lower your risk of infection.

### Remove Standing

**Water:** Since mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water, eliminating places where water collects can help prevent the spread of the virus. Invert



The DRC mediators also work with landlords and tenants on issues such as late payments, deposits, repairs and damages; they assist businesses and consumers with disputes involving repairs and/or money owed; they help neighbors with interpersonal conflicts such as verbal confrontations, including threats and harassment; and they help with issues that develop between homeowner associations and homeowners.

So if you find yourself having a conflict or problem with a neighbor, landlord, tenant, homeowners association, or business, avoid costly attorney fees, legal expenses and court costs by contacting the Dispute Resolution Center at 503-526-2523. Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Voice mail is accessible 24 hours a day. They can also be reached by email at: [DisputeMail@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:DisputeMail@ci.beaverton.or.us). So give them a call or send an email and allow DRC the opportunity to assist you with your conflict.

flower pot saucers, empty bird baths and wading pools at least once a week, keep rain gutters clean, dispose of old tires, and store wheelbarrows, buckets and watering cans upside down.

**Avoid Getting Bitten:** When mosquitoes are out, particularly at dusk, wear long sleeves and long pants and consider wearing insect repellent.

**Report Dead Crows and Jays:** These birds are particularly susceptible to the virus and may be an indicator that WNV is present in the area. Avoid contact with any dead crow or jay.

To learn more, visit [www.co.washington.or.us/mosquito](http://www.co.washington.or.us/mosquito). To report dead crows or jays, contact Stormwater Operations Supervisor Rob Block at 503-718-2607 or [rob@tigard-or.gov](mailto:rob@tigard-or.gov).

## Bulky Waste Discount Coupons

Disposing of bulky items just got a little easier on the pocketbook! Now through May 25, Tigard residents can receive a \$40 coupon to offset disposal costs at the Hillsboro Landfill or Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery.

### Facilities & Fees

Both facilities are located at 3205 SE Minter Bridge Road in Hillsboro. Disposal fees range from \$2 for an automotive battery to \$36 for a mixed-load of materials.

### Accepted items include:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Passenger car tires
- Unpainted/untreated wood
- Automobile batteries
- Bathroom fixtures (showers, sinks, tubs, toilets)

This program is made possible by the City of Tigard, Waste Management's Hillsboro Landfill, Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery and Metro Regional Government.

### Discount Coupons Available

Coupons are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to request a coupon, contact Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Corianne Hart at 503-718-2599 or [corianne@tigard-or.gov](mailto:corianne@tigard-or.gov).

### City of Tigard Budget Committee

will meet Mon., April 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room located at 13500 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the FY 2007-08 proposed budget and to begin deliberations. Future meetings to discuss the FY 2007-08 budget proposal are scheduled for May 7, May 14, and tentatively May 21.



# Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

13500 SW Hall Blvd.

## Library Events Calendar

- May 1, 8, 15 — Book Babies** Puett Rm (ages 0-18 mos.) ..... 10:15-10:45 a.m.
- May 1, 8, 15 — Preschool Story Time** Puett Rm (ages 3-6)..... 11:15 a.m.-Noon
- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — Open Computer Lab** Tech Rm (teens & adults) ..... 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — Local History Room Open** ..... 10 a.m.-Noon & 4-6 p.m.
- May 2, 9, 16 — Toddler Time** Puett Rm (ages 18-36 mos.).....10:30-11 a.m.
- May 2, 9, 16—Dogs & Tales** Puett Rm (beg. readers-grade 5).....6-7:30 p.m.
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — Open Computer Lab** Tech Rm (teens & adults) .....6-8 p.m.
- May 3 — Teen Library Council** Puett Rm (grades 6-12)..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- May 3, 10, 17 — Spanish Storytime** Puett Rm .....6-6:30 p.m.
- May 3 — Comp. Class: Searching the Web for Beginners** Tech Rm (teens & adults) .6:30-8 p.m.
- May 4 — Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** Community Rm..... 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- May 5 — Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** Community Rm..... 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- May 4, 11, 18 — Family Story Time** Puett Rm (ages 0-6) .....10:30-11 a.m.
- May 5 — Comp. Class: Computer Skills for Beg.** Tech Rm (teens & adults)..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 5 — Comp. Class: Introduction to Windows** Tech Rm (teens & adults)..... 12:30-2 p.m.
- May 5, 12, 19 — Open Computer Lab** Tech Rm (teens & adults) .....3-5 p.m.
- May 6, 13, 20 — Open Computer Lab** Tech Rm (teens & adults)..... 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- May 7, 14 — Preschool Story Time** Puett Rm (ages 3-6) ..... 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- May 8 — Comp. Class: Word Processing for Beg.** Tech Rm (teens & adults)..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 10 — Genealogy Workshop** Tech Rm .....2-5 p.m.
- May 10 — Teen Book Discussion Group** Puett Rm (grades 6-12)..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- May 10 — Comp. Class: Computer Skills for Beginners** Tech Rm (teens & adults) ....6:30-8 p.m.
- May 11 — Morning Book Discussion Group** Houghton Rm ..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 12 — Computer Class: Email for Beginners** Tech Rm (teens & adults)..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 12, 26 — English Chatter Group** Houghton Rm ..... 1-2 p.m.
- May 14 — Hearing Roots Grow** Houghton Rm ..... 4-5 p.m.
- May 15 — Mystery Book Discussion Group** Houghton Rm ..... 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- May 15 — SUPER TUESDAY: Portland Taiko** Community Rm (all ages)..... 7-8 p.m.
- May 17 — Comp. Class: Popular Uses of the Web** Tech Rm (teens & adults).....6:30-8 p.m.
- May 19 — Searching the Web for Beginners** Tech Rm (teens & adults) ..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 21 — Comp. Class: Doing Research on the Web** Tech Rm .....2-3:30 p.m.
- May 22 — Comp. Class: Interm. Word Processing** Tech Rm (teens & adults) .... 10:30 a.m.- Noon
- May 22 — Pajama Story Time** Puett Rm (ages 0-6).....7-7:30 p.m.
- May 23 — Evening Book Discussion Group** Houghton Rm .....7-8 p.m.
- May 24 — Teen Movie Night** Community Rm (grades 6-12) .....5-7 p.m.
- May 26 — Comp. Class: Excel for Beginners** (teens & adults) ..... 10:30 a.m.-Noon
- May 31 — Teen GameFest** Community Rm (grades 5 and up) .....5-7 p.m.

**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.*

## Mysteries await you at Tigard Public Library this summer!

Get ready for the 2007 Children's Summer Reading Program. The theme for kids through grade 5 is "Get a Clue"



and for teens grades 6 and up is "You Never Know."

Stop in and pick up a flyer of summer events. All activities are free and open to the public.

*Registration begins June 1!*

## SUPER TUESDAY: Portland Taiko

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
All Ages! Community Room

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Portland Taiko's exuberant interpretation of traditional Japanese drumming that weaves together rhythm, melody, humor and movement.

This program made possible in part by the *Ready to Read Grant*.

## Hora de Cuentos para la Familia (Spanish Storytime)

JUEVES de 6:00 a 6:30 p.m.  
Puett Room: 3, 10, 17 de Mayo  
(THURSDAYS, 6-6:30 p.m. May 3, 10, 17)

Cuentos, canciones y rimas para niños de todas las edades y sus familias.

## Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, May 10, 2-5 p.m.  
Technology Room

Drop by and let trained volunteers assist you in learning how to explore your family's roots using AncestryPlus and other online resources available at the library. No registration required.



## Survey Says... 2007 Library Survey Shows Patron Satisfaction, Requests to Re-open More Hours

**We asked. You responded. We listened.** Library users returned more than 2,800 surveys during February. Patrons were asked about hours and programs. They were also asked to rate customer service.

Ninety-seven percent of patrons who used reference services, both in the Children's Room and on the second floor, rated the service "excellent" or "good." Ninety-six percent of those who use the check-out desk rated its customer service "excellent" or "good." And 95 percent of those who use the library's internet computers rated their availability as either "excellent" or "good."

When asked which hours they would like restored to the library's schedule, remaining open until 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday received the highest number of responses. Currently, the library closes at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. on Friday. The second most popular response was re-opening on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The Library currently is closed until 1 p.m. on Thursdays.

Restoration of library hours will be determined by the City's budget process. For more information about the survey, log on to [www.tigard-or.gov/library](http://www.tigard-or.gov/library).

## Volunteers Needed to Install Storm Water Decals

Storm drains, or catch basins, can be found along roadways and in parking lots throughout the city. Oil and other chemicals sometimes make their way into these drains which, in turn, empty directly into local creeks and streams.

Volunteers can help spread the word about how to keep hazardous substances out of our waterways by installing educational decals near storm drains. Installation must be done during warm,

dry weather, and the city provides training and furnishes kits with all the necessary supplies.

This is a great volunteer activity for individuals or families that want to improve the water quality of our local creeks and streams. Scheduling is flexible. For more information, contact Surface Water Quality/Volunteer Coordinator Carla Staedter at 503-718-2788 or [carla@tigard-or.gov](mailto:carla@tigard-or.gov).

## City Expands Passport Services

In response to customer needs, the City of Tigard has expanded the hours of passport acceptance.

### New Hours:

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

If you'd like to schedule a passport appointment, please call 503-639-4171.



For your convenience the city now provides passport photo service for an additional fee. For more information about the City of Tigard's passport process visit the city's web site: [www.tigard-or.gov/city\\_hall/services/passport/default.asp](http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/services/passport/default.asp).

**Books for Bargain Hunters!**

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**

- Friday, May 4—9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5—9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Library Community Room  
(13500 SW Hall Blvd.)**

## Clerical Volunteers: Sharpen Skills, Gain Work Experience

City of Tigard departments have several clerical opportunities available for new volunteers. Clerical projects may involve one time assignments such as preparing mailings or organizing reference information. Other projects, such as filing or data entry, may be scheduled on a regular basis. Some opportunities may require background checks.

For more information about volunteer opportunities contact Volunteer Program Development Specialist Bob Roth at 503-718-2402 or [bob@tigard-or.gov](mailto:bob@tigard-or.gov).

### Don't Forget! Testing Deadline is Near

All Tigard Water Service Area customers are required to have their backflow prevention devices tested by June 1, 2007.

To obtain a list of companies offering testing services, visit the city's web site at [www.tigard-or.gov/water](http://www.tigard-or.gov/water) and click on Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention or contact Water Quality Program Coordinator Hung Nguyen at 503-718-2603 or [hung@tigard-or.gov](mailto:hung@tigard-or.gov).

### Library Board Vacancy

The Library Board is recruiting to fill one vacancy by June 30. This Board advises City Council regarding library policies, budget, facilities and other needs. The Board meets at 7 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you are interested in being considered for the Library Board vacancy, fill out a Citizen Committee Interest Application form and return it to Tigard City Hall by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29. Forms are available on line at [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov) or may be picked up at City Hall. For more information, contact Library Director Margaret Barnes at 503-718-2501 or [margaret@tigard-or.gov](mailto:margaret@tigard-or.gov).



# Help Keep Tigard Clean and Safe!

Spring fever is in the air and it's up to all of us to keep our city clean and safe!



Here are some reminders for your "To Do" list to help you comply with city codes.

## Small Vegetation:

Grass and weeds should not get over 10" tall or be allowed to go to seed. Spray them, cut them, or even cover them with landscape cloth and ground cover.

## Large Vegetation:

Only tree limbs trimmed to at least 10 feet above the street are allowed to hang over the public right-of-way. All other vegetation must be cut back into your yard.

## Landscaping Materials:

If you are expecting a delivery, make sure all materials including bark dust, rocks, soil, and decking supplies are deposited into your yard or driveway, and not on the street or sidewalk.

## Outdoor Storage:

Now is the time to clean up all of those odds and ends in the yard. Recycle the fallen tree limbs, brush piles, forgotten bags of leaves and your old Christmas tree. Put extra tires, tools and equipment away in the garage. Pick up pots and other water collectors to inhibit mosquito breeding.

Donate unwanted appliances, furniture, and inoperable vehicles. And if you just can't bear to part with it, be sure it is in a fully enclosed storage facility like a shed or garage.

**HINT:** Some places will recycle wood and scrap metal free of charge!

## Pets:

Be fair to your pets and your neighbors. Roaming pets may be hit by cars, attacked by other animals, or even stolen! Dogs left chained outside get lonely and bored, and may bark or nip out of anxiety and frustration. Cats left to roam freely may disturb neighboring gardens, bird feeders and car paint. Make sure your pets are adequately contained and entertained. Provide fresh water and shelter. Avoid attracting rodents and insects by feeding pets indoors. Also, when walking pets, remember the leash and scoop laws.



For questions and concerns on animal control issues contact Washington County Animal Control at 503-846-7041.

## Recreational Vehicles:

Before you purchase a boat, trailer, or other RV, make sure you have a place to store it. Storage in the public right-of-way is not allowed. For more information, contact the Tigard Police Department at 503-629-0111.



## Signs:

Whether it's a garage sale, open house, or special event, remember that no signs are allowed in the public right-of-way. Before purchasing or displaying any signs, visit the planning counter to check for legal areas to place your signs.

## Sheds and Canvas Structures:

Before you build, check with the building department for permit requirements *AND* the planning department about setbacks and size limitations.

## Sports:

Make sure playtime is safe and legal. Mount a basketball hoop to your home, dig out a spot in your landscaping, or even park a mobile hoop, skateboard ramp, or goalie net in your driveway. Just be sure not to put them in the public right-of-way.

## What is the "Public Right-of-Way"?

The public right-of-way (ROW) includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, medians, planter strips, drainage ditches, private and public access ways, roadsides and the areas around utility poles and traffic signs. These areas are usually intended for pedestrian and vehicular travel. There is no permit or exception to allow signs, sports equipment, hazardous vegetation, etc. in the ROW. Additionally, you can be held liable if an injury occurs on your property or the public right-of-way abutting it.

## Right-of-Way Maintenance:

The public right-of-way adjacent to your home is your responsibility to maintain, even if it is behind your home or outside your fence. Check around your home and be sure you remove noxious vegetation, garbage, illegal signs and sidewalk hazards.

## Thank you!

Thank you for all of your support in keeping Tigard a great place to live, work and visit!





## Council Adopts Annexation Policy

The Tigard City Council, at its March 13, 2007 meeting, approved a policy to encourage annexation to the city. The policy states that Tigard will actively promote the benefits of being part of the city and will encourage voluntary annexation. The policy also states that the city will not force annexations.

**The Annexation Policy offers incentives such as waivers of the city annexation fee.**

The policy codifies previous Council direction and adds some new incentives for annexation. The policy offers incentives to annex, such as waivers of the city annexation fee until July 1, 2008, and phasing in of city property taxes over a three year period if a property annexes within a year of the resolution's approval.

This allows a newly annexed property owner to pay one-third of city taxes the first year, two-thirds the second year and the full amount the third year.

The annexation policy is scheduled for Council review one year from its approval to determine if adjustments are needed.

Tigard is taking a more proactive position on annexation for several reasons. For example, annexation is one way to guarantee that the cost of urban services is more equitably shared among those that use them. This is important because county residents that live close to, but outside cities, often benefit from services that city residents and businesses pay for. In Tigard's case, these services include parks, city streets, library and police. Unincorporated residents also benefit from cities' investments in

planning and infrastructure that make it possible for businesses to offer jobs, goods and services.

There are also benefits to property owners who choose to annex. For example, city residents have accessible political representation and community involvement opportunities. Tigard's broad tax base and other revenue sources are capable of sustaining the full range of important urban services over time. Furthermore, complete urban services, including timely and reliable law enforcement, planning and transportation programs are important factors in maintaining real estate values.

If you have any questions, or are interested in annexing to Tigard, you may contact Marissa Daniels at 503-718-2428 or [marissa@tigard-or.gov](mailto:marissa@tigard-or.gov).

## Master Plan for Downtown Park and Plaza Gets Underway

Now that a consulting landscape architecture firm has been chosen, the city is currently preparing to develop a master plan for Fanno Creek Park in the downtown area and a new public plaza! This project is part of the city Urban Redevelopment District, approved by voters in May 2006.

### Who's Involved

A steering committee made up of downtown property owners, the City Center Advisory Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, adjoining neighborhoods, and the larger community will work with staff and Walker Macy, Landscape Architects to help provide design direction.

### What's Next?

Once a planning schedule has been developed, Tigard's residents will be invited to attend steering committee meetings so the community can participate in the process. It is expected to take six to nine months to build

community consensus around key design decisions. Some of those decisions include how the realignment and restoration of Fanno Creek will fit into the park, the siting, use and character of the city's new public plaza, and what the new park will look like.

### Where Do We Start?

Understanding how plazas have been used in other cities will be a starting point for discussion. With the goal to design Tigard's plaza to serve as both a "catalyst" for new development as well as a unique public place useable for a variety of events, the steering committee will be asked to provide recommendations to City Council. At the end of the process, the community will have a master plan that can be used to provide direction for eventual construction of the park and plaza.

The existing 23-acre Fanno Creek Park between Hall Blvd. and Main Street provides Tigard's downtown with a great

opportunity. Very few communities have this amount of natural area right next to its downtown. Because Tigard's public plaza is a key part of the downtown redevelopment, the project will also address how future adjoining buildings should be designed to relate to the plaza.

The timeline for the redesigned park calls for completion of the master plan in 2007, construction drawings in 2008, and the start of construction in the summer of 2008. The plaza will be built at a later time pending the City's ability to acquire land and in coordination with other downtown projects.

### For More Information

Stay tuned to this newsletter and the city's web site ([www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov)) for an upcoming schedule. For information, contact Downtown Development Senior Planner Phil Nachbar at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov).



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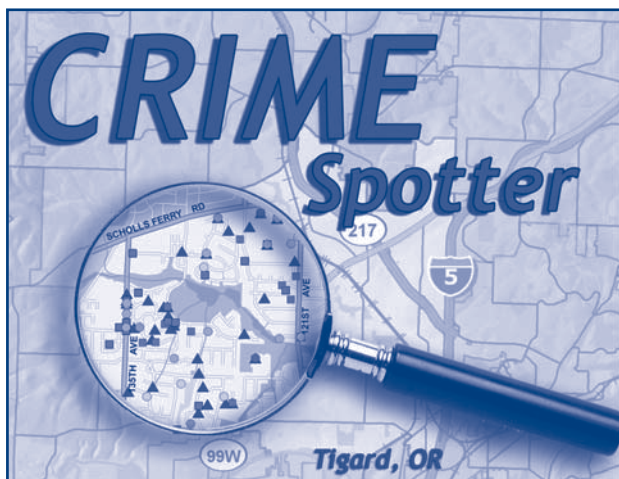
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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### ***CRIME Spotter Debuts on Tigard's Web Site***

#### **Are you concerned about crime in your neighborhood?**

Check out CRIME Spotter, the City's latest web-based tool and learn about crime activity within Tigard. Look for more online mapping capabilities in the future as other systems are developed.



#### **Try it Today!**

It's easy to use; simply type in a valid street address or street name in the City of Tigard and CRIME Spotter returns a 12 month summary of crimes within one-half mile radius. CRIME Spotter also allows you to get specific information on certain crimes, such as burglaries and motor vehicle thefts.

Access CRIME Spotter through the city's web site:  
[www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov).