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Newsletter from the City of Tigard, Oregon

Water Rates Increased to Cover Long-term Water Costs

Effective Jan. 1, City of Tigard utility customers will see a 10.5 percent bump in their water rates. This will amount to an increase of about \$3 and \$5 more per month.

The Tigard City Council, by a 4-1 vote at a Dec. 9 hearing, approved the increase to fund completely the Lake Oswego-Tigard water Partnership water supply project. (See **Progress Made on Water Partnership in 2014.**)

The council also approved a water rate hike of 3.25 percent beginning in 2016 through 2019. These increases will fund additional projects without requiring the city to

borrow money to fund them. This in turn will save customers money on their utility bills.



This increase only applies to the water utility portion of a customer's city bill.

Other fees and charges related to storm water, sewer, street maintenance, etc., are not affected.

The water partnership will provide the community a sustainable source of high-quality drinking water at the least cost for ownership for the long term.

For more information on the partnership, visit www.lotigardwater.org.

For more information about water rates, please visit www.tigard-or.gov/WaterRates, or contact

John Goodrich, Tigard interim assistant public works director, at 503-718-2609 or johng@tigard-or.gov.



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Mayor's Corner

Mayor John L. Cook



Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with joy and glad tidings, sharing time, food and memories with family and friends.

At the end of 2014, the Council unanimously approved a 20-year strategic plan, with a vision to become the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives. (See **Strategic Plan Adopted Unanimously by City Council.**)

The plan sets four clear goals that will chart how the city plans for and delivers core services over the next two decades:

- ▶ Facilitate walking connections to develop an identity.
- ▶ Ensure development that advances the vision.
- ▶ Engage the community through dynamic communication.
- ▶ Fund the vision while maintaining core services.

Please join us for the "State of the City" Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall. I will again show a video we created with highlights from 2014 and the goals for 2015. We will also swear in our newly elected councilors and hear their vision for their upcoming term.

Quote of the month by Vern McLellen:

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

Strategic Plan Adopted Unanimously



After more than a year of planning and months of outreach that engaged more than 1,200 residents, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt a new Strategic Plan on Nov. 25.

The plan provides Tigard with a 20-year blueprint to become the most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives. (See *Mayor's Corner*.)

Councilor Marc Woodard, a long-time walking and trail advocate, said: "This is a roadmap for our city and the way we can develop our identity to become a community where our residents can remain healthy and connected to the city and each other. Starting now, we can begin to plan for our future decisions and make long-term investments. All of these will ensure we achieve this vision."

During the process, city staff con-

nected with residents at community events, through neighborhood visits and at the farmers market and shared information on Tigard's website, Cityscape and social media pages.

Staff also went to Tigard boards, committees, school meetings, service clubs and many other gatherings.

Overall, residents shared positive feedback. They noted they like to walk. Residents recognize walking's health benefits and that it allows them to connect with neighbors and businesses. Sidewalks topped the list of citizen requests

provided through feedback.

You can learn more about the plan and still provide comments at the city's website at: www.tigard-or.gov.

Vision

The most walkable community in the Pacific Northwest where people of all ages and abilities enjoy healthy and interconnected lives.

Tigard Walks Starts the New Year with Two Group Walks, Rain or Shine Jan. 1

With the City Council's adoption of a Strategic Plan, residents and city staff are invited to join a new series of non-competitive walks designed to get out and tour our city.

The first outing of the year organized by the group Tigard Walks, rain or shine, will be on **Thursday, Jan. 1, at 11 a.m. in Cook Park**. There are two different walks to choose from: short and medium-length. Both are paved and easy to walk.

See **TIGARD WALKS** > Page 8

Grants Available for the Community

Are you a member of a registered non-profit organization providing services to our community? Do you know of a community event in need of funding?

Did you know Tigard sets aside 0.5 percent of the operating budget to fund social services and community events? This year, that percentage is providing more than \$270,000 to 30 organizations and events in amounts ranging from \$400 to \$29,000.

Through this grant process, the city has helped fund the City of Tigard Dog Park, Tigard Area Farmers' Market, Balloon Festival, LifeWorks and Luke Dorf, to name a few.

Funding deliberations takes place during the annual budget process. A subcommittee of the Budget Committee meets to review social service requests and to recommend funding in the adopted budget. Community event requests are reviewed by the City Council.

The adopted budget presents the results of both reviews. Once the budget is adopted in June, organizations will receive notice of their funding from the city.

To Apply

If you are interested in applying, applications can be found on the finance pages of our website at www.tigard-or.gov. Completed applications must be returned to the City Finance Office no later than Thursday, Feb. 12, to be considered. Our address is 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR. 97223.

You can submit your application online at lizbeth@tigard-or.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Lutz at 503-718-2487.



Planning Commission Takes up Cannabis Business Issues

On Jan. 12, the Tigard Planning Commission will hold its first public hearing to consider where and how marijuana-related businesses may operate within the city.

The hearing begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall, located at 13125 SW Hall Blvd.

The public is invited to attend and participate. The commission would like to hear from as many citizens as possible before making a recommendation to City Council.

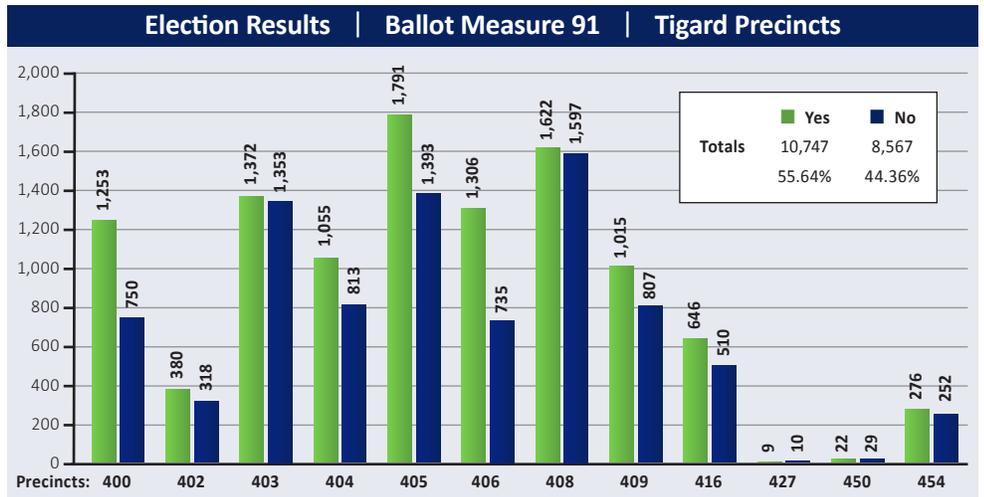
The rules seek to balance the right of Oregonians to access marijuana as allowed by state law, with the need to avoid or minimize unwanted community impacts associated with marijuana-related businesses. Potential restrictions could include minimum distances from parks and residential

areas, limits to hours of operation and visibility requirements to reduce crime.

Details regarding the proposed regulations may be found on the city's website at www.tigard-or.gov/mm or by

contacting Associate Planner John Floyd at 503-718-2429 or johnfl@tigard-or.gov.

Written comments may be mailed to: John Floyd, City of Tigard, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223.



The Washington County Elections Division provided November 2014 elections results from Tigard precincts on Ballot Measure 91, to decriminalize and regulate marijuana in Oregon.

Tigard City Council Invites Ideas About Street Maintenance Funding

The Tigard City Council is beginning its five-year review of the city's Street Maintenance Fee program, and council members would like to hear from the community. Tigard's Street Maintenance Fee funds the Pavement Management Program (PMP) that keeps existing roadways and rights-of-way in good condition.

The City of Tigard maintains 150 miles of paved roads, representing an investment of more than \$200 million—the largest investment owned by our community.

Over time, traffic and weather wear down the pavement surface and its underlying structure. Roads in poor condition require more costly maintenance, increase vehicle repair costs, are unpleasant to travel and are detrimental to the economy of our city. Well maintained roads



ensure that goods and people can move efficiently throughout Tigard and beyond, and they enhance the appearance of our community.

In the city's most recent community survey conducted in October 2013, respondents named "Increase the level of street maintenance" as the second most important change the

city could make, even if there were budget implications.

Both residential and non-residential (business) customers are billed for this fee via their monthly utility bill. For residential customers, the fee is \$5.83 per unit each month. Please take a few moments to provide your input on the level of maintenance, the amount of the fee and whether right-of-way maintenance should be included.

Visit www.tigard-or.gov and click on "Take the survey" under "Street Maintenance Fee: Provide Your Input" on the front page. The survey closes on Jan. 15.

Questions? Contact Liz Newton at liz@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2412.



Citizens Police Academy



Tigard Citizens Police Academy's graduating class of 2013. Since its inception in 1994, 500 citizens have completed the program.



Now Recruiting for Spring Session

Learn about your police department from Tigard's finest. The Tigard Citizens Police Academy returns this spring for a nine-week course on consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7–9:30 p.m. at Tigard City Hall (13125 SW Hall Blvd.). The first session begins April 1, and the course ends on May 27.

The goal is not to train citizens in law enforcement. Instead, the academy seeks to create better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education. When the community knows and understands the limitations and abilities of law enforcement, the police can better serve the community.

The academy subject matter covers many law enforcement topics. These include investigations, patrol functions, traffic-related matters, community policing, gangs, narcotics investigations, use of force and firearms.

All sessions are conducted by members of the Tigard Police Department. To date, more than 500 community members have participated in this popular program since it began in 1995.

Academy graduates emerge with increased knowledge and enthusiasm to share with their family, friends and neighbors. In addition, some academy graduates pursue volunteer efforts with the department that match their interests.

If you are interested and able to commit to attending most, if not all of the sessions, you are encouraged to apply. A criminal history background check is conducted to determine eligibility.

Apply Now:

Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. The application deadline is March 15.

Applications are available online or in the Tigard Police Department lobby. Completed applications can be returned in person, faxed to 503-718-2645 or mailed to the Tigard Police Department, Attn: Jim Wolf, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223 or emailed to tigard-police@tigard-or.gov.

For more information please call 503-718-2561 during business hours.

Park Reservations in 2015

The city has six park shelters and nine sports fields available for rent.

Shelter Amenities

Shelters in Cook Park and Summerlake Park can be reserved from April 4 through Sept. 27. Most shelters are equipped with picnic tables, barbecue grills, electricity and water. Restrooms are usually located nearby. The largest shelter can accommodate up to 250 people.

For the 2015 park season, shelters can be reserved beginning at 8 a.m., Jan. 5. Sports fields can be reserved beginning at 8 a.m., March 2.

Make a Reservation

- ▶ Online at www.tigard-or.gov/parks (shelters only).
- ▶ By fax or email, send application with credit card payment information to 503-684-8840 (fax) or parkres@tigard-or.gov.
- ▶ By mail, send application with payment to Tigard Public Works Department, Parks Division, 13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223.
- ▶ In person at the Tigard Public Works Building, 8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard, OR 97223. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Thursday.

Park and Sports Field Access

Due to the possibility of winter flooding, the lower section of Cook Park, just beyond the restroom/concession stand, is closed to vehicle traffic. This area will re-open March 2. Baseball and soccer fields, also closed for winter, will re-open on March 2 and April 18 respectively.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 503-718-2641.

Progress Made on Water Partnership in 2014



A recent aerial shot shows the water treatment plant that will serve the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership.

Ensuring the long-term supply of sustainable, high-quality drinking water remains a priority for the city. Maintaining this critical core service is also a key part of implementing the recently adopted strategic plan.

During 2014, substantial progress was made on the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership. The good news is, the end is in sight for the largest public works project in the history of Tigard, and we are on budget.

The system will carry water from the Clackamas River to Lake Oswego and Tigard. It is the lowest-cost option to provide a safe and reliable water supply for the long term for water customers served by the partnership of Lake Oswego and Tigard. The city was able to negotiate and acquire additional capacity at a very favorable cost on the \$254 million project, ultimately saving millions of dollars.

The past year saw the project move from planning and permitting to construction, with work on the treatment plant expansion, river intake structure, piping and pumping facilities.

One of our most complex and challenging undertakings, installing a new pipeline under the Willamette River, was completed late in the year.

Looking ahead, 2015 will be just as busy:

- ▶ The river intake pump station will be completed, as well as the new Waluga Reservoir in Lake Oswego and the Bonita Pump Station in Tigard.
- ▶ A new pipe will be installed under I-5 to supply water to Tigard water customers.
- ▶ The treatment plant will be nearly complete, and in 2016, high-quality treated water will be delivered into the Tigard Water Service area.

While in the short term this project will have some higher costs up front, the result will be a stable supply of high-quality water for about a penny a gallon delivered to your home.

Leaf Disposal and Food Drive Events a Success

The City of Tigard held four Leaf Disposal and Food Drive events this November and December. All told 591 vehicles showed up.

The events give residents a no-cost way to recycle their leaves, which also keeps the leaves out of city streets and storm drains. In conjunction with the leaf disposal, the city collected food items for Tigard's St. Vincent de Paul food distribution facility.

The 2014 events netted 530 yards of leaves and 21 barrels of food donations. That comes down to 4,200 pounds of food.

The city wishes to thank everyone who dropped off leaves and donated food. You helped to make the 2014 Leaf Disposal and Food Drive a success.

Thanks, Tigard residents.



Residents brought mounds of compostable leaves at four events in November and December.

Shelf Life



Become Your Own Publisher

Monday, Jan. 12 • 7–8 p.m.

John Williams and Sean Jones from local publishing company Inkwater Press will provide authors with the tools and guidance to publish and market their own works.



Self-hypnosis for Successful New Year's Resolutions

Wednesday, Jan. 7 • 7–8:30 p.m.

Learn what self-hypnosis is and is not and how to use it to succeed with your New Year's resolutions. *Generously sponsored by Friends of the Tigard Library.*

The Reptile Man

Tuesday, Jan. 13 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.

The remarkable Reptile Man will educate and entertain you with live animals. For ages 5 and up.

Hire a Reliable Contractor

Tuesday, Jan. 27 • 7–8:30 p.m.

Find a reliable contractor for your construction or remodeling projects. Oregon Construction Contractors Board representatives will suggest what questions to ask when hiring a contractor and discuss how to avoid the most common consumer mistakes.

All Ages Anime

Friday, Jan. 2 • 2–4 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with Japanese games, crafts, snacks and a screening of a classic anime.

Managing Caregiver Stress

Monday, Jan. 26 • 1–2:30 p.m.

Representatives from Powerful Tools for Caregivers will provide information on how family caregivers can handle stressful situations like communicating with family members, health care and other providers and making tough decisions.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Saturday, Jan. 10 • 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Puett Room

Teen Library Council will host your favorite stuffed animal overnight at the library. Bring your beloved stuffed friend for a story time and crafts, then leave it in the caring hands of the teens overnight. Pick them up the next day with pictures of their silly nighttime adventures.

Huichol Yarn Art

Sunday, Jan. 4 • 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Puett Room • Kids

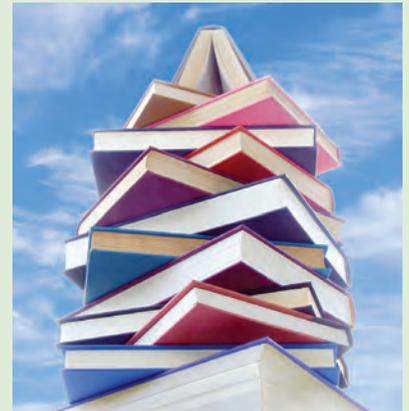
Make your own eye-catching yarn painting just like the Huichol (WEE-chol) people of northwest Mexico.

All programs will be held in the George and Yvonne Burgess Community Room unless otherwise noted.

Library Self-checkout Machines Will Require Passwords

Beginning Jan. 2, patrons will need their password to use the self-check machines. This change will improve library card security by preventing someone from using a lost or stolen card to use the machines.

Patrons will use the same password that they use to access their account online. If they have forgotten their password or wish to reset it, they can change it online on their account or ask at the Circulation or Welcome desks.



TIGARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

13500 SW Hall Blvd.,
Tigard, OR 97223
www.tigard-or.gov/library

Voice: 503-684-6537
Renewal Phone: 503-846-3245



Monday	10 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10 a.m.– 9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.– 6 p.m.
Sunday	Noon – 6 p.m.

Keep Equipment in Working Order

Rules of the Road

Judge Michael O'Brien



During the winter months, Oregon drivers have to cope with up to 16 hours of darkness every day. With limited visibility in dark and cloudy weather, it is important to make sure that vehicle lighting is in good working condition. Fines for not maintaining a vehicle's lights and other required equipment can be expensive, ranging from \$110 to \$260.

Oregon law requires cars to have two white headlights, two brake lights, two taillights that are visible for at least 500 feet, a rear license plate light, turn signals on the front and rear, side marker lights and two rear reflectors. Antique cars may be exempt from some of these requirements.

Drivers can be cited for installing custom or after-market equipment that is prohibited by Oregon law. Examples include: dark window-tinting materials; tinted or clear license-plate covers that change the appearance of the plate; red lights on the front of a vehicle; and any kind of blue or green lighting.

Lighting restrictions seek to avoid confusion, as only emergency vehicles are allowed to display lights of certain colors. Packaging claiming a product is "100 percent street legal" may not be accurate.

White or amber fog lights are allowed in Oregon, but they must be used in the same way as the high beams on headlights if they are bright (more than 300 candlepower).

When a driver is cited for a minor equipment violation, judges may reduce fines if the problem has been fixed before the driver appears in court. Drivers should bring a receipt, photograph or other proof of compliance. In Tigard and some other courts, a citation may be dismissed upon payment of a \$40 administrative fee if the problem has been corrected and the driver has a good record, with no convictions for similar violations.



Winter Driving Tips from the Tigard Police

- ▶ Be prepared. The Tigard Police Department advises drivers to carry chains and be prepared for winter weather driving emergencies such as unexpected snowfall.
- ▶ If your vehicle gets stuck, try to move it completely off the roadway, use the emergency flashers and call for a tow. Vehicles left on the shoulder may create a hazard for other drivers.
- ▶ Do not abandon your car in the traffic right-of-way. Police have an obligation to protect life and property by keeping the roads clear (including traffic shoulders) so traffic can keep moving. Any vehicle left in the right-of-way could create a hazard.
- ▶ If your vehicle is obstructing traffic in any way, it could be towed. A citation and a tow fee usually accompany police tows, increasing the inconvenience to motorists. It pays to plan ahead. Thanks for your cooperation, and please drive safely.

Tigard's Strategic Plan Wins Praise from Health Experts

Tigard's new Strategic Plan got a hearty round of applause recently at a major state public health conference called Place Matters. The annual event that attracts hundreds of experts was held in mid-November in downtown Portland, and those working to promote healthier communities liked what they heard.

Sponsored by public health agencies and the Oregon Public Health Institute, the conference educates attendees about innovative actions that create healthier communities through partnerships and practical solutions. The City of Tigard was asked to join other local and national experts about best practices, successes and lessons learned.

Kenny Asher, Tigard's community development director, participated on a panel discussion about leadership at the local level. His presentation on the plan emphasized how Tigard is discovering how it can contribute to a healthier environment for people who live and work here.

Asher told participants that residents voiced widespread support for the vision to make walking and connecting with neighbors and Tigard institutions easier and more fun. The city received great praise from many of the conference attendees because of the plan's commitment to healthy lifestyles—a national focus of groups like the AARP, school systems and many more.

Look for more events in the future that promote walkability and local connections as Tigard begins to implement the plan.

Tigard City Council MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING:



New Council Inauguration and State of the City Address

Tues., Jan. 6 | 6:30 p.m.
Tigard City Hall



City Council Business Meetings:

▶ Tuesday, Jan. 13, 27 | 6:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop Meeting:

▶ Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at Tigard City Hall (13125 SW Hall Blvd.) and are open to the public. Council agendas are available online at www.tigard-or.gov/council or contact Carol Krager at 503-718-2419 or carolk@tigard-or.gov.

Fireside Chat With the Mayor

Thursday, Jan. 8 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Symposium Coffee, 12345 SW Main St., Tigard

Start the New Year Right by Giving Blood



WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 14
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tigard Public Library
Burgess Community Room
13500 SW Hall Blvd.

HOW: Check to see if you meet eligibility requirements and learn about the donation process at www.redcross-blood.org

If you are eligible to donate, make an appointment online at www.tigard-or.gov/BloodDrive. Bring your current medication list, donor card and driver's license or other form of identification to the appointment.

Learn more about donating at www.redcrossblood.org, call the Red Cross at 503-284-1234, or contact City of Tigard organizer Sara Doughty at 503-718-2675 or sarad@tigard-or.gov.

New Hours for Passports and Water Meter Sales in January

New hours for passports and water meter sales will begin on Jan. 5.

New Hours for Water Meter Sales:

- ▶ Mondays: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ▶ Wednesdays: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

New Hours for Passports:

- ▶ Mondays: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- ▶ Tuesdays: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- ▶ Thursdays: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Questions? Please contact City Hall at 503-639-4171 or email ubonlinepay@tigard-or.gov.

Cityscape: A New Look for the New Year

Readers may have noticed that Cityscape has a slightly different look as we start the new year. Since August, Cityscape has been published electronically, and will continue being produced electronically and shared by email.

Cityscape will continue to share stories about city-related news and events. Our mission is to keep residents informed and to help them stay involved with their city government and community.

Tigard Walks, Get out Jan. 1

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Pick up a route map at the shelter by the volleyball court at Cook Park, at 17005 SW 92nd Ave. Plenty of parking is available to those joining the walk.

For information on Tigard Walks, contact Joanne Bengtson at Joanne@tigard-or.gov or 503-718-2476. For details on the Strategic Plan, go to: www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/strategic_plan.asp.



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