



# Tualatin

November 2015

today



**Tualatin Volunteers:** If you want to roll up your sleeves and get to work, the City has lots of volunteer opportunities where you can make a difference in our parks, libraries, or helping with other city services. Visit [www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer).

**Tualatin Police Experience:** Each spring, the Police Department invites citizens to sign up for the Tualatin Police Experience where citizens can learn firsthand what it is like to work in law enforcement. To learn more visit [www.tualatinoregon.gov/police](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/police).

**Advisory Boards and Committees:** The City has ten advisory boards and committees, which provide needed perspectives and advice on specific service areas. These areas cover parks, planning, arts, library and more. Learn more about these committees at [www.tualatinoregon.gov/advisorycommittees](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/advisorycommittees).

## Get Involved and Stay Connected!

The City is working hard to connect with citizens and to engage them in the community. There are many programs where residents and businesses can get involved to impact the community and make a difference. Whether you are interested in neighborhood issues, the parks and trails, or volunteering, there is a group who needs your help and your ideas.

There are also a number of tools available to help you stay connected online and with your smart phone. Check out some of the ways to make a difference, get involved, and stay connected:

**Citizen Involvement Organizations (CIOs):** The City's neighborhoods are divided into six different CIOs who help to connect neighbors, work on traffic and safety issues, and build community within Tualatin's neighborhoods. There is also a Commercial CIO for Tualatin's Commercial businesses. To learn more, visit [www.tualatincio.org](http://www.tualatincio.org).

**#TualatinTownHall:** This is an online forum where you can share your input on a variety of hot topics. Log in today to see what issues are being discussed and share your ideas! [www.tualatintownhall.com](http://www.tualatintownhall.com)

Tualatin is a very social city, and you can engage and connect with the City through social media and smart phone apps!

- Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Tualatin.OR](http://www.facebook.com/Tualatin.OR)
- Twitter:** [@CityofTualatin](https://twitter.com/CityofTualatin)
- YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/user/TualatinCity](http://www.youtube.com/user/TualatinCity)
- Instagram:** [@CityofTualatin](https://www.instagram.com/CityofTualatin)
- Mobile App:** Tualatin Police Department has an app, search Tualatin PD in your app store to stay connected!



check it out!

### Holiday Hours

All City facilities, including the Juanita Pohl Center will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. In observance of Thanksgiving, City Offices and the Juanita Pohl Center will be closed November 26 and 27. The Library will close early at 6:00 pm on November 25 and will be open regular hours on November 27.

# Washington County Partners with Tualatin



Washington County Land Use & Transportation (LUT) is focused on collaborating with the City of Tualatin. The 124th Avenue extension, which includes a partnership with the Willamette Water Supply Program for installation of a transmission pipeline, is a prime example of a Tualatin-LUT collaboration addressing the transportation needs of Tualatin and the Basalt Creek area.

The 124th Avenue extension includes a \$30 million, two-lane arterial between Tualatin-Sherwood and Grahams Ferry roads, with safety improvements to other area roads, resulting in 4.4 miles of new and/or improved roadway. The extension will provide another route connecting Tualatin and Wilsonville, along with access to land designated for future industrial and employment development in Tualatin, Sherwood and Wilsonville. As private development occurs, the road will be widened to five lanes.

The ground-breaking for the 124th Avenue Extension and Willamette Water Supply Pipeline Projects will be **1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12**, at the south side of Tualatin-Sherwood Road and SW 124th Avenue. This is a rain or shine event. Construction is expected to begin in December or January.

Collaboration between Wilsonville, Tualatin and the County led to the completion of the Basalt Creek Refinement plan, which laid out a transportation network to serve future development. Transportation projects like the 124th Avenue extension are key to unlocking future development, as identified by the Industrial Site Readiness Project, another partnership between LUT, Tualatin and other cities.

Washington County continues to identify future transportation needs in Tualatin and all of Washington County. The County was awarded regional funding to initiate the environmental analysis to extend 124th Avenue beyond Grahams Ferry Road to Boones Ferry Road. Longer-term transportation needs for the Tualatin area are also being evaluated as part of the Washington County Transportation Futures Study.

## Winterization and Fall Clean-Up

As the winter season nears, it also initiates many changes in the services provided by the Operations Department.

### Some items include:

- The interactive Crawfish water fountain at the Commons Lake will be closed for the season.
- Light pole banners, hanging flower baskets, and other flower beds have been removed.
- All outdoor public drinking fountains will be shut off to protect them from freezing.
- Ibach Park, Browns Ferry Park, Jurgens Park, and the Commons Lake restrooms will each have one restroom remain open for the winter.
- Decorative lights are being strung in the trees around the Commons Lake in preparation for the holiday season.

## Hydrant Flushing Program and Maintenance

Tualatin's fire hydrant flushing program enhances water quality, verifies proper operation of hydrants and valves, and ensures hydrants are operational in case of a fire emergency. Flushing can cause temporary discolored water while fine sediment particles are flushed. If you have discolored water, try flushing with cold water for a few minutes. Contact Operations at 503.691.3091 if problems persist. If you have questions, regarding this program, contact Andrew Degner, Water Manager, at [adegner@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:adegner@ci.tualatin.or.us) or 503.691.3095.

# Thankful for Volunteers



Thank you to the over 2,300 volunteers who gave their time and talent to make Tualatin a great place to live, work and play! Volunteers are everywhere in our City.

They are Dog Park Ambassadors, Crew leaders, photographers, park clean up advocates, invasive species champions, administrative heroes, Eagle Scouts and TEAM Tualatin. They are commission/advisory board members, reserve police officers, fingerprint technicians, trail counters, library shelvers, tech tutors, homework helpers, magazine magicians and story time aides, just to name a few.

This year volunteers supported Tualatin and enhanced their community's environment by contributing over 7,700 hours of their own time. The impact of these volunteers is found in the preservation and restoration of our parks, green spaces and public areas. Can

you claim to have been to a park and left a positive mark when you left? Volunteers helped improve our parks by planting 10,000 trees and shrubs in Tualatin. These volunteers got a little dirty and wet to reduce their carbon footprint; filter surface runoff; provide native forage for birds; and provide green spaces for generations to come. We all have busy schedules, but for just a few hours each month, you and some of your neighbors have taken the opportunity to change Tualatin forever.

The City of Tualatin has been a leader in volunteerism and environmental stewardship for decades, in a region and state already renowned for being "green". Tualatin has an active partnership with Tualatin River Keepers, Friends of Trees, Wetlands Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, and Clean Water Services. These groups welcome the opportunity

to serve with the dedicated volunteers of Tualatin.

In the Library, we are extremely grateful to have over 200 active library volunteers who have contributed over 6,400 hours of their valuable time. Maintaining the Tualatin Library as the cultural centerpiece of our city involves the work of volunteers who shelve books and media, check-in returned items, fulfill patron requests and assist our librarians with the programs, services and collections that our community enjoys. Volunteers enable the Library to fulfill its mission to provide all citizens with access to the widest range of materials and services which fulfill their informational, educational, and cultural needs.

We are thankful for volunteers, thankful for an involved community and thankful for the opportunity to serve the volunteers of Tualatin.

## Smoke-Free Outdoor City Spaces

The Tualatin City Council is considering a policy regarding outdoor smoke and tobacco free City spaces. Key issues include what may be restricted, such as tobacco and vapor, and which locations may be included, such as all City owned and managed property, or only selected areas like parks and the Library plaza. Do you have an opinion? The City welcomes your comments! Please contact Parks and Recreation Manager Rich Mueller at 503.691.3064, email [rmueller@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:rmueller@ci.tualatin.or.us), or join the discussion at [www.tualatintownhall.com](http://www.tualatintownhall.com).

## Southwest Corridor Plan

The Southwest Corridor Project is focused on studying high capacity transit (HCT) from Southwest Portland to Tigard and Tualatin. The City of Tualatin partnered with Metro, TriMet, ODOT, the cities of Portland, Tigard, Sherwood, Durham, Beaverton and Washington County to study the proposed alignment. The project team has been evaluating multiple alternatives along the alignment to present to the Steering Committee, which is made up of representatives from each of the partner agencies.

Recently, the Steering Committee discussed the Tigard and Tualatin alignments as well as direct service options to Portland Community College (PCC) Sylvania Campus. The Steering Committee is scheduled to make a decision regarding the preferred terminus location in December 2015. In February 2016, the steering committee will select a mode, which could be bus rapid transit or light rail. In February, they will also determine if direct service to PCC will continue to be studied.

To learn more about the project, provide public comment or to see the Steering Committee schedule please visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan).

## Street Sweeping – November 2-13, Weather Permitting

Street sweeping will occur November 2-13 weather permitting. For specific information on street sweeping in your area, check out our street sweeping map at [www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks/street-sweeping-program](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks/street-sweeping-program)

## Starry Nights and Holiday Lights



Please join us as we kick off the holidays with the Starry Nights and Holiday Lights celebration. Come be a part of a special night filled with thousands of twinkling lights, hundreds of song-filled voices, and the lighting of the floating holiday tree. This free family event is possible thanks to our major sponsor Comcast and will include music from our local youth choirs, the tree lighting, crafts, a visit from Santa, hot cocoa from Starbucks, and cookies from New Seasons Market.

For more information on this exciting event, please visit our website at [www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov).

Tualatin Lake of the Commons  
8325 SW Nyberg St.  
Friday, December 4, 5:00-8:30 pm.

### Schedule of events:

5:00 - Tualatin High School Brass Ensemble  
5:30 - Tualatin High School Crimsonaires  
6:00 - Countdown to tree lighting and Santa arrives  
6:15 - Magic Years Preschool and Reaching New Heights Kindergarten Choir  
6:35 - Tualatin Elementary Choir  
6:55 - Bridgeport Elementary Holiday Choir  
7:15 - Byrom Elementary Choir  
7:35 - Hazelbrook Middle School Choir  
7:55 - Twality Middle School Treble Choir

## Juanita Pohl Center Veterans Recognition Breakfast

Veterans Day was originally established to honor Americans who served in World War I. Today Veterans Day honors veterans of all wars for their patriotism and willingness to serve in the military and sacrifice for our country. There are over 23 million military veterans in the United States. The brave men and women who have served and protected our country come from all walks of life; they are our friends, neighbors, co-workers, parents, children and grandparents.

On Monday, November 9, the Juanita Pohl Center will host the annual Veterans Recognition Breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. This year's event will have special guest speakers, a delicious breakfast, and fun gift give-a-ways. All veterans can register FREE and non-veterans pay only \$6.00. The registration deadline is Monday, November 2. Interested participants can sign-up at the center or online at [www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/pohl-center-special-events](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/pohl-center-special-events). Call the Juanita Pohl Center at 503.691.3061 for more information.

## CenterCal Properties Honored with the Tualatin Community Enhancement Award



The Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee (TAAC) conceived the Community Enhancement Award in an effort to recognize art endeavors within the community that result in the enhancement of the visual or performance arts experience in Tualatin. TAAC discussed candidates and voted to recommend CenterCal Properties for

the "I Wonder" mastodon (also known as "Dean") and boy bronze sculpture in front of Cabela's in the Nyberg Rivers shopping center. The mastodon sculpture was created by sculptor Brian Keith. It benefits the community by enhancing the City's efforts to interpret Tualatin's natural history of prehistoric animals and the Ice Age floods along with the mastodon bones at our Library and the Ice Age Discovery Trail. Chad Hastings, General Manager accepted the award on behalf of CenterCal.

If you would like to recommend an individual or organization for their contributions to the Tualatin community through the arts, please contact the City at 503.691.3062.



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At the end of each November, people gather to reflect on the things for which they are most thankful during this Thanksgiving holiday. As the Mayor of Tualatin, I have much to be thankful for. While I found it quite difficult to narrow this list to only ten, here is my **Top Ten List of Things to be Thankful For:**

**10. Financial Stability:** Tualatin is lucky to have maintained a balanced budget without reducing services to

our residents even during an economic downturn.

**9. Diverse Business Community:** Tualatin is fortunate to have a diverse mix of both large and small businesses who are actively engaged in the community.

**8. Citizen Involvement:** From the City's Advisory Committees to the Citizen Involvement Organizations (CIOs), Tualatin has a citizenry which cares and takes the time to get involved in their community.

**7. Healthy, Active Community:** People in Tualatin are living healthier and more active lifestyles thanks to our recreational amenities and access to fresh, healthy food.

**6. Volunteers:** Tualatin's volunteers are simply the BEST!

**5. Public Safety:** Citizens are served by award-winning and highly accredited public safety agencies. Thanks to the Tualatin Police Department and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

**4. Tualatin Library:** Tualatin enjoys one of the best and busiest libraries in both Washington and Clackamas counties!

**3. Recreation Spaces & Activities:** Tualatin residents enjoy parks, the Tualatin Commons, and community events. I cannot wait for our new Tualatin River Greenway trail with its Ice Age theme!

**2. The People:** Tualatin has all of the amenities of a big city, with a small hometown feel. This is due to the wonderful, friendly people who live and work here!

**1. Lastly, I'm thankful to be Mayor of the Best City South of the North Pole!**

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## Meet the Council

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[www.tualatinoregon.gov/citycouncil](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/citycouncil),  
the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the  
month at 7:00 pm

All City Council and Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for citizen comment. The agenda and packet materials are available for review in the Library, City offices and at [www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov) generally seven calendar days prior to the Council meeting.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the Juanita Pohl Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Rd (in Community Park).

Do you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter? Please contact Sara Singer, Deputy City Manager at 503.691.3065 or [ssinger@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:ssinger@ci.tualatin.or.us).



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## Renew Your Tualatin Business License Online

Your 2016 City of Tualatin Business License renewal will be available online this year! Business License renewal notices will be emailed at the end of November, with instructions on how to renew your business license online. Our new online website will allow you to pay your license fees with a credit card, ensuring a faster turnaround time. Stay tuned for more information! Contact Cathy Hayes at [chayes@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:chayes@ci.tualatin.or.us) or 503.691.3058, if you have questions or to provide her with a current email address.