



Tualatin

August 2015

today

National Night Out



National Night Out is a program the Tualatin Police Department has supported and participated in for several years. Annually, the first Tuesday in August, people nationwide are encouraged to turn on their porch lights and go out and meet their neighbors. The intention is to build strong neighborhood unity to demonstrate an active stance against criminal activity. The Tualatin Police Department participates in National Night Out by promoting and facilitating meetings and providing fun giveaway items at each event.

Along with traditional displays of outdoor lights and front-porch vigils, you can celebrate National Night Out with block parties, cookouts, visits from members of the Tualatin Police Department, exhibits, flashlight walks and more.

2014 was a very successful year for Tualatin's National Night Out! Tualatin Police personnel and McGruff the crime-fighting dog attended nearly 20 block parties throughout the community!

Some of the fun taking place throughout Tualatin includes events at Woodridge Apartments, Tualatin View Apartments, Lafky Park, Shawnee Trail, and several in the Riverpark CIO area. Tualatin Police Department encourages citizens to take this excellent opportunity to have a BBQ or block party and get to know your neighbors while enjoying a safe atmosphere with good summer fun.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Massey 503.691.4846

Don't Miss the Crawfish Festival!

The Tualatin Crawfish Festival returns July 31-August 2. Friday's kickoff event is at the Tualatin Commons with food vendors and the Mystery Box Chef Cook-off beginning at 5:30 pm. The fun continues with a live concert at 7:30 pm featuring the ever popular group Hit Machine. Saturday the fun moves to Tualatin Community Park for the pancake breakfast and "Crawfish Crawl". Don't miss the Oregon Corks and Kegs beer and wine tasting, kids' activities, Dodgeball tournament, and of course, the live crawfish boil and crawfish eating contest. The festival continues on Sunday, August 2 until 6:00 pm. Many other fun family activities will make the 65th year of this annual Tualatin treasure the best ever! For more information go to the event website at www.TualatinCrawfishFestival.com.



James Strange



check it out!

Street Sweeping – August 3-14 Weather Permitting

Street sweeping will occur August 3-14, 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

Mask & Mirror: Comedy, Drama and Tualatin's First Community Musical!



A cast of over 35 volunteer actors, singers and dancers; a large number of builders, costumers, concessioners and other crew; plus a children's dance troupe called The Raindrops, are all now busily rehearsing in the auditorium at Tualatin High School to stage the first Tualatin Community Musical: Singin' in the Rain.

Mask & Mirror Community Theatre is a 501(c)3 all-volunteer theatre that has already presented four seasons of comedies, dramas and musicals to the citizens of Tualatin. They are an important community partner and actively participate in the City's Tualatin Tomorrow Visioning efforts as a lead partner to ensure the arts are celebrated in Tualatin. They frequently hold free public play readings at the Tualatin Library and free public meetings at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Membership is open to all and participation in productions is based solely on talent, with open auditions held for all roles. The group welcomes "wannabe

actors" and offers many opportunities for new talent to develop and exercise their craft and work up to a major part in a play.

The theatre currently rents a stage from Calvin Presbyterian Church in King City, but is looking to expand and operate as a full time theatre space in Tualatin. For the 2015/2016 season, Mask & Mirror has announced these three productions: "Christmas Belles", November 2015; "The Trip to Bountiful", February 2016; and "Catch Me If You Can", May 2016.

The season opens with a special presentation of the musical "Singin' in the Rain" staged in the auditorium at Tualatin High School, August 14, 15, 21, & 22 at 7 p.m.; and August 16 & 23 at 2 p.m. All profits from Singin' in the Rain will be split between the theatre and The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools. Tickets are only \$15 adult/\$12 senior and are now available at www.maskandmirror.com/box-office.

America's Best Communities

The City of Tualatin has been selected as one of 50 quarter-finalists for Frontier Communications' "America's Best Communities" competition, and has been awarded a total of \$50,000 from Frontier and Tualatin's local sponsor, Intel. The initiative is to stimulate community revitalization in Tualatin by focusing on workforce development and youth pathways. An application was submitted outlining a proposal for a shared community center to bring the elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) together in one place to educate community members.

The competition offers grand prizes of \$1, 2, and 3 million dollars. Tualatin is in the running for the next round this fall which will award eight cities in the US each \$100,000! The Tualatin ABC Team will be at the Crawfish Festival to celebrate this award and share information about the proposal. Be sure to stop by the booth to share in the fun and excitement! To learn more or donate to the cause visit www.tualatinabc.org.

Keep up with us on [Facebook.com/TualatinABC](https://www.facebook.com/TualatinABC) and on Twitter @TualatinABC

Neighbors Put Down Roots in Tualatin

John and Liz Seib treasure Hedges Creek and feel fortunate to have it in their backyard. Recognizing the rarity of having a natural stream flowing right by their home on Hedges Drive, they committed to protecting the native environment and health of the creek. Their landscape plan is dedicated to native trees, shrubs and ferns which are the best choice for stream health.

In May, John, Liz and their son Malachi hosted a neighborhood planting event with the City of Tualatin. Twenty neighbors came together to plant and mulch 225 native trees and shrubs. Lady fern, Fringecups, Oregon ash, Vine maple, Snowberry, Thimbleberry, Yellow twig dogwood, Salmon berry, Oregon grape and Western red cedar were planted to replace invasive Himalayan blackberry and provide soil stabilization and shade.

The City of Tualatin thanks the Seib family

for their love of Hedges Creek, their efforts to be good stewards and for recruiting their friends and neighbors to make a positive change in stream health and improve forest diversity.

Join City staff this fall and participate in the Put Down Roots in Tualatin program. Get dirty, breathe fresh air, and make a difference!

All events are 9 am – 12 pm
Saturday, September 19 – SOLVE Hedges Creek Clean Up
Saturday, October 10 – Brown's Ferry Park planting and invasive removal
Saturday, November 21 – Brown's Ferry Park plant and mulch on Nyberg Creek
Saturday, December 5 – Tualatin River invasive removal and planting
Monday, January 18 – MLK Day Ibach Park planting along Hedges Creek
Saturday, February 6 – Nyberg Wetlands

Clean Up and planting
Saturday, April 9 – Arbor Day at Tualatin Community Park, planting for pollinators

For more information and to register visit www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer, or contact Jackie Konen at jkonen@ci.tualatin.or.us.

Welcome the Library's New Volunteer Coordinator



Margaret Gunther started as the new Volunteer Coordinator in the Library on June 16. Margaret shared, "Building relationships in the community, engaging a diverse, inclusive population and developing future volunteer leaders for the City of Tualatin is what inspires me, and I'm super excited about working here in the Tualatin Library." Please join the City in welcoming Margaret!

Concerts and Movies on the Commons



Have you been out to enjoy a free concert or movie at the Lake of the Commons yet this summer? Come join us for these great family-friendly events! The Tualatin Commons is located by the lake at 8325 SW Nyberg Street.

Concerts on the Commons Fridays, 6:30 pm

Enjoy free music performances this summer showcasing outstanding musicians. Join us for country, reggae, rhythm and blues and much more.

Movies on the Commons Saturdays at sunset (around 8:45pm)

Gather your friends, family and neighbors and enjoy a free movie on the lawn. Snacks will be sold by members of the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council.

Summer Reading Challenge @ the Library



The Library is challenging Tualatin to read 2.5 million minutes this summer. Help us reach this goal and show Tualatin loves to read! Bring in your completed Reading Log by August 31. (It's not too late to join Summer Reading; all ages can participate.) Track the community's progress at the Library or at www.tualatinoregon.gov/library. If we meet our goal, the Library will host a celebration on August 30, 2-4 pm.

Tualatin River Greenway Trail Update

The Tualatin River Greenway Gap Completion Project has moved to the next step! On June 8, City Council awarded the construction contract to Brown Contracting, Inc. of Eugene, Oregon. Construction has begun and the trail is expected to open in Winter 2015/16.

The path will run between the new Barngrover Street (near the Tualatin Public Library) and the old RV of Portland site on Nyberg Lane, a distance of about three quarters of a mile. Picture a 10-12 foot wide bicycle and walking path meandering through trees, near the river, dotted with interesting features about Tualatin's natural and cultural history. This project connects people with nature while enabling easy and safe exercise, recreation and wildlife viewing. It follows the south side of the Tualatin River past Nyberg Rivers Shopping Center, crossing under the Interstate 5 Bridge, past Nyberg Woods Shopping Center and Forest Rim Apartments, connecting to the old RV of Portland site on Nyberg Lane. The path will continue across the

old RV of Portland site when that property develops and connect to the existing Tualatin River Greenway Trail that goes into Browns Ferry Park. This project will not only build a three quarter mile segment of trail, it will enable us to connect existing trails all the way from Tigard to the eastern City limits of Tualatin!

This project supports the City Council goals of providing expanded opportunities for vibrant parks and recreation facilities, enhanced/expanded transportation options and creating a safe, healthy and active living community. It also addresses Tualatin Tomorrow Community Goals to make it easier to get to and from employment centers, make it safer to walk and bike, and it connects a missing link in Tualatin's active transportation network. Need for this project has long been identified in the City's transportation, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as well as County and Metro bike and pedestrian plans.

For more information, please contact Community Services Director Paul Hennon at 503.691.3060.

Traffic Relief Coming Soon! SW 124th Avenue Extension Project Update



Construction is scheduled to begin this fall for the SW 124th Avenue extension project and the installation of

the Willamette Water Supply Program's first section of their water transmission pipeline.

This important road project includes extending 124th Avenue south from Tualatin-Sherwood Road across Tonquin Road, then continuing east to Grahams Ferry Road. Road improvements will also be made to sections of Tonquin Road and Grahams Ferry Road. The water transmission pipeline project will start at Tualatin-Sherwood Road and continue

south along the new 124th Avenue extension, then will head east along Tonquin Road, then continue south on Grahams Ferry Road, ending near Day Road.

The collaborative pipeline and roadway project is scheduled to be advertised for bid later this summer followed by a "meet the contractor" open house planned for this fall (date and location TBD). Construction completion is anticipated to occur by the end of 2017.

For more information about the SW 124th Avenue extension project, visit <http://124thproject.com> or call 503.846.7800. Visit www.OurReliableWater.org, or call 503.848.3000, for more information about the Willamette Water Supply Program.

@MayorOgden



Tualatin is the BEST! We were named as a quarter-finalist for Frontier Communications' America's Best Communities Competition. Over 400 communities started the process, and we are one of 50 that are moving forward! This is no surprise to me, as I have long known that Tualatin is America's BEST Community; however, I am glad we can share this on a national level. The competition team has been asking the community to

share what makes them proud of their community and use the hashtag #TualatinPROUD.

There are so many things I am proud of in this community, including our award-winning parks, excellent streets, awesome festivals, safe neighborhoods, responsive City staff, a thriving and supportive business community and amazing volunteers! I am bursting with pride for this place! I wish the ABC Team, which includes the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre, South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership, the City of Tualatin, the Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee, and many others, the best of luck as they show the rest of the country what a special community we have built. Learn more at www.tualatinabc.org, and be sure to share on social media what makes you #TualatinPROUD.



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Railroad-Crossing Repairs to Result in Closure on Tualatin-Sherwood Road

Repairs to the Portland and Western Railroad crossing on Tualatin Sherwood Road, located between Gerda Lane and Oregon Street in Sherwood, will result in a 72-hour closure of the road starting at about 7 p.m. Friday, August 21 (tentative; subject to change). A detour route will be available and the road will reopen as soon as the work is completed.

The railroad crossing is in need of replacement to ensure the safety of road and railroad users.

Every effort will be made to complete the work as quickly and as safely as possible in order to reopen the road as soon as possible. Traveler patience is appreciated.

For more information, visit the project web page at http://bit.ly/T-S_RR or contact Victoria Saager at 503.846.7616 or victoria_saager@co.washington.or.us.

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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 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.



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