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BUILDING VALUE IN TUALATIN

Tualatin's Online Permit System is Now Available to:

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Building codes address many of our community's most basic concerns including the safety and health of our living environment. The places our friends and families occupy personally and professionally are directly impacted by these codes. Requirements related to fire prevention, structural stability, and seismic standards affect us in obvious ways. Others, such as lighting, plumbing, handicap accessibility, energy efficiency, and the air we breathe have major effects on our health, comfort, and productivity.

Jurisdictions that update and enforce current building codes demonstrate they are forward thinking and open to changes that improve the quality of our lives. In Tualatin, the Community Development Department works to ensure that all buildings constructed in the city meet these adopted codes. Following the building code ensures the safety and structural integrity of buildings and advances the less obvious economic and health impacts structures make in our community.

Now, our building department's new online permitting system allows greater access to our process. We're committed to not only improving the safety of our community, but also the experience of our customers and residents as they navigate our process.

For more information regarding the Building Department or Building Codes please visit the Building Department website at TUALATINOREGON.GOV/BUILDING.

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A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture. One in five of Tualatin residents is Hispanic or Latino.

Join us at the Tualatin Public Library on Saturday, September 17, 3-4pm for a free Hispanic Heritage Celebration featuring Edna Vazquez. Edna Vazquez is a Portland-based Latin American singer-songwriter who performs Latin American compositions that pay homage to her international influences with a passion that comes through in every note of her music. She lifts the audience's spirits during her cathartic live performances with a vocal range that allows her to transition seamlessly between folk, rock, pop, and Mariachi, all while exploring jazz stylings.

On Saturday, October 8, 2-4pm the Library will have another free event featuring Grupo Condor. Grupo Condor performs music traditionally played in Latin and South America. Afterward, 25 children can make their own zampoña (pan flute) in a workshop taught by the performers. Pre-registration is required for this free workshop.

UNA CELEBRACIÓN DEL MES NACIONAL DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

Durante el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana (del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre) reconocemos las contribuciones realizadas y la importante presencia de hispanos y latinoamericanos en los Estados Unidos y celebramos su herencia y cultura. Uno de cada cinco residentes de Tualatin es hispano o latino.

Únase a nosotros en la Tualatin Public Library (Biblioteca Pública de Tualatin) el sábado 17 de septiembre de 3 a 4 p.m. para la Celebración de la Herencia Hispana con Edna Vazquez. Edna Vazquez es una cantautora latinoamericana de Portland que realiza composiciones originales que rinden homenaje a sus influencias internacionales con una pasión que expresa a través de cada nota de su música. Ella levanta los ánimos del público durante sus catárticas actuaciones en vivo con un rango vocal que le permite la transición perfecta entre el folk, el rock, el pop y el mariachi, a la vez que explora estilos de jazz. El evento es gratuito.

El sábado 8 de octubre de 2 a 4 pm la biblioteca tendrá otro evento gratuito con el Grupo Condor. El Grupo Condor toca música interpretada tradicionalmente en Latinoamérica y América del Sur. Después del concierto, los niños podrán hacer su propia zampoña en un taller presentado por los artistas. Se requiere inscripción previa para este taller gratuito.



JOIN US FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL TUALATIN PICKLEBALL SHOOTOUT

The Third Annual Tualatin Pickleball Shootout will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, at Jurgens Community Park. For ages 18 and older, all ability levels are welcome to participate in this individual seeding round robin tournament. Novice levels will play on Saturday, and Advanced levels will play on Sunday. Play begins at 9am both days. The cost is \$15 per player. Pre-registration is required; participation is limited to the first 80 paid participants. For more tournament information or to register, visit TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION.



TUALATIN TRAFFIC WATCH: BACK TO SCHOOL

Tualatin Officers will be patrolling school zones once again. A few tips from the National Safety Council might help you avoid a ticket or tragic accident from occurring.

If You're Dropping Off

The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

Sharing the Road with School Buses

It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop



CONCERT IN THE PARK

Join us on Friday, September 9, as we end the dog days of summer with some live Big Band tunes in Tualatin Community Park, courtesy of the New Horizons Big Band, Tualatin's best community band! Pack a picnic dinner, bring a blanket or chairs, and spend time with family and friends! The music will start at 6:30pm in the grassy area behind the Van Raden Community Center. For more information please call 503.691.3061.

LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's public libraries are still in the reading business, but our enterprise now is also building community. Conversations with community members helped the Tualatin Public Library develop a strategic plan, guiding our book and media collections, programs, and services through 2020. Our priorities:

- **THE COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE:** Bringing people together as a welcoming place for all.
- **LEARNING AND DISCOVERY:** Supporting individual enrichment, with focuses on early literacy and youth access to science and technology.
- **COMMUNITY BUILDER:** Creating a connected community through social interaction, empowerment, and partnerships.

Tualatin Library is an essential element of Tualatin's educational, economic, and civic health. Learn more about the Library's strategic plan: TUALATINOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY.

TUALATIN'S RIVERPARK CIO ENGAGING RESIDENTS

Tualatin's Citizen Involvement Organization (CIO) program is a grass roots, citizen-led effort to promote and improve communications with one another in our neighborhoods and with our City government. One of the primary objectives of Riverpark CIO is to improve the livability of each of our neighborhoods. Riverpark CIO includes all the residential area from the Tualatin City Park to 99W, bordering the north side of Tualatin Road, and the residential area across 99W. The residential areas in and around the northern portion of our downtown are also included in Riverpark CIO.

Riverpark has many engaged citizens who are active in our CIO—here's some of the projects we've worked on this year:

- Improvement of Apache Bluff Natural Area and the Pony Ridge greenway
- Safety barrier installed in Pony Ridge along steep bank of the Tualatin River
- Preservation of neighborhood livelihood by preventing a proposed gas station within 300 feet of two major residential neighborhoods
- Working with the Department of Environmental Quality on reducing odor emissions from a compost facility located near Riverpark neighborhoods
- Successfully organized two National Night Out gatherings on August 2
- Host for several community-wide meetings on Tualatin topics such as light rail and the proposed City office/hall building

Please consider joining us as we in Riverpark CIO now work to improve pedestrian/bike safety and prepare our families to survive in the event of a major disaster. Join us on NEXTDOOR.COM or visit TUALATINCIO.ORG for more information.

ACTIVE AGING WEEK ACTIVITIES



The Juanita Pohl Center is celebrating "Active Aging Week" September 25–October 1 with activities to promote active, healthy lifestyles for adults over the age of 50:

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10AM:** An attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the "largest outdoor fitness class in Tualatin" at the Tualatin Community Park Tennis Courts.
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2PM:** A screening of *Age of Love*, about the humorous and poignant world of seniors who sign up for a first-of-its-kind speed dating event, \$4 admission.
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1PM:** The week concludes with the Adult Spelling Bee Championships.

For more information about Active Aging programs and services call 503.691.3061.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO "FALL" INTO

There is an opportunity for everyone this Fall to give back to the Tualatin community. See which one is for you and join us. We would love to meet you or see you again!

Put Down Roots in Tualatin

SAT. 9/24, 9 – 12PM: SOLVE HEDGES CREEK CLEAN UP

SAT. 10/22, 9 – 12PM: BROWN'S FERRY PARK PLANTING & INVASIVE REMOVAL

By putting down roots in Tualatin, you can... Get dirty, breathe fresh air, meet new people, get a sense of achievement and impact the health of our environment.

Dog Park Ambassadors

SAT. 9/10 & SAT. 10/8, 8:30-10:30AM

TUALATIN DOG PARK, NORTH END OF TUALATIN COMMUNITY PARK

Join the Dog Park Ambassadors as they maintain a safe place for dogs to socialize and play by moving bark chips to provide safe traction for our furry friends.

Tween TakeOver!

SAT. 9/10 & 10/15, 10 – 12PM

Tween Takeover is a monthly program of volunteer projects for 4th through 7th graders. Go behind the scenes and in the stacks to learn how Tualatin Public Library works, then spend some hang time in the Teen Room.

Spruce Up the Library

FRI. 9/16, 6 – 8PM; SAT. 10/15 8 – 10AM

Spruce Up the Library is ideal for families and groups who want to volunteer in the library. We get together to dust shelves, clean books, prepare crafts and socialize with other library fans.

13th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta

SAT. 10/15 10AM – 4PM, TUALATIN LAKE OF THE COMMONS

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for adults, families, and teens (16 years and older), and groups to help make the annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta another award winning good time!

Board/Committee Openings

Serving on a Tualatin Advisory Board/Committee is a great way to give back to the community! The following boards/committees are accepting applications with a deadline of Sunday, 10/23, at 5pm: Core Area Parking District Board; Tualatin Architectural Review Board; Budget Advisory Committee; Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee; Tualatin Library Advisory Committee and Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee.

For more information about how to sign up for these opportunities, visit TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER.



... Mayor's Corner ...



There are many times that I use this platform to think forward and share my vision for Tualatin. This month, I'd like to stop and reflect on a local business that was an integral part of our community.

At the beginning of August, our community experienced a significant loss in the Clark Lumber and True Value fire. Despite fire crews arriving in just four minutes to the site, the local building experienced a total loss. Fortunately, no lives were lost and no one was injured, but our community felt the weight of this fire just the same.

This local hardware store was known for their fast and friendly service and helpful approach to helping us find the tools we need to complete whatever house project was on deck at the moment. The building itself was a local icon, located near downtown Tualatin, and served many of the area businesses. While the family, employees, and city experienced a tremendous loss, it was incredibly heartwarming to see the local response to this tragic event. Tualatin residents truly are the best at offering help and support wherever and however they can.

This locally operated and family run business had a presence here in Tualatin for the last five decades. Their presence and contributions to Tualatin deserve our deepest appreciation, and I know that we are all looking forward to them rebuilding again soon.

**WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON
TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL,
THE 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 7:00PM**

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 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 Tanya Williams, at 503.691.3065 or TWILLIAMS@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US.



*Keep the circle unbroken,
please recycle.*

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For more information, visit our website at TUALATINOREGON.GOV



MOBILE MAKERSPACE – COMING SOON!

Several community agencies are partnering to create a local pathway out of poverty through education and skills training. After being named one of eight national finalists, Tualatin's America's Best Community team has spent the summer working on phase 1 of a Community Revitalization Plan: developing a mobile makerspace.

Makerspaces are places where people can make, invent, and learn. They are creative, "do it yourself" spaces providing tools and equipment. The Tualatin mobile makerspace will provide hands-on learning experiences for youth, to spark an interest in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) subjects.

Using the \$100,000 award received in April, the ABC team has purchased a cargo trailer and maker equipment. Design work is underway to convert the trailer into a makerspace. It will roll out to Tualatin's elementary schools this fall, loaded with equipment such as 3D printers, vinyl cutters, robotic kits, and circuitry sets.

Tigard-Tualatin School District teachers have developed lesson plans that will give students in grades 2-5 a chance to think critically, design solutions, and build things while learning about earth, life, and physical sciences. These lessons are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, enabling Tualatin teachers to expand in-class active learning experiences.

The makerspace will bring making opportunities to the broader community, through the Tualatin Library, at community events, or in neighborhoods. The Tualatin ABC team believes this initiative will increase future employment opportunities for Tualatin's youth, especially among the economically disadvantaged.

Though great strides have been made more help is needed, including donations (financial and equipment) and volunteers. Make your mark with the Tualatin ABC initiative: TUALATINABC.ORG.

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 PUMPKIN REGATTA

Mark your calendars!

The 13th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta returns on Saturday, October 15, at the Tualatin Lake at the Commons. The Regatta is a series of wacky races around the Tualatin Lake at the Commons in thousand-pound pumpkin boats by costumed participants. The event also features music, pumpkin pie eating contests, kids pumpkin carving, face painting, pumpkin golf, a kids costume contest, strolling entertainment, clown shows, hot food, drinks, and more!

For more information go to: TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION/WEST-COAST-GIANT-PUMPKIN-REGATTA-OFFICIAL-PAGE.

... Meet the Council ...

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