



# Tualatin

December 2015/January 2016

today



## Starry Nights and Holiday Lights Celebration

Please join us as we kick off the holidays with our annual Starry Nights and Holiday Lights Celebration on Friday, December 4 from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Tualatin Commons (8325 SW Nyberg Street). 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. Families can hear music from our local youth choirs, create a holiday craft, make a card to send to the troops, visit with Santa, warm up with hot cocoa from Starbucks, and munch on cookies from New Seasons Market. The free event is possible thanks to our sponsors Brow Betty, Comcast, La Z Boy, Lee Farms, New Seasons Market, Starbucks, and Umpqua Bank.

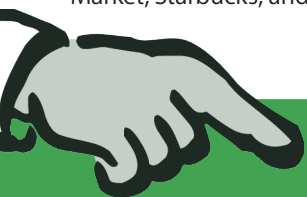
For more information on this exciting event, please visit our website at [www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov), or contact Heidi Marx at 503.691.3076 or [hmarx@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:hmarx@ci.tualatin.or.us).

### Schedule of Events:

- 5:00 - Tualatin High School Brass Ensemble
- 5:30 - Tualatin High School Crimsonaires
- 6:00 - Tree lighting countdown & Santa arrives
- 6:15 - Magic Years Preschool & 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 - Tuality Middle School Treble Choir

## Donate a Dollar Program Benefits Community Charities

In 2009, the City of Tualatin instituted the "Donate a Dollar" program. Through the program, city employees have the option to have a dollar or more taken from each paycheck throughout the year. Each November, the City of Tualatin distributes these employee-donated funds to four local charities including the Tualatin School House Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Center, the Domestic Violence Resource Center, and the Tigard-Tualatin Family Resource Center. These charities were selected based on services to residents in the City of Tualatin. This year the employees donated a total of over \$4,800 to the popular program, which amounts to about \$1,200 for each charity. Thank you for your generous donations, and for helping our community, Tualatin Employees!



**check it out!**

## State of the City Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the 2016 State of the City address on Wednesday, February 10! Mayor Ogden will deliver his speech at a reception along with sharing a video. The program will share highlights from the year, recognize individuals and groups in the community for their accomplishments, and more. All are welcome to attend! No RSVPs needed. Stay tuned for details at [www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov) or call 503.691.3065.

# Tualatin Public Library Thrives with Community Support

Seven years ago, the expanded Tualatin Public Library opened with the vision of being an inviting community center where learning, discovery, and interaction flourish. Library staff, supported by numerous volunteers and community partners, work 359 days a year to deliver that vision and to achieve multiple Tualatin Tomorrow community goals.

The Tualatin Library creates learning opportunities for all ages through 700+ programs each year. The vast majority are free, thanks in part to the financial support of the Friends of Tualatin Public Library. Five weekly story times, including the new Saturday Bilingual Story time, offer literacy-building skills for little ones and parents. With help from the Tualatin Library Foundation, the Library is working with Tualatin schools to increase student participation in reading programs. After-school STEAM activities give children and teens hands-on, fun experiences with science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Expert-led workshops, Portland Community College classes, and Oregon Humanities' conversations support personal growth and lifelong learning for adults.

The Tualatin Library keeps our community connected to jobs, education, and loved ones through free Wi-Fi, scanner, laptop,

and computer access. Coming soon: wireless printing! The Library offers iPads and "maker" equipment (such as Arduino and electronics kits, Raspberry Pi, and a Sphero robot) to ensure Tualatin's youth have equal access to technology.

Public libraries are one of the few noncommercial community spaces open to all. The Tualatin Library is a gathering space, providing both small group meeting rooms and large performances and cultural celebrations. And, Tualatin Library's membership in Washington County Cooperative Library Services brings access to 1.6 million items—including ebooks, Blu-rays, and Kindles—for patrons' information and entertainment.

In November, voters approved a replacement levy to enhance library services countywide. Thanks to your support, these new funds will improve our ability to connect people with books, resources, and programs. Since 2008, more than 2.3 million pairs of feet have come through Tualatin Library's doors. The Library is now creating a strategic plan to shape our vision through 2020. Visit the Library's website to give your input: [www.tualatinoregon.gov/library](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/library).

## Tech Troubles? There is an Appointment for That!

Stressed by spreadsheets? Downloading has you down? Sometimes one-on-one help is the best way to move from confusion to expertise. "The fun part for me is watching people get excited about their devices, once they know how to work with them," explains Tech Tutor Pam May.

Tech Tutors meet with you to assist with e-mail, social media, e-books, productivity software and more. Tech Tutors are available on a drop-in basis on Wednesday afternoons at the Juanita Pohl Center from 1:00 – 2:30 pm, and by appointment throughout the week at the Tualatin Public Library. Library Tech Tutor appointments last one hour and can be made up to two weeks in advance. Call 503.691.3072 or stop by the library to make an appointment. Bring in your smart phone, tablet, e-reader or laptop. You will be shown the right steps to make your technology tasks easier.



# Make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a "Day On, Not a Day Off"

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"**

*~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Join the City of Tualatin and Friends of Trees in observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Hedges Creek in Ibach Park and make a positive impact on stream health.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**  
**Ibach Park, 10455 SW Ibach Street**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Volunteers will get dirty, breathe fresh air, meet new people and make a positive impact on the environment by planting and mulching 1,500 native trees and shrubs to shade the stream and improve forest

diversity. Tools, gloves, guidance, snacks and prizes provided.

This event is a great opportunity for corporate groups to come out and team build. Not able to attend the event, but still want to get involved? Consider a sponsorship of this or another Put Down Roots in Tualatin event.

To register for the event, or for event and sponsorship information, call Jackie Konen at 503.691.3087 or visit [www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer).

**Honor the dream. Be great. Volunteer!**

## Positions Open on Tualatin Advisory Boards

Serving on a Tualatin Advisory Board is a great way to give back to the community. The Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee, Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee and the Tualatin Architectural Review Board will all have openings in the beginning of the new year. If you are interested in learning more about these committees and boards, or would like to apply, visit [www.tualatinoregon.gov/advisorycommittees](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/advisorycommittees).

**The deadline to submit applications is Friday, January 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm.** For questions, e-mail Janet Newport, [jnewport@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:jnewport@ci.tualatin.or.us), Volunteer Services Manager, or call 503.691.3021.



## Are You Prepared for Snow and Ice?

The City has developed a Snow and Ice Response Plan to ensure that safe travel routes are available during winter weather events. The roadways are plowed and sanded according to a priority rating which can be viewed on the sanding map. City crews begin plowing with a snow accumulation of two or more inches, with the goal of having all Priority One through Priority Three areas plowed and sanded within 12 hours. Residential streets are addressed when snow accumulations reach 12 inches in depth. The City does not plow private streets.

To view the Snow and Ice Response Plan and sanding map, check out the website at [www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks/snow-and-ice-response-plan](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks/snow-and-ice-response-plan). If you have questions, call Bert Olheiser at 503.691.3096.

## Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will occur December 7-18 and January 4-15, 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).

## Protect Your Plumbing During Winter Months

Cold weather can play havoc with water pipes. To help prevent issues with your plumbing during the colder, winter months, here are a few tips:

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.
- Install outside hose bib insulation bonnets.
- Blow out outdoor irrigation system piping.

## Pedestrian Safety For All

Pedestrian safety is a priority in Tualatin and across Oregon. Let's work together for a safe community!

Drivers, wait for pedestrians to clear the lane into which you are turning and at least six feet of the next lane, before you proceed.

Pedestrians, whether or not you have the right to cross, please make sure it is clear before proceeding. Pay attention and please stay off your electronic devices when crossing the roadway.



The graphic features silhouettes of a person walking, a person pushing a stroller, and a person walking a dog, all crossing a street. A large diamond-shaped sign above them reads "OREGONIAN CROSSING" with a small map of Oregon below the text. Below the silhouettes, the text "Every intersection is a crosswalk." is displayed. At the bottom, it says "Get to Know Oregon Crosswalk Laws" and "When Driving: Under Oregon law (OR 811.028) every intersection is a legal crosswalk. You must stop for people showing intent to cross the street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk or at a marked mid-block crosswalk." It also includes "When Walking: You have the right of way at marked and unmarked intersections and mid-block crosswalks when you signal intent to cross. Show intent to cross by extending your hand, foot, wheelchair, cane, crutch or bicycle into the roadway. For your safety - make sure vehicles moving in both directions have stopped before proceeding." and three diagrams labeled "Marked Crosswalks", "Mid-block Crosswalk", and "Unmarked Crosswalk". The website "www.oregoniancrossing.org" is at the bottom.

## Annual Holiday Greenery Recycling

Boy Scout Troops 35 and 530 will recycle holiday greenery on Saturdays, January 2 & January 9. Trees will be picked up between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm both days. The suggested donation is \$10 for smaller trees and \$15 for larger. Checks, made out to BSA, are recommended over cash to prevent theft. Trees can be put out

without payment, and a Scout will knock on the door to collect. Trees will also be collected in the north parking lot of Tualatin High School. Donations help with activities such as camping and hiking and help individual Scouts earn their way to summer camp. If you have questions please contact Norm Dannemiller at 503.885.2405.

## Protect Your Porch: Safety Tips for Holiday Package Delivery



For many people, the holidays mean shopping for gifts online and having them delivered. These days we are all busy and online shopping often seems to be the quickest, easiest way to purchase gifts. But having packages

delivered to your porch can be risky. There are thieves who target homes, specifically in search of packages on the porch. Tualatin Police recommend making other delivery arrangements if you won't be home to accept the package during delivery. Other methods could include having the package delivered to an alternate address where someone is there to accept delivery such as a workplace, asking a neighbor who is home to accept or watch your home for delivery, or having it delivered to a mailbox or UPS store. Do not let thieves ruin your holidays; protect your packages by planning ahead!

**@MayorOgden**



At the beginning of each year I present the State of the City to share the highlights of the previous year and what we can look forward to as a community in the year to come. We share highlights from the year, celebrate the work completed for the America's Best Communities competition, and recognize individuals and groups in the community for their accomplishments.

In the new year the City Council will continue to move toward our 2020 Vision. I look forward to reflecting on current community plans, in addition to the main ideas and concerns shared by community stakeholders. Tualatin has seen many wonderful changes over the past year and I look forward to what 2016 will bring. I hope you will join us at the 2016 State of the City event on February 10 to celebrate the many accomplishments of 2015 and learn about the projects and initiatives on the horizon. To learn more visit [www.tualatinoregon.gov](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov). I wish the Tualatin community and all of our partners a happy and safe holiday season!



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### **Holiday Hours in December & January**

The Library will close at 6:00 pm on December 24, 2015, and December 31, 2015. All City facilities, including the Juanita Pohl Center, Library and City Offices will be closed December 25, 2015, and January 1, 2016. On January 18, 2016 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), City Offices and the Juanita Pohl Center will be closed; the Library will be open but will close at 6:00 pm.

### **2016 Emergency Preparedness Calendars Available This Year**

The City is partnering with Tualatin elementary schools to produce a 2016 Emergency Preparedness Calendar. This calendar will feature artwork from the Tualatin Elementary School fourth graders along with tips for helping you and your family prepare for an emergency. Calendar copies will be available, free of charge at the City Offices front counters and in our Library lobby. If you need more information contact Kathy Kaatz at 503.691.3093 or [kkaatz@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:kkaatz@ci.tualatin.or.us).

## **Meet the Council**

### **Mayor**

Lou Ogden

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Nancy Grimes  
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## **City Information**

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503.691.4800 (Police Department)  
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503.691.0285 (24-hour info line)  
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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 Kelsey Lewis at 503.691.3065 or [klewis@ci.tualatin.or.us](mailto:kewis@ci.tualatin.or.us).**



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