



# TUALATIN TODAY

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## REVEALING THE TUALATIN MOBILE MAKERSPACE!

The Tualatin Mobile Makerspace will make its official debut on Jan 24 at the annual State of the City, which will be held this year at Living Savior Lutheran Church.

The Mobile Makerspace trailer is a workshop-on-wheels, enabling transport of equipment and supplies for activities at local elementary schools, the Tualatin Public Library, community events, and within neighborhoods. The Makerspace is part of the local America's

Best Community project, which seeks to provide hands-on learning experiences for youth to spark an interest in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) subjects.

While the trailer was under construction, the Makerspace librarian made more than 20 classroom visits during October and November, bringing active, experiential learning to more than 250 children, with hundreds more participating through Library and school events.

*Students and teachers alike are enjoying the experience, sharing these comments:*

*"I LOVE THE HANDS-ON LEARNING THAT'S HAPPENING."*

*"ALL OF MY STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED."*

Lessons — such as learning about changing states of matter by heating and cooling crayons and lemonade, and energy conversion by building a remote-controlled car powered by solar energy — are sometimes challenging, but students work together to figure out a solution: "This was hard, but also fun."

The Mobile Makerspace will continue classroom visits through winter and spring, plus there will be monthly Library events. The Tualatin ABC project's long-term plan is to develop a permanent makerspace at a Community Career and Creative Center, offering skills training, exploration, performing arts, and more.

This project is a result of the work of many community partners such as the City of Tualatin, the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, School District, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre, and local businesses. There are many ways to get involved in the project through volunteering and donations. Learn more at [TUALATINMAKERSPACE.COM](http://TUALATINMAKERSPACE.COM), or find us on social media for the latest updates on our progress: [@TUALATINABC](https://twitter.com/TUALATINABC) (Twitter), [FACEBOOK.COM/TUALATINABC](https://facebook.com/TUALATINABC), or [INSTAGRAM.COM/TUALATINMAKERSPACE](https://instagram.com/TUALATINMAKERSPACE).

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# MAKE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY A “DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF”

The City of Tualatin benefits everyday from the service of volunteers. Our city is cleaner, greener, healthier, smarter and happier because of the 1800 volunteers who gave 20,000 hours in 2016 to the library, to parks and green spaces and to support city services. Consider starting your new year as a volunteer.

*“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”*  
*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**SPRUCE UP THE TUALATIN LIBRARY**  
Saturday, January 14, 2017  
8:00 am – 10:00 am and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Dust and shelve, sort media and socialize!

**PUT DOWN ROOTS IN TUALATIN**  
Monday, January 16, 2017  
Ibach Park, 10455 SW Ibach Street  
9 am – 12 pm  
Get dirty, breathe fresh air, meet new people while planting and mulching 1500 native trees and shrubs to shade the stream and improve forest diversity. Tools, gloves, guidance, and snacks are provided.

**TWEEN TAKEOVER**  
Saturday, January 21, 2017  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Fourth through seventh graders are invited to spend an hour volunteering in the stacks followed by hang time in the Teen Room.

For more information about how to sign up for these opportunities, visit [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER).

**POSITIONS OPEN ON TUALATIN ADVISORY BOARDS**  
Serving on a Tualatin Advisory Board is a great way to give back to the community and be part of shaping the future. If you are interested in learning more about these committees and boards or would like to apply, visit [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/ADVISORY COMMITTEES](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/ADVISORY_COMMITTEES).

For questions, e-mail Jackie Konen, [JKONEN@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US](mailto:JKONEN@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US), Volunteer Services or call 503.691.3087. Honor the dream. Be great. Volunteer!

## SNOW AND ICE RESPONSE PLAN



The City has developed a Snow and Ice Response Plan to ensure safe travel routes are available during winter events. The roadways are prioritized 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 so residents and business are responsible for clearing their own streets, driveways and sidewalks. To view the Snow and Ice Response Plan and sanding map, check out the website at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/SNOW-AND-ICE-RESPONSE-PLAN](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/SNOW-AND-ICE-RESPONSE-PLAN). If you have questions, call Bert Olheiser at 503.691.3096.

## TUALATIN’S NEW FACES ON CITY COUNCIL

The 2016 general election brought changes to the Tualatin City Council, and kept some familiar faces. Joelle Davis, Councilor for seat 6, was re-elected. Two new members will join the Council following their swearing in ceremonies in January. These two new members are Paul Morrison and Robert Kellogg, who will fill positions 2 and 4 respectively. On December 12, the Council will also appoint a third new member to fill vacant position #3, which was left vacant following the resignation of Councilor Wade Brooksby. The appointment follows a recruitment and application process, followed by interviews on December 8. All three new Council members as well as the existing Council members will participate in a Council planning session at the beginning of February to start moving forward on setting their direction and goals for the future of Tualatin. This is their opportunity to set their priorities and provide direction on accomplishing these goals. Want to get in touch with the new Council members? You can find their profile and contact information on our website at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL).

## PROTECTING 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.



## HOW TO AVOID PACKAGE THEFT FROM PORCHES



Online shopping in today’s world is often quick and easy, but having packages delivered to your porch can be risky. There are thieves who target homes, specifically in search of packages on the porch that are easily taken. Tualatin Police recommend making other arrangements if you won’t be home to accept the package during delivery, such as an alternate address where there is someone available to take delivery, asking a neighbor who is home to accept delivery, or having it delivered to a mailbox store. Don’t let thieves ruin your holidays; protect your packages by planning ahead.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY GREENERY RECYCLING

Boy Scout Troops 35 and 530 will pick up holiday greenery for recycling on Saturday, December 31 and January 6. Trees will be picked up between 9 am and 3 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. The funds raised help with activities such as camping and hiking and also help individual Scouts earn their way to summer camp. If you have questions you can contact Norm Dannemiller at 503.885.2405.

## 2017 WATER CONSERVATION CALENDARS AVAILABLE



Once again the City is partnering with Tualatin Elementary Schools in producing a 2017 Water Conservation Calendar. This calendar will feature artwork from the Tualatin Elementary Schools fourth graders along with helpful tips for helping you and your family use water more efficiently indoors and outdoors. Copies of the calendars will be available, free of charge, in the City Offices front counters and in our Library lobby after the beginning of the new year. If you have questions or need more information contact Kathy Kaatz at 503.691.3093 or [KKAATZ@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US](mailto:KKAATZ@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US).

# TUALATIN JOINS QUILT BARN TRAIL



The City of Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee has partnered with the Westside Quilters Guild to place this quilt block on the barn at Brown’s Ferry Park as part of the Quilt Barn Trail of Oregon’s Washington County to highlight our agricultural and historical heritage, promote area tourism, create public art, and showcase the art of quilting.

Number 27 on the Quilt Barn Trail is now installed on this great old barn, circa 1940s, at Brown’s Ferry Park (5855 SW Nyberg Lane), a short walk from the parking lot. “Crossed Canoes” is the name of this traditional quilt block, chosen because a quiet stretch of the Tualatin River is just behind the trees. Brown’s Ferry Park is a popular launch site for canoeing or kayaking the river.

Westside Quilters Guild is a vibrant addition to the arts community of Washington County, Oregon. Westside Quilters Guild is a public charity, originator of the Quilt Barn Trail of Oregon’s Washington County, and member of Oregon Cultural Trust.

Tour the new trail of quilt blocks through rural areas of the Tualatin Valley and see dozens of lovely old barns, historic granges, wineries and more. This self-guided tour celebrates both agricultural and quilting heritage, and each block illustrates the connection each location has to the art of quilting. Experience it today!

For more information about the quilt barn blocks, complete list of barns and map of the trail, visit [QUILTBARN.ORG](http://QUILTBARN.ORG).



# GREENWAY TRAIL RECEIVES AWARDS

The City of Tualatin has received state and national awards for excellence, design, and sustainability for the innovative Tualatin River Greenway Trail project.

The City received the Green Infrastructure or Transportation Project Award from the American Planning Association’s Sustainable Communities, Urban Design, and International Divisions recognizing the project for supporting and growing sustainable communities.

The League of Oregon Cities presented its 2016 Award for Excellence recognizing the City for progressive and innovative city operations and services.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Association presented the City with its Design Award recognizing the City for superior landscape design and design processes, and Landscape Architecture Magazine has published an article on the Tualatin River Greenway Trail in its December 2016 issue.

An average of 10,000 walkers, joggers and bikers a month are using the new Tualatin River Greenway Trail since it opened in February 2016. In a recent community survey, eighty-three percent of respondents rated the availability of paths and walking trails in Tualatin as excellent or good, a level higher than nationwide comparisons.

“These awards recognize Tualatin’s progressive approach to integrating active transportation options into Tualatin’s transportation infrastructure,” said Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden. “The Tualatin River Greenway trail promotes health and wellness, provides a safe and enjoyable alternative to driving, while improving connectivity with nature, residential areas, commercial developments, and public facilities.”

Interactive interpretive elements enable people to experience a walk through geologic time while discovering, exploring, and learning about the last Ice Age Missoula Floods, Pleistocene megafauna, and the emergence of Paleo-indians. The project included removal of invasive, non-native plants on more than two acres on the south bank of the river, replaced by trees and shrubs designed to improve water quality, fish habitat, soil conservation, air quality, and natural beauty. Learn more about the trail and view the video at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION).



## ... Mayor's Corner ...



I can hardly believe that we are facing the end of 2016 already, but as I reflect on all that has happened this year, I am proud of what we've achieved this year.

We're finalists for America's Best Communities award, sparking the Tualatin Mobile Makerspace and programs to connect STEAM students with local jobs. We also were finalists for Oregon's Blue Zones project, starting conversations about community health and community well-being. And, we've seen a number of transportation improvements, including the opening of line 97 along Tualatin-Sherwood Rd.

These are just some of the highlights of the many, many accomplishments made by the City, our community partners, and our residents.

*As I look forward to 2017, I'm eager to see how each of these activities will continue to move us into the future.*

One of the exciting opportunities that I have as your Mayor is to share the exciting things that are happening in our community and talk about our future at the annual State of the City event. The 2017 State of the City event is scheduled for January 24 at Living Savior Lutheran Church.

More information on the details of this event can be found at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/STATEOFTHECITY](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/STATEOFTHECITY).

**WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON  
TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL,  
THE 2ND & 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 [TUALATINOREGON.GOV](http://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](mailto:TWILLIAMS@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US).



*Keep the circle unbroken,  
please recycle.*

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For more information, visit our website at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV)

## HOLIDAY HOURS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY



Tualatin Library will be closed on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Years. All other City facilities, including City Offices and the Juanita Pohl Center, will close in observance of the holidays on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

The Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, December 24; Monday, December 26; Saturday, December 31; and Monday, January 2.

On January 16, 2017 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), City Offices and the Juanita Pohl Center will be closed; the Library will be open but will close early at 6:00 pm.



## AIR QUALITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

There are many initiatives in place to improve air quality around the region. As the weather gets colder, people will start turning up the thermostat and some will use their fireplaces and wood stove as a source of heat. Fireplaces and wood stoves can impact the air quality around the region. These heat sources can increase the particle pollution in the air which can cause problems breathing, increased asthma symptoms, and other health concerns.

Washington County has created a new "Wood Stove Exchange". Any Washington County resident with an old or uncertified wood stove can apply for a rebate to trade in their old unit for a new, cleaner heating device. The rebate could range from \$1,500-\$3,500 when you purchase a new heating device. To learn more about this program visit [WOODSTOVEEXCHANGE.COM](http://WOODSTOVEEXCHANGE.COM) or call 503.846.4425.

## ... Meet the Council ...

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