



SHARE THE ROAD WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT TUALATIN IS THE NETWORK OF SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANES, AND PATHS THAT PROVIDE PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES WITH ACCESS TO OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS. THE BENEFITS ARE MANY, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO GET AROUND TOWN WITHOUT A CAR; OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXERCISE, WHICH CAN IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE; AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR INTERACTING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.

HERE ARE A FEW RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW AND SOME ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE FOR EVERYONE. IN THIS ISSUE WE ARE FOCUSED ON PEDESTRIANS. LOOK FOR RULES RELATED TO SAFE BICYCLE TRAVEL IN FUTURE ISSUES OF TUALATIN TODAY.

- 1 EVERY INTERSECTION IS A LEGAL CROSSWALK, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO PAINTED CROSSWALK STRIPES.
- 2 DRIVERS AND BICYCLISTS MUST STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE ROAD IN A CROSSWALK.
- 3 CROSSWALKS CAN ALSO EXIST IN BETWEEN INTERSECTIONS (MID BLOCK) WHEN MARKED WITH WHITE PAINTED CROSSWALKS STRIPES.
- 4 UNDER OREGON LAW, A PEDESTRIAN IS CROSSING THE ROADWAY WHEN ANY PART OF THE PERSON MOVES INTO THE ROADWAY IN A CROSSWALK. THIS INCLUDES ANY PART OF THE PEDESTRIAN'S BODY, WHEELCHAIR, CANE, CRUTCH OR BICYCLE.
- 5 WHEN TURNING ONTO A STREET, STOP AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL THE PEDESTRIAN HAS MOVED AT LEAST SIX FEET BEYOND THE LANE YOU ARE TURNING INTO.
- 6 WHEN APPROACHING A MARKED OR UNMARKED CROSSWALK, STOP AND REMAIN STOPPED FOR PEDESTRIANS UNTIL THEY HAVE CLEARED THE LANE YOU ARE TRAVELING IN AND THE LANE NEXT TO YOU.

MANY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE TALKING ABOUT BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RIGHT NOW, INCLUDING THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CIOS). IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC IDEAS ABOUT BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN RELATED PROJECTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, REACH OUT TO YOUR CIO! CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR CIO REPRESENTATIVE IS AVAILABLE AT TUALATINCIO.ORG, OR CONTACT CITY ENGINEER JEFF FUCHS AT JFUCHS@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US TO DISCUSS YOUR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IDEA.

... *Check it Out!* ...

SAVE THE DATE! STATE OF THE CITY

Mark your calendar for the 2016 State of the City on Wednesday, February 10! Mayor Ogden will share community highlights from 2015 and what is on the horizon for 2016. New this year will be the Tualatin Business Showcase, highlighting Tualatin's industrial manufacturing and distribution companies. Reception and Business Showcase starts at 5:00 pm and the State of the City address begins at 6:00 pm. All are encouraged and welcome to attend!

TRANSIT OPTIONS IN TUALATIN

Transit continues to be a top priority in Tualatin. People are looking for ways to get around town, to work, to school or to shop. The Tualatin Shuttle, operated by Ride Connection, is a free service which connects riders from the WES train service to employment areas. It is available to residents and commuters. Ride Connection operates two shuttle lines in Tualatin to serve as many people as possible.

Since the Tualatin Shuttle began operating in October 2014, there has been an increase in ridership and new riders using the service. The Red and Blue lines provide transportation during the commute hours, and now offer day service for seniors and people with disabilities. In order to make this new service successful, Ride Connection is seeking volunteer drivers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Ride Connection at 503.528.1738 or visit IWANTTODRIVE.ORG.

The City of Tualatin recognizes that additional transit opportunities are important to the community. This is one of the City Council's top goals for 2015/2016. Transit riders can look forward to the new 97 TriMet bus line this summer! The line will provide commuter service from Downtown Tualatin to Sherwood along Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The service will complement the Tualatin Shuttle routes which are currently operating in the western industrial area of the city. Transit service updates are available at TUALATINOREGON.GOV and route and service information at RIDECONNECTION.ORG/RIDE/SERVICES/TUALATINSHUTTLE.ASPX.



PICNIC SHELTER RESERVATIONS NOW ONLINE

The City of Tualatin's new online reservation system will now allow users to search for shelters, check availability, and reserve shelters 24 hours a day! Shelter reservations are available from Friday, April 1 through Saturday, October 30 at Tualatin Community Park. Alcohol permits are purchased in-person at the Juanita Pohl Center (8513 SW Tualatin Rd). For more information or assistance with our new registration system, please call 503.691.3061. To reserve a shelter online or view the current reservation calendar, please visit TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION/FACILITY-RENTALS.



SNOW BALL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The Snow Ball Daddy Daughter Dance returns to the Juanita Pohl Center for the fifth year this February! Dads, grandfathers, or other family members are encouraged to bring their daughters ages three and up to join us for a fun evening out. The Snow Ball features fancy desserts, sparkling lights, a keepsake photo, and dancing to a live DJ. Due to popular demand, this year the Snow Ball has been expanded to two nights of fun. You can learn more and register for the Friday, February 19 or Saturday, February 20 event online at TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION.

THE HEART OF TUALATIN: VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers vary in age, and have different strengths and interests, but one thing they have in common is heart for serving their community and making a meaningful impact. In 2015, volunteers contributed 27,000 hours strengthening our community by serving on boards and committees, shelving books, planting trees, tutoring, and more. The 2,800 volunteers who gave time to Tualatin last year filled needs in over 90 assignments and touched every green space and public building in the City. Tualatin is a great place to live, work and play because of our fabulous volunteers!

PUT DOWN ROOTS IN TUALATIN

Get dirty, breathe fresh air, meet new people, get a sense of achievement and make an impact on our environment!

- Saturday, February 6, 9:00 am to 12 noon
Litter pick up and native tree and shrub planting at Nyberg Wetlands
- Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am to 12 noon
Tualatin River Greenway Trail – Be the first volunteer group to remove invasive English ivy and plant native trees and shrubs along the new trail.

DOG PARK AMBASSADORS

Bring your furry buddy out to the Dog Park while you volunteer! 80 regular volunteers have unleashed their muscles at the Park by moving bark chips to low areas to provide traction and a safe place for dogs to play. In less than 2 years, these Dog Park Ambassadors have planted shade trees and moved thousands of wheelbarrows of chips.

- Saturday, April 2, 9:00 am to 12 noon – Spring Clean Up and Canine Carnival

For more information about the Put Down Roots and Dog Park volunteer events contact Jackie Konen, Volunteer Coordinator at JKONEN@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US. To register: TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER.

TWEEN TAKEOVER THE TUALATIN LIBRARY TEEN ROOM

Proving that you're never too young to get involved, students from Tualatin Elementary, Hazelbrook Middle School, and Bridgeport Elementary have contributed over 50 volunteer service hours in the Tualatin Public Library. The Tween Takeover program, offered every 2nd Saturday of the month, gives 4th through 7th graders the opportunity to go behind the scenes and in the stacks to learn how their Library works. All events are from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Upcoming Saturday dates are February 13, March 12, and April 16. For more information or to sign up for this event, contact Margaret Gunther, Volunteer Coordinator at MGUNTHER@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US.



PLAN AHEAD FOR EMERGENCIES

As we witnessed with the wet weather in December, localized flooding can occur quickly after multiple days of heavy rains – even here in Tualatin. For the next several months, many areas are at an increased flood risk. Floods and other emergencies don't always occur when families are together in one place, so now is the time to make a plan! Designate a safe meeting spot and talk with your family about ways to contact each other during an emergency. Here are a few safety tips to remember when heavy rains occur:

- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters- Turn Around, Don't Drown!®
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Do not underestimate the power of water. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

MOODY'S UPGRADES THE CITY'S BOND RATING TO AA1

Moody's Investors Service recently upgraded the City of Tualatin's general obligation bonds rating from Aa2 to Aa1. The rating represents the credit worthiness of government bonds and can potentially allow a local government to borrow at a lower interest rate, saving its taxpayers' money over the life of the bonds.

"We are very pleased to receive this upgrade. This affirms the City's excellent financial position. Tualatin is a wonderful, thriving community, and we work hard to be good stewards of the public dollars," said City Manager Sherilyn Lombos. Finance Director Don Hudson said, "This upgrade is further proof of the City's solid tax base, as well as the commitment of the Council and City staff to practice good fiscal health policies."

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is scheduled for February 1-12, weather permitting. For specific information on street sweeping in your area, check out our newest version of the street sweeping map at: TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/CITY-TUALATIN-OREGON-STREET-SWEEPING-MAP. The new map is interactive and allows you to enter your address and bring up the scheduled day for your sweeping by viewing the legend on the map.



WONDERING WHERE TO START WITH REMOVING A STREET TREE?

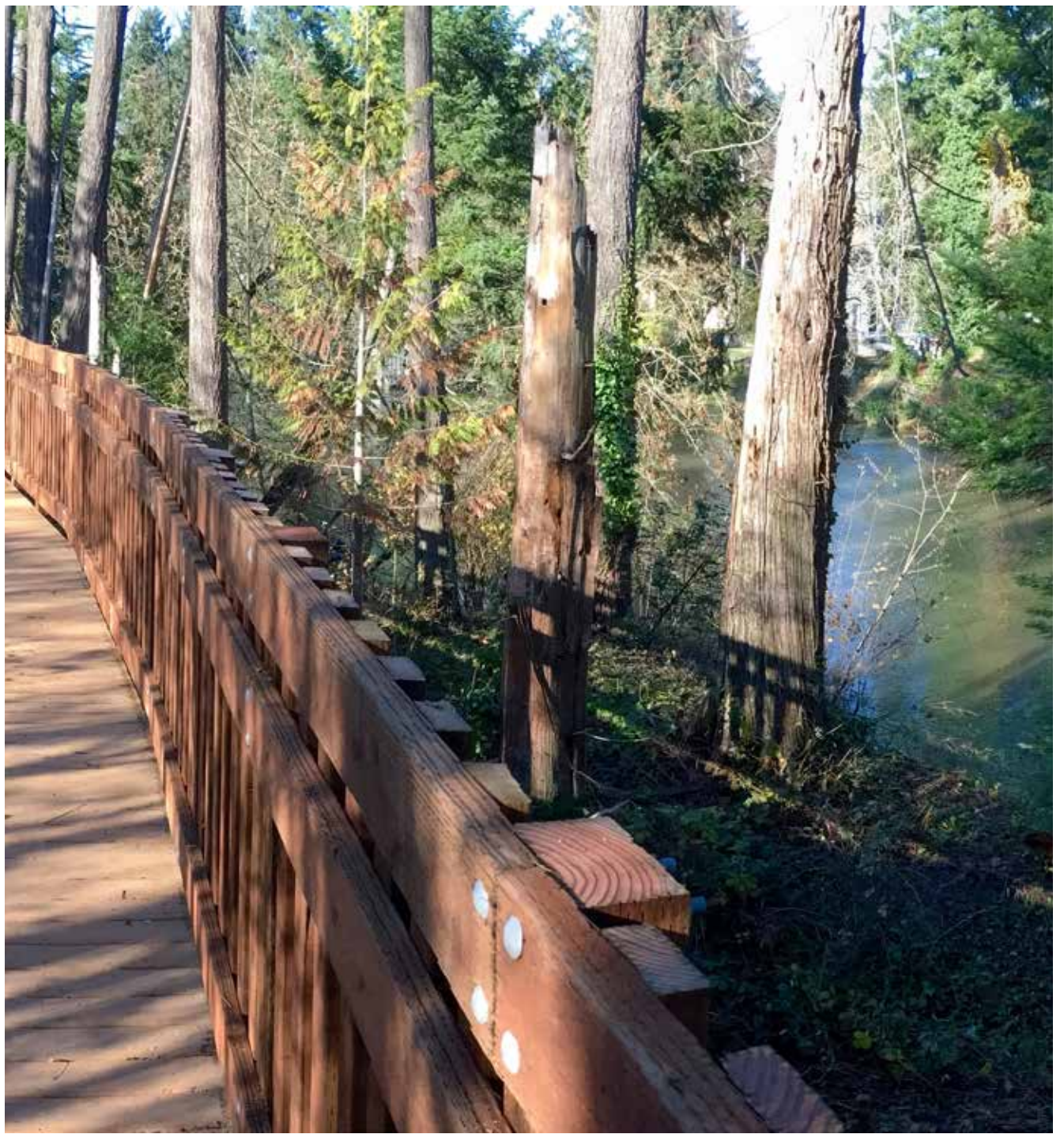
In 2009 City Council approved a tree removal ordinance in an effort to enhance and preserve the tree canopy in Tualatin. It requires you to obtain a no-cost Street Tree Removal Permit before removing a street tree. The permit application is available at TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS. Once you have the permit, these are the steps to follow in removing a tree on a one-for-one basis:

- Remove both the tree and the stump prior to planting a replacement tree, or request the City to remove the tree and stump and pay the applicable fee
- Replace the removed tree by planting a species of street tree permitted in the ordinance within the time period specified by the City; or request within sixty (60) days of the permit approval date that the City replace the street tree and pay the applicable fee.

If you opt for the City to plant the replacement tree, the Operations Department may plant the tree on its usual tree planting schedule. For more information contact Parks Maintenance Supervisor Tom Steiger at 503.691.3085 or TSTEIGER@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US.

E-BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Did you receive a tablet for the holidays? Put it to literary use! There are e-books and audiobooks available through the Library. They are free and require no trips to return. Books for all interests and ages are available through OverDrive and Cloud Library. Both have apps for tablet or smartphone. You can browse or search for titles, place holds, check out, and read or listen within the apps. Find out more at WCCL.ORG/E-BOOKS, or bring your device to the Tualatin Library.



TUALATIN RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL PROJECT WRAPS UP

The new segment of the Tualatin River Greenway opens this Spring! Save the date for the grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting on April 9, 2016 from 1:00 to 1:30 pm on Barngrover Street near the Tualatin Public Library. To celebrate this great new resource in our community, there will be activities during the month of April for families, nature enthusiasts and more. Check out our website TUALATINOREGON.GOV for more information coming soon!

What is so special about this trail? The Tualatin River Greenway Trail is a wide bicycle and walking path that meanders through trees, near the river and past wetlands. This new section of trail includes "a walk through time" - exploring the transition of the Ice Age and cataclysmic Ice Age Floods, extinction of Ice Age mammals and emergence of Paleo-Indians and early settlers in the Tualatin and Willamette valleys. Along the trail you will find interesting features about Tualatin's natural and cultural history, including erratic boulders, cast fossils and information interpreting the Ice Age, volcanoes, and uses of the land over time. This project connects people with nature while enabling easy exercise and a much safer way to commute across Interstate 5.



The trail starts at Barngrover Street next to the Tualatin Public Library along the Tualatin River, under I-5 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 greenway trail that goes into Browns Ferry Park. It currently connects to Browns Ferry Park through the Nyberg Woods shopping center, onto Nyberg Street and Nyberg Lane.

... @MayorOgden ...



Last year the City Council affirmed its goal for a connected, informed and engaged citizenry. In keeping with this goal we looked at our communication materials with an eye for a refreshed brand.

The Recreation Program Guide, formerly known as the Get Out! Guide, is now a quarterly publication with more content about programs and informative summaries about our many parks and other recreation resources. When the first updated quarterly guide came

to mailboxes we heard a lot of excitement about the engaging cover and updated format. That success was the first in a continued effort for great interaction with our citizens.

The new format for the Tualatin Today newsletter, starting this month, provides larger images of life and work in our community and an updated visual appeal. Here you see the City's programs, activities and projects in living color!

The City website, TUALATINOREGON.GOV also has a refreshed look with updated links, colors and tiles on the front page allowing easy access to our most popular pages, and a mobile-friendly format to be accessible from a variety of devices. Tualatin Today, the Recreation Program Guide and the City website share colors and fonts to make it easy to recognize Tualatin communications. Check them out!



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TAX FILING HELP IS HERE!

AARP volunteers are offering income tax filing assistance for low and middle income tax payers and the elderly. Appointments are available at Tualatin Library on Saturdays; call 503.691.3071 to reserve a time. The Juanita Pohl Center offers appointments on Thursdays; call 503.691.3061. Appointments can also be scheduled in person.

The Library will only have the 1040 federal form and instruction booklets; the IRS is not sending any other forms or instructions to libraries this year. Forms can be printed at the Library for 10¢ per page. More info at TUALATINOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY.

Voluntarios de AARP están ofreciendo asistencia a contribuyentes de bajos y medianos recursos, como también a personas mayores, para llenar los formularios de impuestos sobre la renta (income taxes). Para hacer una cita en Tualatin Public Library, llame al 503-691-3071. El Juanita Pohl Center también está ofreciendo citas los jueves; llame al 503-691-3061. Las citas también pueden ser programadas en persona.

La biblioteca tendrá sólo formularios federales 1040 y folletos de instrucciones; este año, el IRS no enviará a las bibliotecas otros formularios o instrucciones. Los formularios pueden ser impresos en la biblioteca por 10 centavos por página. Para más información: TUALATINOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY

OFFICE CLOSURE

The City Offices and Juanita Pohl Center will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Tualatin Library will be open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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 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.

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For more information, visit our website at TUALATINOREGON.GOV

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