



# TUALATIN TODAY

... March 2016 ...

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## CELEBRATE ARBOR WEEK TUALATIN LOVES TREES!

TUALATIN OBSERVES ARBOR WEEK DURING THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF APRIL, WHICH IS APRIL 3 – 9, 2016. ARBOR WEEK IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TO PLANT, CARE FOR, AND CELEBRATE THE MANY VALUES OF TREES.

THIS YEAR TUALATIN WILL CELEBRATE BEING NAMED A TREE CITY USA FOR THE 29TH TIME. TUALATIN RANKS AMONG THE VERY FIRST PARTICIPANTS IN OREGON. WHY? THE PEOPLE OF TUALATIN HAVE LONG SEEN THE HEALTH OF ITS TREE CANOPY AS VITAL TO THEIR SENSE OF WELL BEING AND A DEFINING CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR COMMUNITY. A HEALTHY TREE CANOPY TOUCHES OUR LIVES AND PROVIDES US THE DAILY BENEFITS OF CLEANER AIR, SHADIER STREETS, AND AESTHETIC BEAUTY. THE TREE CITY USA SIGNS AT TUALATIN'S ENTRANCES TELL VISITORS THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT CARES ABOUT ITS ENVIRONMENT AND INDICATES TO PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS GREAT HERE.

*... Take part in Arbor Week! ...  
There are many fun ways  
you can celebrate trees at home  
or with your community:*

PUT DOWN ROOTS IN TUALATIN BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ARBOR WEEK TREE PLANTING EVENT AT TUALATIN GREENWAY TRAIL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9. FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER).

WINNING POSTERS FROM THE CITY OF TUALATIN'S ANNUAL 5TH GRADE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE TUALATIN PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING ARBOR WEEK. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "TREES ARE \_\_\_\_\_" TO ALLOW YOUNG ARTISTS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN THEME. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTEST CAN BE FOUND AT TUALATIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE.

THE CITY ACCEPTS PHOTOS OF TUALATIN TREES FOR THE ARBOR WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST. THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER WINS \$100 CASH AND THE PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE CITY OF TUALATIN'S WEBSITE AND IN THE LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE DURING ARBOR WEEK.

THERE WILL BE TREE-THEMED EVENTS SUCH AS STORY TIMES AND CRAFTS AT THE TUALATIN LIBRARY, A NATURE TALK AND A HERITAGE TREE PLANTING. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF THE ARBOR WEEK ACTIVITIES, PLEASE VISIT [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/RECREATION).

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## TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE (TEAM) IN TUALATIN

TEAM Tualatin is a youth volunteer program offering activities that contribute to the health and appearance of our community. Each team is comprised of 7 to 10 youth who meet June 20 – August 12, 2016; Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Tualatin Community Park. TEAM works with the City's Park Maintenance and Operation Crews completing tasks which include watering and mulching plants in Tualatin's reforestation projects, planting a garden, painting fire hydrants, washing city cars and trucks, taking care of parks, and participating in Art Splash and the Crawfish Festival. TEAM Leader Andrew Bonica, returns this year with new challenges and games.

Are you a teen between the ages of 12 and 18 who likes the great outdoors? Want to improve Tualatin's urban forests and greenways? Want to make a BIG impact in a week? Then, consider spending one week as a TEAM volunteer. Applicants must be 12-18 years old. Applications are accepted and reviewed April 15 through June 1 at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER) and candidates will be contacted for an interview. This program is popular and space is limited to 70 volunteers, so apply early!

For more information, contact Jackie Konen, Volunteer Coordinator, at [JKONEN@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US](mailto:JKONEN@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US), or 503.691.3087.

### ... Tween TakeOver! ...



Do you have a middle-schooler who loves to read? A tween who likes organizing, playing board games or hunting down clues? Then Tween TakeOver could be a great fit for him or her.

Tween TakeOver is a monthly program of volunteer projects for 4th through 7th graders. Tweens learn how our Library works, help with service projects, and then spend some hang time in the Teen Room. The next event is Saturday, March 12th from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Come and bring a friend!

For more information or to register, contact Margaret Gunther, Volunteer Coordinator, at [MGUNTHER@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US](mailto:MGUNTHER@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US) or 503.691.3070.



### NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The City of Tualatin is pleased to introduce the community to Melinda Anderson! She is the City's new Economic Development Program Manager. Melinda started working in Tualatin in early January and comes to us from Twin Falls, Idaho where she served as the Economic Development Director and Urban Renewal Agency Executive Director since 2007. During her tenure in Idaho, she was instrumental in recruiting new manufacturing facilities for Chobani yogurt and Clif Bar.

Melinda will work closely with the business community and the Chamber of Commerce to retain and recruit new businesses. Please help us welcome Melinda to our community! If you'd like to learn more about our economic development programs, you can reach Melinda at 503-691-3049 or at [MANDERSON@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US](mailto:MANDERSON@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US)!



### VINE 2 WINE

Enjoy a relaxing evening while supporting our Library at the sixth annual Vine2Wine on Saturday, April 16, from 7-9:30 pm. Your tax deductible admission is \$45.00 per person, which includes free wine tasting, catered buffet, and music.

Performing at this year's event will be concert rock violinist Aaron Meyer and guitarist Tim Ellis. Vine2Wine 2016 will present the broadest selection of premium Oregon wines ever offered at Vine2Wine. This year's event will highlight the diversity of Oregon wineries, with wines from Southern, Central, and Eastern Oregon wine regions. Additionally, a complimentary "Degustazione" Riedel wineglass is our gift to each attendee.

Tickets are available at [TUALATINLIBRARYFOUNDATION.ORG](http://TUALATINLIBRARYFOUNDATION.ORG) or in person at the Tualatin Public Library.

### FOOD FOR FINES

The library's annual Food for Fines program starts March 13 and runs through March 19, 2016.

For each pound of food you bring in, you will receive a one dollar voucher to redeem against overdue fines.\*

Food donations benefit the Tualatin School House Pantry. Most needed items are diapers, hygiene items, peanut butter, and canned meat. No damaged or expired foods will be accepted.

**\*MAXIMUM DONATION ALLOWED IS 10 LBS PER CARD HOLDER.**

## STREET SWEEPING: MARCH 1-11

Street sweeping will occur March 1-11 weather permitting. For specific information on street sweeping in your area, check out our street sweeping map [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/STREET-SWEEPING-PROGRAM](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/STREET-SWEEPING-PROGRAM)

## TUALATIN STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP!

Future scientists are invited to apply for a Tualatin Science and Technology Scholarship!

One scholarship in the amount of \$400 will be awarded to a high school senior who is a resident of Tualatin, will attend an Oregon four-year college or university, and will pursue a career in a science or technology field. College students can also apply if they lived in Tualatin during their final year in high school.

Completed applications are due by April 30 and are available at Tualatin Public Library and online at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY).



## TUALATIN TOMORROW ANNUAL UPDATES

Tualatin is a community with vision, looking to the future for how to improve the City for generations to come! Tualatin Tomorrow is a community-driven Vision for the future of our city. The Vision, a truly grassroots effort, describes the way citizens want their community to look, feel and function over a twenty-year horizon.

The Vision "action plan" outlines specific programs and projects designed to help achieve these community goals. In 2013, as part of the vision plan update, over 1,000 ideas were submitted by the community through many public meetings, online dialogue and community input. From these ideas, an updated plan was developed with 100 actions to implement over the next five years.

This year's Annual Progress Report shows that 80% of those actions have already been implemented or are currently underway. Major progress this year includes the America's Best Communities (ABC) Community Revitalization Plan, which recently advanced to the semi-finalist round, new transit connections announced by TriMet and maximizing access to the Tualatin River with new Tualatin River Greenway Trail connection which is opening in April. A number of these successes are documented in the Tualatin Tomorrow Annual Progress Report available at [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/TUALATINTOMORROW](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/TUALATINTOMORROW).

This progress is possible thanks to the many community partners who have taken the lead on these actions. The Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee works in partnership with groups such as Neighbors Nourishing Communities, TriMet, the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Tigard-Tualatin School District, the City of Tualatin, and many more. Improving our community is a team effort!

We continue to work together to help build an exciting future for Tualatin and we need your help to do that. To learn more about the vision or how to get involved as a community partner, visit the website or call 503.691.3065.

## CALLING STUDENT ARTISTS!

Would you like to be recognized -and paid- for your art? We are calling for student artists to create works for the 2016 Student Visual Chronicle!

The purpose of the Visual Chronicle is to create a visual record of Tualatin in drawings, paintings and photographs which document the life of the Tualatin community. This year the Arts Committee is looking for art depicting Tualatin from the perspective of young people. This program is open to all students of high school age in Tualatin. Even if your artwork isn't chosen for purchase, all accepted submissions will be shown at a public art reception this spring! All work should be submitted to Jeannine Miller at Tualatin High School, by Friday, March 18. For the application and more information visit [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/COMMUNITYSERVICES](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/COMMUNITYSERVICES).



## INTRODUCING TUALATIN'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR: AIMEE MEUCHEL



The City of Tualatin Employee of the Year program is designed to recognize the work and actions of the City's employees which bring credit to the City and improve our ability to deliver excellent service to Tualatin's customers. This year, Aimee Meuchel, Teen Librarian in the Tualatin Public Library, was selected as Tualatin's 2015 Employee of the Year.

Since the moment Aimee joined the City of Tualatin staff in September of 2006, she has been positively impacting the lives of youth who visit the Tualatin Public Library and who live in the Tualatin community. After being named Tualatin's first Teen Librarian in 2008, she was instrumental in forming the Teen Library Committee, where teens help Aimee and other library staff to plan and deliver programs for teens, children and families, and the teens develop leadership, planning, and organizational skills. She developed and leads, in partnership with the library's Volunteer Coordinator, the Summer Teen Library program in which teen participants aide the library by completing shelving and other library maintenance tasks. Aimee's approachability, genuineness, creativity, care, and concern for the teens she mentors is what makes these and other teen programs respected, vibrant and well-recognized, as well as makes the Library Teen Room "the place to be". These characteristics and more were reflected in the nominations submitted by Tualatin teens to the Oregon Young Adult Network (OYAN) for the You're Excellent Award. Aimee was honored by OYAN as the award recipient 2015 Oregon Library Association Conference in recognition for her outstanding work, and positive and significant contribution to teens in Oregon libraries.

Aimee's ability to exhibit grace under pressure, innovation, bubbly personality, and can-do attitude is admired and appreciated by all who work with her. She is a model of cooperation and support with coworkers, and delivers stellar customer service with resourcefulness, dedication, humility and good humor.

Please join city staff in congratulating Aimee on her much deserved award as Tualatin's 2015 Employee of the Year!

... @MayorOgden ...



I want to extend a huge Thank You! to all of our community partners, including the Chamber of Commerce, our sponsors and everyone who helped make our annual State of the City event in February our best yet.

The event featured over 40 businesses at the first ever career fair and business expo, where local high school students and their families were able to learn about career pathways in high-tech businesses and local industries that are right here in Tualatin and local employers were able to meet the next

generation. This type of opportunity highlights the kinds of initiatives proposed in our America's Best Communities proposal to foster increased access to technical education and careers to improve the economic opportunity for everyone in our community.

The theme for the night was Tualatin: Partnering to be the BEST- and we truly are the best city. In 2015, we welcomed over 160 new businesses, added nearly 700 new jobs, broke ground on a major connection for the Tualatin River Greenway Trail, and also tackled challenging issues such as space needs for future City facilities, meeting our growing community's transportation needs, and preparing our youth with the skills and knowledge they need to be prepared for tomorrow's economy.

I am so proud of our community and so thankful for our many partners who help Tualatin flourish. Tualatin, you're the BEST! Thank you for what you do!

... I love Tualatin! ...



## PASSPORT EXPIRING? RENEW NOW!

Is your U.S. passport set to expire sometime in 2016? If so, the United States State Department has a message for you: Renew it now!

Officials are expecting a 10% increase in the number of passport renewals in 2016. Many of these renewals will come from 10-year passports issued in 2006/2007 – when the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative went into effect. This post-9/11 initiative required passports for the first time from U.S. citizens flying home from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda and created stricter requirements for traveling abroad. Further, the Real ID Act will be implemented, which sets stricter standards on state issued identification card.

Due to these combined factors, in addition to the normal demand for passport services, experts are estimating approximately 17 million new and renewed passports in 2016, about 1.5 million more than were issued in 2015. The average wait time for a new passport will go up to six weeks. If you are planning to apply or renew your passport, don't wait!

The City of Tualatin offers passport services Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm. For more information on passports, please visit our website at: [TUALATINOREGON.GOV/FINANCE/PASSPORT-SERVICES](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV/FINANCE/PASSPORT-SERVICES)

## 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).



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

... Check it Out! ...

## SAVE THE DATE!



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 Way near the Tualatin Public Library.

To celebrate this great new asset in our community, there will be activities during the month of April for families, nature enthusiasts, geocachers, runners, cyclists and more.

Check out our website for more information coming soon! [TUALATINOREGON.GOV](http://TUALATINOREGON.GOV).

## ... Meet the Council ...

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