



Tualatin

September 2015

today

Tualatin Library Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. These events are free and take place in the Library Community Room.

Aztec Dance Troupe Performance

Come watch 15-20 dancers from Danza Azteca perform traditional dances along with live music.

9/26 2:00-3:00 pm

Latin American Flavor in Six Strings

Take a musical journey through Latin America with this beautiful guitar concert featuring Ricardo Cárdenas, a classically trained guitarist and composer.

10/3 2:00-3:00 pm

Braceros: The Men of Migrant Labor

Adults + Children Grades 3+

Learn about the Braceros, a group of Mexican workers who helped farmers during the labor shortage of WWII. Learn hands-on by examining artifacts and photographs.

10/10 2:00-3:00pm

La Biblioteca de Tualatin Celebra el Mes de la Herencia Hispana

Cada año, los estadounidenses celebran el Mes de la Herencia Hispana a partir del 15 de septiembre hasta el 15 de octubre, mediante la celebración de las historias y el aporte cultural de aquellos ciudadanos estadounidenses cuyos ancestros vinieron de España, México, el Caribe, América del Sur y Centroamérica. Todos los eventos son gratis y están ubicados en la sala comunitaria en la biblioteca.

Actuación de la Compañía de Danza Azteca

Vengan a ver a los bailarines de Danza Azteca presentando danzas tradicionales con música en vivo.

9/26 de 2:00 a 3:00 pm

Sabor latinoamericano en seis cuerdas

Hagan un viaje musical a través de Latinoamérica con este hermoso concierto de guitarra presentado por Ricardo Cárdenas, un guitarrista y compositor clásico.

10/10 de 2:00 a 3:00 pm

Braceros: trabajadores migrantes

Adultos y niños desde 3er grado.

Aprenda sobre las experiencias de los braceros: los trabajadores mexicanos que ayudaron a los agricultores durante la falta de trabajo rural durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Aprendan mientras observan artefactos y fotografías.

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check it out!

12th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta

Mark your calendars! The 12th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta returns on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Tualatin Lake of the Commons. The Regatta is a series of wacky races around the Lake at Tualatin 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!

Tualatin Tomorrow Partner Feature

Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD) is a very important partner in the Tualatin community and is an active participant in the City's Tualatin Tomorrow Visioning effort. There is so much happening in the district as teachers, kids and parents prepare for another school year. A very important initiative is STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. In Tigard-Tualatin, STEM is becoming as familiar as the 3 R's. Students at ALL grade levels are learning to make the natural connections that exist between these four disciplines.

They are participating in STEM activities that are typically hands-on, engaging and feature problem-solving experiences that help them discover, explore and apply critical thinking skills as they learn. TTSD has embraced STEM as an opportunity to prepare students for today's world as well as for future college and career readiness.

Happening hand-in-hand with the implementation of STEM is the district's adoption of the "Next Generation Science Standards." STEM activities will be infused within the regular curriculum over the next four years as the new science standards become fully implemented.

For now, many stand-alone STEM activities/programs are in place including:

- Free afterschool STEM classes at every elementary school;
- Elementary school STEM nights for students and their families;
- Hazelbrook Middle School's Trans Tech class where students design objects and build them using a laser cutter (funded by the Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools);
- Tualatin High beginning robotics program—which, for the first time, will be taught as a class during the school day—instead of offered only as an after school activity that limited participation.

The district is part of the South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership and is taking advantage of the training opportunities for teachers and connections with local businesses that it provides. On August 19, the district hosted a STEM fair at Tualatin High where STEM industry professionals met with educators to develop partnerships that will expose students to STEM professions through classroom visits, mentorships, and visits to local STEM businesses. TTSD is working hard to prepare the next generation workforce, to learn more visit www.ttsdschools.org.

Summer + Teens + Volunteering Equals a Whole Lot of Fun and Community Building!

Summer Teen Volunteers stayed cool this summer by contributing over 800 hours of service in the library. By manning the Summer Reading program desk, Teen Volunteers helped our library sign up a record-breaking 3,000+ juvenile and adult readers to the program - the highest numbers in Washington County Collaborative Library Services (WCCLS)! Teen Volunteers stepped up to assist with shelving, inventory, assemble prize packets, and assist with StoryTime and other library programs. Special thanks to Teen Leaders Stephanie Najera, Kevin Pataroque, Angel Ramirez, Katie Richardson, Shannon Shaver and Minqian Tan for setting the pace and showing their peers how to get their leadership on.

Meanwhile, over 70 youth participated in the 8-week TEAM Tualatin program,

contributing 3,000 hours to the health, beauty and spirit of the City. TEAM Tualatin stands for, and demonstrates, Together Everyone Achieves More. From June to August, TEAM Tualatin planted and watered a community garden, provided follow up care to reforestation projects and maintained City assets including parks and buildings. TEAM also hosted international students from Japan, Korea, and China, facilitated games with City summer recreation programs and assisted in the set up of Art Splash and the Crawfish Festival. These remarkable youth moved mountains of mulch, painted over 60 fire hydrants and had fun giving their time to Tualatin. Andrew Bonica, TEAM leader, states "Happiness comes from volunteerism, collaboration and overcoming obstacles." It sounds like our teens have been very happy this summer!

Library Cards are the Coolest!

Studies show that children who read at home and who use the library perform better in school. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Tualatin Public Library wants to encourage every family to have the most important school supply of all: a library card. With a WCCLS library card, students can access a variety of print and digital materials, including ebooks and online homework resources, all for free. For more information, visit the Library in person or online at www.tualatinoregon.gov/library.

Levy for Countywide Library Services- Measure 34-235

The November 3 ballot will include a library levy measure for Washington County Cooperative Services (WCCLS). This replaces a 5-year levy expiring June 2016, which provides quarter of Tualatin Public Library funding.

Measure 34-235 would:

- Maintain, expand public library operations
- Support children's reading programs
- Expand purchase of books
- Provide resources for job seekers
- Maintain central support and outreach services

The rate would be \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.05 over the current rate. Find more information at www.wccls.org/levy or visit the Tualatin Library.

Child Passenger Safety Seat Check-Up

On Saturday, September 5, from 9:00 am - noon, Tualatin Police will host a Child Passenger Safety Seat Check-Up event at the Tualatin Police Department, 8650 SW Tualatin Rd. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and volunteers will check for correct seat installation, damage, recalls, and size and age appropriateness. Instruction will be given to parents and caretakers on proper seat installation. Citizens are asked to bring their child and manuals for their vehicle and child passenger seat.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19. Of those children ages 12 and under who died in vehicle crashes, a large percentage of them were unrestrained. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research shows that 7 out of 10 children are improperly restrained, putting them at risk of injury or death. For further information, contact Jennifer Massey with the Tualatin Police Department 503.691.4846.

Save Our Water

One of the greatest wastes of water is watering too much and too often at the wrong time. Here in the Portland metro area, our water consumption is at its highest during the summer months – often doubling or tripling - due to outdoor watering. Check out the Weekly Watering Number www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks to help determine how much you should be watering. The Weekly Watering Number changes with the local weather conditions and it measures the amount of water in inches that your lawn will need that week. Utilizing this tool will assist you in watering more efficiently. Check out the Consortium's website www.conserveh20.com for more indoor/outdoor conservation information.

Fall Tree Planting

The City of Tualatin offers a street tree planting program called "Tree for a Fee". Parks Maintenance staff will plant a new 12 to 15 foot tall street tree within the parkway planter strip for a fee of \$75.00.

Street trees add beauty and value to overall neighborhoods as well as improve the environment by reducing storm water run-off, clean the air and provide habitat for the wildlife. A list of approved street trees can be found on the City's website at www.tualatinoregon.gov/publicworks.

For more information about our program, please contact Tom Steiger, Park Maintenance Manager at 503.691.3085 or tsteiger@ci.tualatin.or.us.

Emergency Preparedness

Most of us living in Tualatin have heard about the Pacific Northwest Earthquake article published in The New Yorker magazine. An infamous quote from the article was made by FEMA's Region X Director, "Our operating assumption is that everything west of Interstate 5 will be toast." Thankfully this is a worst case scenario and the size and consequences of the quake could prove to be smaller. In any case, individual family preparedness will be key to surviving a quake of any magnitude. You may be on your own for up to three weeks so having the necessary resources for basic survival is critical. Here are several links to assist you and your loved ones in preparing for a seismic event.

<http://bit.ly/NewYorkerEarthquake>
<http://bit.ly/OregonLiveDisasterPrep>

Southwest Corridor Plan – Project Update

The Southwest Corridor Project is focused on studying high capacity transit (HCT) from Southwest Portland to Tigard and Tualatin. The City of Tualatin partnered with Metro, TriMet, ODOT, and the Cities of Portland, Tigard, Sherwood, Durham, Beaverton and Washington County to study the proposed alignment. The project team has been evaluating multiple alternatives along the alignment to present to the Steering Committee, which is made up of representatives from each of the partner agencies. On July 13, 2015 the Steering Committee made the following decisions about options in the Southwest Portland portion of the project:

- Remove the Marquam Hill – Hillsdale tunnel (light rail) option from further consideration and continue to study alternative ways to access Marquam Hill, as well as improvements to local transit.
- Remove the Hillsdale loop via cut-and-cover tunnel (bus rapid transit or light rail) option from further consideration and continue to study other means of improving access to Hillsdale town center.

- Reschedule the Portland Community College (PCC) options including access via cut-and-cover tunnel (light rail) and the bus rapid transit access via Capitol Highway decision to October 2015. This will allow additional study and communication with PCC officials.
- Continue further study of the PCC direct via Capital Highway (bus rapid transit) option.

The next phase of the project will study potential HCT alternatives to Tigard and Tualatin. The Steering Committee is expected to discuss the potential alignment in Tigard and Tualatin in September 2015 and they are expected to make a decision in December 2015. The Steering Committee is also expected to decide which HCT mode to continue studying. The options are bus rapid transit or light rail.

To learn more about the project, provide public comment or to see the Steering Committee schedule please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will occur August 31 - September 11, 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

Basalt Creek: Where is the Boundary?



The Basalt Creek Concept Plan area includes about 850 acres south of Tualatin, north of Wilsonville and west of I-5. Tualatin and Wilsonville started planning for this area early last year. Based on input from a meeting of the Tualatin and Wilsonville City Councils, a new alternative has been developed for a jurisdictional boundary between our cities and potential land uses in the area.

On September 8, the two cities will hold a meeting to discuss a land use alternative and decide whether it should be the focus of the Basalt Creek Concept Plan. A public Open House is planned for this fall where community members and other interested parties will be asked to give input on a preferred alternative.

The latest information about the Basalt Creek Concept Plan is posted at www.BasaltCreek.com. If you have questions, please call the Tualatin Planning Division at 503.691.3026.



Last month I shared news about Tualatin's status as a quarter-finalist in the America's Best Communities (ABC) competition sponsored by Frontier Communications. This month, as we prepare to submit our proposal for the next round, I would like to share more about what we are working on and why it is so important to Tualatin. The Team which includes the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre,

the South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership, the City, Tigard-Tualatin School District and the Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee is working on a revitalization plan focused on increasing opportunity and the standard of living for everyone in our community.

The community's Tualatin Tomorrow Vision defines many community needs and priorities, but the ABC proposal is hyper-focused on one specific target: connecting our youth and underserved populations to STEAM (Science, Technology, Education, Arts & Math) education and Career Technical Education (CTE) training that aligns with our advanced manufacturing industry base. In addition to providing jobs and personal growth opportunities for the community, we can begin to develop a workforce pipeline for many of our employers. Stay tuned for more information around this exciting plan! For more information you can check out www.tualatinabc.org.



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Tualatin is America's Best Community! We were selected as one of 50 communities across the country as first round competition winners in Frontier Communications' America's Best Communities contest. Tualatin was awarded \$50,000 toward the development and implementation our initiative to create a high school to career hub focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). In order to compete at the next level, the community had to raise a \$15,000 of additional funding to demonstrate local support.

Tualatin did it! Thanks to the many businesses, families and individuals who gave to this effort! The purpose of this effort to revitalize our community by ensuring our youth are equipped with the skills they need to secure jobs in Tualatin and beyond! We will now be competing in the next round to win \$100,000.

To learn more about the plan, visit www.tualatinabc.org.

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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 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).

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