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To review the Bull Mountain Community Plan and the West Tigard Community plan, go to www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

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Thursday, July 2, 2009
6:00-8:00PM

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location!

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

19255 SW Pacific Hwy

- 6:00 - 6:05** **Welcome and Meeting Overview**
- 6:05 - 6:15** **Discussion Topic:** June 2009 CPO newsletter article "The World is Run by Those Who Show Up"
- 6:15 - 6:30** **Announcement and Discussion Topic:** City of Tigard proposed resolution requesting CPO 4B and CPO 4M boundary change, removing unincorporated areas and creating a new CPO for City of Tigard residents and businesses (discussion may continue and be carried over to next general meeting)
- 6:30 - 6:50** **Overview of Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge**
- 6:50 - 6:55** **Open Microphone** to bring up questions, announce upcoming events, explore topics for future discussion or share what's happening in your neighborhood
- 6:55 - 7:00** **Local Land Development Announcements**
- 7:00 - 8:00** **Take a Hike:** Enjoy a gentle walk along the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge trails (please wear comfortable walking shoes and note that dogs are not permitted on the trails)

Have an enjoyable summer!

*** CPO4B General Meetings are not held in August to provide participants a summer vacation break. General meetings, with some outstanding meeting topics for the 2009 - 2010 season, will resume September 10, 2009.**

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CITY OF TIGARD LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

FILE NOS.	FILE NAME	APPLICANT/ PROJECT LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
DCA2008-00003	FEMA & PD Open Space Updates+	City of Tigard Location: Citywide	Amend the Sensitive Lands Chapter (18.775) of the Tigard Community Development Code (TCDC) to Incorporate the Federal Emergency Management Agencies' (FEMA) Proposed Changes Regarding Floodplains; and to Amend the Planned Development (PD) Chapter (18.350) of the TCDC to Clarify that Shared Open Space Facilities are Required for Residential Development Only.	Planning Commission & City Council Public Hearings to be Scheduled
MLP2008-00008	Gilbert Partition	Michele & Jay Gilbert 6816 SW Walnut Terrace 1S125DA, Tax Lot 04100	2 Lot Minor Land Partition	1/5/09 Application Incomplete
DCA2008-00005	Sensitive Lands Permit Requirements	City of Tigard Location: Citywide	To remove section 18.775.070.B.5 of the Sensitive Lands Permit requirements which reads "5. The plans for the pedestrian/bicycle pathway indicate that no pathway will be below the elevation of an average annual flood;". Removal of this section would allow pathways to be installed in areas which would benefit the public (access to and educational appreciation of ecological areas). Removal of this requirement does not affect the protection of sensitive habitats or floodplain requirements.	<p>✓ Planning Commission Hearing: 2/23/09, continued to 4/6/09. The Commission recommended approval as amended to the Council.</p> <p>✓ City Council Hearing: 5/12/09</p> <p>City Council Hearing Continued to 7/14/09</p>
MLP2009-00001	Sanders Partition	Steven Sanders 12390 SW 106 th Drive 2S103AA, Tax Lot 01916	2 Lot Minor Land Partition	<i>Tentative Decision Date 6/19/09</i>
<i>CUP2009-00002</i>	<i>St. Anthony's Church Pkng. Lot Expansion</i>	<i>Ankrom Moisan Architects</i> <i>12515 SW Grant Avenue</i> <i>2S102BB, Tax Lot 01700</i>	<i>Major Modification to expand accessory parking for the church</i>	<i>Application Received 6/12/09</i> <i>Pending Completeness Review</i>

FILE NOS.	FILE NAME	APPLICANT/ PROJECT LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
DCA2009-00003	Legislative Update: Omnibus "Housekeeping" Items	City of Tigard Citywide	Development Code Amendments to promote consistency among the Code Chapters. These "housekeeping" items are from Community Development Code Chapters 18.120 Definitions, 18.220 Zoning Administration, 18.310 Summary of Land Use Permits, 18.330 Conditional Use, 18.350 Planned Developments, 18.360 Site Development Review, 18.385 Miscellaneous Permits, 18.390 Decision-Making Procedures, 18.410 Lot Line Adjustments, 18.430 Subdivisions, 18.510 Residential Zoning Districts, 18.520 Commercial Zoning Districts, 18.530 Industrial Zoning, 18.640 Durham Quarry Design Standards, 18.705 Access, Egress, and Circulation, 18.710 Accessory Residential Units, 18.715 Density Computations, 18.730 Exceptions to Development Standards, 18.742 Home Occupations, 18.745 Landscaping and Screening, 18.760 Non-Conforming Situations, 18.765 Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, 18.775 Sensitive Lands, 18.780 Signs, and 18.798 Wireless Communication Facilities.	Planning Commission Hearing: 7/6/09 <i>City Council Hearing: 8/11/09</i>

Note: Information in Bold & Italics indicates an update from the previous month.
TO GIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY ON LAND USE APPLICATIONS

Written comments may be sent to Tigard City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, OR 97223, Attention: Planning Dept.

For a council agenda, go to http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/city_council/agenda.asp or call 503-639-4171.

For a Planning Commission agenda, go to http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/boards_committees/planning_commission/default.asp.

For a Hearings Officer agenda, go to http://www.tigard-or.gov/city_hall/boards_committees/hearings_officer/default.asp. You may also contact Patty Lunsford (patty@tigard-or.gov) or call 503-639-4171.

For a record of major land use decisions made since October 2003, check the city's web-page at http://www.ci.tigard.or.us/city_hall/departments/cd/current_planning/land_use/default.asp

Metro Summer Calendar

GreenScene provides a comprehensive calendar of nature activities, gardening workshops and volunteer ventures offered by Metro and more than 100 other organizations. Some of the highlights include Fourth of July fireworks at Blue Lake, Sunday Parkways, Bug Fest and Oxbow Explorers. Click here for the full calendar. <http://calendar.oregonmetro.gov/events/index.php?com=searchresult&t=4>



Tigard Emergency Food Pantry Now Open

A new resource has opened in Tigard which provides emergency food supplies to residents in Tigard and Tualatin. As an agent of the Oregon Food Bank, the Tigard Covenant Church food bank is open every Tuesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In addition to the Emergency Food Pantry, they offer those in need a free community dinner from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month until October, with dates in November and December to be decided later in the year.

Individuals and/or entire families are welcome to enjoy a hot, hearty meal complete with dessert at no cost. Tigard Covenant Church is located just north of the King City Safeway store at 11321 SW Naeve St. at Pacific Hwy (99W) in Tigard.

If you have questions, contact Barb Woolverton at 503-639-3084.

Tour Clean Water Services' Durham Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, July 15

The public is invited to tour Clean Water Services' Durham Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, July 15 at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to visit the inner workings of this state-of-the-art, award-winning facility that cleans wastewater to nearly drinking water standards. The free one-hour tours will include a showing of Clean Water Services' award-winning video, *Oregon's Tualatin River: A Watershed Restored*, and light refreshments. Children over the age of eight years old are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Space is limited so reservations should be made in advance by calling (503) 547-8000. The tours begin in the Administration Building of the Durham Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility at 16580 SW 85th Avenue near Tigard High School.

Every day the Facility cleans more than 20 million gallons of wastewater from eastern Washington County residents and businesses in Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and parts of Beaverton and Lake Oswego. Some of the cleaned water is recycled on local golf courses, parks and athletic fields, but most is returned to the Tualatin River, providing vital clean water that improves river flow, habitat and water quality. The Facility has earned top national honors including the Environmental Protection Agency's 2005 National Clean Water Act Recognition Award.

Call for Active Transportation Demonstration Projects



As part of regional strategy to increase biking and walking- active transportation- in the Portland metropolitan area, Metro invites local jurisdictions and partners to identify and develop active transportation corridors that provide seamless, safe, enjoyable and efficient walking, bicycling and transit connections across the region.

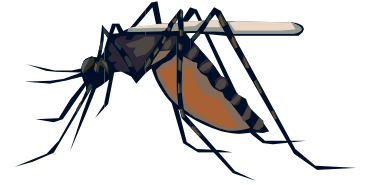
Past investments in bicycle and walking infrastructure have demonstrated that levels of biking and walking increases dramatically when safe, comfortable, enjoyable facilities exist. To develop these corridors, Metro is issuing a call for demonstration project proposals. If funding is secured, selected corridors would be built and developed as demonstration projects.

The purpose for this call for projects is threefold:

1. Highlight active transportation projects in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan;
2. Discuss project ideas with experts from Denmark and Holland during the September 2009 Transatlantic Active Transportation Workshop.
3. Develop demonstration projects that will illustrate the principles of Active Transportation as federal, state and local funding become available.

The deadline for submissions is July 29, 2009. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/activetransport for the call for projects and additional information. For more information, send e-mail to lake.mctighe@oregonmetro.gov or call Lake Strongheart McTighe at 503-797-1660.

Protecting Against West Nile Virus



It's time to send out the West Nile Virus alerts for mosquito season, but Kenny Carver already started his annual campaign against the insects in Washington County. Carver, a 2004 graduate of Eastern Oregon University, hadn't planned to become an expert in mosquito abatement, but his work in Union and Multnomah counties prepared him for his current assignment: to protect the people in Washington County from the West Nile Virus carried by mosquitoes. He now works for Washington County as the Mosquito Control Coordinator.

His adversary is formidable. "There are mosquitoes that thrive in the cold waters of Alaska and other species that inhabit hot springs," Carver reports. Almost anywhere that water sits in ponds, backwaters, bird baths, and the drains in parking lots (called catch basins) and along gutters will harbor mosquito larvae.

Carver's main job is "surveillance," looking for spots that mosquitoes have started to breed. He uses a dipper in ponds and catch basins to catch larvae. He collects recently dead birds and tests them for West Nile Virus. And he has traps that use dry ice (mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide), little fans and netting to capture adult mosquitoes so he can test them for the virus.

The first approach that Carver uses to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their "viable habitat:" buckets, old tires, and planters that collect water are easy targets and easy to deal with, just empty them out. "Homeowners can be really helpful by being sure that places with standing water on their property where mosquitoes breed are drained," according to Carver. "Birdbaths are fine as long as the water is changed at least once a week. Swimming pools that are properly chlorinated won't support mosquito larvae, either."

Sometimes water gathers when there is a drainage problem. Carver works with the property owners to stop the source of the water, or move it away from where water can gather into pools.

"When it comes to treatment of self-contained water bodies, our first line of defense is mosquito-eating fish, called *Gambusia*," says Carver. From his office, he gives away hundreds of the almost translucent two-inch long fish for free to homeowners, farmers, timber mills, and businesses. Mosquito fish are non-native to Oregon and therefore state law restricts their use to self-contained water bodies which are not fed or drained by natural waterways.

If *Gambusia* aren't enough, Carver and his team plant a "larvicide" in mosquito breeding habitat throughout the county. The larvicide is actually a naturally occurring bacterium found in soil, BTI, for bacillus thuringiensis israelensis, contained in small pellets.

Carver also works with other government agencies, schools, shopping centers, and other businesses, apartment buildings and anywhere people gather to provide education and services. "We'll help the owners understand what they can do to eliminate mosquitoes."

In Washington County, Carver has found West Nile Virus in birds but not yet in mosquitoes, horses or people. About 80 % of the people who get it have no symptoms and usually don't even know that they had it.

But approximately 20% of people who get West Nile virus will experience mild, flu-like symptoms. Less than 1% will develop severe illness – usually people older than 50 years, or with hypertension, diabetes or who consume high levels of alcohol.

"We don't want to create fear," says Carver, "but we want to encourage people to take practical protective measures." He suggests:

- Eliminate breeding spots around your home: empty buckets, drain old tires, clean out rain gutters, change water in bird baths and similar fixtures at least weekly.
- Wear protective clothing when you're out in the mornings and evenings, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Check to be sure screens in your home are secure.
- Use a mosquito repellent with DEET in it, or natural repellents like picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

To contact Kenny Carver for information or to obtain free *Gambusia* fish, call **503-846-2904**.



Summer Reading 2009

Be Creative @ Your Washington County Libraries

It's Free – it's fun and kids get to “Be Creative” – what more could you ask for this summer? This year the public libraries in Washington County are launching the 2009 Summer Reading Program – *Be Creative @ Your Library*. Throughout the year the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) staff has worked to secure tremendous sponsorships from area businesses to ensure that the children and teens will continue to receive the same high caliber of library-based literacy programs throughout the summer.

Last year the library programs experienced an unprecedented 15% increase in the number of youth participation - a typical annual increase is in the neighborhood of 6%. During tough economic times – libraries are a go-to service for the community and families have always relied on them heavily during both good and bad times.

Summer reading sign-up began on June 1st at the 14 public libraries in Washington County. This year library staff projects that nearly 32,000 children will sign-up for summer reading in the county. The libraries will host over 100 reading related programs throughout the summer that are designed to make reading fun and memorable (for specific program details visit the WCCLS web site, www.wccls.org and click on the link for Summer Reading). The inspiring level of support from local businesses and community volunteers this year means that the library summer reading programs will continue to provide the most effective community-based literacy programs for children throughout the long summer months.

Dispute Resolution Center Offers Assistance with Neighborhood Conflicts

It's spring! The grass is growing, the flowers are beginning to bloom, everything is turning green, and the days are longer ... life is good! But wait!

Charlie's dog next door is outside and barking day and night, Sam down the street is working on an outside project and waking you up with his table saw at 7 on Saturday morning. Steve, who lives behind you, starts mowing his lawn at the same time. Tom is building a fence on property you know is yours. Pretty soon it will be summer and the kids will be making noise on into the night ... life is really not so good!



What to do? Last year you got angry and had some unfortunate conversations with your neighbors. When getting angry didn't work you called the police. When that didn't work you called your attorney. It was a difficult summer. A neighborhood dispute is not unlimited warfare. In most instances, there is no need for police or sharply worded legal documents. In most cases, simple consideration and appropriate communication with your neighbor is all that is necessary.

If you are looking for new ways to address your concerns and to have a more peaceful summer, call the Dispute Resolution Center.

Our professionally trained volunteer mediators can act as your conflict coach to help you have a more successful conversation with your neighbor. If you don't feel comfortable talking directly, we can work directly with you and your neighbor to help you find mutually acceptable solutions. Call our office at 503-526-2523 or e-mail us at disputemail@ci.beaverton.or.us. For more information about our services and further tips for resolving conflict see our website at www.beavertonoregon.gov/disputeresolution.

New Children and Families Website

The Washington County Commission on Children and Families (WCCCF) has a NEW website! The site is designed to improve your ability to find important services and information. Our look, feel and navigation have all being re-worked with this overriding goal in mind.

The NEW website project is not simply a change in how the website looks. It is a complete redesign from the colors used on the site, to the software running it, to the organization. Some of the things you can find there include our mission and history, resources for families, resources for providers, a parenting class calendar, and much more. Please stop by to check us out: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/hhs/ccf>



Project Polar Bear Invites Teens to Team up, Win an Adventure

Local teens can join the fight against global warming, help save imperiled polar bears in the Arctic and maybe earn a trip to the San Diego Zoo, in a new competition sponsored by Polar Bears International.

Project Polar Bear challenges teams of two or three teenagers, ages 14 to 18, to develop a community project aimed at reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. For the contest, PBI has teamed up with North American communities whose zoos, like the Oregon Zoo, have polar bears.

The winning team will receive a VIP tour of the San Diego Zoo, including a behind-the-scenes look at its Polar Bear Plunge exhibit, plus admission to SeaWorld San Diego and a \$500 prize for each participating student. The teens also will be interviewed about their involvement in the program for a PBI video.

To enter the competition, teams must register by July 31 at www.polarbearsinternational.org/project-polar-bear. Groups will decide on a project and complete progress reports to measure the success and impact of their efforts. Each team will also have its own Web page for showing before and after pictures, videos, audio interviews and other data demonstrating the outcome of its project.

Polar Bears International is a nonprofit organization promoting worldwide polar bear conservation and support for research and educational projects that benefit the world's largest land predator. For more information, visit www.polarbearsinternational.org.

The zoo is a service of Metro and is dedicated to its mission to inspire the community to create a better future for wildlife. Committed to conservation, the zoo is currently working to save endangered California condors, Washington's pygmy rabbits, Oregon silverspot butterflies, western pond turtles, Oregon spotted frogs and Kincaid's lupine. Other projects include studies on black rhinos, Asian elephants, polar bears and bats.

Choose to Reuse...and Get Rewarded!

Next time you hear "Paper or plastic?" at the store checkout, surprise them with your answer – "Neither!"

Turn over a new leaf this Spring and pledge to reduce your waste by eliminating the use of plastic shopping bags. We can help you take the first step!

Log on to www.RecycleWise.org and select the "Waste Prevention" button. Here you'll learn ways to reduce your waste and make a "pledge" to use durable bags for shopping, collecting recyclables, or whenever you need one! Quantities are limited (one per address), so take the pledge and get rewarded for your efforts!



Block Styrofoam = Building Materials!

Have you heard the news? Block Styrofoam packaging (think packaging for electronics) can now be collected and recycled in Portland! In the past there have been few recycling options for block foam and many have sent it out with their garbage. Now Pacific Land Clearing and Total Reclaim have made the significant investment in equipment to be able to recycle the foam material into building materials!

So instead of stuffing your trash can with the material, take it to these locations! To learn about hours, location, and the other materials accepted, contact these companies directly.

Pacific Land Clearing, 4044 N. Suttle Rd., Portland, OR 97217 <http://www.plcrecycling.com/>
Total Reclaim, 5805 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218 www.totalreclaim.com/oregon.html



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Got Fireworks? Keep it Legal, Keep it Safe!

By Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or travel on the ground more than 12 feet –this includes bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s. To keep it legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon firework stand. (*Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the State of Washington or at Native American reservations may be illegal in our state.*)



Under Oregon law, officials can seize illegal fireworks and you can be fined up to \$500 per violation and/or arrested. It's also important to remember that you can be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks - legal or illegal. Oregon law also makes parents liable for damage caused by their children and allows fire departments to charge for the cost of suppressing fires caused by fireworks. Additionally, the use of illegal fireworks constitutes criminal activity, and your insurance policy may not cover you if you engage in a criminal act that results in damage. **Note: many cities have local noise ordinances that prohibit loud sound after certain hours.**

It is a common misconception that legal fireworks are less risky. Even legal fireworks are dangerous and have caused injuries and burns to users, especially unsupervised children. Also, during dry summer conditions an errant firework can ignite vegetation, vehicles, even your roof.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue advises you to celebrate safely this year by following the below safety tips:

- Only adults should light or handle fireworks.
- Supervise children at all times when fireworks are being used.
- Store fireworks, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation. Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, or buildings.
- Never alter fireworks or make your own. Homemade explosives can be deadly!
- Have a hose or bucket of water nearby to douse misfired and spent fireworks, and to extinguish potential fires.

For more safety tips, visit Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's website at www.tvfr.com .