

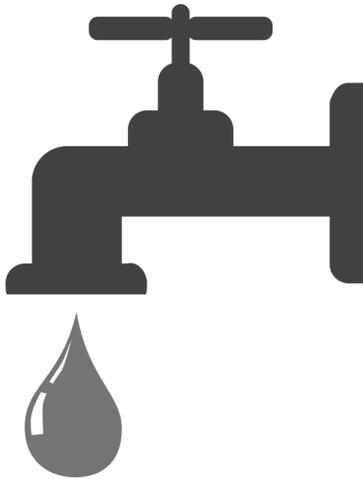


Durham News Notes



Winter 2019

Durham and Tigard Reach Agreement on Drinking Water



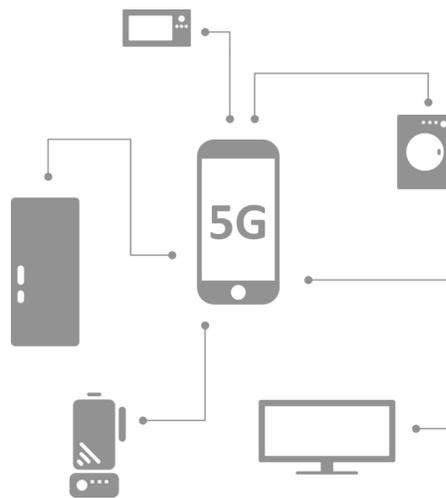
After several years and many meetings between the current members of the Tigard Water Service Area, the City of Durham has approved a new intergovernmental agreement to provide drinking water to Durham through 2045. Durham’s goals in reaching an agreement were to ensure the continuity of a safe, secure water supply plus equity and partnership with the City of Tigard.

Durham joined the City of Tigard Water District in 1993 to ensure a steady supply of water, a water system with higher pressure, ownership in the system, and representation on the Water Board.

Under the new agreement, Durham residents will continue to get drinking water from Tigard and pay the same rates as Tigard residents. The City of Durham will receive a rebate from Tigard at the same rate Tigard rebates to itself. The rebate will go into Durham’s general fund as do other utility franchise fees.

Mayor Schirado said that the agreement is a “successful negotiation by our team” and he congratulated Councilor Jehnke “for taking the lead on this project to ensure our desired goals are in place.” He also thanked Councilor Hadfield and City Manager Tate for their contributions to the welfare of the citizens of Durham.

City Adopts Regulations for 5G Wireless Facilities in ROW



America is in the midst of a transition to the next generation of wireless services, known as 5G. These new networks and technologies will enable faster speeds, increased competition for broadband services, new healthcare and Internet of Things applications, connected car technologies, and innovations not yet imagined. The FCC estimates that wireless providers will invest \$275 billion over the next decade in next-generation wireless infrastructure deployments.

In the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress enacted provisions intended to facilitate the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure. To meet rapidly increasing demand for wireless services and prepare the national infrastructure for 5G, the FCC developed regulations to promote the timely buildout of 5G infrastructure across the country. Local governments are required

to adopt rules and procedures accommodating the 5G infrastructure deployment in public rights of way by January 14, 2019.

While the existing wireless infrastructure was erected primarily using macro cells with large antennas and towers, the new 5G wireless networks require the deployment of small cell antennas and equipment at significantly more locations in the public rights of way in both commercial and residential areas. The equipment will be attached to new poles or existing structures, such as light poles and utility poles.

In December, the City Council approved design and construction standards for 5G facilities located in City rights of way. The standards are intended to address aesthetic concerns and ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws.

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Winter Tips to Carry You Safely into 2019

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone's mind, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you through 2019. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:



- Increased slip and fall injuries are a concern this time of year. Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home — use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves, and waterproof boots.
- Be aware of the windchill factor, which can lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack water, food, blankets, and clothing in your car in case of an emergency.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter.

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working correctly, and ventilated to the outside.
- If you are using the fireplace, inspect and clean the chimney.
- **Always** discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.
- Prevent carbon monoxide emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.
- Insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn't know how to stop the water from flowing. TVF&R recommends that you familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home. Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents. Visit www.tvfr.com for more winter safety tips.

Is Your Sidewalk Broken?



Paved sidewalks provide people with a safe space to travel around the neighborhood away from cars and trucks. As in most cities, property owners in Durham are responsible for keeping sidewalks and planting strips abutting their property in good repair and condition, even if the sidewalk is on the other side of your fence. Sidewalks along Upper Boones Ferry Road are the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Property owners should keep sidewalks free of obstacles, overhanging obstructions, tripping hazards, and protruding objects. By regularly cutting back vegetation that grows onto the sidewalks, property owners safeguard pedestrian access and limit safety problems. Property owners should also attend to seasonal hazards such as leaf debris, snow, and ice.

Damaged or uplifted sidewalks that may cause pedestrians to trip should be repaired promptly. Generally, when surface conditions degrade to a point where tripping hazards exist or cross slope conditions make routes inaccessible, you should fix your sidewalk. As a property owner, you can repair a damaged sidewalk yourself or have a contractor do the work. Either way, you will need to get a sidewalk repair permit. A permit ensures the repair work meets City standards.

Family Justice Center of Washington County

The Family Justice Center of Washington County is a collaboration of agencies dedicated to providing support to those impacted by domestic violence. The FJC is a welcoming community that guides survivors through collaborative, comprehensive, and holistic healing services. The Center is a partnership of public and nonprofit multi-disciplinary service providers together under one roof that assists survivors of domestic violence, their children, and our communities. The Center is located in Beaverton and is open to anyone who needs services in Washington County. The FJC is currently open Monday through Friday. The FJC can be contacted at 503-430-8300.

The Center is looking for dedicated, adaptable, and responsible volunteers who have a passion for helping others! Financial support and donations such as snack-and-go food and office supplies are very much appreciated. Please contact Terra Crampton at 503.430.8300 ext. 161 for more suggested donation items that are currently needed.



Changes on Planning Commission and Budget Committee

Long-time Budget Committee member David Pahl has retired from the committee after 26 years for service. Pahl began on the City's Budget Committee in 1992 serving alongside early City leaders like Mary Taylor and Larry Pederson. Mayor Schirado noted that Pahl's faithful service on the Committee helped keep the City on an even keel. His dedication to the City is sincerely appreciated.

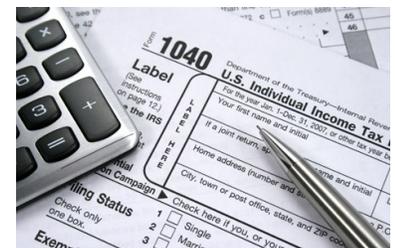
The City Council is seeking a replacement for Pahl on the Committee for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Residents interested in serving should contact City Hall. Committee appointments are made for 3-year terms. The Committee meets twice each year, once in April and again in May. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

After serving two years on the Planning Commission, Emily Baker has moved from Durham to Portland and has accepted a new job working for the Oregon Legislature. Baker grew up in Durham and was excited to help guide the City during her tenure on the Planning Commission. She was motivated to volunteer after discussing city work with City Councilor Leslie Gifford. Gifford encouraged her to apply for the position because of her educational background in political science and longtime residency in Durham. The City Council gratefully acknowledges Emily's service to the City.

Replacing Baker is Gary Paul, another long-time resident who lives in Heron Grove. Gary previously served on the Durham Parks Committee. Gary is a Professional Land Surveyor at AKS Engineering & Forestry and has a degree in forest engineering from Oregon State University.

AARP Free Tax Help

Get free tax assistance from AARP tax service experts at the Juanita Pohl Center and local libraries. This service is provided for low and middle-income taxpayers and the elderly. Appointments can be made on Thursdays between 9am-4pm, February 7 to April 11. A list of items needed will be provided when the appointment is made. Appointment slots fill up quickly, so register early. Registration starts on January 7. Call 503.691.3061 to schedule an appointment.



Easy Tool To Find Out Your Garbage Schedule

Washington County Garbage and Recycling Services has the **Garbage & Recycling Day app** that you can download to your phone or mobile device to find answers to all of your garbage and recycling questions. Download the app from your phone's app store and start taking advantage of timely reminders, service provider contact information, recycling guides, and drop-off locations.

No smartphone? No problem. All of the information in the app is also available online. Go to the Washington County Garbage and Recycling Services website and use the web-based version of the tool. You can print your garbage and recycling collection schedule from the website.



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Map Your Neighborhood



In October, Map Your Neighborhood Cluster #10 met for a second time. The informal potluck emphasized getting to know each other better. Before leaving, the group spent a few minutes updating

skills, supplies and equipment list and setting a group goal of 100% of households with at least one functioning fire extinguisher. The group plans to meet again on August 13, 2019 for a *National Night Out* community-building event.

The MYN Committee evaluated the data from the first round of cluster meetings. The Committee was surprised to find that only 52% of the households who responded indicated they had a functional fire extinguisher! First responders recommend that you put a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and garage. In 2 or 3 story homes, there should be one on each floor.

First Responder Friday– March 22

You're invited to join members of the Tualatin Police Department, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Metro West Ambulance for your favorite drink and casual conversation on March 22, 2019 from 10am-12pm at Starbucks at 17771 SW Lower Boones Ferry Rd.

Durham Resident Appointed to Juanita Pohl Advisory Committee

Durham resident Linda Hobbs has been appointed to serve on the Juanita Pohl Center Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee serves to represent the needs and interests of older adults in Tualatin and Durham. The Committee meets every other month at 10:00 am at the Senior Center. The next meetings are March 20 and May 15. All are welcome to attend.

Plant Trees in Durham Park on March 30

Friends of Tree invites volunteers to plant trees in Durham Park. No prior planting experience is needed. Volunteer leaders with planting expertise will guide small groups of volunteers, demonstrate how to plant, and help throughout the morning. **Saturday, March 30 from 8:45 am to 1 pm.**