



Durham

News Notes



Summer 2021

TVF&R offers these tips to prevent fires this summer

As Oregon prepares for another hot, dry summer, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages residents to use extreme caution with smoking materials, barbecues, and other open flames. Simple safety precautions can assist in keeping devastating fires from happening.

Smoking Materials: Use the ashtray — not the roadway.

- During the summer months, TVF&R responds to a significant number of brush fires started from discarded cigarettes. It's important that people only use clean ashtrays or metal containers partially filled with sand or water to extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials.
- Don't extinguish smoking materials in potted plants or planters, and never toss cigarettes out a car window or into landscaping.

Matches and Lighters: Tools for grown-ups — not toys for kids.

- Always keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Encourage your children to tell an adult if found.

Barbecue Safety: Fire up the grill — not the patio.

- Never leave your barbecue unattended and always have a hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.
- Keep clothing, towels, and hot pads away from flames. Use long-handled barbecuing utensils.

- Use charcoal lighter fluid sparingly and with caution. Never squirt "just a little more" once the fire is lit (even if it's just smoking). Fire can shoot back up the fluid stream and explode.
- Always discard spent briquettes and warm ashes in a metal can far away from combustibles (such as the deck or house). Used briquettes and ashes can stay hot for several days.
- When changing propane tanks/bottles, check the fittings to ensure proper seal and fit.

Refinishing and Staining Products: Use caution.

- Refinishing products containing linseed and other oils generate their own heat. Wadded-up or folded rags can spontaneously ignite. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Lay rags flat to dry on a non-combustible surface or place them in a metal container partially filled with water and cover with a tight-fitting metal lid.

Gasoline Safety: Fuel for equipment — not a fire.

- Only use containers approved for gasoline storage.
- Don't store or use gasoline in an enclosed area or near ignition sources such as pilot lights.
- Don't smoke, strike a match, or use a lighter near gasoline.
- When refueling gasoline-powered equipment, always ensure the engine is off.
- If you spill gasoline, wipe it up immediately and let the saturated rag air out thoroughly.
- Store gasoline containers out of the reach of children.



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Wildfire Season

This year, we are seeing a hotter and drier summer! While this gives us plenty of opportunities to be outside, it also brings wildfires to the region. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management offers a [Hazard Situation Overview](#) website, which monitors the active wildfires and other hazardous situations in the region. You can find a link to this page on the City website, under the

"Weather" section on our "Emergency Preparedness" page.

Keep in mind too, that during the wildfire season, you may see more wildlife around the city. To keep your pets safe, make sure to have an eye on them when they are outside and secure fences or doors so they can't get loose.



TVFR: Young Women Have Chance to Explore a Career as a Firefighter



Applications are being accepted for Portland Metro Fire Camp for those who identify as female ages 16 to 20. This camp is an all-encompassing introduction to a rewarding profession. The camp is designed to instill confidence while building leadership and team skills.

Participants will learn what it takes to be a firefighter while completing hands-on training in hose and ladder skills, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ropes and knots, live-fire operations, aerial ladder climbs, forcible entry, emergency medical skills, and other firefighting tasks.

They will also receive instruction from professional female firefighters from multiple agencies on how to prepare for interviews and gain insight on what it is like to have a career in the fire service as well as the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness.

This free fire camp will be offered twice this summer on two weekends.

The second of the two camps will take place **August 28 and 29** at the Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Ave., in Portland. **The deadline to apply for this camp is July 30.** Applications and more information are available online at portlandmetrofirecamp.com.



Community Events this Summer

After a year of everything being cancelled, it is nice to see some community events coming back. While they may look a little different with COVID precautions in place, they can still provide tons of fun! Please check the websites for these events to find out about admission limitations and precautions that are in place to ensure everyone has a safe and fun time. Some events may require pre-registration.

Concerts in the Commons

Tualatin is bringing back their concerts in the commons event every other Friday in July and August! Please see their website for event specific information: www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/concerts-commons

Movies in the Park

Tualatin will have two movie in the park events this summer at the Tualatin Community Park. Please see their website for event specific information: www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/movies-commons

What's that Noise?

Summers are a great time to be outside, to get those projects around the house done, and to get together with friends and family. With all of this activity, it can get noisy around our neighborhoods. Your consideration in maintaining neighborhood tranquility is always appreciated! Please keep the City's noise rules in mind as you make your fun summer plans:

- * Quiet hours are between 9 pm and 7 am.
- * Small building projects and use of power tools for normal maintenance may occur between 7am and 9pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.
- * Construction activities may occur between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday; and, 9 am to 7 pm on two Saturdays per month. Construction activities are not allowed on Sundays.
- * And, please put barking dogs inside.



Did you Know?

July is named for Julius Caesar, but was previously known as Quintilis, meaning "the fifth" because it was the fifth month of the Roman calendar!



Summary of Recent Activity

- The Council approved the 2021-2022 budget.
- The Council approved an intergovernmental agreement with Metro for homeless camp clean-up in Durham.
- The Council approved a 5-year intergovernmental agreement with Tualatin for police services.
- The Council approved a 5-year intergovernmental agreement with Tualatin for court services.
- The Planning Commission continued working on updating the City's Comprehensive plan.

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of the Month,
at 7:30 PM

City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month,
at 7:30 PM

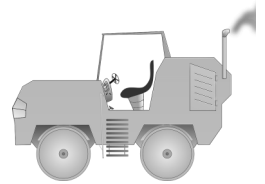
Please note monthly meetings will be held in a hybrid format at City Hall. Let us know if you would like to attend virtually.

Volunteers Wanted

The City is working on forming a risk management committee and is looking for interested volunteers. This committee is expected to meet quarterly to discuss potential risks to the City and ways to address them. Interested residents should fill out a Citizen Interest Application available on our website or at City Hall.

Upcoming Paving Project

The City will be repaving Chaucer Court and part of Cambridge Lane later this summer thanks to an Oregon Department of Transportation grant the City received this year. Bidding for this project will take place on July 15th at 2:00 PM. More information will be available on the City's website once bidding is completed.



Is Your Sidewalk Broken?

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. The sidewalks along Upper Boones Ferry Road are the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Sidewalks should be kept 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 or conditions that make them inaccessible should be repaired promptly. 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 to ensure the work done meets City standards. By keeping the sidewalks maintained and accessible, you are providing yourself and everyone a safe way to enjoy our City.



Graffiti in the City

Graffiti is a widespread problem for many cities and Durham is no exception. In Durham, property owners should not allow any graffiti to remain on any structure on their property that is visible from an area that is open to the public. If notified by the City, property owners must remove the graffiti within 7 days of the notice.

If you see graffiti on public property around the city, please inform City Hall so that we can have it removed. With a small staff, we are not able to monitor the streets daily to see if there has been any vandalism or graffiti and appreciate any information residents can provide us about where there may be graffiti. Reported graffiti on public property will be removed by the City.





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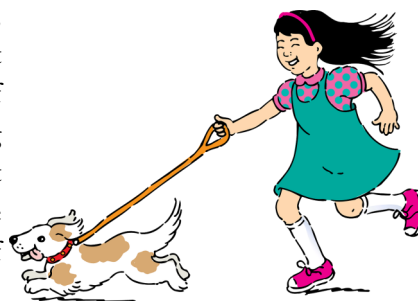
COMMUNITY

Keeping Our City Clean

The City of Durham offers many paths and outdoor areas for people to enjoy, and it's always nice to see families out and about and people walking or running with friends and pets.

When out with your pets, please be courteous of disposing of your pet's waste in the proper receptacles. The City park on Arkenstone Drive offers a dumpster and trash bin at its two entrances for park visitors to dispose of any garbage or pet waste from their time in the park. The dumpster in the park parking lot is for disposal of trash from animals and gatherings in the park only, and should **not** be used to dispose of household items or bulky waste.

While not all of our parks have garbage receptacles, please be mindful of where you dispose of this pet waste. The city has received multiple complaints of dog waste being thrown into private bins causing horrible smells for the property owner as well as pet waste bags being left in parks and along trails. Please help us keep our parks and City clean and dispose of your trash and pet waste properly and respectfully.



MYN Update: Neighborhood Ready

Do you know what and how to prepare for a disaster? While Tualatin, Tigard & Durham leaders make high level plans, we must all prepare to take care of ourselves for a major event. It's proven that knowing what to do in a major emergency situation and responding calmly and confidently can save your life. How well you prepare will directly affect the quality of life you have following a possible event.

The new Neighborhood Ready program offers extensive steps to help you plan, prepare, and protect your family and home, and be more resilient in the case of a variety of disasters. As part of the 1-hour presentation, attendees can download a FREE workbook with suggested steps, checkoff lists, and a planning calendar. More information and pre-registration for the July 20th & August 9th presentations can be found on the Tualatin CERT website at <https://www.tualatin-cert.org/tualatin-ready>.