



Tualatin

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12th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta

Have you ever seen gorillas, princesses, and aliens paddle 1,000 pound pumpkin boats in a wacky water race? If not, gather up all of your friends and family and come down to the 12th Annual West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta! The event is on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Tualatin Lake of the Commons. This is a rain or shine event and there is no fee for admission. The Regatta is unlike any other event and attending has truly become a fall tradition for area families.

The Regatta also features pie eating contests, kids pumpkin carving, pumpkin golf, pumpkin bowling, a kids costume contest, kids train, Smokey and Rojo the Llamas,

clown shows, hot food and drinks, and much more! The Regatta wouldn't be possible without our premier sponsors: Pacific Giant Vegetable Growers, New Seasons Market, PEMCO Insurance, Whole Foods Market, Wilsonville Toyota, and Comcast.

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 5K Regatta Run at Tualatin Community Park on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:00 am. The Regatta Run honors CPL Matthew Lembke, who lost his life from wounds sustained on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. To celebrate Matt's character and service, the run was created to raise money for a scholarship fund in his name. To register go to www.fitcitytualatin.com.

Scare Yourself Silly at Tualatin's Haunted House

With Halloween right around the corner, there are many ways to get into the spirit. Jack-O-Lanterns, the Pumpkin Regatta, and of course, haunted houses! Come to the Van Raden Community Center October 21 through 24 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm to scare yourself silly, all while supporting the Tualatin Youth Advisory Council (YAC). The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for youth/students, all proceeds go to a great cause! The YAC is a group of middle and high-school students whose goals include advising the Tualatin City Council on issues important to youth and providing events and activities for Tualatin's youth. Be sure to stop by for a fright this Halloween season. For more information please visit: www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation/tualatin-youth-advisory-councils-haunted-house.



Tualatin's Police Department has a New App!

The Tualatin Police Department has a new smart phone app, which provides a way to stay connected with the police department. The app includes quick access to press releases, alerts, an event calendar and more. It also allows users to submit crime tips and provides easy one-touch calling for non-emergency calls. Please sign up for the new app using the QR code or search for Tualatin PD in your app store.

The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce: Business & Community Working Together!

The Tualatin Chamber has been involved with the Tualatin Tomorrow Visioning process since its inception in 2007. The Chamber's programs and services have embraced the Visioning Goal for Facilitating Economic Opportunity: "in addition to supplying local jobs, a strong economy generates revenue for essential services, expands retail shipping opportunities and – in the case of redevelopment projects – can physically improve the City's appearance. Our citizens are interested in facilitating new business startups, ensuring Tualatin's workforce can afford to live here and extending employment and training opportunities for youth."

When Mask & Mirror Community Theatre asked The Chamber to co-sponsor the America's Best Communities grant, it was an automatic YES. The Chamber's motto of "Business and Community Working Together" is closely aligned. This opportunity has brought multiple partners together for positive changes with a significant impact.

When meeting with local businesses, they frequently request greater access to a skilled workforce, with an emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education. Tualatin's

Manufacturing businesses have been saying they have living wage/family wage jobs if only they could find employees with the right skills.

In the short-term, the hope is to develop a mobile Makerspace where kids can have access to hands-on STEAM learning opportunities. Over the long-term the ABC Team hopes to fulfill the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision by bringing a permanent community space to Tualatin. This space could be used not only for STEAM learning opportunities, but it could be a Center offering gathering space for business meetings, trainings, education, performing arts and more! It could also serve as a place for visitors to learn more about all Tualatin has to offer.

The Chamber is very pleased and excited to co-sponsor the America's Best Communities project and look forward to advancing to the next round. For more information about the Chamber, visit www.tualatinchamber.com.



Manufacturing Day – October 2, 2015

Manufacturing Day is a national event that occurs annually on the first Friday in October to celebrate modern manufacturing. The event is intended to inspire the next generation and introduce youth to this growing industry. The Washington County School to Career Program is recognizing this day by organizing multiple Manufacturing Day Bus Tours for high school students throughout the county. Approximately 40 Tualatin High School students will have the opportunity to visit Lam Research and Western Precision Products. During the event local manufacturers will include a tour, interactive sessions and information about the careers and pathways available at their companies.

This event, which will include over 200 students from Washington County is available through the sponsorship of local manufacturers and in collaboration with the Tri-County School to Career Program, Worksystems, Inc, OMEP (Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership), Worksource, Clackamas Community College and Portland Community College. Lam Research is the Presenting Sponsor for the 2015 Tri-County event. 2015 marks the second year the program will be offered in Washington County. In 2014, event organizers learned from pre-event surveys that nearly 80% of participants were generally unaware of the job opportunities available in the manufacturing industry. To learn more about National Manufacturing Day please visit www.mfgday.com.

Corporate Volunteering in Tualatin

Corporate volunteerism can have a strong, positive influence on community livability. Check out how some local businesses are contributing to Tualatin and how you can get involved.

Tualatin New Seasons Market and their employees have generously embraced the City's Volunteer program since opening in October 2014. New Seasons joined volunteers in the "Put Down Roots" in our Tualatin reforestation area along Saum Creek, providing breakfast for all the volunteers and joining in to plant native trees and shrubs to improve stream health. This has proven to be great team building, with both the community and staff.

Additionally, New Seasons got involved when the City of Tualatin held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration by contributing their signature banana cake for all to enjoy at the event.

Enterprise Fleet Management group is another corporate volunteer. Their employees came out to support the Library on August 14th, where they spent over two hours teaming up to do inventory and shelving and marking out books for the Friends of the Library.

The City of Tualatin's volunteer program appreciates and welcomes corporate involvement on all levels. Bring your team out to a scheduled event, donate refreshments for an event, or adopt a

planting site. The Pollinator Garden at Tualatin Community Park will be installed spring of 2016. Its success will be realized when a corporate group steps up to join in the initial planting and assist with its maintenance three times per year.

Interested in this or other corporate volunteer opportunities? We would love to hear from you. For information on tree plantings, contact Jackie Konen, 503.691.3087, or jkonen@ci.tualatin.or.us. For information on volunteering in the Library, contact Margaret Gunther, 503.691.3070, or mgunther@ci.tualatin.or.us. For general information on volunteer opportunities contact Janet Newport, 503.691.3021, jnewport@ci.tualatin.or.us, or visit our website at www.tualatinoregon.gov/volunteer.

Fall Clean-Up Events

Back to school time and you know what that brings! Before you know it we will be searching for umbrellas, carving pumpkins and raking leaves. This fall, the City will partner with Republic Services, Grimm's Fuel and Metro for our bi-annual Bulky Waste and Yard Debris disposal drop off events.

- Bulky Waste Day, Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Republic Services
 - Yard Debris Drop Off event, Saturday, November 14, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Grimm's
- Your ticket into these events is a donation of non-perishable items for the local Tualatin School House Pantry.

Fall Colors in the Water System

The extremely hot and dry summer has taken a toll on Portland's Bull Run Reservoirs which serve as Tualatin's main water supply. Seasonally we experience "fall color" which is due to the reservoirs being drawn down to lower operating levels. Because of the dry conditions the reservoirs have been drawn down faster than normal which has caused Portland to activate the Columbia South Shore Well Field. That combined with the low reservoir levels has caused "fall color" to appear earlier than normal. The color only affects the water's appearance; taste and water quality continue to be outstanding, and the water is routinely tested and continues to meet all state and local standards. Additional water quality information can be found at www.portlandoregon.gov/water/26426

Keeping Catch Basins Clean

The fall season brings rain and falling leaves, so we are once again asking residents for their help in keeping storm drains clear.

- Keep the drains clear near your home by raking leaves out of the way. By quickly clearing away debris, we can reduce localized flooding.
- Leaves that fall on your property should be placed in your yard debris cart. Do not rake them into the streets. We do not have a leaf removal program.
- If you see a clogged drain, please call the Operations Department at 503.691.3091 and we will send a crew out to clear the drain.
- If you've filled your yard debris cart with leaves and you still have more to dispose of, contact Republic Services at 503.682.3900 and inquire about an extra leaf pickup.

Be a Good Neighbor: Clear a Path

As residents of the community, it is important that we all do our part to keep our yards manicured, looking presentable, and manage overgrowth that may impede pedestrian traffic on walkways.

This is a common concern, and these tips should help to ensure a safe pathway:

- Weeds and grass need to be cut before it seeds, pollinates or reaches an overall height above 10 inches.
- Dead or decaying organic material from yard debris must be removed and disposed in the appropriate yard debris container.

- Vegetation should not block or encroach into the roadways or sidewalks. The full width of the sidewalk and street need to remain clear.
- Many undeveloped properties are kept in their natural state until after the grass nesting birds have migrated out of the area and may be taller than the overall 10 inches during this time.

For more information, visit www.tualatinoregon.gov/police/code-enforcement.

Red Ribbon Week

We invite you to join us in celebrating Red Ribbon Week; a way for our community to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your support of this campaign by wearing a red ribbon from October 23-31.

The Red Ribbon Campaign started when U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was kidnapped by drug traffickers in 1985. His body was later found in Mexico City; he had been tortured to death. In response to his murder, people across the country

began wearing red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness and take a stand against drugs in the United States. Since that time, many coalitions have formed and they have adopted the red ribbon in Agent Camarena's memory. The red ribbon symbolizes Camarena's belief in what he worked for and ultimately gave his life; a drug free America. Agent Camarena always felt that one person could make a difference. We agree! You can be that one person who tips the scale. Encourage those around you to join in! For more information, visit www.redribbon.org.

Tualatin Celebrates International Walk and Bike to School Day



Join Tualatin kids and families this October by participating in International Walk and Bike to School Day. Tualatin kids are encouraged to walk or bike to school on October 7, 2015. By walking and bicycling to school, children are able to

enjoy regular physical activity and see their community up close, setting the stage for lifelong healthy habits and wellness. Some of Tualatin's schools will have organized events on October 7, but even if your child's school does not, you can still grab some friends from your neighborhood and make your own "walking school bus". If you have questions about bicycle and pedestrian laws and safety, please contact the Tualatin Police Department. For more information, please contact your school or the Tualatin's Community Services Department at 503.691.3082. Start your tradition this year!

Street Sweeping – October 5-16

Street sweeping will occur October 5-16, 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

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Tualatin is fortunate to have one of the best and the busiest Libraries in both Washington and Clackamas Counties! Our Library offers fun for the whole family year round, through so much more than just books. It is an important community gathering space and center of learning for the whole community. Did you now that more than the entire population of our City enters the doors of our library every month?!

However, we still read... A LOT! This year's summer reading brought record-breaking levels of reading during the Washington County summer reading competition. We have a great Library staff, tons of volunteers, and three groups who help fund raise and support the mission and goals of our library - the Library Advisory Committee, the Friends of the Tualatin Library, and the Library Foundation.

Our library success would not be possible without the generous funding provided by way of the Washington County library operating levy. These dollars account for about one-fourth of our library's budget. As you will see in the enclosed flyer, this levy is going to be on the November ballot. I hope you consider the Library's vital role in our community when you receive your ballot for the replacement levy.



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October is Information Literacy Month

Dinner is on the stove, and your child needs help with homework. A report is due tomorrow. Your child's teacher has assigned questions about Kazakhstan – and a requirement that Wikipedia not be used for research. Are you ready to research?!

Information literacy is defined as the ability to find, evaluate, and put information to use. Tualatin Public Library has you covered for this critical skill. Washington County Cooperative Library Services recently unveiled its streamlined website, making information resources easier to find and use on mobile devices as well as computers. The "Research" section (www.wccls.org/research) leads to resources for job seeking, health information, and even car repair. There are several sources for homework help, including Culture Grams, which has information on Kazakhstan. Finding what you need to complete that homework assignment on time – that's information literacy!

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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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