



# City of Tumwater Tumwater on Tap

city newsletter

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Pete Kmet,  
Mayor

An amazing new Summer Youth Program started out as the merger of some simple ideas. How do we create a new program to help teens get work experience? How can we repurpose the Linwood Barn property? And how can we establish more community gardens?

Over a year ago, my wife Nancy and I were going for a walk and we passed by an abandoned barn on the City's Linwood Property. It was obvious the City either needed to fix the roof and do something productive with the building, or tear it down to eliminate an attractive nuisance. I had heard that Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) was looking for another urban farm; but were they interested in a barn with a modest amount of arable land around it? Coincidentally, Councilmember Joan Cathey had been talking with staff at the Tumwater School District about starting a community garden. We arranged a meeting between representatives of the



The Linwood Barn is now home to Tumwater FRESH. The program operates year-round, giving students on-the-job training growing food and an opportunity to flourish outside the classroom.

## Message from the Mayor

Tumwater School District, GRuB, and City staff to see if the Linwood Property could fit our different needs and goals. The result – Tumwater "FRESH" farm!

Our Parks and Recreation Department fixed up the barn. With grants from the City (through the new Summer Youth Program), United Way, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the DART Corporation, and contributions from many individuals, GRuB hired 24 teens to clear brush, plant, and harvest vegetables. They learned life skills. Food from the garden has been used to teach food preparation, help feed seniors at Old Town Center, and needy families. This fall, working in cooperation with the Tumwater School District, these same students are using the garden to supply fresh vegetables for school lunches and learn about sustainable agriculture, the environment, and science! In its first year, the Tumwater FRESH program grew over 2,000 pounds of vegetables. Wow!

One goal of the Summer Youth Program was to provide an opportunity for students to consider a future career

in the public sector. So the teens spent one day each week learning about City services—touring facilities like the LOTT sewage treatment plant and the City's Police Department, learning first aid, and doing community service projects, like helping maintain our parks. A similar agreement with the Tumwater Boys & Girls Club, employed eight youth as Junior Counselors this summer.

All of this started with some simple ideas and a lot of hard work by several staff from the City, the Tumwater School District, GRuB, and the Tumwater Boys & Girls Club and support from the Tumwater City Council to make this happen. A special thanks to Todd Anderson in our Parks and Recreation Department for coordinating the program, and Stan Osborn and our facilities staff for their work in restoring the barn.

As we gain experience and funding, we hope to "grow" our Summer Youth Program in future years. Tumwater truly is a special community.

Amazing partners made the Summer Youth Program a success.



Tumwater FRESH students learned job and life skills, thanks to support of the Summer Youth Program. They gained 200 hours of work experience, learned about the community, earned high school credit, and a paycheck—for many of them, it was their first—and grew food for the community.



Junior Staff at Tumwater Branch of the Boys & Girls Club gained 180 hours of work experience, practiced leadership and life skills, and completed service projects through the Summer Youth Program.

## 2017-2018 City of Tumwater Biennial Budget Reflects Strategic Priorities

The City Council is finishing up the budget for the coming two years. It reflects the increased commitments that came with recent annexations and the growth in economic activity. The City is seeing growth in sales and business & occupation (B&O) tax revenue. It has also been a busy year with a substantial amount of new construction.

### Public Safety

Law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and streets are where citizens will see major improvements in the next two years. The Police Department will add another School Resource Officer (in partnership with the Tumwater School District), in addition to the five new officers approved in 2016. The Fire Department will hire four firefighters at the end of 2017, in order to complete staffing of the North End Fire Station on Linwood Avenue at the start of 2018. Fully staffing this station has been a long-term goal that started in 2011, with the voter-approved passage of the Public Safety Levy Lid Lift.

### Streets

The City's street maintenance program will also see increased investment. Part of the improvements come from the sales tax for the Transportation Benefit District, approved by voters in 2015. These funds will provide for chip sealing and resurfacing to preserve Tumwater streets (see *Promises Made-Promises Kept*, page 2). An increased response to potholes, street sweeping, and roadside brush cutting is funded too. The extension of Tyee Drive will improve access to the Littlerock commercial area and relieve congestion on Littlerock Road.

### Code Enforcement

A new goal of the City Council was increased code enforcement. This has been an increasing priority based on phone calls and complaints coming into the City. The existing staff resources have been challenged to deal with the increased complaints about issues that range from junk cars to derelict houses. The budget includes 1.5 staff assigned to code enforcement.

### City Facilities

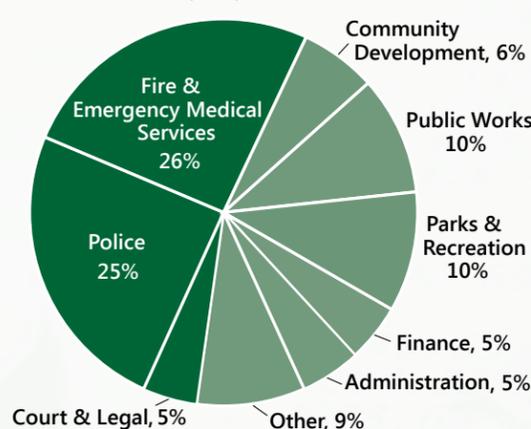
The City is also continuing the investment in major facility improvements with a focus on City buildings. The North End Fire Station will get a new roof, and most buildings will be painted, and several will receive other upgrades to make them more operational. City Hall will have the Permit Center expanded in order to create more space for meeting with customers.

### Updated Strategic Priorities

The City's budget process started in May with the review of budget projections and the economic outlook for the fu-

### 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures

\$54,986,390 estimated



ture. In a two-day retreat, the City Council reviewed prior accomplishments, the City's Vision, Mission and Beliefs and the Strategic Priorities. Recognizing the things that have been accomplished, they made a significant revision to the Strategic Priorities. Those Priorities are intended to represent the major issues for the City in the coming years. The City Council and senior staff then developed a list of goals for that same time period. The Strategic Priorities and goals are used to develop the budget.

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on December 6, 2016, at their regular meeting. For additional information about the budget, visit the City's website.

[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/city-budget](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/city-budget)

### Tumwater's Strategic Priorities 2017 - 2022

Aggressively Pursue Targeted Community Development Opportunities

Build a Community Recognized for Quality

Create and Maintain a Transportation System for All Modes of Travel

Provide Quality Public Safety Services

Refine and Sustain a Great Organization

Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability

# Promises Made, Promises Kept

In 2015, Tumwater voters approved an increase in the sales tax rate from 8.7 percent to 8.9 percent for a period of ten years to fund street and sidewalk improvements. The greatest need for the first year was prioritizing and developing a program for 2017 and future years. During 2016, two main surface treatments were used: chip seal and crack seal.

**Chip seal** (or seal coating) is the application of a special protective wearing surface to an existing pavement. In this method, gravel chips and liquid asphalt are spread on the existing pavement and rolled in place to seal the road surface. This is a low-cost preventative maintenance method that seals, re-establishes surface traction and can extend the life of the road by 3-8 years.

**Crack seal** is the filling of moderately-sized cracks with hot liquid rubberized asphalt. It is the lowest cost of all treatments and is used to extend pavement life at the earliest possible time. It seals out moisture and chemicals and can be applied to any street, new or old.

Transportation infrastructure is one of the City's most valuable investments. This year, many neighborhood streets were repaired and preserved.

Stay tuned! Next year, you'll see the list of streets expand to include more significant repairs too.



Chip Seal



Crack Seal

## Streets preserved in 2016

### Chip Seal

- ✓ Tartan Drive
- ✓ Bonnie Lane
- ✓ Highland Drive
- ✓ Heather Lane
- ✓ 7th Ave.
- ✓ 65th Court
- ✓ W Street East
- ✓ Y Street
- ✓ Charles Street
- ✓ Boston Street
- ✓ W Street West
- ✓ Z Street East

### Crack Seal

- ✓ Lorne Street
- ✓ McDonald Street
- ✓ Hoadly Street
- ✓ Middle Street
- ✓ Southglen Ave.
- ✓ Barclift Lane
- ✓ Lloyd Street
- ✓ Kelsey Street
- ✓ Armstrong Ave.
- ✓ South Street
- ✓ Pifer Road
- ✓ U Street
- ✓ Margo Place
- ✓ Stanton Court



## Did you know?

Public Works maintains over 100 miles of roadway, and all the associated signage, sidewalks, lighting, traffic signals and bike lanes to keep Tumwater moving – in their cars, on bikes, and by foot.

## Three Easy Steps to Stay Connected!

Sign up and manage the messages that you receive. All you need to provide is an email address.

<b>#1</b>	<b>#2</b>		<b>#3</b>
Visit <a href="http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us">www.ci.tumwater.wa.us</a>	Choose <b>Stay Connected</b>		Select the topics that are important to you



- **City Hall General Alerts** – City Council meeting agendas, public hearing notices, news releases, and emergency messages.
- **Tumwater on Tap** – monthly e-newsletters with brief articles about what's happening in the City.
- **Construction & Traffic Alerts** – get notices for projects that may interrupt traffic or utility services.
- **Tumwater Valley Golf Course** – learn about special deals and promotions to get you out on the greens.
- **Parks & Recreation** – events, programs, notices and field closures, and more.
- **Volunteer News & Events** – learn about community engagement programs and volunteer projects.

## Are you ready for winter?

Tumwater Public Works Department's snow and ice response plan is in place. Remember, City streets are plowed and de-iced by priority: **Lifeline** and **Priority** streets get cleared and maintained, and some **Neighborhood** streets are only treated after that. Private streets and driveways are not plowed.

Find a map and more resources at the City website.

[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/snow-ice](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/snow-ice)



## Brewery Update

Question: How do you eat an elephant? Answer: One bite at a time. That's the strategy the City has undertaken to help revitalize the brewery.

Redevelopment of the former Olympia Beer brewery in Tumwater has been a City priority. Supported by a broad cross-section of the community and facilitated by many partners, the City of Tumwater has lead efforts to move toward the vision of a revitalized brewery and district. The strategy has been to break the project into smaller elements (bite-sized pieces), remove barriers, and facilitate investment to catalyze reuse of the industrial complex that sits in the heart of our community. The entire site encompasses over 1 million square feet with historic, cultural, and industrial significance. Here's an update on a few of the many moving parts to the brewery redevelopment project.

**Brewery Action Plan** – The strategy developed in 2011, based on community visioning, is updated regularly to reflect accomplishments and changes in conditions relating to infrastructure, ownership, priorities, and funding opportunities.

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**Old Brewhouse** – One of the most iconic structures in Washington State, this landmark was donated to the City earlier in the year. A group of volunteers is working on plans to install emergency protections—roofing and window coverings—to weatherize it and reduce the rate of decay. The City has applied for grants to fund a portion of the first phase of rehabilitation. Additional monies will need to come through other grants, foundations, and private sources. The total cost to restore the Old Brewhouse is estimated to be \$6.5 million.

**Trails** – The City prioritized funding acquisition for the Deschutes Valley Trail that will connect Pioneer Park to the Brewery site and Historical Park. A section of the trail through Historical Park was completed this year. The City has applied for several grants to fund construction of additional trail segments. An easement across the historic brewery site was acquired this year as well, providing one more connection in our future regional trail system.

## Craft Brewing & Distilling Center

Here's how we're helping to bring brewing back to Tumwater. We're creating a center of excellence that supports the growing craft beer, cider, and spirits movement. This "hub" will provide education and training for aspiring entrepreneurs and their staff, business incubators to help more businesses launch, and complementary businesses that expand the supply chain. Follow the stories and activities of partners at [www.craftbeerciderspirits.com](http://www.craftbeerciderspirits.com).



**Teaching "CRAFT"** – South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) has developed programs to teach brewing, distilling, and cider-making, as well as skills to grow strong businesses. These emerging craft beverage industries are in need of specialized training, and what better place than Tumwater, known for almost a century of brewing. SPSCC will work with private developers to build a teaching facility in Tumwater. The location will be announced in 2017.

**Business Incubator Study** – Thanks to a grant from the Washington State Community Economic and Revitalization Board (CERB), a consultant team is helping create a business incubator project to facilitate start-ups and scale-ups for craft breweries, distilleries, and cideries.



## Strengthening Neighborhoods

Working toward a common goal can strengthen neighborhoods. The Tumwater City Council recognized that neighborhoods with strong bonds add to the quality of life, improve public safety, and are resilient in the face of disaster. Tumwater's Community Matching Fund was developed to support strong neighborhoods. The fund provides grants on a competitive basis to support neighborhood-based events and projects that build connections between neighbors.

**Neighborhood Grants Available!**

Since the program began in 2015, 18 grants have been awarded to Tumwater neighborhoods. Each project or event that received grant awards involved neighbors donating their time to work together. As important as the work that is completed, they provide a chance for neighbors to meet one another and build relationships with each other.



Consider building connections in your neighborhood and apply for a Neighborhood Grant in the upcoming year.

Call (360) 252-5424

[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/neighborhoodgrants](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/neighborhoodgrants)

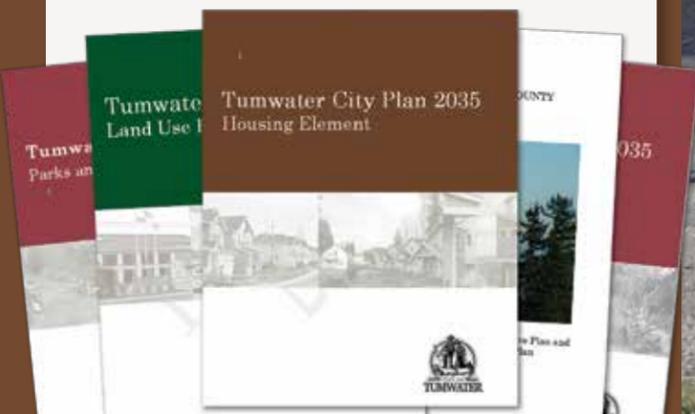


K9 James is now home in Tumwater, dutifully protecting our community with Officer Mize!

## 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update nearly complete

The Plan is being updated to reflect the City's expected 58% increase in population over the next 20 years. The Update maintains the community's vision for our City, while incorporating all of the recent planning work that people in the community have done over the past three years, including the Brewery District Plan, the Capitol Boulevard Corridor Project, Citywide Design Standards, as well as the Shoreline Master Program update. Contact Planning Manager Brad Medrud at (360) 754-4180 for details.

[www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/updating-the-comp-plan](http://www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/updating-the-comp-plan)



## Extension of Tye Drive brings new opportunities

You may have noticed the construction activities along Interstate 5 and Israel Road. The traffic disruptions will continue through the winter months, but the result will be realization of a plan that has been in the works for many years to enhance commercial areas along I-5 to provide retail opportunities for residents and shoppers. Tye Drive extension creates a north-south thru street that fronts Interstate 5 and connects Trospen Road all the way to Israel Road. Toyota is building the section through their property (see map—just south of Home Depot) and building a new public trail across their property. The City is constructing the remainder—and making a few additional improvements too. The project will underground and extend utilities, create pedestrian crossings, and bicycle lanes along Israel Road. Tye Drive will connect with Israel Road SW in a roundabout.

**TRAFFIC ALERT!**  
Please use alternate routes during construction.

This project opens the door to additional investment opportunities in Tumwater's commercial area. Eventually, Tye Drive will be further extended south to Tumwater Boulevard, which will provide even more access to commercially zoned properties in the area.

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## Tumwater Youth Program

The Tumwater Youth Program (TYP) offers evening activities for teens and pre-teens in the Tumwater community. Grade school activities are open to youth in grades 3-6 and middle school activities are open to youth in grades 7-8. TYP events are a place to have fun, socialize with friends, interact positively with adults, and so much more. The cost of participation is \$7 with school I.D. and events are held on select Friday nights throughout the school year.



## Reminder – Fats, oils, and grease belong in the trash

Wait! Don't pour that bacon grease down the drain! Did you know that fats, oil, and greases (FOG) from cooking collect and stick to household plumbing and sewer lines, causing blockages? Nobody likes a sewer back-up! When cooking, scrape FOG into a can, cover and allow to cool, then dispose in the garbage when the can is full to keep your house's pipes happy!

Pick up your FREE FOG kit from the Public Works Department or at the front counter at Tumwater City Hall during regular business hours.



## Give a little extra this season

The Holiday Assistance Program provides gifts to Tumwater families in need. Qualifying children and families may be gifted coats, shoes, and food for a brighter holiday season. The Holiday Assistance Program began over 20 years ago as a City staff/community service project and is now operated by the Tumwater Lions Club in partnership with the Tumwater School District and the City.

Gift request tags will be available at Tumwater City Hall beginning November 23 and gifts should be dropped off by December 11. The Holiday Assistance program is one of many great programs in the community to help families around the holidays and throughout the year. To adopt a family, make a donation, or to volunteer, visit [www.tumwaterlions.org](http://www.tumwaterlions.org). Questions? Call (360) 786-6979.



Where can you find  
**Santa in Tumwater?**

On the  
**Santa Mobile**  
of course!



**Schedule Subject to Change**  
**Sun. 12/4 at 4:00 p.m.** – Trails End, Henderson, Deschutes Cove  
**Mon. 12/5 at 6:00 p.m.** – Elm Street, East Dennis  
**Tues. 12/6 at 6:00 p.m.** – Lake Park Drive, Trosper Road, Eagles Landing, Louise Street, Fiesta Court, Trosper Hill  
**Wed. 12/7 at 6:00 p.m.** – Glenwood Park, Gold Creek  
**Thurs. 12/8 at 6:00 p.m.** – Bonniewood, West X Street  
**Fri. 12/9 at 6:00 p.m.** – Sunrise Ridge at Somerset  
**Sat. 12/10 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** – Fred Meyer  
**Sat. 12/10 at 5:00 p.m.** – City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting  
**Sat. 12/10 at 6:00 p.m.** – Tumwater High School Area  
**Sun. 12/11 at 4:00 p.m.** – Cathy Ct, South, Middle, Hoadly Lp, Delta, Lorne, Armstrong, Primrose  
**Mon. 12/12 at 6:00 p.m.** – Montair, Breckenridge, Firlands, Mottman  
**Tues. 12/13 at 6:00 p.m.** – Littlerock, Allimore Carriage Estates  
**Wed. 12/14 at 6:00 p.m.** – Linwood, Sapp Rd, Simmons Mill, 45th Ave  
**Thurs. 12/15 at 6:00 p.m.** – Alpine Villa, West Lee, Palermo Valley  
**Fri. 12/16 at 6:00 p.m.** – Somerset, Westridge  
**Sat. 12/17 at 4:00 p.m.** – Mirasett, Bronington, Kirsop Village  
**Sun. 12/18 at 4:00 p.m.** – Lake Susan, The Farm, Deschutes Highlands  
**Mon. 12/19 at 6:00 p.m.** – Make Up Day  
**Tues. 12/20 at 6:00 p.m.** – Make Up Day

## Tumwater Christmas Tree Lighting Festival

Presented by the City of Tumwater and Tumwater Downtown Association

Join us for this free festive event for all ages! Enjoy choir performances, decorate cookies and make ornaments, enter to win prizes, and watch the ceremonial tree lighting. After the tree has been lit, Santa Claus will arrive on an antique fire truck to greet the children and hand out candy canes. You won't want to miss this special holiday event!

**Saturday, December 10**  
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 Tumwater City Hall  
 & Fire Station

Event Parking encouraged in the adjacent Attorney General's Office parking lot. No parking at the Fire Station; disabled parking at City Hall.



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### Our Mission

In active partnership with our citizens, we provide leadership and essential municipal services to cultivate a prosperous economy, a healthy natural environment, vibrant neighborhoods, and a supportive social fabric.

### Our Vision

Tumwater of the future will be people-oriented and highly livable, with a strong economy, dynamic places, a healthy natural environment, engaged residents, and a living connection to its history.

### Our Beliefs

We believe in People, Excellence, Opportunity, Partnership, Learning, Environment.

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 Building Permits..... 360-754-4180  
 Volunteer Coordinator ..... 360-252-5424  
 To report a leak/spill (24 hours/day)..... 360-754-4150  
 Parks & Recreation programs or events.. 360-754-4160  
 Golf Course information/tee times ..... 360-943-9500  
 Police Department (non-emergency)..... 360-754-4200  
 Fire Department (non-emergency) ..... 360-754-4170  
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 Emergency Services ..... 9-1-1

## Volunteer Tumwater!

Volunteers help extend the reach of our City programs and provide a valuable connection to the community. The City provides many opportunities to participate. We host service projects, events, and activities and provide custom events designed for your group.

Contact the City's Volunteer Coordinator at (360) 252-5424 or [volunteer@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:volunteer@ci.tumwater.wa.us) to connect with an opportunity that suits your skills and availability. Register for our monthly newsletter too.

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Do you have a specialized skill?  
 Find new options to share your talents.

