



City of Tumwater Tumwater on Tap

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Tumwater on Tap is the City of Tumwater's official newsletter, published monthly in an electronic (e-news) format and available through the City's website. Each edition includes stories about City sponsored events, services and news that may affect our local community.

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STOP If you see anyone tampering with lighting, storm grates or manhole covers, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

Tumwater Police Department expansion (Phase 1) provides improved safety for officers and the public. The new facility includes a 24-hour front entry that provides better accessibility to the public. Phase 2, renovation of the old facility, will be complete in 2014.



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I am very grateful to live in Tumwater and proud to serve as your Mayor."

—Mayor Pete Kmet



A message from the Mayor

I am pleased to present the City of Tumwater's first printed edition of our e-newsletter, "Tumwater on Tap." This is another method we are using to help improve communications with you about City activities and services.

We have accomplished a lot this year. The multi-year Capitol Boulevard planning project is reaching a conclusion. This plan provides a framework for revitalizing this corridor, our City's main street. Plans are also underway to address the congestion at the Troser Road intersection.

We made great strides to keep the promises we made in the 2011 public safety proposition with the purchase of a new fire truck, hiring of firefighters and police officers and construction of an expanded police station at City Hall.

And we continue to work hard to facilitate redevelopment of the former brewery: The covenant restricting brewing of alcohol on the property has been lifted; an agreement has been reached with LOTT on future sewer service for the brewery properties; and, we have engaged the businesses and neighbors in the area around the brewery to develop a plan for addressing traffic congestion and future land use in the area. Final plans are shaping up for City Council review in early 2014.

As the year comes to an end, our City budget is balanced and revenues appear stable.

I encourage you to find time this season to enjoy the beauty and abundance of our community. I am very grateful to live in Tumwater and proud to serve as your Mayor.

Promises made, promises kept

In August 2011, the voters of Tumwater approved Proposition 1, a property tax levy lid lift to improve public safety services. Funding for the initiative started in January 2012. The additional annual investment in public safety services in 2012 was \$1.44 million. With Proposition 1, City leaders made a promise to improve public safety and report progress to the community for 1) personnel, 2) facility improvements, and 3) equipment. Regular progress reports are published on the City website at www.ci.tumwater.wa.us.

1) Additional personnel

Eleven new police and fire personnel add capacity to public safety services

The goal of hiring additional personnel through the public safety levy lid lift has been met and exceeded—eleven have already been hired. The levy provided funding for six new public safety employees (three police officers, including one school resource officer, and three firefighters). To date, three firefighters and two police officers were hired and one detective was reassigned to the school resource officer position.

Four additional fire personnel were hired through funding from service changes—one paramedic (due to Medic One contract changes for south Thurston County) and three firefighters (from the west side annexation).

A federal SAFER grant also fully funded two additional firefighters for two years (2013-2014).

The increased staffing has allowed Tumwater's North End Fire Station to re-open on a part-time basis. The station has been staffed nearly half-time since the beginning of 2013, exceeding expectations in the planned levy.

The police department will continue screening until the final officer is hired.

2) Facility improvements

Police department expansion and renovation moving forward

The Police Department expansion and renovation project broke ground in February 2013. Phase 1 expanded the police facility at City Hall by 5,000 sq ft. Phase 2, currently underway, is renovation of the current 5,100 sq ft space.

Several enhancements were made to City Hall as part of this project that were not funded by levy dollars. These include, replacement of the roof on City Hall and HVAC upgrades. These additional features were funded primarily through building reserves in the General Fund. Display of the historic brewery kettle is funded by hotel/motel tax revenues. The project should be complete in 2014.

Tumwater Firefighters Igor Bulanov and Patrick Kelley provide first aid to a mannequin during a DECON (decontamination after exposure to hazardous chemical) training drill.



3) Equipment upgrades

New engine delivered and 25-year replacement program underway

A new fire engine arrived at Tumwater Fire Department Headquarters in December 2012. The engine is the first installment in the 25-year replacement schedule and maintenance program funded by the levy.



Tumwater Police Metro Traffic Officer Jake Yancey provides traffic control for Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School students on International Walk to School Day, October 9, 2013.

Taking pride in our community

Keeping Tumwater beautiful

We all know that the actions of our neighbors can have both positive and negative impacts to our way of life and our own property values. Sometimes, neighbors are not able to have a friendly conversation to resolve whatever the problem may be—junk cars, overgrown grass, refuse, or discarded appliances. When citizens have problems and call the City, staff rely on the nuisance code of the Tumwater Municipal Code.

The last major rewrite of the nuisance code in Tumwater was completed in 1972. In using that law to enforce various nuisance complaints, it became obvious that an update was needed. On October 15th, the City Council adopted a new nuisance code that better defines what a nuisance is, and makes it easier for City staff to work with the violator to solve the problem. It is much clearer now what a junk vehicle is and how long it can be stored on site, how tall grass can be, and how much yard debris can be stored before it must be disposed of.

The Tumwater Community Development Department is primarily responsible for nuisance code enforcement. The staff work with property owners to resolve any issues in a friendly manner for the benefit of the community.

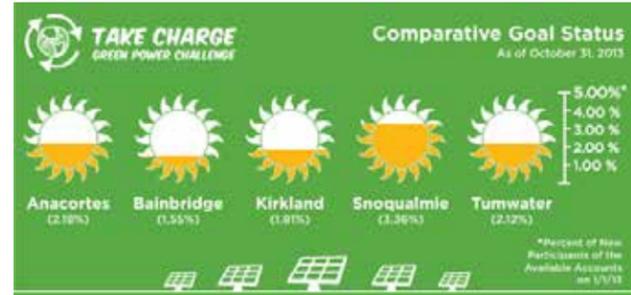
If you have a complaint or have questions, please contact Tumwater Community Development at (360) 754-4180.



Help Tumwater earn another \$20,000 Solar Grant!

Congratulations Tumwater! We earned a \$20,000 solar grant when over 100 new Tumwater participants enrolled in Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Green Power program.

The City is competing with four others in the Puget Sound region—Anacortes, Bainbridge Island, Kirkland, and Snoqualmie—to see who can get the most people to sign up by the end of the year. The city with the highest percentage of new enrollments wins another \$20,000 to add to their solar demonstration project. Right now, we're in third place!



Businesses and residents in Tumwater can help.

It's easy to sign up for the voluntary Green Power program, and once you do, you're supporting clean energy from renewable sources. Contribute a minimum of \$4 per month to the program and PSE buys clean energy on your behalf from local producers. All revenue from the program goes back into the community, which is an even better reason to enroll. **Call PSE at 1-800-562-1482 or visit PSE.com/GPChallenge to enroll before December 31.**



Soldiers adorn the streets of Tumwater

The inaugural Thunder Rumble 5K to benefit the soldiers and families of the 17th Fires Brigade (Tumwater's Community Connector through Joint Base Lewis-McChord) was held in Tumwater on August 17, 2013. Over 250 soldiers marched down 78th Avenue after running the 5K in formation, while singing cadences and inspiring participants.

How does the City pay for things?

The City has about twenty funds it uses to finance all services, but most of the programs citizens associate with government come from the **General Fund**. It supports police, fire, emergency medical, planning, streets, court, parks, finance, and permitting. Most of the services in the General Fund are considered to be a **general public benefit**, meaning they are available to everyone when they need the service, such as firefighters coming to your home or you driving on a street. As a result, most of the General Fund is funded with taxes.

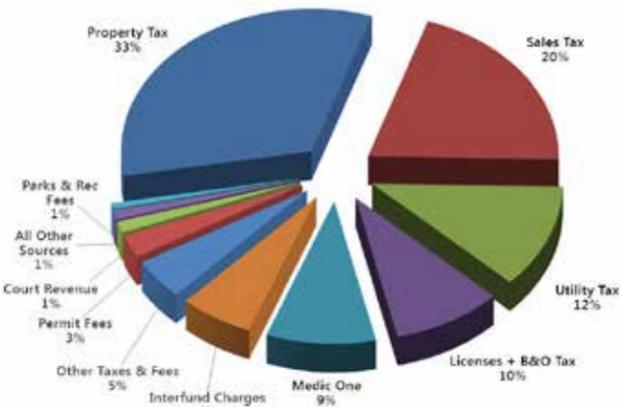
About 33% of the General Fund comes from property tax and 20% from sales tax. Utility tax and B & O (Business & Occupation) tax make up another 22%. The County-wide Medic One Program provides 9% to fund the paramedic program in the Fire Department. Charges to the other funds for services, court fees, and user and permit fees are about 17%. Those fees are the part of the budget that can fluctuate with demand. The more people in recreation classes, the more revenue.

The past five years, during the "great recession," have impacted all City revenues, but probably the biggest hit was to property tax and sales tax. The decline in valuation across the community reduced the amount of property tax growth. The decline in sales of major taxable items, like televisions and furniture, reduced the sales tax. The sales tax that is paid as a part of construction impacted the City the most.

Although the economy is recovering slowly, it is still taking a while for the City's general revenues to recover. The

2013-2014 General Fund Revenues

Total \$40,081,000



City is starting the second year of its 2013-2014 biennial budget. While some revenues are down, others are on track or a little up. Expenditures have also been down in many areas. As a result, very few changes are planned for the budget at mid-year.

In spring of next year, the City Council, Mayor and staff will begin the development of the next biennial budget by looking at long-term financial forecasts, needs that have been expressed by department directors and the public, and the input that comes from the City's many plans. Watch your Tumwater on Tap for information on the City budget.

Dispose of FOG in the trash

When preparing your holiday meals, please remember not to pour **fats, oils and grease (FOG)** down the drain. FOG coagulates in pipes. Even if you run hot water and detergent down the drain, FOG will harden in pipes when it cools and can cause clogs and backups in your household plumbing, sewer pipes and home septic systems.

When cooking, scrape FOG into a can.

Cover the can and store in the freezer to cut down on kitchen odors. When the can is full, throw it in the trash. Larger quantities of household cooking oil, such as that used for frying a turkey, can be taken to Hazo House for free disposal. Find the Hazo House at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Road NE, Lacey, WA.

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



Things to do



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 4-6 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. Held on select Friday nights throughout the school year.



Don't miss great seasonal golf rates

Winter is approaching, which means it's a great time to play golf at Tumwater Valley Golf Course. **Play 18 holes for only \$10 weekdays or \$15 on the weekends.** Carts are \$11/person. These great Fall/Winter rates are good through February 28, 2014.

Holiday special

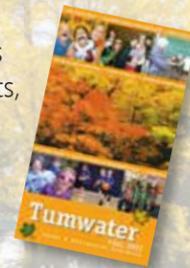
The golf course is **Open Thanksgiving Day** and weekday rates apply on the holiday (\$10). Tee off between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to be entered into a drawing for a free driver!

2014 Tournament Packets available

Tumwater Valley Golf Course is a fantastic facility to host a golf tournament of any size, featuring a challenging 18-hole golf course with top-rated practice facilities. Partnering with the River's Edge Restaurant, we offer our guests a complete, quality, and memorable experience. Call Tumwater Valley Golf Course today to request our 2014 Tournament Packet at (360) 943-9500.

Online now!

Check out the Tumwater Parks & Recreation brochure for sports, programs and classes. Register at (360) 754-4160. The 2013/2014 Winter-Spring catalog is coming soon!



Giving during the holidays

The **Holiday Assistance Program** provides gifts to needy families in Tumwater. The program began over 20 years ago by City staff as a community service project. Now, the Tumwater Lions Club operates the program in cooperation with the City and Tumwater School District. Qualified children in the Tumwater School District can be gifted with **toys, shoes, coats and/or food** for the holidays. For information about adopting a family, making a cash donation or to volunteer, visit www.tumwaterlions.org. If you wish to make a gift donation (new items only please), pick up a child's gift request tag at Tumwater City Hall.

The Holiday Assistance Program is one of many great programs available in the community to help families around the holidays and throughout the year. Email TumwaterHoliday@comcast.net or call (360) 786-6979 for more information.



- Answers: How well do you know Tumwater history?
1. Simmons
 2. Jack Davis
 3. Bush
 4. Waterfall
 5. Factoris
 6. Crosby House
 7. Union
 8. Oregon Trail

Winter is on the way

We're prepared, are you?

The Tumwater Public Works Operations and Maintenance Division provides snow and ice response (roadway clearing and treatment) during winter storm conditions. Snow and ice response activities are based on best management practices and service requests on a graduated, prioritized system to meet Tumwater's mobility needs.

Each year, Tumwater staff meet with Thurston County, neighboring cities, state agencies and service providers such as Intercity Transit to coordinate snow and ice response strategies. They strategize to create a consistent road clearing plan to facilitate transportation throughout the community.

The City has equipment and materials standing by to combat icy road conditions—three trucks with sanders and plows and 1,000 gallons of deicer, 40 tons of salt and 5,000 gallons of brine.



Tumwater roads are divided into three categories for response purposes:

- 1) **Lifeline roadways** are plowed and treated first. These routes are kept clear to accommodate emergency vehicles and primary transportation routes that connect major arterials with other roads in the community.
- 2) After the lifeline roadways are passable, crews move on to **priority roadways**. These roads include most streets that connect neighborhoods to the lifeline roads in the transportation system. A list of these roads and a map of priority routes are available on the City website.
- 3) **Neighborhood streets** are only plowed when lifeline and priority roads are cleared. The City does not plow **private streets** or **driveways**.

To view a map of lifeline and priority roads, visit the City website. For questions, call (360) 754-4150.



You can help!

Keep storm drains clear in your neighborhood. If you see leaves, debris, snow or ice clogging storm drains, please rake or clear them to prevent flooding.

Tumwater Lifeline roadways are cleared by three maintenance trucks, each following a separate route.

Route 1) North of Trosper Rd / West of Capitol Boulevard

- Linwood Avenue (from Capitol Boulevard to 7th Ave)
- 7th and Barnes Boulevard
- Crosby Boulevard, from Barnes to Hwy 101
- 2nd Avenue, from Desoto Street to Trosper Road
- Custer Way
- Black Lake Boulevard, from 49th to 66th Ave SW

Route 2) East of Capitol Boulevard

- Capitol Boulevard
- Cleveland Avenue
- Henderson Boulevard
- Yelm Highway
- Tumwater Boulevard

Route 3) South of Trosper Rd / West of Capitol Boulevard / Old Hwy 99

- Israel Road
- Tumwater Boulevard
- Linderson Way, between Tumwater Boulevard and Israel Road
- Old Highway 99
- Littlerock Road
- 70th Avenue, Kirsop Road, 66th Avenue, Black Lake Belmore Road
- 49th Avenue, Trosper Road
- 54th Avenue, Trosper Road

A list of **priority roadways** and a **map** including both lifeline and priority roadways are available on the City website at www.ci.tumwater.wa.us.

Redeveloping the former brewery

Brewery Progress Report Actions include:

- ✓ Agreement with LOTT to distribute sewer utility capacity and reduce cost for future owners.
- ✓ Engaged in a brewery district subarea planning project. The goals of the project are to find transportation options and create better access to and around the vicinity, and improve land use and urban design to enhance the business climate.
- ✓ Awarded State grants to help identify possible environmental cleanup and to conduct a feasibility study for the future "E" Street extension.
- ✓ Established interim zoning standards, consistent with community vision.
- ✓ Successfully advocated for brewing covenant removal.
- ✓ Actively working to explore and build public/private partnerships.

From vision to action—Brewery Progress Report

The former brewery sits in the heart of Tumwater. Previously the community's number one employer and a regional tourism stop, the mega brewery closed its doors in 2003. Following a series of ownership changes and challenges, the community engaged in a collaborative planning project to address public concerns about redevelopment.

The resulting vision from that project reflected an active, vibrant City center for the former brewery properties. Based on this vision, the City Council adopted an action plan to stimulate revitalization efforts of this community asset.

Although redevelopment efforts will ultimately depend on private investment, the City has taken a very active partnership role in setting the foundation and parameters for redevelopment to protect public interest.

Make a 72-hour emergency kit

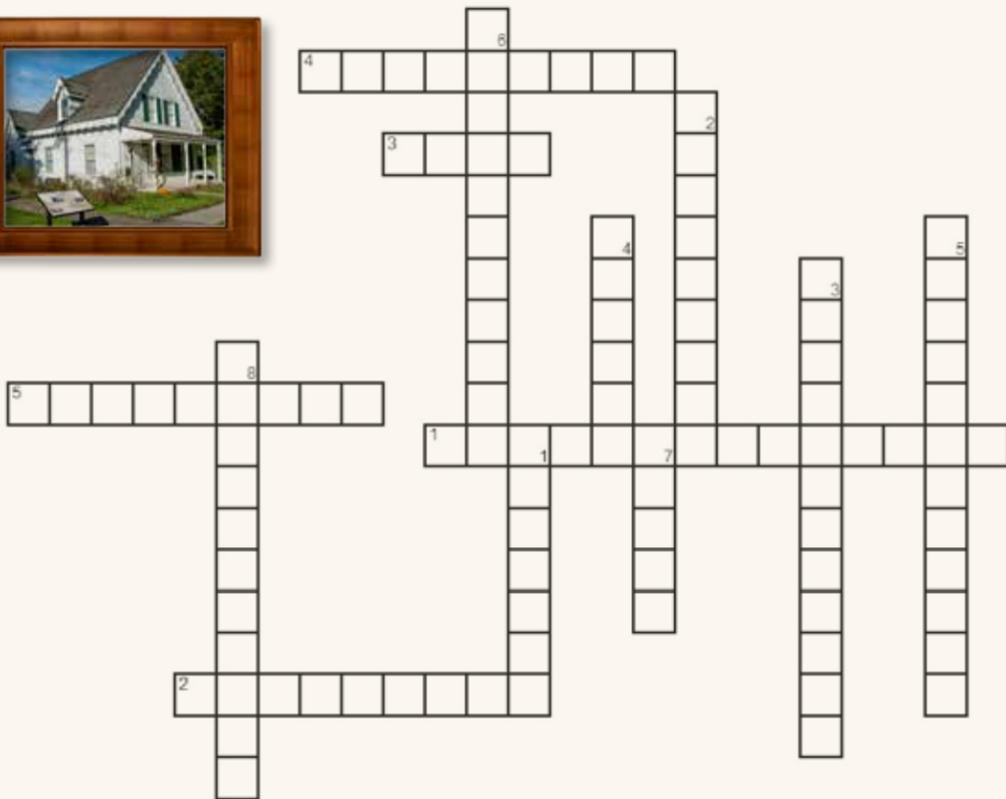
The National Weather Service recommends that the following supplies be available for winter storm situations:

- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information. These may be your only links to the outside world.
- Extra food and water. Have high energy food, such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.
- Extra medicine and baby items.
- First-aid supplies.
- Heating fuel. Refuel before you are empty. Fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a winter storm.
- Emergency heat source: fireplace, wood stove, space heater. (Be sure to use each heating item properly to prevent a fire, and make sure there is proper ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.)
- Fire extinguisher, smoke alarm. Test smoke alarms once a month to ensure they work properly.
- Make sure pets have plenty of food, medication, water and shelter too.



How well do you know Tumwater history?

Test your knowledge with this crossword puzzle. Find the answers on page 2.



ACROSS

1. Tumwater's early growth and development were greatly influenced by the close proximity to the power generating falls of the _____, the nearby salt-water access for transportation and the abundance of timber in the area.
2. The 400 year old _____ Oak was named after the environmentalist that saved the tree when Old Highway 99 was being upgraded.
3. George and Isabella _____ were members of the 1845 settlement party.
4. By 1863, our City was known as "Tumwater," the Chinook jargon word for _____.
5. During the 1860s-70s many small _____ grew up along the river banks in Tumwater, including a tannery, lumber and flour mills, a prune drying company and a blacksmith shop.

DOWN

1. Michael T. _____, led the first group of permanent American settlers to Tumwater falls in 1845.
2. Tumwater was first named _____ when founded in 1845.
3. On November 25, 1869, Tumwater was officially _____ as a fourth class town.
4. Coastal _____ Indian groups gathered shellfish and frequented the inlets and prairies of Puget Sound for centuries before Euro-American exploration and settlement.
5. In 2006, the community celebrated the 100th birthday of this historic building.
6. Daughters of the Pioneers operate the _____ museum.
7. The _____ Pioneer Calvary Cemetery is associated with the earliest period of Tumwater history. Some of the first permanent American settlers on Puget Sound are interred here.
8. The American settlers, who crossed the _____ in 1844, overwintered at Fort Vancouver and probably heard of the Tumwater falls from the Hudson's Bay Company.

Tis the season

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013

2:00PM - 5:00PM

* Holiday Crafts • Visit from Santa • Refreshments and more
TUMWATER CITY HALL & FIRE STATION

555 Israel Rd SW, Tumwater, WA

2:00PM	Festival Begins Old Town Center Senior Choir
2:30PM	Olympia Sweet Adelines
3:00PM	Black Hills High School - Chamber Choir
3:30PM	Tumwater High School - Noteables East Olympia Elementary 6th Grade Choir Littlerock Elementary 6th Grade Choir Tumwater Hill Elementary 4th-6th Grade Choir Peter G. Schmidt Elementary Choir
4:00PM	
5:00PM	Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival

Sponsored by the City of Tumwater and the Tumwater Downtown Association.

Winter preparedness tips

Winter weather in the South Sound can be very unpredictable. Some years are more challenging than others, with record snowfall, windstorms, and flooding of historic proportions. Other years, we find ourselves amidst a typical rainy, Northwest winter. You can do your part to prepare for winter weather.

Make a 72-hour emergency kit for your home. Keep a kit in your car too. Look inside this newsletter for a list of what to include in your kit.

During and after a storm:

- Stay home if driving is unsafe. You can find a list of lifeline and priority routes through Tumwater on the City website.
- Keep storm drains clear in your neighborhood to prevent flooding.
- Plan for a SAFE backup heat source. Do not use outdoor cooking devices indoors.
- Check on your neighbors.
- To report electrical outages, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773.

Find more at www.TakeWinterByStorm.org

Open and learn more about your City in this first printed edition of Tumwater on Tap.



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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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If you are a property manager, please pass this on to your Tumwater tenant. Thank you!



Where can you find Santa in Tumwater?

On the Santa Fire Truck, of course. This holiday tradition returns to Tumwater, December 7–21, 2013. Santa and the elves will make their annual trip through Tumwater neighborhoods on an antique fire truck, sharing carols and candy. They'll also be collecting non-perishable food items and accepting donations of food and money for the Thurston County Food Bank.

Santa's schedule is subject to change (depending on the weather). Start times and neighborhoods are listed below.

- Saturday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m., Tumwater Hill
- Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m., Trails End-Henderson-Lake Susan-The Farm
- Monday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., Elm Street-East Dennis Street
- Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m., Trospen Road-Eagles Landing-Louise Street-Fiesta Court-Allenmore
- Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m., Glenwood Park-Gold Creek
- Thursday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m., Bonniewood-Thunderbird Villa-West X
- Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m., Sunrise Villa
- **Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Walmart Parking Lot, Tree Lighting at Tumwater City Hall, 5:00 p.m., Tumwater High area, 6:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m., Linwood-Lake Park Drive-Barnes Lake-Sapp Road-Simmons Mill
- Monday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m., Montair (6:15 p.m.)-Breckenridge Heights (6:45 p.m.)-Firlands-Mottman
- Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m., Somerset Hill-Westridge
- Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m., Hoadly Loop-Cathy Court-Lorne Street-South Street-Armstrong-Middle-Primrose-Delta
- Thursday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m., Alpine Villa-West Lee-Palermo Valley
- Friday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m., Varies
- Saturday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m., Varies



To volunteer to be Santa's helper, contact the Tumwater Fire Department at (360) 754-4170.

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General Information.....	360-754-5855
Mayor/City Administrator's Office	360-754-4120
Utility Billing questions	360-754-4133
Building Permits	360-754-4180
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
Thurston County Courthouse.....	360-786-5450
Emergency Services	9-1-1

