



City of Tumwater Tumwater on Tap

city newsletter

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Welcome to Tumwater!

On January 1, 2016, the City of Tumwater will experience a growth spurt—our population will increase from 19,100 to more than 22,000. And we'll grow from about 14.5 square miles to just over 17 square miles. This is all due to annexation of an area east of the City limits, in Tumwater's Urban Growth Area (UGA). This includes neighborhoods of Bush Prairie, Deschutes Ridge, Bridlewood, and Deschutes Highlands.

The exact population change will be measured by a census conducted in the newly annexed area as required by State law. Those affected by this annexation will receive information in the mail outlining service transitions in the coming weeks.

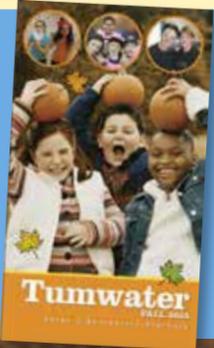
Questions about the annexation or City services? Call (360) 754-5855

Online now!

Check out the Tumwater Parks & Recreation brochure for sports, programs, and classes.

Register online or call (360) 754-4160 for assistance.

Winter/Spring 2016 coming soon!



Message from the Mayor

Hi everyone! I hope you had a great summer and fall. As you will learn in this printed version of our City's monthly e-newsletter, Tumwater on Tap, the City has been very busy this year. In particular, we've continued to move ahead on several fronts to facilitate redevelopment of the former brewery properties. We have worked aggressively to convene partners to create a use targeted at growing a new craft brewing, distilling and cider education center in Tumwater. This is intended to create jobs, grow local agriculture (grains, hops, etc.), provide a center for industry research, and to educate and train a workforce for this quickly emerging industry. Along with this, we are working to add public amenities like a trail along the river and enhancements to the street and sidewalk network to increase the attractiveness of these properties. We are also looking at ways to capture the unique history of the region through preservation of the iconic Old Brewhouse. While the sale of the remaining brewery properties faltered in late October, we are optimistic that we will see some positive things happen at this site, although it is now clear we will need to have patience and persistence as we continue to push forward.



Mayor Kmet toured John I. Haas Hops farm and processing center in Yakima, WA this September. Finding connections to agriculture is critical to the success of the brewery redevelopment project. Look inside to learn about innovative partnerships to help catalyze these efforts.

I also want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. Your vote last April to support street and sidewalk maintenance improvements, and participation in our monthly volunteer activities—Tumwater Youth Programs, Tumwater University, Police Citizen's Academy, and various City planning efforts and many more—continue to remind me what a great community we live in. On behalf of the City Council and all City staff, thank you. Working together, we can do great things!

Pete Kmet, Mayor

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Police Citizen's Academy

Tumwater University's first Police Citizen's Academy gained rave reviews from students and instructors. Held in October 2015, registration was off the charts—with twice as many students on the waiting list as seats available. Fifteen citizens received diplomas on October 26 for completing the Police Citizen's Academy.



The Academy was a win-win for officers and participants. All courses were designed and taught by Police instructors. The academy gave students an intimate look at the human side of police work. Participants were able to see officers as real people, to share the peaks and lows of the job, and talk about the challenges the community faces. The students came away with a much better understanding of how the criminal justice system works, how complicated cases can be, and how many nuances there are to policing. Plus, in true Tumwater University style, the whole experience was fun for students and instructors.



Due to the high interest expressed, the Police Department is considering options for another Academy and they have plans to begin a volunteer program in 2016. The City will again host Tumwater University, a college-themed community education and engagement program early next year, which will include classes offered by the Police Department. Visit www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/tumwater-university.



Streets – Spot repairs are just the beginning

The City has recently completed some much needed spot repair and paving on a few major arterial streets—including sections of Custer Way and Capitol Boulevard. Due to the severely deteriorated condition of these areas, the nature of the streets as major transportation corridors, and the high traffic volumes, repairs were essential to maintain them through the upcoming winter.

The recent work was funded through the City's limited pavement maintenance budget. The City does have a much more widespread maintenance need than the repairs that were completed, but until now, we have not been able to fully fund those repairs.

With the creation of the Tumwater Transportation Benefit District and the support of the community in the passage of the 0.2% sales tax increase (April 2015), the overall condition of the City's street system will be improved. Thanks to the voter-approved funding (implemented October 1, 2015), many more street maintenance projects can be completed in the near future.



A few new traffic calming and pedestrian safety projects have been tested in the City too. Flags were provided on Israel Road to improve pedestrian safety while crossing near the Tumwater Library. Several permanent traffic calming devices (speed cushions, medians, and digital speed signs) were installed on Irving Street this fall, after a number of temporary devices were tested and ruled out for the location. These projects provide opportunities to test the short-term and long-term impacts on safety.



Tumwater Police K-9 Update

Tumwater is still looking for a new Police K-9 to join the department. A dog arrived in October, but failed to demonstrate a level of skill that gave the department confidence to continue the investment in his training. The dog will find a new home in another element of public safety. And the department will continue to search for a new K-9 to join Tumwater's team.

For the time being, K-9 Otis, Tumwater's first police dog, who has delivered nearly ten years of extraordinary service, will continue for a few more months.



Collaborative Fire Training

Low frequency but often dangerous situations require trained fire personnel. The City of Tumwater contracts with Olympia's Mark Noble Regional Training Center (MNRTC) to keep Fire Department personnel ready for action. MNRTC is a first class facility, located just off I-5 in Olympia and includes a command training center featuring electronics and state-of-the-art technology for real time fire training. The center also includes a five-story burn tower for repel training. Managed by Olympia Fire and Lacey Fire District #3, MNRTC is another example of a great partnership that maximizes resources to keep our community safe.

The Santa Mobile is coming December 5-20

Every December, the Tumwater Fire Department operates a Santa Mobile for children in the area. Santa drives an antique, open cab, fire engine down the streets of Tumwater. Along with a crew of volunteer elves,



Santa visits almost every street – weather permitting – in the City to bring some holiday cheer to families. Santa and the elves pass out candy canes, all purchased and donated by Tumwater Fire Local 2409, to children while playing an array of holiday melodies from inside the fire engine. They also collect donations of food and money which are all delivered to the Thurston County Food Bank.

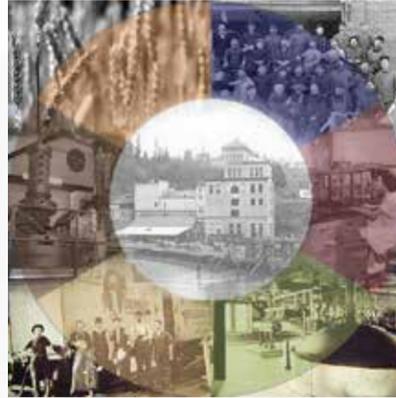
Call (360) 754-4170 to find out when Santa will be in your neighborhood or visit www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/santamobile to find the schedule.

Brewery redevelopment actions:

- ✓ Created special Brewery District plans, zoning, and design guidelines to prepare the neighborhood for future brewery activity.
- ✓ Completed Markey Study to determine demand for regional use.
- ✓ Analyzed public investment opportunities and cost in Tumwater Historic Brewery Site Study.
- ✓ Completed Craft Brewing and Distilling Center Feasibility Study.
- ✓ Issued Planned Action Environmental Impact Statement to outline historic site impacts and environmental mitigations of development.
- ✓ Engaged in early design for E Street Extension with grant funding.
- ✓ Designated Craft Brewing & Distilling Innovation Partnership Zone. This partnership includes Thurston Economic Development Council and the Center for Business Innovation, South Puget Sound Community College, the City of Tumwater, School of Food Science at Washington State University/University of Idaho, and a platform of local brewers, cider makers, and distillers, with support from Olympia, Lacey, and the Port of Olympia.

What's happening at the Brewery?

Creating a purpose and use for the brewery site that fits with the historic brand to incentivize redevelopment has been the focus of the City and a team of partners. The Craft Brewing and Distilling Center would be a "Center of Excellence" for the rapidly growing brewing and distilling industries in Washington. There were 256 craft breweries in Washington; an industry that has grown by 17.6% in 2014 and represents a \$19.6 billion economic impact, according to the Brewers Association. Craft distilleries, which have only been allowed since 2008, now number over 89 with applications pending for a dozen more.



This concept has gained broad support and recognition since the feasibility study was released in June 2015. Last month, the Washington State Department of Commerce recognized the unique collaboration and partnership to advance craft brewing, distilling, and cider making in the region by designating Thurston County as the "Craft Brewing and Distilling Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ)."

Although brewery redevelopment efforts will ultimately depend on private investment, the City continues to work with the owners of the historic property to preserve the Old Brewhouse and restore the site to its best use. The City has taken an active partnership role in setting the foundation and parameters for redevelopment to protect public interests.

To learn more, go to www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/brewery.



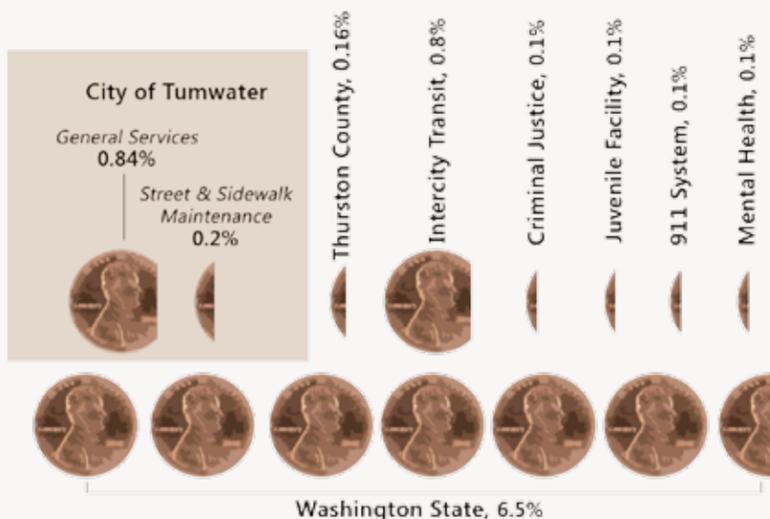
The Center of Excellence would have a regional focus to facilitate craft brewing and distilling activities, extend industry research, education, and workforce training. It would serve as an incubator for small brewers and distillers and provide public amenities such as a museum, river walk, trail connections, and preservation of the iconic Old Brewhouse.

How is sales tax distributed?

Sales tax is one of the City's main sources of revenue for general services. The City of Tumwater receives just under one penny (0.84 cents) for every dollar spent in Tumwater to provide these services. Plus, voters approved an additional 0.2% (or 0.2 cents) in April 2015, for street and sidewalk maintenance projects in the City. Tumwater's sales tax rate became 8.9% on October 1, 2015.

Sales tax revenues are distributed across nine different categories. The State of Washington receives 6.5%, and the remaining 2.4% is distributed among seven categories, by rate:

Tumwater Sales Tax Breakdown - 8.9%



An overlooked planning tool

The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) helps shape the quality of life in our community. The plan provides a six-year roadmap for funding projects that reflect community priorities. The CFP makes the rest of the City's major plans come to life by requiring that projects have a plan for full financing. The CFP provides a reality check for the vision of the City's other long-range plans which are elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Planning for capital facilities is a complex task, but planning is only the beginning. Finding resources to pay for those needs is another critical step. The CFP is a planning document; it is not a budget expenditure. The CFP includes proposed projects, funding sources, and general timelines to help guide the City in prioritizing use of limited resources for capital improvements to achieve strategic goals.



Several key improvements included in the 2016-2021 CFP include:

- Trails planning and construction - Deschutes Valley Trail, Historical Park, and Tumwater Hill
- Park enhancements - Overlook Park and Trails End Park
- Fire station and other building renovations
- LED Streetlight replacement (remaining 20%)
- Public Works Operations relocation
- Wayfinding signs
- Gopher mitigation
- Kirsop Road grade modification
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Tumwater Valley Regional Stormwater Facility

To learn more, visit the City website.

Strengthening Neighborhoods

Working toward a common goal can strengthen neighborhoods. The Tumwater City Council recognized the importance of having strong bonds – robust neighborhoods add to the quality of life, improve public safety, and are resilient in the face of disaster. The City Council’s strategic priority to “Build a Community Recognized for Quality” was the catalyst for the City’s Community Matching Fund, developed in 2015. The fund provides grants to support neighborhood-based events and projects that build connections between neighbors.

Consider building connections in your neighborhood and apply for a Neighborhood Grant in the upcoming year. Call (360) 252-5424 or find more information at www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/neighborhoodgrants

2015 Neighborhood Project Grant Recipients

- Carlyon North Neighborhood Association—Neighborhood Walking Path
- Foster Place Homeowners Association—Painting House Numbers on Street Curbs
- Indian Creek Condo Homeowners Association—Sidewalk Extension
- Irving Street Spur Neighbors—Private Street Repair
- Silver Ridge Homeowners Association—Neighborhood Landscaping Project



2015 Neighborhood Event Grant Recipients

- Carlyon North Neighborhood Association—Neighborhood Block Party
- Laurelhurst, Boston, and Cherry Street Neighbors—Neighborhood Block Party
- Simmons Mill Court Community—Community Picnic

This year, seven Tumwater neighborhoods received grants through the Community Matching Fund. All projects and events 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.



Volunteer in your community

Volunteering is a great way to help the community, but it is also the perfect opportunity to share fun and fulfilling experiences with friends and neighbors and meet some new people too. Planting trees and removing weeds or other short-term projects during monthly events through the Volunteer Tumwater program, adopting a road to help clean City streets, or serving on an advisory board are all ways to get involved with the City of Tumwater. We can customize volunteer projects for groups too. Find out how you can connect with your community at www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/volunteer.

Reminder – Fats, oils, and grease belong 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. This 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 (like for deep-frying a turkey), can be taken to Hazo House for free disposal. Find Hazo House at 2418 Hogum Bay Road NE, Lacey, WA. Pick up your FREE FOG kit from the Public Works Department at Tumwater City Hall.



Tumwater Youth Program

On select Friday nights throughout the school year, 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.



Giving during the holidays

The Holiday Assistance Program provides gifts to needy families in Tumwater. Qualified children in the School District can be gifted with toys, shoes, coats, and food for the holidays. The program began over 20 years ago by City staff as a community service project. Now, the Tumwater Lions Club operates it, in partnership with the Tumwater School District and the City.

Gift request tags will be available at Tumwater City Hall beginning November 25 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. Questions? Email TumwaterHoliday@comcast.net or call (360) 786-6979.



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What is Your Vision for Tumwater?

Tumwater last completed a major update to its 20-year plan over ten years ago. In response to City policies and the State’s requirements for periodic review (RCW 36.70A), it’s time to revisit this long range plan again to ensure it reflects the community’s vision.

How do I weigh in?

Tumwater 2040 will establish cross-cutting goals and community indicators based on public input collected throughout the update process. This will help us to ensure accountability and effectiveness of the Plan. An initial community survey was conducted in Spring 2015 and helped to get started. Over the next few months,

we will be conducting additional community outreach and hosting a series of “Coffee Talks” with neighborhood groups, clubs, organizations and others interested in weighing in. To schedule one of these meetings or get additional information, please contact Planning Manager Paula Reeves at PREeves@ci.tumwater.wa.us or (360) 754-4212.

Take part now in shaping Tumwater’s future.

Provide your feedback through this simple input card. Just detach, complete it, and drop it in the mail or fill it out on line at: www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/Tumwater2040

My vision for Tumwater is...

My vision for my neighborhood is...

If I could change three things, I would...

Mail or drop off: Tumwater City Hall, 555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

Check box to register for City e-newsletters.

Email: _____

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 12

2:00 – 5:00pm
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.



Stay Connected and get regular updates from the City on topics that matter to you.

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

- ✓ 1. Visit www.ci.tumwater.wa.us
- ✓ 2. Choose **Stay Connected**
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 - **City Hall General Alerts** – get weekly City Council meeting agendas, public hearing notices, news releases, Stream Team newsletters, 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.

- **TumwaterValleyGolfCourse**—learn about special deals and promotions to get you out on the green.
- **Parks & Recreation** – events, programs, notices and field closures, and more.
- **Volunteer News & Events** – learn about community engagement programs and volunteer projects.
- **Annexations** – notices, information, and updates about current and proposed annexations in Tumwater urban growth areas.



www.facebook.com/cityoftumwater
Find City events, programs and updates.

Online Services

You can pay your utility bill online, register for Parks & Recreation classes, apply for a building permit, schedule an inspection, apply for a job, find city records, and report a problem too.

Visit the City website today!



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



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

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Our Beliefs

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

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 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.



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- Utility Billing questions..... 360-754-4133
- 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
- Thurston County Courthouse 360-786-5450
- Emergency Services 9-1-1

Are you ready for winter weather?

Winter is right around the corner. And City crews are ready to respond to snow and ice. The City has a plan that prioritizes key streets for snow removal and deicing. Every year, we meet with other cities and agencies to coordinate the Snow & Ice Plan to provide the best response for the community.

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.

Questions? Call (360) 754-4150. To view a map of lifeline and priority roads, visit the City website at www.ci.tumwater.wa.us/snow-ice.

Did you know?

Tumwater has 19 "Lifeline" roadways. Lifeline Roadways are plowed and treated first during snow and ice events. These routes are kept clear to accommodate emergency vehicles and primary transportation routes that connect major arterials with other roads in the community.

