

# YOUR CITY



MARCH/APRIL 2016

## Mayor's Message



Denny Doyle

In January, I presented the 2016 Beaverton State of the City address. More than 300 community and business leaders attended the event, held at the Arts & Communications Magnet Academy.

After an introduction by Forest Grove Mayor Peter Truax, I spoke on the theme "Now is the Time for Beaverton," and outlined my 2016 priorities for the city.

These priorities are:

**Continuing to grow the local economy.** The city has strong partnerships with groups including the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Technology Business Center.

**Expanding public involvement.** Through its nationally-award-winning public involvement programs, the city continues to strive for inclusiveness and local volunteerism.

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Projects in Beaverton, such as the newly-opened Barcelona (center and left inset) and soon to be constructed Bridge Meadows (right), are innovative solutions to some of the region's affordable housing and homelessness issues.

## City Addresses Affordable Housing and Homelessness

As Alan Trunnell from the city's Community Development Department was leaving work, he saw an older woman and middle-aged man with a lot of luggage at the MAX platform at The Round. He thought, "That's smart. They're taking MAX to the airport." When he arrived the next morning, he saw them again and stopped to talk, learning they were a newly homeless mother and son. He and other staff who noted the situation immediately reached out to offer help.

Their story is similar to many other families in our region. The scarcity of affordable housing is a real concern. While cities and counties try to provide incentives to encourage more affordable housing, our most vulnerable residents continue to be impacted. According to the State of Oregon Employment Department, 16 percent of our Beaverton population is living in poverty and 50 percent of renters devote more than 30 percent of their income toward housing. Seniors are often forced to live beyond their means and may lose their housing if confronted with a rent increase or health crisis.

According to Metro, Beaverton has 660 units of income regulated housing. However, the city needs more. Projects like the 47-unit Barcelona, developed through Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH), is a step in the right direction. The 41-unit Bridge Meadows is another unique, nationally-recognized model providing intergenerational affordable housing for seniors and families who

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## Mayor's Message (cont.)

**Laying a strong foundation for the future.** The need for a public safety center will continue to be a priority in 2016, as well as supporting housing and homeless initiatives through the leadership of the Beaverton City Council.

You can view photos or video of the event, or read my complete State of the City address, at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SOTC](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SOTC).



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### THE CITY'S MISSION

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## Affordable Housing (continued from page 1)

adopt foster children. Sunset View Apartments is another cutting edge approach to affordable housing developed by a for-profit without traditional federal funding.

Beaverton is working on the issue and has strategies to attract new affordable housing development. Some of the ways the city is addressing the issue include:

- Partnering with nonprofit affordable housing providers.
- Providing tax exemptions for nonprofits that build and maintain affordable housing.
- Contributing land to developers to build affordable housing.
- Waiving development review and building permit fees.
- Allocating funding for off-site improvements in low-income neighborhoods.
- Allocating HUD block grant funding to affordable housing projects, including homeownership and single family rehab, and to support youth and family shelters.
- Funding support to Community Housing Fund (nonprofit that provides loans for affordable housing).
- Using HUD block grant funding to supporting services that help keep people in their current housing.
- Providing financial support to social service agencies through a competitive grant process.

So what happened to the mother and son? With the help of city staff and partner agencies, the family is off the street. The son got a full time job to supplement his mom's disability check. While they are grateful to be off the streets, they have not been able to find an affordable apartment. It's an example of just how difficult it is to get back on your feet after being homeless—and underscores the importance of keeping people in their homes.

## Comprehensive Plan Housing Chapter Update

The city is currently updating its comprehensive plan, which guides long-range public infrastructure investments, land use goals, and policies. Since Beaverton's last major update in 2002, the city's population has grown and changed. The Beaverton Community Vision, adopted in 2010, has also provided the city with more understanding of residents' aspirations for the future.

After nearly two years of input from the community, an updated housing chapter will be considered for final approval at the March 1 city council meeting. Consistent with Oregon law, the housing chapter assesses Beaverton's current and future housing needs by comparing expected housing demand across a variety of housing types and comparing it to the city's supply of buildable residential land. Housing chapter policies were developed based on the city's expected needs for a mix of housing for all ages, household sizes, and income levels.

## Celebrating Good News in Beaverton



In 2009, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and went through four months of brutal chemotherapy. I felt awful. I quit watching the news because most of it was bad and made me feel worse. But going through chemotherapy had its blessings: it saved my life; people I've known called, sent cards, brought my family food, and came to sit with me during the chemotherapy sessions. We had the best, most meaningful conversations. In the midst of the whirlwind of cancer, I experienced much more "good" than "bad." This is true of my experiences as a Beaverton city councilor as well.

When we watch the news, it is by its nature mostly stories about "things gone wrong." We start to see the news as the norm rather than the exceptions. We don't hear of many things "going right." Yet during my lifetime I've seen government agencies become more effective, less corrupt, and more open to change. Like any organization made up of human beings, there are mistakes

and failures. But there are so many more successes. I think about that every time I turn on a faucet and clean water comes out.

Our police officers are husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters just like the rest of us and they care for this community. One Beaverton police officer met an elderly woman and now helps her on his own time by bringing her groceries and mowing her lawn. Other officers called to check on people's homes have gone the extra step to find needed supplies and even furniture for them. On my last ride along with Officer Chuck Wujcik, he pulled over a woman who nearly caused a crash. As he talked with her, I watched her reach her hand out of her car to hold his arm thankfully.

Our Public Works Department takes care of our infrastructure: roads, pipes, city-owned land. When we have storms that drop ice, snow and tree limbs on our streets, they are the ones who clean them up as fast as possible. They use a five-year plan of sanitary sewer, storm drainage, lighting and drinking water maintenance projects that are sustainable and support our growing population. Their goal is that 50 years from now, our aging infrastructure will be as good as shape as it is today. They work with hundreds of volunteers every year to plant trees and clean up neighborhoods.

## BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL



Beaverton city councilors Mark Fagin, Betty Bode, Cate Arnold, Lacey Beaty, and council president Marc San Soucie

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### City Council Meetings

#### Council Chamber

All meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., at The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan Way (unless otherwise noted)

**March 1 & 22**

**April 5, 12, 19 & 26**

City council meetings are open to the public, available for online viewing and televised multiple times on community access television (TVCTV). For the most up-to-date agenda and materials call 503-526-2222 or visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov).

## Free Tax Assistance for Beaverton Residents / Asistencia de Impuestos Gratis para los Residentes de Beaverton

In partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and CASH Oregon, the City of Beaverton is providing free tax preparation and filing assistance. This service is walk-in only, no appointments. For more information on what to bring: [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep).

En colaboración con AARP Tax-Aide y CASH Oregon, la Ciudad de Beaverton está ofreciendo la preparación de impuestos y asistencia con enviarlos gratis. No hay citas, se le atenderá cuando llegue. Para más información sobre lo que necesita traer: [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/taxprep).



The updated Beaverton Community Vision action plan was adopted by the city council in February.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION AND FILING ASSISTANCE

Feb. 2 – Apr. 16

2 de febrero – 16 de abril

New Hours: Tuesday to Saturday (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Hora Nueva: Martes - Sabado (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Beaverton Activities Center, 12500 SW Allen Blvd.



In 2015, the tax assistance program helped people in the Beaverton community receive nearly \$2.5 million in tax refunds.

## Community Vision Update Approved

The city council approved a major update to the Beaverton Community Vision action plan in February. The plan identifies community-inspired actions that the city and a wide range of community partners will work on over the next decade.

The 104 actions in the updated plan are based on outreach by the volunteers of the Visioning Advisory Committee (VAC), an advisory group representing a diverse variety of community interests. VAC volunteers gathered public input at events and presentations throughout the community. In all, 5,751 people shared 7,722 ideas for Beaverton's future.

The action plan covers topics from affordable housing and homelessness, to food carts, street maintenance, small business support, and more. To learn more and to read the complete plan, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Vision](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Vision).



## Sign Up for Personalized City News

Want to find out more about what's going on in Beaverton? The city offers emails and text messages on a variety of topics, including job postings, neighborhood news, advisory boards agendas and minutes, economic development activities, press releases, police and traffic alerts, and more.

To sign up, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov). On the homepage, select "Notify Me" on the left side. On the next screen, enter your email address to sign in. Click the envelope icon next to each topic you'd like to receive information about. Some alerts also have a text messaging option. You can change your selected alerts at any time by signing into your account.

## Beaverton Downtown Association Achieves Next Step in Revitalization Efforts

The Beaverton Downtown Association (BDA), a city-supported organization of business owners, property owners, and community members, has been designated as a "Transforming Downtown" by Oregon Main Street. Communities at this level have demonstrated their commitment to using the Main Street Approach as a model for their downtown revitalization efforts, building on the unique assets of the community.

The Transforming Downtown designation means that the BDA will receive training, community assessments, technical assistance, Oregon Main Street network participation, and other support from the Oregon Main Street program, in addition to the support provided through the ongoing partnership with the city and the Beaverton Main Street program.

Oregon Main Street is part of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Heritage Division, and is a member of the National Main Street Center. For more information or to get involved with the BDA, visit [www.downtownbeaverton.org](http://www.downtownbeaverton.org).



Councilors Marc San Soucie and Lacey Beaty help Billie celebrate the opening of new streetscape on historic SW Broadway St in downtown Beaverton

## City Hosts Small Business Exporting Forum

The City of Beaverton, with the Export-Import (EXIM) Bank of the United States and other regional and state export partners, hosted a small business exporter forum on Feb. 17 at The Beaverton Building. Business owners, elected officials, and other community members attended. Speakers included Fred P. Hochberg, chairman and president of EXIM Bank, who spoke on the topic of global outreach for U.S. exports.

Two panel sessions provided the audience with information about

exporting from the perspective of service providers and the businesses they assist. Local companies discussed how they worked with local, state, and federal resources to grow their exports. State and local agencies described various types of support they provide for businesses interested in exporting.

For more information on this event or other export-related questions, contact Bill Berg, business development liaison, at 503-350-4037 or [bberg@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:bberg@BeavertonOregon.gov).



Senator Ron Wyden, Mayor Denny Doyle, Representative Suzanne Bonamici, Senator Jeff Merkley, and EXIM Bank President and Chairman Fred P. Hochberg at the small business exporter forum on Feb. 17.

## City Reports on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Progress

The city released a report early in 2016 on the first year of progress toward the goals in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) plan, which was adopted by the city council in January 2015. Each of the eight core areas received a progress rating from the Diversity Advisory Board (DAB). Two areas received the highest ranking of "significant progress": language access and city practices.

Among the 2015 highlights are advancements in city policy on language access and city purchasing, funding for housing and health initiatives that serve priority populations, immigrant welcoming and

integration work, and the hosting of new culturally-specific events and programming such as the Beaverton Night Market and ¡Listos!, a Spanish-language emergency preparedness training.

The DEI plan is a community-led roadmap for advancing equity and inclusion in Beaverton, drafted by the DAB in 2014. As part of the original plan, the board committed to annual monitoring and evaluation of progress on the plan to ensure that the plan had real forward progress. To download the original plan or the year one accomplishments report, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/equity](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/equity).

## BPD Welcomes Two New K9 Members and Says Farewell to Two Retired K9 Partners

The Beaverton Police Department (BPD) would like to introduce its two newest K9 members, Atlas and Toa. Both dogs are almost two years old, originally from Hungary, and were handpicked by two BPD officers at the Vohne Liche Kennels in Indiana. The canines were selected from a pool of 300 dogs for their temperament, interest in a toy as a reward, and social ability.

Although the canines are minimally trained, both will be completely trained with their handlers in a 10-week, 400 hour course to meet the standards of both the BPD and the Oregon Police Canine Association. Once trained, the canines will be able to track and locate persons that have fled on foot from crime scenes. The K9 teams will also back up patrol officers on alarm calls, building searches, locating lost or missing persons, and security checks of businesses.

The two new K9 members are filling vacancies left by Officer Ken Magnus and his partner, Jago, who retired in October 2015, and by Officer Steve Anderson and his partner, Alex, who retired at the

end of January 2016. Together, the K9s contributed 18 years of outstanding service with the BPD. They retired in good health and will remain with their handlers for the rest of their lives. Please visit [www.BeavertonPolice.org](http://www.BeavertonPolice.org) for more information about BPD's K9 program.



*Beaverton Police Department's K9 Officer Jered Letu and Toa.*

## Beaverton Reenergizes Public Safety Center Initiative

One of the city's priorities for 2016 is a public safety center. The center—the first of its kind in Beaverton—is critical to meeting existing and future public safety needs. In his annual State of the City address in January, Mayor Denny Doyle encouraged residents that the need for a dedicated and reliable public safety center is now.

In the event of a major disaster, like the anticipated sizeable earthquake that could result from shifting in the Cascadia subduction zone, existing temporary facilities will fail. A new public safety center will be designed to withstand potentially catastrophic natural events, avoiding any lapse in readily available emergency services.

A future proposal is planned to assess existing opportunities and recommend best alternatives. If successful, the center will be better sized and equipped to serve current and future city residents.

Today, the city's police and emergency management services are located in various inadequate facilities throughout the city. By consolidating these services, the city will maximize resources and maintain its reputation as one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest.



*Emergency management—with the help of dedicated volunteers—is an important part of Beaverton's public safety planning for future emergencies.*

## City Offers Arts Scholarships and Grants

The Beaverton arts program has two current opportunities for local artists, groups, and students to receive grants and scholarships.

### Scholarships

The city is seeking scholarship applications from outstanding high school visual and performing art students. All fine and performing art graduating seniors who attend high school within Beaverton School District boundaries are eligible to apply. Multiple \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in each of two categories: outstanding visual art high school senior (including traditional media, design, and moving image), and outstanding performing art high school senior (including music, dance, singing, drama, tech crew, etc.). For applications and more information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ArtsScholarships](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ArtsScholarships).

### Grants

The city is also accepting applications for its fourth annual community grant program, which is open to individual artists, arts groups, and schools supporting arts activities that occur within the Beaverton School District boundaries. The program is funded by the Beaverton Arts and Culture Foundation and the City of Beaverton, and is intended to be geared toward a specific performance, event, activity or artistic expression of an artist or organization. Proposed activities must occur between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Grants will be awarded at \$1,000 and \$2,000 levels.

New this year, the city is introducing the diverse art offerings grant program to support unexpected art opportunities or events that may arise. Projects for this grant program could include workshops, art classes or art activities that serve Beaverton



*The ISing Choir was a 2015 recipient of a Beaverton arts community grant.*

residents. Applications will be accepted for this program between January 15 and December 31, or until all grant funds are expended. Grants will provide up to \$500 in support. This program is funded by the Reser Family Foundation. For applications and more information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ArtsGrants](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ArtsGrants).

## City Honors Longtime Volunteer with Memorial Station

On June 25, 2015, the city lost a beloved and valued friend and dedicated volunteer, John Maloney. Maloney is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joanne, who said about him, "John really enjoyed people and getting to know them; it was very important to him to give back to the community. John considered it an honor to be able to help others during emergencies."

One way John chose to help was using his hobby as an extra class amateur radio operator, the most advanced amateur radio operator license, to make Beaverton a more

emergency-ready community through the Beaverton Emergency Operations Center (EOC) radio team. People in the community may have known John by his call sign, N7AAM.

With generous contributions from John's family, members of the EOC radio team were able to build a new communications station, the John Maloney Memorial Station, at the EOC operations center, currently located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive. The station, completed in September 2015, includes many personal items that John used.



*John Maloney Memorial Station*



Volunteers at the 2015 Earth Day work party at Barrows Meadow. The city and SOLVE are sponsoring two Earth Day events this year on Saturday, April 23.

## Volunteer for Earth Day with City and SOLVE

After the success of last fall's leaf collection events, the city is enhancing partnerships with Beaverton neighborhoods through new spring cleanups. The neighborhood program and public works are partnering with SOLVE to hold two Earth Day mulching work parties on Saturday, April 23. Mulching around native plants helps ensure their survival. Both events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and no preregistration is required. All ages are welcome.

**Location One:** 8050 SW 131st Ave. Volunteers will mulch 1,400

new native plants at three neighborhood water quality facilities. Maintaining these facilities helps with responsible management of city water resources. The three facilities are located along the Sorrento bicycle path, and will help make clean, green bike and foot access easy and safe for everyone.

**Location Two:** 11150 SW Davies Rd. Volunteers will mulch around 900 native plants at Barrows Meadow. This is the sixth year of work at this wetland restoration site.

### Beaverton Helps Local Businesses Compost

Beaverton Composts makes it easy for food businesses to start turning their food waste, such as plate scrapings, kitchen trimmings, spoiled and expired food, into valuable compost and energy. To learn more, contact 503-526-2460 or visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Compost](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Compost).

### Mulch Madness

Join your neighbors to mulch newly planted native plants with city staff at the Murray Hill water quality facility at SW Snowy Lane and SW 155<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Planting will take place on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Sharon Gavin for more information at [sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov) or 503-526-2543.



### Hall Creek Restoration Continues with Plantings

In January, 65 volunteers planted 40 new trees and many native shrubs to help with water quality and erosion control along the Hall Creek pedestrian path along SW 114th Avenue that is currently getting a makeover. Native trees and shrubs will also help native birds and animals thrive, and beautify the path.

Another planting will take place on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon in honor of Arbor Day. To participate, visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org).



## City Holds Culturally-Specific Emergency Preparedness Workshop

The city’s emergency management program held a culturally-specific training in partnership with the Iraqi Society of Oregon in January. The workshop, in English and Arabic, provided information for the community on ways to prepare for major emergencies and disasters. More than 20 people attended from the Iraqi Society of Oregon, which facilitates interaction between refugees and local communities to ease integration, dispel fear and mistrust, and create opportunities for socio-economic improvement.

Members of the Iraqi Society of Oregon partnered with the city’s emergency management program for an emergency preparedness training in January.

For more information or to inquire about emergency training for your organization, contact Mike Mumaw, emergency manager, at 503-526-2344 or [emergmngmail@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:emergmngmail@BeavertonOregon.gov).

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We’ve all heard the phrase, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.” Reducing is the most effective way to conserve natural resources. Making a new product—whether it’s a simple, plastic water bottle or a complex computer—requires a lot of materials and energy which must be extracted from the earth, fabricated and transported. The best way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Follow these easy steps to reduce waste, conserve natural resources and save money.

### Tip:

Get a reusable water bottle and take it with you. Reusable water bottles can be used for years saving you money and reducing your waste by avoiding disposable plastic bottles. Are you a coffee drinker? Take this action to the next step and take your reusable coffee mug with you next time you visit your favorite coffee shop. Many coffee shops will even give you a discount for bringing your own mug!



### Tip:

Buy in bulk. Take advantage of the great savings and reduced packaging in your grocer’s bulk section. Reduce your waste even more by bringing your own reusable containers, just remember to write the tare weight on the container or ask an employee to do it for you.



### Tip:

Reduce your junk mail. The average household receives about 100 pounds of unwanted mail every year.



1. Contact the company directly and request that they remove you from their list.
2. Contact the Direct Marketing Association at 212-768-7277 to request that your name be placed on the suppression file.

Visit [www.OregonMetro.gov/junkmail](http://www.OregonMetro.gov/junkmail) for more tips on reducing junk mail.



## Ten Tiny Dances Call for Artists

2016 marks the eighth year for this signature event, which will be held on Saturday, July 9, on five stages around downtown Beaverton. Artists are invited to apply to perform an original ethnic or contemporary dance on a 4' x 4' stage. Applications are due Thursday, March 31. Visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/TTD](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/TTD) for more information.



## Spring Voters' Forum

Attend this event to listen to candidates and ask questions about the ballot measures for the May primary election. On **Wednesday, April 20**, a reception with candidates begins at 6:30 p.m., and the voters' forum begins at 7 p.m. Event will be held at the Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW Fifth Street.

## Dispute Resolution Center Helps with Community Conflict

The city's Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is committed to providing high quality conflict resolution assistance to the community. The center provides free, confidential, and voluntary mediation services.

In the past year, the DRC has successfully helped in cases related to business/consumer, landlord/tenant, neighbor-to-neighbor, homeowners' associations (HOAs), manufactured dwellings, workplace, and interpersonal conflicts.

Here are some examples of what former clients have said about their experience working with the DRC:

"The DRC provided the help I needed in order to resolve issues with the landlord and went above and beyond my expectations."

"If it wasn't for this program, I would be looking at having to hire an attorney."

"Excellent program from start to finish. Knowledgeable, helpful and communicative staff and volunteers. My dispute was resolved within 1 hour and 45 minutes of the session start. The mediators were incredibly helpful and skilled."

Next time you have an issue that you can't resolve quickly and amicably, contact the center at 503-526-2523 or [disputemail@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:disputemail@BeavertonOregon.gov), or drop by The Beaverton Building for assistance. The DRC is committed to help find solutions to conflicts. Center hours are Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board held "Senior Prom" at the Maryville Nursing Home on February 11. MYAB members enjoyed a night of dancing to live music, refreshments, and swapping stories with residents.



A group of high school students from Beaverton's sister city, Cheonan, South Korea, visited in January. They toured The Beaverton Building and met with local leaders.



## Librarians Attend Feria Internacional del Libro in Guadalajara, Mexico

During the next couple of months, the library will be receiving hundreds of new Spanish language titles for children, teens and adults, direct from publishers in Latin America. In December 2015, librarian Christina Hanson travelled to the Feria Internacional del Libro (FIL) in Guadalajara, Mexico, along with two other Washington County librarians. The trip was made possible in part by a travel grant provided by the American Library Association. The librarians purchased a range of materials, from best-sellers and classic works to hard-

to-find books by up-and-coming authors from independent Latin American publishers. "Attending the FIL gives us the chance to be immersed in Spanish language literature and be surrounded by readers of that literature," said Hanson. "The books we purchased there for our libraries will connect readers in our community with the wider world of Spanish language publishing." According to FIL organizers, nearly one million people attended the six-day book fair and thousands of publishers showcased their books. It is the



world's largest Spanish language book fair, as well as the longest running at 29 years.



## Food for Fines 2016

Get that library fine off your chest and do a good deed at the same time. For every nonperishable food item you donate at the Beaverton main library or Murray Scholls branch during National Library Week, you'll be forgiven \$2 in fines, up to a maximum of \$20. Additionally, if

you bring in long-overdue, billed items, those charges will also be removed. National Library Week is Saturday, April 9 to Sunday, April 17. During this annual amnesty week, library patrons have donated an average of two tons of food each year to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

## City Expands Passport Service Hours

Beginning in February, the City of Beaverton's passport service at The Beaverton Building has expanded to include Mondays. The service window is open from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon to 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Due to staffing, the window may be closed sometimes on short notice. For current hours and information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Passports](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Passports).

The city's passport service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The city is able to process a maximum of 30 applications per day, and applicants are encouraged to arrive early during the service hours to take a number for assistance.

Visit the city website or call 503-526-2240 for the latest information on the passport application process, fees, and alternative locations.

**Passport Service**  
Monday-Thursday, noon-4:30 p.m.  
Friday, noon-3:30 p.m.  
The Beaverton Building  
12725 SW Millikan Way



**ADULT EVENTS**

Events at main library; register for events at [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register) unless otherwise noted.

**English Language & Life Skills**

**Saturdays, Mar. 5 - Apr. 30 | 2-3:30 p.m.**

Dynamic, family-friendly, all levels welcome! Improve your English while exploring real-world topics! Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Song Circle**

**Mondays, Mar. 7 & Apr. 4 | 6:30-8 p.m.**

Please join other singers, musicians and music-lovers of all levels in a supportive and informal environment to share songs and music. We sing pop and folk songs from the 60s and 70s, with a few traditional numbers thrown in. If you have a favorite song you want to sing, please bring twenty photocopies with lyrics and chords to share. Have fun singing with others! This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. All ages are welcome.

**Beaverton City Library Writers' Group**

**Sundays, Mar. 13 & Apr. 10 | 2-4 p.m.**

An informal venue where writers can read their work to a supportive, appreciative group of fellow writers. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Starting Your Vegetable Garden**

**Tuesday, Mar. 15 | 7-8 p.m.**

Often, new vegetable gardeners, dreaming of lush, productive gardens, are frustrated with their lack of success. Don't let that be you! An OSU Extension Service Master Gardener will walk you through the process of starting your own vegetable garden. They will talk about site selection, soil preparation, planting times and water and fertilization needs, as well as general garden maintenance. Focus will be on spring and summer gardens. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Pacific Northwest Reading Café**

**Wednesdays, Mar. 16 & Apr. 20 | 12-1:30 p.m.**

This is a book discussion group meeting to discuss books written by Northwest authors or written with a setting in the Pacific Northwest. You can bring a lunch along to enjoy while we discuss the books! Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**NEW FRIENDS OF THE  
BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY****BOOK CORNER**

Join us for a Pop-Up Book Sale  
in the lobby of  
Beaverton City Library Main  
Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5



[www.BookCornerBeaverton.org](http://www.BookCornerBeaverton.org)

**Mind the Gaps: How Gender Shapes Our Lives**

**Wednesday, Mar. 16 | 6:30-8 p.m.**

From the moment we are born, gender shapes every aspect of our lives: our interests, opportunities, and how we move through the world. In the 21st century, disparities among the genders still prevail, especially at the intersections of race, class, immigration status and geography. What can these disparities tell us about society's values and priorities? How can we better understand the complex ways gender affects our daily lives and identities? Jade Aguilar, an assistant professor of sociology and women's and gender studies at Willamette University, will lead participants in a conversation about these questions and examine ways of finding meaning within gender gaps. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Portland Opera Preview**

**Monday, Mar. 21 | 7 p.m.**

Join us for a sneak peek of our 2016 Season, featuring Portland Opera's Resident Artists and Chorus Master and Assistant Conductor Nicholas Fox. Resident Artists will perform highlights from Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* and Rossini's *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. For more information about Portland Opera, visit [www.portlandopera.org](http://www.portlandopera.org). Free and open to the public; no registration required.

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**Art of the Story Kickoff Storyslam**

**Saturday, Apr. 2 | 7-8:30 p.m.**

Beaverton City Library kicks off the Art of the Story Storytelling Festival with a competitive storyslam featuring four tellers. The winner is decided by audience vote. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Natural Disease and Pest Solutions for the Edible Garden**

**Tuesday, Apr. 12 | 7-8 p.m.**

A garden with no pests, no diseases and no problems! Although it's a sweet dream, it is seldom a reality. An OSU Master Gardener will share information that will help reduce or decrease the chances of developing problems and provide non-synthetic methods for dealing with them if they do occur. Topics will include Integrated Pest Management strategies for pest control and gardening practices that help prevent diseases in your garden. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Citizenship Class**

**Wednesdays Apr. 13 - June 1 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Prepare for the US citizenship exam with teachers from Mission: Citizen! This class runs for eight weeks and attendees are encouraged to be present each week in order to get the most out of the class. Teachers are available to translate the material into many languages. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**Beaverton Civic Theatre Preview of Around the World in 80 Days**

**Tuesday, Apr. 19 | 7-8 p.m.**

The Beaverton Civic Theatre will give a preview of their upcoming production, *Around the World in 80 Days*. In Jules Verne's classic adventure novel, Phileas Fogg had a devil of a time trying to travel around the world in 80 days. But in the 21st century, circumnavigating the globe has become a bit of a breeze: all you need is a round-the-world (RTW) ticket. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

**The Write Remedy: Healing Through Writing**

**Sundays, Mar. 27, Apr. 3 and Apr. 10 | 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

This workshop, presented by Dr. Kathleen Perkins, examines writing as a therapeutic tool for deepening your understanding and feelings about painful life events. You will learn techniques to feel better about life's wounds. Registration is required; register online at [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register).

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Register for events at  
[www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register)  
unless otherwise noted.

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### Cinderella's Garden Party

Wednesday, Mar. 2 | 1-2 p.m.

Ages 2-6 with family | Drop-in

Dress up and join in princess fun!

#### Read to the Dogs

Thursdays, Mar. 10-Apr. 28 | 5-7 p.m.

Saturdays, Mar. 5-Apr. 30 | 10 a.m. to noon

Ages 5-12 with adult | Registration required

Children can practice their reading with one of our trained therapy dog volunteers! To register, call 503-350-3600.

#### Fancy Nancy Party

Friday, Mar. 18 | 3-4 p.m.

Ages 3-8 with family | Drop-in

Help us celebrate the newest book in the Fancy Nancy series with games, crafts and a read-aloud. The party will be sleepover-themed so wear your most posh pajamas!

#### STEM Storytime

Mondays, Mar. 21 & Apr. 11 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 2-6 with family

A storytime with science, technology, engineering and math concepts for kids.  
Mar. 21: Construction; Apr. 11: Senses.

#### Spring Break at the Library

**Think Outside the Blocks** Monday, Mar. 21, 2-3 p.m., Grades K-5 with adult

**Box Castle Challenge** Tuesday, Mar. 22, 1-2 p.m., Grades 1-5 with family

**Interactive Movie** Thursday, Mar. 24, 4-6 p.m., Grades K-5 with family

**LEGO® Minifigure Bingo** Friday, Mar. 25, 11-11:30 a.m., Ages 3-11 with family

**Fairy House Program** Saturday, Mar. 26, 2-3 p.m., Ages 4-12, **Registration required**

**Egg and Nest Scavenger Hunt** Sunday, Mar. 27, 1-5 p.m., Ages 4-12 with family

#### Knuffle Bunny Party

Thursday, Mar. 31 | 4-5 p.m.

Ages 2-8 with family

What will happen when Trixie and her Daddy go to the laundromat? Join the fun with crafts and games and catch a sneak peek of *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical!* Co-sponsored with the Beaverton Civic Theatre.

#### Ready Set Kindergarten

Fridays, Apr. 8-May 13 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Apr. 9-May 14 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ages 3-5 with adult | Registration required

Have fun at the library and help your child get ready for school! In this special six-session series, families enjoy stories and activities designed to encourage the development of early learning practices.

#### 'Drive-In' Movie for Kids

Saturday, Apr. 9 | 2-4 p.m.

Ages 2-4 with adult | Registration required

Decorate your own box 'car,' scoot it over to our indoor 'parking lot,' hop in and watch a great animated flick about feelings.

#### National Library Week Scavenger Hunts

Sunday, Apr. 10 - Saturday, Apr. 16 |

During library hours

How much do you know about your library? Find out more and explore! Open to all ages.

#### Beverly Cleary's 100th Birthday Party

Monday, Apr. 11 | 4-5 p.m.

Grades K-5 with family

Beverly Cleary is turning 100! You are invited to come celebrate everything from Ramona to Ribsy to Ralph S. Mouse!

#### Babies Need Early Literacy, Too!

Saturday, Apr. 16 | 10:15-11 a.m.

Ages 0-12 months with adult | Registration required

Sensory play with books to build positive language experience. Fun book formats for babies. Infants under one year (no walking toddlers, please).

#### Coloring Pages for All Ages

Saturday, Apr. 23 | 11 a.m.-noon

All ages | Drop-in

Coloring can be a great stress-reliever for the whole family! We will have markers, colored pencils and crayons to use on coloring sheets for all ages.

#### Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros

Saturday, Apr. 30 | 1:30-3 p.m.

Ages 2-8 with family | Drop-in

Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day with us! On this day, we celebrate children, families and reading. We will celebrate with crafts, activity sheets and bilingual bingo (in Spanish and English). A special guest will perform at 2 p.m.

### TEEN EVENTS AT MAIN LIBRARY

#### Code Academy

Thursdays, Mar. 10 & Apr. 7 | 4-5 p.m.

Grades 6-12 | Registration required

Teens, join us to play with coding! We'll start with the basics and see where we go! Registration is required. To register, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Register), call 503-350-4001 or visit the Teen Desk at the main library.

#### Spring Break at the Library Grades 6-12

Fandom Fest Tuesday, Mar. 22, 7-8 p.m.

Magic & Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Friday, Mar. 25, 3-5 p.m.

Super Smash Bros. Wii U Tournament

Saturday, Mar. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

#### Teen Poetry Contest – Ballads

April 1-22

For National Poetry Month, teens in grades 6-12 are challenged to write a ballad. Pick up guidelines and an entry form at either library location or the Teen Events page starting April 1. Cash prizes!

### CHILDREN'S AND TEEN PROGRAMS AT MURRAY SCHOLLS BRANCH

#### Allegiant Trivia Challenge

Wednesday, Mar. 16 | 6-7 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Can you survive in a world without factions? Celebrate the *Allegiant* movie release with trivia and activities based on the books and movies.

#### Spring Break at the Library

Minecraft Party

Tuesday, Mar. 22 | 2-3 p.m. | Grades 2-8 with family

Thinking Outside the Blocks

Thursday, Mar. 24 | 3-4 p.m. | Grades K-5 with adult

#### Money Smart Storytime

Saturday, Apr. 23 | 1-1:30 p.m.

All ages

Celebrate Money Smart Week 2016 and join us for a special reading of *Start Saving, Henry!* by Nancy Carlson.

### BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY – MAIN

12375 SW Fifth Street  
Phone: 503-644-2197  
TTY/TDD: 503-574-4606  
[www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org)

Mon - Thurs, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Fri, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sat, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sun, 1 to 5 p.m.

### MURRAY SCHOLLS BRANCH

11200 SW Murray Scholls Place  
Suite 102  
Phone: 503-644-2197  
[www.BeavertonLibrary.org/MurrayScholls](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/MurrayScholls)

Mon - Wed, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thu - Sun, Noon to 6 p.m.

# Volunteering is Good for Your Health

*"Volunteering helps us embrace our shared responsibility to one another and recommit to the task of building a more perfect union."*

– President Barack Obama

The city's commitment to community involvement includes welcoming and encouraging volunteers in a variety of roles—including activities that directly affect neighborhoods, like the Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs).

NAC volunteers help the city understand what's going on, and add skills and talents that can enhance what staff already provide.

This is good news for the city and volunteers. A recent study at the Harvard School of Public Health looked at a link between volunteering and health care use. While current research shows volunteering is associated with better physical and mental health, this new research shows

that it also leads to better health behaviors.

One explanation is that volunteering increases a sense of purpose, a driving factor for positive health outcomes. Volunteers will likely improve their health, which could help control future health care costs.

Regardless, more people volunteering is a win for all. Volunteers will likely improve their health and, if volunteering does increase preventive health care, which could help control health costs. In addition, Beaverton benefits from the decades of wisdom and new perspectives that volunteers bring to the table.

For more information or to get involved, contact Sharon Gavin at 503-526-2543 or [sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov).

## Neighborhood Association Committee Meetings

Attend an upcoming meeting to meet your neighbors and find out about what's going on in your neighborhood. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

### Central Beaverton

Monday, Mar. 7 and Apr. 4  
Beaverton Community Center  
12350 SW Fifth Street

### Denney Whifford/Raleigh West

Thursday, Mar. 24 and Apr. 28  
McKay Elementary School  
7485 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.  
Beaverton, OR 97008

### Five Oaks Triple Creek

Tuesday, Mar. 8  
Elmonica Elementary School  
16950 SW Lisa Street

### Greenway

Thursday, Apr. 21  
Conestoga Middle School Library  
12250 SW Conestoga Drive

### Highland

Thursday, Mar. 10 and Apr. 14  
Beaverton Activities Center  
12500 SW Allen Boulevard

### Neighbors Southwest

Wednesday, Mar. 16  
Nancy Ryles Elementary School  
10250 SW Cormorant Drive

### Sexton Mountain

Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis. For more information please visit [BeavertonOregon.gov/SextonMountain](http://BeavertonOregon.gov/SextonMountain)  
Sexton Mountain Elementary School  
15645 SW Sexton Mountain Drive

### South Beaverton

Thursday, Mar. 17 and Apr. 21  
Southridge High School  
9625 SW 125th Avenue

### Vose

Thursday, Mar. 17 and Apr. 21  
Beaverton Community Center  
12350 SW Fifth Street

### West Beaverton

Thursday, Mar. 10 and Apr. 14  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
14645 SW Davis Road

### West Slope

Tuesday, Mar. 15 and Apr. 19  
West Sylvan Middle School  
8111 SW West Slope Drive

## MORE INFORMATION

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. To find out which neighborhood you live in, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).



Volunteers from the Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC help out at Picnics in the Park

## Land Use Training

The city will offer free training on Beaverton's land use process. The training will be held on **Thursday, March 17**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan Way. RSVP by March 10 to Sharon Gavin at [sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:sgavin@BeavertonOregon.gov) or 503-526-2543.

# Community Calendar

## March/April 2016

### Beaverton Ukulele Club

Wednesdays, March 2 and April 6,  
9:30 to 11 a.m.

**Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW Fifth St.**

Group strums and sings Hawaiian hula and American classic songs. Ukulele and other instrument players of all ages and newcomers of all skill levels welcome. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

[www.beavertonukulele.weebly.com](http://www.beavertonukulele.weebly.com)

### Beaverton Civic Theatre Presents The Philadelphia Story

Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 12.

Fridays & Saturdays 7:30 p.m.

Sundays 2 p.m.

**Beaverton City Library auditorium, 12375 SW Fifth St.**

\$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors/groups, \$5 youth. [www.BeavertonCivicTheatre.org](http://www.BeavertonCivicTheatre.org)

### ISing Choir Concert

Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5,  
7:30 p.m.

**Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ, 5150 SW Watson Ave.**

ISing on TV will feature music from favorite television shows.

Free. Donations will be collected to benefit the choir. [www.isingchoir.org](http://www.isingchoir.org)

### Beaverton Symphony Orchestra Concert

Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., and

Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m.

**Village Baptist Church, 330 SW Murray Blvd**

Spring concert features Holst's The Planets with projected NASA satellite images. Also Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 with guest soloist Eloise Kim, and Stravinsky's Suite No. 2 for Small Orchestra. Prelude conversation with music director Travis Hatton 30 minutes prior to concert. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students, \$20 families.

[www.BeavertonSymphony.org](http://www.BeavertonSymphony.org)

*Event and meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Assistive listening devices or sign interpreters will be made available at any public meeting or program sponsored by the City of Beaverton upon request with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice. For the most current information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov) or call 503-526-2497 V/TDD.*

### Music in Small Spaces Lyrical Strings Duo

Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m.

**Beaverton City Library auditorium, 12375 SW Fifth St.**

Family-friendly concert featuring Lucia Conrad and Stephen Osserman, the Lyrical Strings Duo. Original compositions, romantic era, folk and gypsy-inspired works. \$16 adults, \$11 students/seniors.

[www.musiciansmallspaces.org](http://www.musiciansmallspaces.org)

### Beaverton Community Band Winter Concert

Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m.

**Aloha High School, 18550 SW Kinnaman Road**

[www.BeavertonCommunityBand.org](http://www.BeavertonCommunityBand.org)

Free and open to the public. Donations accepted on behalf of Aloha Band Boosters.

### Car Seat Clinic

Saturdays, March 19 and April 2, 9 a.m.

to noon (last car at 11:30 or sooner, depending on demand)

**Park Place Center, 4915 SW Griffith Dr.** Certified child safety seat technicians will be available to install or inspect car seats. Free. Last car admitted at 11:30 a.m. or sooner, depending on demand. Beaverton Police Department, 503-526-2264.

### Beaverton Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m.

**Village Baptist Church, 330 SW Murray Blvd**

Features small ensembles from the orchestra. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students, \$20 families. [www.BeavertonSymphony.org](http://www.BeavertonSymphony.org)

### Free Document Shredding

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Road**

A commercial-sized truck will be onsite to accept papers. Limit three boxes per vehicle. Items no larger than staples or paper clips may be attached to documents. Free, with canned food donations encouraged. Beaverton Police Department, 503-526-2264.

### Music in Small Spaces East + West

Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m.

**Beaverton City Library auditorium, 12375 SW Fifth St.**

The koto and flute come together with Mitsuki Desai and Tessa Brinkman.

\$16 adults, \$11 students/seniors.

[www.musiciansmallspaces.org](http://www.musiciansmallspaces.org)

## Boards & Commissions

All meetings held at The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan, unless otherwise noted.

### Arts Commission Board

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Beaverton Council on Aging

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 2:15 p.m.

### Bicycle Advisory Committee

Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

### Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement

Monthly, 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers,

### Diversity Advisory Board

Monthly, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

### Human Rights Advisory Commission

Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Beaverton City Library

### Library Advisory Board

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Beaverton City Library

### Planning Commission

Weekly, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

### Sister Cities Board

Monthly, 4th Monday, 5:30 p.m.

### Traffic Commission

Monthly, 1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

### Visioning Advisory Committee

Monthly, 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

*Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. For the most current information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov) or call 503-526-2497 V/TDD.*

### Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Scout Day

Saturday, April 23, 2 to 4 p.m. (troops should arrive 15 minutes early to sign in)

**TVF&R South Operating Center, 8445 SW Elligsen Rd, Wilsonville**

Beaverton-area troops are invited to attend this special event for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Scouts in first through fourth grade can tour fire station, check out gear, and learn about first aid skills, fire safety, escape planning, and firefighting careers. Includes hands-on, interactive activities. Free. Register online at [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

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### City Update

**Monday, April 11**  
7:00 p.m.

**Hosted by:**  
**Five Oaks Triple Creek  
NAC**  
The LifeQual Center  
1975 NW 167th Pl,  
Suite 100.

**Monday, April 25**  
7:00 p.m.

**Hosted by:**  
**Neighbors Southwest  
NAC**  
Murrayhill Recreation  
Center  
11010 SW Teal Blvd.

**Wednesday, May 4**  
7:00 p.m.

**Hosted by:**  
**Denney Whitford Raleigh  
West NAC**  
Garden Home  
Recreation Center  
7475 SW Oleson Rd.

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Refreshments will be provided by local businesses. For more information, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Neighborhoods](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Neighborhoods).



Mayor Denny Doyle will share accomplishments from 2015 and priorities for 2016 in these updates.