

CITYSCAPE

June 2010 Edition

Mayor's Corner

As I write this, Tax Day has come and gone. Some Americans choose to file on April 15 to symbolize their frustration with government tax policy.

In Tigard, a group of citizens arranged a rally which assembled along Pacific Hwy and then marched over Hwy 217 to our post office on Main St.

Across the country, demonstrations of this sort often lead to disruption, acrimony and even violence. However, I'm pleased to say that in Tigard this political expression only resulted in the peaceful exercise of the peoples' right to assemble.

A large group of people marching down Pacific Hwy with placards and shouting slogans during rush hour has great potential for disrupting the evening commute for hundreds of Tigard residents. But the demonstrators were courteous, drivers stayed calm, and the Tigard Police did an awesome job of making sure everything moved smoothly.

In the end, the extra activity only affected traffic for a few minutes and there was little, if any, backup.

I am proud to live in a community where citizens are able to express themselves in a respectful and non-disruptive way and receive courtesy and tolerance from their neighbors.



Craig E. Dirksen, Mayor

Pacific Highway/99W Construction: Making Progress

You may have noticed construction has started on Pacific Hwy. Kerr Contractors are doing a great job of completing most of the work at night to minimize traffic disruption. A lot of the construction work happens underground so accomplishments aren't obvious. Did you know the water and storm lines were installed in May? Some of the work is obvious, like the street widening underway on the southeast side of Pacific Hwy from Liberty Park to Hwy 217.

Drivers are advised to use alternate routes to avoid the area, particularly during nighttime construction.

We are saving all the trees that we can. Some trees must be taken out during construction; however, for each tree removed, four or five new trees will take their place! We don't want to miss out on earning our Tree City USA Award for the 10th year in a row!

Stay Informed... Do It Your Way

- WEB: www.tigard-or.gov/99W
- PDA: twitter.com/99W_Tigard
- 24-hour Hotline: 503-846-7807
- Meet with the Contractor every Friday: 8 a.m. at the McDonalds on Main Street, Tigard



Pacific Highway @ Greenburg: "The before picture"



Park & Recreation Advisory Board Seeks Volunteers

Are you interested in parks, green spaces and recreation in Tigard?

The city is looking for Tigard residents interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). The PRAB studies and makes recommendations on park and recreation planning and funding and meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

PRAB members are selected to serve four-year terms. A member orientation is provided to new board members.

Individuals interested in serving on the PRAB are encouraged to submit a Citizen Committee Interest application by 5 p.m., Friday, June 25. Applications are available at www.tigard-or.gov/volunteer, or in the Tigard City Hall Lobby, 13125 SW Hall Boulevard.

For more information, or to have an application mailed to you, contact Parks and Facilities Manager Steve Martin at 503-718-2583 or steve@tigard-or.gov.

Congratulations Tigard High Speech Team!

The Tigard High School Speech team won the 2010 Oregon School Activities Association Statewide Speech Championship held April 22-24 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Nearly 500 students representing 67 high schools participated in the 2010 State Speech Championships. The team from Tigard High took top honors in the 6A Sweepstakes, scoring 56 points to win the competition. The second place team scored 39 points.

Team members who qualified and/or placed at the state level include:

Narinothn Luangrath, Aaron Liu, Jamy Lee, Hiro Nukaga, Crystal Lor, Anthony Quach, Sean Sakaguchi, Kayley Broyles, Chandler Patterson, Erin Matheson, Nikki Yoke, Olivia Cordell, Tristy Retzlaff, Rachel Ramirez, Courtney Bither, Margaret Butler, Clara Dunklee and Kyle Novy-Riley. Six of these outstanding students excelled to become qualified to compete at the national level.

These remarkable youth earned the championship by outshining their peers in debate, oratory and extemporaneous speech skills that will serve them well throughout their life.

Burnham Street Construction Continues

The new water line is installed and water service to businesses is complete and conduits have been installed for the franchised utilities (PGE, NW Natural, Verizon, etc.). Now comes the process of relocating the utility lines, cables and fiber optics to the conduit runs. This important work is expected to continue throughout July.

After that, watch as we remove overhead lines from utility poles along Burnham Street followed by the removal of the power poles.



Log onto Neighborhood Network Area 6 at www.tigardarea6.blogspot.com for a peek at work underway and be on the lookout for a “pole-free” Burnham Street.

In other work, excavation has begun on Burnham Street from Main Street heading towards Ash Avenue. Curbs are going in along the frontages of the Tigard Liquor Store, Stevens Marine, Ferguson’s Plumbing and B&B Print Source.

STAY TUNED!

Festival of Balloons @ Cook Park: June 25 , 26 & 27

Experience the sights and sounds of the Festival of Balloons in Tigard

- **Festival Hours:**
Friday, Saturday: 5:30 a.m.–11 p.m.
Sunday: 5:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Three-day festival admission passes are \$7 at the gate or \$5 if purchased in advance at www.tigardballoon.org.
- The Balloon Festival will occupy ALL of Cook Park. Visitors wishing to gain entrance to the park during the festival will need to purchase an admission pass.
- Friday is Z100 Day! Check out www.tigardballoon.org for more details!
- Kids (ages 6 and under) get in for FREE!
- **Parking**—Available at Tigard High School for a \$5 daily fee which benefits the THS Boosters and Tigard Breakfast Rotary.
- **Live Music** featuring Five Guys Named Moe (Friday) and Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts (Saturday). For a complete line-up visit www.tigardballoon.org

Other Events:

- ☀ Hot Air Balloon Launches
- ☀ Night Glows
- ☀ Festival of Cars
- ☀ Premier Youth Soccer Tournament
- ☀ Arts and Crafts Vendors
- ☀ Funtastic Carnival
- ☀ Safety Safari





Keeping Our Water Source Safe

The city extends a big “Thank You!” to all Tigard water customers who completed their annual backflow prevention testing. Backflow prevention devices are required anytime an irrigation system, pond, pool, or other item is connected directly to the public drinking water system. These devices are important because they prevent contaminants from entering

our drinking water, and the state requires annual testing to ensure they are functioning properly.

Thank You

Your compliance is greatly appreciated. To learn more about backflow prevention, visit the city’s website at www.tigard-or.gov/backflow or contact Water Quality/Backflow Coordinator Hung Nguyen at 503-718-2603 or hung@tigard-or.gov.

Backflow Fast Fact!

There are 6,132 backflow devices within the Tigard Water Service Area (1,954 commercial devices and 4,178 residential devices).



2010 Tigard Tree Stewardship Awarded Close to Home

Congratulations to the City of Tigard’s Surface Water Quality/Volunteer Coordinator, Carla Staedter!

The Tigard Tree Stewardship Award recognizes individuals or groups who excel in protecting and enhancing the city’s urban forests.

The criteria for receiving the award includes contributing to the beauty and long-term health and benefits of the city’s tree-rich urban forest. The individual or company nominated is judged on impact, quality, innovation, stewardship, and adherence to sound tree management practices.

This year there were a lot of nominations for the Tree Stewardship award. According to Christian Haaning, Cascade Education Corps, “Carla makes

positive connections with the community and local organizations and is incredible to work with. She has a tireless devotion to habitat and natural area restorations throughout the City of Tigard. Without her passion and persistence, these projects would not be

completed! She not only organizes volunteer events, she ensures that all those who volunteer with her experience the fulfillment of community involvement.”

Congratulations to a staffer who goes above and beyond her job description and inspires others to do the same. Whether it’s bringing hot cocoa to a volunteer project site or knowing all the students’ names, Carla makes stewardship fun which brings volunteers out again and again.

“I nominate Carla based upon her tireless devotion to habitat and natural area restoration throughout the City of Tigard.”

-Christian Haaning, Cascade Education Corps

Report Graffiti Vandalism

Graffiti vandalism is not a harmless prank. It is a crime that causes serious economic consequences as well as visual blight in our community.



Report graffiti to the Tigard Police non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111. This service is available 24-hours a day. Tigard uses the Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency to dispatch an officer to make a report. Officers photograph the graffiti to collect valuable crime data. Police then notify the landowner about removing the graffiti.

If graffiti is removed quickly it is less likely to happen again, so residents are urged to continue to report graffiti no matter how small. Your assistance helps us reduce the amount of graffiti in the city.

Tips to Prevent Graffiti Vandalism

- Keep your property well-maintained
- Keep your property well-lit; vandals fear light
- Plant bushes or shrubbery in areas to impede access to buildings
- Install security cameras or motion sensor lighting
- Report suspicious activity and encourage neighbors to do the same.

Graffiti Watch

The Neighborhood Network Graffiti Watch provides a process for neighbors to report and eradicate graffiti within their neighborhood area. Learn more at www.tigard-or.gov/neighborhood.

General Information

If you have questions regarding graffiti, contact Community Service Officer Michelle McMahan at 503-718-2756 or email 37315@tigard-or.gov.



RULES of the ROAD: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

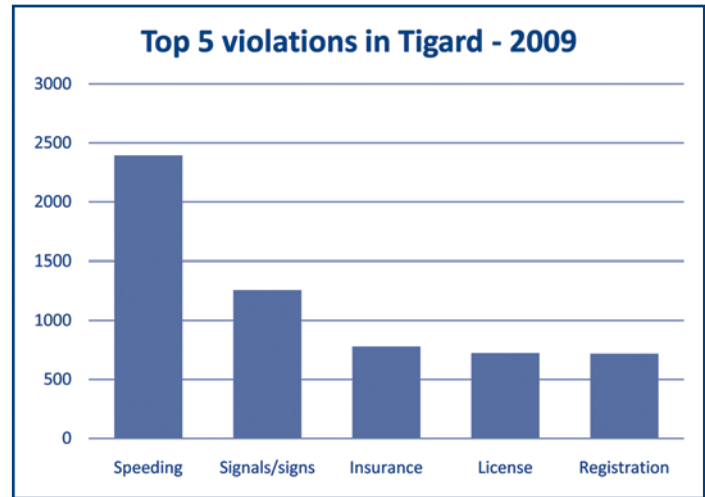
Last year, 9,165 violations of state and local laws were cited into the Tigard Municipal Court. The vast majority of the court's caseload consisted of traffic violations under Oregon's Rules of the Road, although the court also handles some categories of juvenile crimes and civil infractions under Tigard's Municipal Code. The five most common categories of traffic violations during 2009 are displayed in the chart (*right*).

As in past years, the two most common offenses were Speeding and Failure to Obey Traffic Control Devices, including signals and stop signs. But about one-quarter of all traffic violations were not directly related to driving behavior, including Driving without Insurance (or No Proof of Insurance), Driving without a Valid License, Driving While Suspended and Expired Registration.

One common scenario goes like this: a driver is stopped for exceeding

the speed limit by 11–20 mph, with a base fine of \$195. If the driver has no proof of insurance, or is driving uninsured, the driver can also be cited for that violation, which carries a \$295 base fine. Even worse for the driver, an officer can order that the vehicle be impounded if the officer has “reasonable grounds” to believe that the driver is uninsured, suspended, driving under the influence or has an invalid license.

Many of these “non-moving” violations could be avoided if drivers simply paid closer attention to taking



care of business by keeping their licenses, insurance documents and mailing address with DMV current. State law encourages that practice by requiring Oregon drivers to change their addresses with DMV within thirty days of relocating.

BY JUDGE MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN
TIGARD MUNICIPAL COURT



Lake Oswego · Tigard Water Partnership

sharing water · connecting communities

In August 2008, the cities of Lake Oswego and Tigard formally endorsed a partnership for sharing drinking water resources and costs. Bring your questions, review recommended system upgrades and share your thoughts at a fun and informative open house on June 24.

For information, contact Jane Heisler, Communications Director, City of Lake Oswego at 503-697-6502 or jheisler@ci.oswego.or.us or visit the project website at www.LoTigardWater.org.

You're Invited to an: Open House

Learn more about the LO/Tigard Partnership

- Thursday, June 24, 2010
- Doors open 5–8 p.m. Presentations at 6 and 7 p.m.
- West End Building 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego
- Activities for kids!

Family Fest & the 41st!

This year's family friendly celebration will take place over two weekends. We will celebrate Tigard's 49th birthday on Saturday, September 11 and share festivities with the National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade at Cook Park. The party will include the rousing tunes of the Tualatin Valley Community Band, a barbeque, games and fireworks.

The following Friday (Sept. 17), the Community Room at the Library will be filled with a “Holidays Around the World” event that will send kids of all ages around the world without leaving town. On Saturday (Sept. 18) get a running start with our annual 5K Fun Run and something new—Doggies' Day Out and a Pet Parade in Summerlake Park. *More details soon!*





Neighborhood Network News

Garden Tour & Art Show— Two days of garden-filled fun!

Art Show

Friday, June 25, noon–8 p.m.

Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Fowler Middle School, 10865 SW Walnut Street

Shop the Garden Art Show where you can purchase one-of-a kind art from selected Northwest artists. Enjoy entertainment by students throughout the day. **Admission is free.**



Garden Tour

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Rain or Shine

Tour eight wonderful private gardens in Tigard and Tualatin. Be dazzled by flowers, tempted by edibles and delight in fragrance.

Ticket Required. Log onto www.foundation4smartkids.org or call the Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools at 503-431-4024 to purchase a ticket or find a vendor near you.

And the Winners Are...

Thank you to all the residents who logged onto their neighborhood area web page to share comments and photos of what they like best about their neighborhood. The responses were fun, engaging and inspirational. Each area winner received a \$50 gift certificate to a Tigard business.

The comments and photos were so great that we plan to share them in a Neighborhood Network calendar!



Watch this space for an opportunity to share your images in the 2011 calendar that illustrates why Tigard—and YOUR neighborhood—is *A Place to Call Home*.

Construction Season Builds Curiosity

“What does that machine do?”
“What’s going in there?” *“When will this project be finished?”*
“How much will that cost?”

For answers to those questions and a peek at what’s happening behind the scenes, log onto Neighborhood Network Area 3 (www.tigard-area3.blogspot.com) Area 5 (www.tigardarea5.blogspot.com) or Area 6 (www.tigardarea6.blogspot.com). These neighborhoods are in the thick of the construction taking place around the city.

Volunteer web administrators in the neighborhoods containing major construction projects receive photos and information about the projects as they progress. You’ll find fun facts about road construction, Tigard history and more. Add your comments, ask a question or suggest a travel route that (safely) goes around the construction.

Log onto your Neighborhood Network Area Blog—it’s your opportunity to connect or commiserate with neighbors as these necessary improvements take place.

Is it Fashion or Sediment Control?

You may have noticed the black fabric “skirts” attached to storm grates around the city. While Tigard is definitely fashionable, the “skirts” are functional. They’re called catch basin inserts and the city requires contractors to put them on the catch basins within their construction zones to stop debris from flowing into the city’s storm system.

This is another tool in keeping Tigard’s stormwater systems healthy and sediment-free.

Congratulations to these lucky neighborhood residents:

- Area 1—Eileen Kerry Kovac
- Area 2—Rochelle Villenave
- Area 6—Lindsay Lidington
- Area 7—Dominique Gay
- Area 8—Mary Kerns
- Area 10—Carol Krager
- Area 11—Donna & Randy Witten

Want to see all the entries?

Log onto to www.tigard-or.gov/neighborhood and see why your neighbors say Tigard is *A Place to Call Home*.



City of Tigard “A Place to Call Home”

The city has changed to an automated attendant phone system to answer and direct incoming calls as a result of reduced staffing. The automated attendant will be equipped with voice recognition capability in addition to traditional keypad dialing. (Callers will be able to dial an extension or speak a name, extension, department name or keyword.)

ADMINISTRATION:

- City Manager’s Office.....503-718-2476
- City Boards and Committees.....503-718-2476
- City Council and Mayor’s Office.....503-718-2476

BUILDING:

- Building Codes.....503-718-2439
- Building Permits503-718-2439
- Inspection Request Line.....503-639-4175

CITY RECORDER/PUBLIC RECORDS:

- City Council Meetings503-718-2410
- Local Elections Information503-718-2410
- Public Records503-718-2483

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Affordable Housing Information.....503-718-2444
- Annexation Information503-718-2437
- Arborist/Urban Forester.....503-718-2700
- Blasting Permits503-718-2421
- Code Compliance503-718-2441
- Planning/Engineering Counter.....503-718-2421
- Sign Permits.....503-718-2421
- Speed Humps.....503-718-2421
- Transportation Planning503-718-2557
- Zoning.....503-718-2421

ENGINEERING:

- City Engineer503-718-2759
- Right-of-Way503-718-2462
- Transportation Engineering503-718-2462

FINANCIAL & INFORMATION SERVICES:

- Accounts Payable.....503-718-2491
- Accounts Receivable.....503-718-2495
- Assessments & Liens.....503-718-2487
- Bids.....503-718-2477
- Business License.....503-718-2487
- Capital Improvement Projects503-718-2643
- City Lien Information.....503-718-2487
- Passport Acceptance503-718-2489
- Tigard Maps.....503-718-2404
- Utility (Water/Sewer) Billing.....503-718-2492

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Job Applications503-718-2413
- Job Hotline503-624-9471

LIBRARY:

- Library.....503-684-6537
- Renewal Line.....503-846-3245
- Volunteer Coordinator503-718-2516

MUNICIPAL COURT:

- Citations503-718-2478
- Court Schedule503-718-2478

POLICE:

- Emergencies9-1-1
- Non-emergency Services503-629-0111
- Alarm Permits.....503-718-2810
- Commercial Crimes Unit.....503-639-6168
- Crime Prevention and Information.....503-718-2561
- D.A.R.E. Program503-718-2578
- G.R.E.A.T. Program.....503-718-2578
- Graffiti503-629-0111
- Police Records.....503-639-6168
- Public Information Officer503-718-2561
- Tip Line.....503-718-2677
- Towed Vehicle Information503-639-6168
- Youth Peer Court.....503-718-2578

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Addressing Information.....503-718-2589
- Backflow Devices/Testing503-718-2603
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)503-718-2593
- City Facilities503-718-2605
- Code Red (Emergency Notification System).....503-718-2593
- Conservation Programs503-718-2599
- Crossflow Connection503-718-2603
- Dog Parks.....503-718-2591
- Emergency Management.....503-718-2593
- Leaf Disposal503-718-2591
- Park Reservations.....503-718-2641
- Park Maintenance.....503-718-2598
- Public Works After-Hours for Water/Street/Sewer Emergencies503-639-1554
- Recycling/Solid Waste.....503-718-2599
- Street Maintenance503-718-2606
- Sewer Locates/Backups503-718-2600
- Tax Lot Information503-718-2589
- Wastewater/Stormwater Issues.....503-718-2607
- Water Quality/Conservation.....503-718-2604

UTILITY BILLING:

- Water/Sewer Billing503-718-2460

Reduced Hours Affect Service Counters

Recently enacted cost-saving measures produced changes in the availability of counter staff to assist the public. Here are the changes:

- Business License Application, Utility Billing Counter:**
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Passport Application Counter:**
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments no longer accepted.
- Building Counter:** *Tuesday–Friday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday.*
- Planning Counter:** *Tuesday–Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday service is limited to appointment check-in and acceptance of land use decision appeals and deliveries.*

Library Adjusts Programs

The Library will eliminate some programs as a result of closing on Thursday mornings and staff layoffs. While the Library has sought to reduce impacts on the public, we’ve had to make the following changes in programming:

Program Eliminations:

- * Pre-School Story Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. | Both morning and evening Adult Book Discussion groups.

Program Reductions:

- * Weekend Adventures for Kids will be reduced to twice a month. | Computer classes will be reduced.

Program Time Changes:

- * The Thursday afternoon Pre-School Story Time will begin at 1:15 p.m. | Book Babies will move to Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

The new Thursday hours begin June 3, when the Library will open at 1 p.m. For the most current information log onto www.tigard-or.gov/library.



Shelf Life

News from the Tigard Library

13500 SW Hall Blvd.

Adult Summer Reading Kickoff with The Harmonics

Tuesday, June 1, 2–4 p.m., Community Room

Adults just wanna have fun! Help us celebrate the beginning of a fun-packed summer reading program just for adults. Register for the program and learn how to play this year's version of Library Bingo. Drop by for a bit of refreshment and lots of good entertainment by The Harmonics, one of Portland's most entertaining a cappella quartets.



Summer Reading Sign Up Starts June 1!

Kids and teens can "Make a Splash" at the Library this summer with concerts, craft programs, story times and prizes just for reading the books you love!

Pick up a full schedule of events and register for **Summer Reading** at the Library between June 1 and July 31, then READ, READ, READ. Bring your completed reading record back to the Library between July 15 and August 31 to earn cool prizes, including a paperback book of your choice and a coupon for a \$4 deluxe ride bracelet to be redeemed at the Oaks Park Summer Reading Celebration in August.

Family Concert with Recess Monkey

Tuesday, June 22, 4–5 p.m.
Community Room, All Ages

This trio of talented teachers from Seattle moonlights as Recess Monkey, a band that performs songs about animals and other fun stuff set to a great, sing-along beat. Help us get the kids' **Summer Reading Program** off to a funky start with one of our favorite annual events!



Bridgetown Big Band

Thursday, June 17, 6–7 p.m., Library Gazebo

Tigard Library's new outdoor summer concert series kicks off with a big band jazz performance by the Bridgetown Big Band. Bring your own seating for this outdoor concert. Concerts will be held on the third Thursday each month at 6 p.m. through September. *In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Library Community Room.*

Deelay Ceelay

Friday, June 4, 7–8:30 p.m.
Community Room, Teens and Adults

Energetic music, live drumming and synched visuals from the acclaimed Portland duo. Be prepared to dance!

Nena Baker and The Body Toxic

Wednesday, June 9, 7–8:30 p.m.
Community Room

Oregon author and investigative journalist Nena Baker explores the many factors that have given rise to the "chemical body burden." Almost everything we encounter—from soap to soup cans, computers to clothing—contributes to a chemical load unique to each of us.

A Visit with Roland Smith

Thursday, June 24, 6–7:30 p.m.
Community Room, Grades 4–12

Come to hear one of Oregon's most popular authors talk about *Tentacles*, the sequel to *Cryptid Hunters*, followed by a question and answer session. Participants will receive a free copy of *Tentacles* while supplies last!



Spanish Family Movies | Saturday, June 26 | 1–5 p.m. | Community Room | All ages

Enjoy this double feature of Spanish family movies while eating snacks and making crafts.

Sábados de Cine Familiar | Sábado 26 de junio | 1–5 p.m. | Salón Comunitario | Abierto a todas las edades

Disfrute de dos películas familiares en español mientras disfruta de unos antojitos y hace manualidades.

Running for City Council... Is Public Service in Your Plans?

In November 2010, Tigard voters will be asked to elect a Mayor and two Council members to the City Council. To be eligible for candidacy, you must be a current Tigard resident who has lived here for at least one year and be a registered voter.



To qualify for nomination, a candidate must submit a petition signed by at least 20 registered Tigard voters and pay a \$50 filing fee.

Filing Deadlines

- Mayor's position: 5 p.m., Monday, August 2
- City Council positions: 4 p.m., Monday, August 23

How to Run for City Council

To learn more, please review the election information packet and filing forms on our website at www.tigard-or.gov/elections or contact Tigard City Elections Officer Cathy Wheatley, 13125 SW Hall Boulevard, or phone 503-718-2410 or email cathy@tigard-or.gov.



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget goes to Council for Adoption:

Tuesday, June 8 @ 7:30 p.m., Tigard Town Hall

Regular Council Meetings: Tuesday, June 8, 15, 22 @ 6:30 p.m., Tigard Town Hall (13125 SW Hall Blvd.)

All meetings are open to the public. Council agendas are available online at www.tigard-or.gov/council or contact Cathy Wheatley at 503-718-2410 or cathy@tigard-or.gov.

Tigard Partners Being Prepared

Tip of the Month: Motor Vehicle Preparedness



If a disaster or an emergency occurred while you were driving, would you know what to do?

Making the wrong decision could make a bad situation even worse. Will you know the most important thing to remember?

Don't Panic!

Here are some safety tips every driver should know.

- ★ **Flood**—Never attempt to drive through high water on a road. A mere two feet of water can float most cars, and not much more than that will float a large pickup. Water can be deceptive. It may be deeper or moving faster than it appears, and water levels may rise quickly and leave you stranded.
- ★ **Earthquake**—Stay in your vehicle. Pull to the side of the road, bring the vehicle to a halt as soon as safely possible, and shut off the ignition. Steer clear of nearby buildings, utility wires and overpasses/bridges. Because of the vehicle's suspension, it may shake violently, but it could be the safest place to stay.
- ★ **High Winds**—Avoid driving if you can. Gale force winds can easily push a car out of its travel lane or off the road. The larger the vehicle, the more susceptible it will be to the force of the wind. If you are already driving when the high winds occur, pull safely off the road and seek shelter. Being in a parked car is safer than staying outside; however, being in a building is safer than being in the car.
- ★ **Summer Heat**—During hot weather, heat can build rapidly in a closed or nearly closed car. Children, the elderly, and pets can die from heat stroke in a matter of minutes when left in a closed car. **Never leave any person or any pets in a parked car during periods of high temperature for any reason.**