Thanksgiving Reunion Market

Come join your favorite market vendors for one day only before the holidays!

The Lake Oswego Farmers’ Market will reunite for one day only - just in time to set the table for Thanksgiving dinner. The reunion of your favorite farmers, vendors and artisans will be on Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Millennium Plaza Park. This is an ideal time for shoppers to stock up on apples, pears, potatoes, root vegetables and nuts to use throughout the holidays, and replenish pantry shelves with delicious options for drop in guests including salsa, hummus and pepper jelly. You’ll agree that a beautiful table setting also includes centerpieces which may include flowers, plants and ornamental gourds. You’ll find all this plus live entertainment and horse drawn wagon rides too!

Water Partnership Ensures Investment Value

Efforts keep an eye on the bottom line

The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership is actively working to ensure that the Lake Oswego community gets the best value for its utility dollars spent to upgrade the Lake Oswego water system. Sharing the cost with Tigard is the first step – Tigard customers will pay more than half of total project capital costs and will contribute to ongoing operations and maintenance expenses. Other ways that the project team and Council are keeping an eye on the bottom line include:

- The project is guided by an Oversight Committee made up of two City Council members from each city to keep the project on schedule and within budget.
- The Oversight Committee and Councils have put guidelines in place to minimize delay—a major cause of cost increases.
- All contractors must be “pre-qualified” to show that they have the right type of experience, bonding, cost containment and project management experience to do the job.
- Pilot testing several processes (ozone, filtration and solids drying) to ensure these systems will work optimally when they are installed, saving money and guesswork in the future.
- Extensive ‘value planning’ to ensure that the community gets the facilities it needs at the lowest cost.

To fund needed investments in upgrades to our aging water supply system, water rates are increasing. This year, the water portion of your Utility Bill increased for the typical water user by $8.62 per month, or $17.23 on the bi-monthly bill. Our costs are substantially lower due to our agreement with the City of Tigard to jointly fund the needed upgrades. An analysis completed in 2010 for the Lake Oswego City Council, showed Lake Oswego ratepayers will save $80 million compared to the cost of upgrading facilities on our own.

For more information on project costs, go to http://tigardwater.org/?p=project-information. Scroll down to program costs.

Drop off your Ballots at the Library

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You can help local families Fill a Heart pocketbook.

This local nonprofit assists agencies and neediest families during the holidays.

You can pick-up drop-off sites at the WEB - an easy place to drop off.

Thank you.