Downtown Tigard Fire Station Is Up and Running

On March 16, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reopened Tigard Station 51 along Burnham Street and immediately began answering emergency calls.

The responses marked the first time that the four-person crews of Truck 51 and Heavy Rescue 51 have worked out of the same location since June 2014, when operational and seismic upgrades on the station began.

“We’re really excited to be back at Station 51,” said Capt. Craig Lyon. “Our technical rescue team is reunited, and we’re pleased to have more space to store the specialized equipment we use for trench rescues, major motor vehicle crashes and other complex incidents. The seismic upgrades also improve our ability to respond during an earthquake.”

The $1.3 million project was funded by the November 2006 voter-approved $77.5 million general obligation bond and corrected operational and safety deficiencies of the original Station 51 constructed in 1993.

Improvements include seismic upgrades to reinforce the facility, ensuring emergency response following a major earthquake and compliance with state law and local building codes; installation of an interior sprinkler system; and the addition of accommodations for female firefighters.

“We’re so grateful for the community’s support,” Lyon said.

Bonita Pump Station Taking Shape to Support New Water Pipeline

The Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership’s Bonita Pump Station has taken shape. When completed, the station will receive water that originates in the Clackamas River and is treated at an upgraded treatment plant in Lake Oswego, before it reaches water customers served by Tigard. Our new water system will reliably provide consistently high quality drinking water—year-round.

Over the past several weeks, crews have installed structural steel and insulated wall panels throughout the interior and exterior of the building as well as a brick façade.

Three large water pipelines and a storm drain were recently installed on Milton Court that will connect the pump station with the pipelines on Bonita Road. The crew will now focus on installing ADA ramps and sidewalks in preparation for the final paving, which will occur this summer.

Construction for the pipeline alignment down Bonita Road has begun. To reduce the impacts to traffic and businesses, the majority of work will be done at night between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

In the next few weeks, a work pit will be excavated in the center lane of Bonita Road near SW 74th Avenue. This pit will be used by crews to install the pipeline underneath the railroad tracks between SW 74th and SW 72nd Avenues using an auger bore.

The pit will be in place for about a month and traffic control devices will be installed to lead drivers safely around the area. After crews have bored underneath the railroad tracks, they will continue east, laying pipe along Bonita Road and, eventually, bore underneath the Interstate 5 toward Bangy Road in Lake Oswego.

Expect to see and hear excavators, loaders, pipe, steel plates, gravel and dump trucks during this time. Most equipment will be stored along the right-of-way during construction.

Once the pipeline is installed, crews will temporarily repave the roadway. Permanent pavement restoration will occur once the pipe is tested and weather is favorable for final paving and restriping.

For more information, email lotwater@ci.oswego.or.us, follow @LOTwater on Twitter, call the Partnership’s hotline at 503-697-6502, or sign up to receive Bonita Road and Tigard pipeline email updates at www.lotigardwater.org. Information also can be found at on the city’s website at www.tigard-or.gov/water_partnership.