

## What Is Leadership Tigard?

Leadership Tigard is an annual nine-month program to build leadership skills and community awareness offered by the Tigard Chamber.

Participants will learn how their community works by listening to a variety of perspectives. Each month they will hear from community, government, and business leaders who make things happen in Tigard.

Now more than ever, we need to develop leaders who are invested in their local community! During the program, participants are challenged to explore current issues first-hand and benefit from community, government, and business tours, presentations, and speakers. The program enhances individual's leadership skills and helps them apply those skills. After the program, graduates should be able to see themselves plugging into responsible community roles such as citizen committees, boards, and city councils as well as advancing their career path.



## Curriculum 2024- 2025

Each class is from 8 am - 5 pm unless noted otherwise.

- Sept 24th, 2024—Welcome Reception 5 - 6:30 pm.
- Oct 8th, 2024—Kick Off Day—Simulated Society Exercise
- Nov 12th, 2024—Tigard History & Culture and DEIB Day
- Dec 10th, 2024—Human Needs Day—Services, Non-Profits & Boards
- Jan 14th, 2025—Business & Economy
- Feb 11th, 2025—Government Day
- Mar 11th, 2025—Education & Technology
- Apr 8th, 2025—Leadership Skills
- May 13th, 2025—Communication & Media Day
- Jun 10th, 2025—Public Safety & Judicial System Day
- Jun 17th, 2025—Graduation 5 - 6:30 pm.

### Community Service Project

The Leadership Tigard program places a strong emphasis on volunteerism. The class chooses one community service project to participate in during the year. Participants plan, strategize, and execute their project for a community cause. Class members learn how to utilize the skills and resources available to reach a common community goal.

### Lead a Day in 2025-2026

The final part of the program is for each Graduate to coordinate/lead one day of the program the following year.

## Why Participate?

**Learn. Connect. Grow. Engage. Impact.**

As the 3rd largest city in Washington, County (the economic engine of Oregon), and a suburb of Portland trisected by 3 major thoroughfares (I-5, 99W, 217) Tigard's issues become increasingly more complex and the need for good solid leadership is greater than ever before.

### Goals of Leadership Tigard:

- Expand awareness, influence, connections, and visibility in the community.
- Become a knowledgeable, networked, skilled, involved, and passionate business and community leader
- Understand our Tigard community, its challenges and opportunities
- Form a network of informed, concerned citizens who will advocate for and represent the community as a whole
- Value the interaction of government, business, and non-profits in Tigard
- Understand the value of relationship building and driving positive change in our community through community leadership

### Leadership Tigard Testimonials:

"Our firm places great importance on engaging with our local community, and the Leadership Tigard program has provided an excellent opportunity for us to do so. We have enrolled a member of our team each year for the last four years, and each person has gained a deeper connection with the community, a richer understanding of the area and its residents, and valuable new relationships. This experience has been incredibly rewarding, and we highly recommend joining!" - Elsa Marcotte, Firenze Wealth Management

"When I was running for Tigard City Council in 2022, I signed-up for Leadership Tigard. The program delivered exactly what I needed! It's a great opportunity to learn more about Tigard's history, economic development and social services network. You will further develop your leadership skills, give back to the community, and have great fun while doing it! Having this experience was a perfect professional development experience as I began my new role as a 2023 Tigard City Councilor." - Maureen Wolf, School Board Member and City Counselor