

For Employers—Why Invest?

When you invest in leadership development, you build your major resource, your people. No matter how much technology or automation you have, your people are your company's greatest asset. We believe that everything begins with leadership and trickles down from there.

When participants return to the workplace they:

- Bring a broader perspective to teaming and problem-solving
- Bring back all their knowledge, learning, and connections
- Can help you determine how your business can engage with the Tigard community and leaders throughout Washington County

Application Process

Applications are being accepted now for the 2026-2027 program. We can only accept a maximum of 30 participants. Upon successful selection, applicants will be notified by email of their acceptance.

Application Deadline—September 14th, 2026

Tuition includes lunch and 9 full-day programs. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from the venues located in Tigard. At this time scholarships are not available. Ask for more details.

- Chamber Member Tuition—\$895
- Non-Member Tuition—\$995

Tuition Deadline—Paid in full by 09/21/2026 unless other arrangements are made.

For more information visit the Tigard Chamber of Commerce Website or email Megan at Megan@TigardChamber.org

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Leadership Tigard

Building Leaders. Growing Community.



Shaping Tigard's Future Through Local
Leadership Development!

What Is Leadership Tigard?

Leadership Tigard is a transformative nine-month program hosted annually by the Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce, designed to cultivate leadership skills and deepen community engagement. Through immersive experiences, participants gain a behind-the-scenes understanding of how Tigard functions, politically, economically, and socially. Each month features in-depth sessions with influential voices from local government, business, education, and nonprofit sectors who are shaping the future of our community. Now more than ever, our region needs leaders who are informed, connected, and committed to making a difference. Leadership Tigard challenges participants to examine real-world issues, connect across sectors, and engage in tours, panels, and interactive discussions that spark insight and action.

Graduates leave with strengthened leadership skills and a clearer path to community involvement whether through serving on citizen committees, joining local boards, running for office, or advancing their professional careers with a renewed sense of purpose and connection.



Curriculum 2026-2027

- Sept 29th, 2026—Welcome Reception 5pm - 6:30pm
 - Oct 13th, 2026—Kick Off Day—Simulated Society Exercise
 - Nov 10th, 2026—Tigard History & Culture Day
 - Dec 8th, 2026—Human Needs Day—Non-Profits & Boards
 - Jan 12th, 2027—Government Day
 - Feb 9th, 2027—Business & Economy Day
 - March 9th, 2027—Education & Technology Day
 - April 13th, 2027—Leadership Skills Day
 - May 11th, 2027—Communication & Media Day
 - June 8th, 2027—Public Safety & Judicial System Day
 - June 15th, 2027—Graduation 5pm - 6:30pm
- Each class runs 8am - 5pm unless otherwise noted.

Community Service Project

The Leadership Tigard program places a strong emphasis on community volunteerism. Each year, the class selects a meaningful service project to plan and complete together. Participants collaborate to strategize, organize, and execute their project supporting a local cause or giving back to the community in a tangible way. Throughout the process, class members learn to apply their leadership skills, leverage resources, and work as a team to achieve a shared goal.

Lead a Day in the 2027-2028 Program Year

As a capstone, each Graduate returns the following year to coordinate and lead one program day, applying their skills and giving back to the next class of leaders.

Why Participate?

Learn. Connect. Grow. Engage. Impact.

As the third-largest city in Washington County (Oregon's economic engine) and a key suburb of Portland intersected by three major transportation routes (I-5, 99W, and 217), Tigard faces increasingly complex challenges. This growing complexity makes the need for informed, capable, and community-minded leadership more critical than ever before.

Goals of Leadership Tigard:

- Deepen awareness, expand influence, and increase visibility within the Tigard community.
- Develop into a knowledgeable, connected, skilled, and engaged business and civic leader.
- Gain a comprehensive understanding of Tigard's unique challenges and opportunities.
- Build a strong network of informed and committed individuals who advocate for the broader community.
- Recognize the vital collaboration between government, business, and nonprofit sectors in shaping Tigard.
- Embrace the power of relationships and community leadership as catalysts for meaningful, lasting change.

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, Vice Chair of NW Regional ESD and City Council President