



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020

*Founded in 1986, the Society's mission is  
to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin*



## Save the Date ..Evening Programs

### World-Wide Ice-Age Megafloods

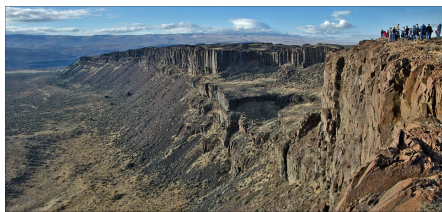
Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm

Dr. Vic Baker, Professor of Planetary Sciences and Geosciences, U of A, will discuss his studies of the channeled scablands of eastern Washington. J.Harlen Bretz single-handedly established what today has become the science of megaflood paleohydrology.

### 10 Ways the Lake Missoula Floods Still Affect Us Today”

Thursday, September 17 7:00 pm  
AT LIBRARY

The Lake Missoula Floods have shaped our past, our present and will continue to affect our future. Join us as Rick Thomson shows the diverse ways these megafloods changed our landscape, history, industry, agriculture, recreation and much more.



Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

[www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia](http://www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia)

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. .

## COVID-19

As we all follow public health guidelines on reopening, please be aware that programs and events are subject to change. The traditional Society picnic will not be held July 1. Alternatives for a summer picnic and our popular Heritage Evening fundraiser scheduled for Friday, September 11 are being discussed. Watch for emails, check the THS website, or call Cindy at 503-885-1926 for the latest news. Following social distancing criteria during the pandemic, we can only seat 15 persons in the Center. Several of our Thursday evening joint programs with the Lower Columbia chapter Floods Institute are being held virtually using Zoom. Connection instructions will be sent on request. Stay safe!

## Council Person Maria Reyes Shares Perilous Journey

Wednesday, August 5 1 pm

City Councilwoman Maria Reyes will discuss her perilous life journey from the farms of Honduras to the streets of LA to Tualatin. Her role as Tualatin's first Latina Council Person is much more than symbolic. It provides insight and perspective beyond what most of us have ever experienced.

## Civics Education in Oregon

Wednesday, September 2, 1 pm

As a member of the Oregon Secretary of state's office, Mary Beth Herkert is charged with creating and implementing the Civics Education Program on behalf of the Secretary. She is responsible for managing the Kid Governor Program as well as other civics education components. She holds a master's in history from the State University of New York at Albany and is a certified Archivist and Certified Records Manager. The Secretary of State administers elections in Oregon, including promoting voting by mail.



## Census captures Tualatin's explosive growth history

Article 2, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution outlines “enumeration” or what we know today as the Census. Unfortunately, that first Census counted slaves as 3/5<sup>th</sup> a person and Indians not at all. Today everyone counts and we need to count everyone. Many things come from an exact tally of those who live here. Not only Representatives to the US House, but also federal dollars—our dollars—return to us in the form of support for fire departments, schools, health clinics and roads.

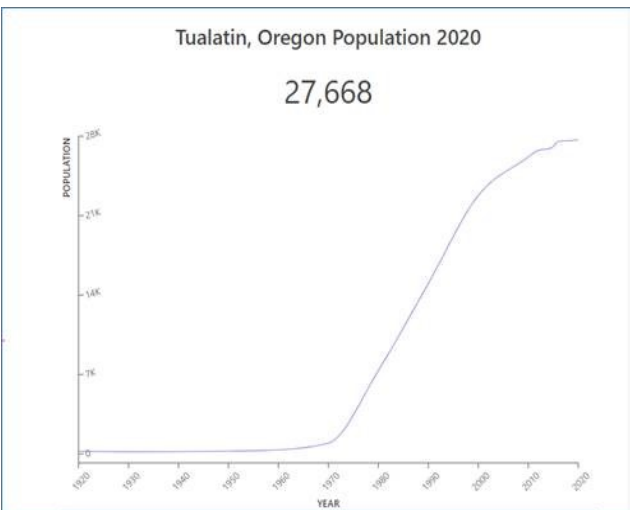
In addition to the very practical reasons above, the Census provides us with a detailed look of our community. With a 2020 population of 27,668, Tualatin is the 19th largest city in Oregon and the 1378th largest city in the United States. Tualatin is currently growing at a rate of 0.12% annually and its population has increased by 6.19% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 26,054 in 2010. Spanning over 8 square miles, Tualatin has a population density of 3,385 people per square mile.

The average household income in Tualatin is \$101,757 with a poverty rate of 10.29%. The median rental costs in recent years comes to \$1,223 per month, and the median house value is \$397,300. The median age in Tualatin is 38 years, 38 years for males, and 38 years for females. For every 100 females there are 92.5 males. Note: The source for the data and graphs in this article is World Population Review. They monitor world population with census and UN data, as well as real time estimates based on birth and death rates. Dozens of temporary workers are helping with a goal to count everyone in Tualatin. If you have questions or would like to apply for a job which pays \$18 per hour, please contact Jessica Pressler at (860) 910-5439

Type	Count	Average Size	Owned
All	10,833	2.51	55.1
Married	5,782	3.06	74.4
Non Family	3,588	1.3	34.6
Female	1,081	3.37	25
Male	382	3.03	42.4

3.02	Average Family Size	7.1%	Unmarried (Opposite Sex)
2.51	Average Household Size	0.4%	Unmarried (Same Sex)



Name	Average	Male	Female	
Overall	\$48,611	\$58,047	\$39,883	\$48,611 Average Earnings
Less Than High School	\$20,018	\$25,918	\$11,743	\$58,047 Average Male
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## We Remember Jack Broome



Althea Pratt-Broome and Jack at Sweek house 2020

Former THS president **Jack Broome**, 97, died June 17 after colon cancer surgery a few days before. Jack left his mark on Tualatin in many ways. His architectural firm designed Meridian Park Hospital in the early 1970s. The City called on him to help create its first urban renewal master plan. When Jack married Althea Pratt and joined her at Sweek House, his architectural skills turned to historic preservation as he worked to restore the 1858 building where Althea still lives with caregivers. Althea and Jack together founded the Wetlands Conservancy out of concern for the wetlands adjacent to their property and around the city. The Conservancy is now working to restore and maintain wetlands all around Oregon. For THS, Jack's finest legacy was guiding us through the design and approval process for restoration of the old Methodist Church as Tualatin Heritage Center. Until leaving Sweek House became more difficult, Jack enjoyed sharing memories and attending programs at the Center. He first suggested the Society's scholarship program which has helped 10 Tualatin High School seniors take their next steps in lifelong learning. No services are planned, but donations to the THS scholarship fund would be appropriate

### Seward Eggleston-

Seward Eggleston, 93, was well known in Northwest timber and agricultural industry circles. His wife Theresa was a Tualatin-Tigard school teacher. They enjoyed 72 years of marriage and raised three children. Seward joined THS in 2010 and served as a THS member for 10 years.

## 2020 THS Scholarship



### Now, Jack Broome Scholarship Fund!

2020 marks our 10th year recognizing high-achieving graduates. One student is selected from multiple entries. To date annually we have given \$24,000 to deserving students.

The scholarship committee selected Tualatin graduating senior Madison McDonald for this year's \$3,000 award.

Madison will be presented the certificate of award virtually. Madison will be attending University of Oregon majoring in political Science. A second scholarship was also granted to Julio Lopez Carrillo for \$2,000.



Tualatin HS graduates received their diplomas outside, as their families drove by

He will be going to PCC and his course of study is auto mechanics.

This scholarship is being funded by three of our committee members who were impressed with Julio's application which showed good success against great odds. We felt compelled to give him a boost.

A big thank you goes out to our Scholarship Committee members Norm Parker, Kay Gooding, Gerry Brosy, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek and Christine Tunstall and all the donors who make this possible.

*Excerpt from Madison McDonald 's Essay:* History is one of a kind, it holds incredible value to us as individuals and as a society. We rely on history to prove the past; to remind us of what we need to learn. Both of our mistakes and our successes. Regardless, history tells a unique story to us all. Sometimes, it's even all that we have left to remind us of where we came from and the people we owe our lives to.



## 2020: A Year Tualatin Will Remember

(Editor’s note: This issue of THS Newsletter documents history as it was made in 2020 and is a snapshot of news while it is fresh. Hopefully, future researchers looking back at 2020 history will use this as a starting point)

In 1918 Tualatin’s Winona Grange secretary recorded that no meetings were held in October and November because of a devastating flu that swept around the nation and world. In early 2020, local residents began hearing of a new virus later named Covid 19 that would cause the Grange and dozens more organizations to close for many weeks while Tualatin residents were also told to “stay home”.

Word first came of the virus in the U.S. in early January. Indication that the disease had arrived in the Pacific

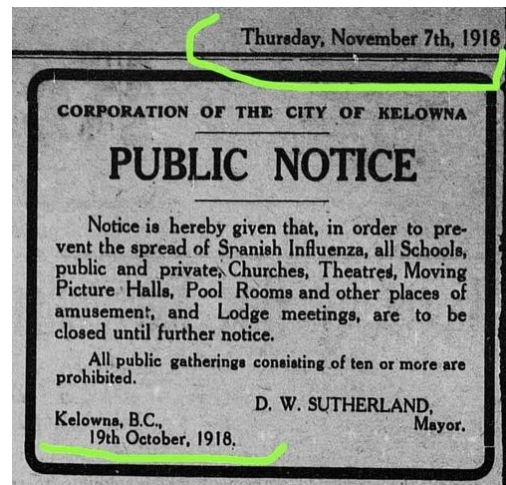


NW came from the Seattle area. However, community cases seemed to erupt out of nowhere from unknown sources, like a staff member of a nearby Lake Oswego elementary school who was hospitalized for many weeks. Soon the World Health Organization officially designated the virus a pandemic as outbreaks emerged around the globe, apparently transmitted by air travel. Major “hot spots” seemed to be in senior care facilities and the most vulnerable populations were older adults and persons with pre-existing medical conditions. Legacy Meridian Park in Tualatin began admitting Covid 19 patients which required strict precautions. According to the Oregon Health Authority, our



97062 zip code recorded 45 cases during the 5 month period ending June 1. Statewide as of June 15, total deaths in the state were over 200 with 1276 deceased in Washington state. (all figures subject to change)

Photos from 1918 shows mask were used then too, including wear a mask or go to jail (above)



1918 guidelines to reduce virus spread

National, state and county public health guidelines to “stop the spread” were the order of the day for the rest of winter and spring: “wash hands regularly, don’t touch your face, stay six feet apart from others, and wear masks (for adults).” In Tualatin, city officials locked the doors of public buildings beginning March 15. Likewise, almost all local businesses and offices were quickly shuttered with staff required to work from home if possible. Some businesses were declared essential, like grocery stores, and pharmacies. Certain other enterprises and services, like public transportation, were allowed to continue operation under new guidelines. For Tualatin’s several senior care facilities, no visitors—even family members—were allowed to enter the buildings. Churches remained dark. Oregon Governor Kate Brown, relying on her public health experts, announced a plan later on for counties to “reopen” in phases if certain criteria were met. Washington County was one of the last to receive a green light.



Toilet paper disappeared from city stores

### Impact on Tualatin Economy

The economic impact in Tualatin was swift. Layoffs spiraled for dozens of businesses. Especially hard hit were restaurants which were limited to drive through, pickup or delivery. Some stores limited the number of customers at any one time. Government assistance to families and businesses was soon to emerge as a partial bridge to economic recovery. Legal residents received federal stimulus checks (\$1200 for individuals or \$2400 for couples) and many businesses and nonprofits could apply for loans (converted to grants if they protected jobs). The City of Tualatin allocated funds to help some employers. The Chamber of Commerce worked hard to help owners and managers maintain visibility as everyone anticipated gradual recovery. Washington County's unemployment level reached 12% at its peak. Unemployment compensation from the state was delayed for several days and weeks because of the volume of applications and computer issues.



Everyone is grateful for those on the front lines

### Impact on Family Life

Tualatin's families immediately found their lives dramatically changed. "Sheltering in place" orders meant staying home to avoid exposure. While many office workers were able to do their jobs from home, for young parents this meant adjusting to working on line with kids under foot. For a time, the initial closure for Tualatin-Tigard School District resembled winter "snow days" as everyone geared up for distance learning—a concept entire new to teachers and students alike. For parents at home, this meant trying to make sure lessons were completed, but for families with limited or no access to computers and the internet, there was a waiting period until laptops could be provided to students.

Evictions for nonpayment of rent or mortgages were put on hold temporarily by state and federal legislation. Health care providers set up TeleMed appointments as an alternative to in-person appointments, however dental and other hands-on services would have to wait. Many Tualatin college students chose to come home to do their online coursework after their campus classrooms were shut down around the state and nation. Such lifestyle changes meant strains on relationships and what to do with "free" time for many folks. In local neighborhoods, walkers and joggers were commonplace at all hours of the day—sometimes with dogs newly-acquired for companionship. With theatres and entertainment venues closed, residents turned to pastimes like jigsaw puzzles which saw a major resurgence. With Tualatin's theatre closed, streamed movies and more reading filled days and nights. Long-ignored chores like cleaning out closets and kitchen cabinets soon slowed after donation centers also closed down. Neighborhood gatherings faced the same masks and social distancing restrictions as commercial venues.



Traffic on downtown streets and particularly on Hwy 99 and I-5 saw a noticeable decline. Reports of cleaner air were commonplace. There were no group sports for children, youth or adults. Colleges were wondering if there would be football and if classes would be available in the fall. Professional sports began gearing up for games but with no spectators. Tualatin's historic Willowbrook Arts Camp at Brown's Ferry Park was planning for its biggest 38<sup>th</sup> season but was forced to cancel the 2020 summer season unable to offer activities that require close group interaction and constant health and sanitation. Popular annual city events like Blender Dash for kids, summer concerts and outdoor movies at the Commons, the famed Tualatin Crawfish Festival and Viva Tualatin (a celebration of cultural diversity) scheduled for September were all canceled.



## Impact on Personal Life

One of the first reactions by the public to the mandated shutdowns was surprising: stores ran out of toilet paper, paper towels and hand sanitizers as residents started hoarding. Another unexpected problem also arose: Clean Water Services, Tualatin's sewage treatment agency, experienced clogged pipes as families discharged so-called flushable wipes down their toilets. Isolation from others began to have emotional effect on Tualatin residents, too. Those with smart phones and computers honed their skills with gaming. The City's recreation program and library streamed art activities and physical activities for the home-bound.

Grandparents missed hugging grandkids. Families held birthday parties and celebrations online. Personal relationships are a major feature for churches, with a few Tualatin churches offering worship and small group experiences virtually. Hair grew longer as barber shops and salons remained shuttered. Also unexplained, firearm sales and liquor sales reportedly increased.



Carts are now sanitized

Tualatin residents added a string of new words and concepts to their vocabulary during the 2020 pandemic: epidemiology, virology, immunology, epidemic, xenophobia, quarantine, asymptomatic, ventilators, respirators, intubation, PPE (personal protective equipment), vaccines, antibodies, contact/contract tracing, prophylactic, therapeutic, flatten the curve (graph of new cases), what will the new normal be on the other side, we will get through this, we're all in this together. Children and adults alike gained a new awareness of the many national and worldwide agencies involved with health care.

Many neighbors around town rang bells or pounded pans at 7 p.m. nightly to honor health care workers and front line responders. As part of a coordinated statewide effort, a squadron of military jets flew over Legacy Meridian Park Hospital one morning to thank medical staff for their long hours of service.

## The Gradual Re-opening of Tualatin

Washington County relaxed some guidelines for public health in June, allowing restaurants to host in

person dining with tables spread six feet apart and beauticians given the OK to cut hair by following appropriate prevention measures. Around Oregon, on the other hand, increased testing uncovered a rise in cases perhaps caused by the public becoming more relaxed about following social distancing guidelines.

## Another Shock in Tualatin

Tualatin residents were beginning to see a light at the end of the Covid 19 tunnel in mid-May when video of a deadly police action in Minneapolis filled news screens and airwaves. Using his knee on his neck, an officer suffocated an African American suspect for over 8 minutes while three other officers helped hold the man down. Along with other area police chiefs, Tualatin police chief Bill Steele quickly decried the decision. But nationally, pent-up social unrest over police brutality sparked an epidemic of demonstrations and destructive behavior, particularly in big cities across America, and even around the world. Calls for an end of racism and reforms in justice systems also emerged in Tualatin. On June 2, a peaceful demonstration of mostly young people estimated at 1000 gathered peacefully at the Lake of the Commons described as positive by both Chief Steele and Mayor Frank Bubenik. Chief organizer was 2017 Tualatin High School graduate Markayla Ballard, an African American.

Many Tualatin businesses closed their doors.



## Impact on Tualatin Historical Society

The THS Board decided to maintain our Heritage Center manager Cindy Frost even though our building is owned by the City of Tualatin which closed all public facilities during the pandemic. One of the factors in that decision was receipt of a federal Small Business Administration \$5,000 loan/grant that would fund payroll needs for a little more than 8 weeks. This enabled Cindy to focus on several projects that were pushed aside during the course of regular operations, such as focused attention on patio brick replacement and sales, signage on historic plants around the building, revisions on the website and other tasks. However, closure of the building also meant a four-month disruption in rental income that underwrites much of the Society budget.

*Thanks to Al Stewart photography for photos.*

### Historian’s Corner

by Sandra Lafky Carlson

Nami Sasaki’s in-laws had emigrated from Japan and in 1914 bought a 100-acre hops farm south of Tualatin. By 1939, Nami and husband Ajiro (Art) took over managing the farm and grew mostly berries. During WW2, the family was forced to move to an Idaho relocation camp, along with other West Coast Japanese-Americans. Fortunately, friends cared for their farm so the Sasakis could return to it after the war. Nami didn’t talk much later about the relocation experience, except to say “We made the best of the situation”.

Nami always instructed her children to excel in school: “Write neatly, don’t scribble!” and “Be a good student because you’re going to stand out”. She also encouraged them in after-school activities such as Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts and sports.

In their berry fields each summer, Nami hired and managed over 150 young pickers with guidelines such as: “Don’t step over a row! And never ever throw berries!” Despite strict rules, the pickers were treated to a hot dog and ice cream party at season’s end.

Yvonne Addington remembers “Nami taught me how to work my first job in the strawberry fields. “Keep your head down and work hard’ was good advice through life!”

Nami passed away just a few years ago. Her surviving children Art Sasaki and Joyce Olsen still live in the area and are Tualatin Historical Society members.



### Welcome New Members

*William Cohen*

*Vicki Miller*

*Who do you know who might be interested in THS? Why not invite them? Memberships start at \$25*



### Tualatin Historical Society Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual \$25
- Household \$40
- Founder’s Club \$250 (3 years)
- Heritage Circle \$500 (5 years)

Mail form and payment to P.O. Box 1055, Tualatin, OR 97062  
Make Checks to Tualatin Historical Society – Visa/MC accepted

**We Love Cookies** Thanks to Attorney **Robert Kellogg** P.C. for stepping up to be our sponsor for hospitality at monthly programs.

Those wonderful treats that you will have at our THS meetings monthly are provided by his office. Think of Robert for your will/



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Do you know what this is? Email [askabouthistory@gmail.com](mailto:askabouthistory@gmail.com) with your answer.

Winner of the drawing from correct answers **wins**

**a lunch with THS president Ross Baker.**



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

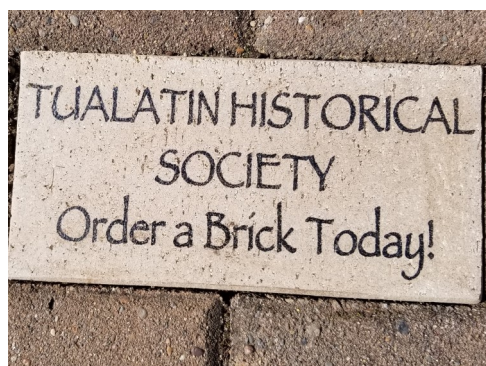
**The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Independence Day on Friday, July 4.**

**We are also closed September 7, for Labor Day**

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**Did you order your replacement or new brick yet? Call Cindy 503-885-1926. Visa/MC accepted. Still \$50 for a limited time.**

The Center is open to the public weekdays from 10am to 2pm. The Tualatin Historical Society holds open program meetings in the Center at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month except for July and November.