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## **Veterans Plaza Brick Program**

Order deadline extended

**Tualatin, OR** – The City of Tualatin is implementing a brick engraving program as part of the ongoing Veterans Plaza upgrade. The Parks & Recreation Master Plan, adopted in 2019, addressed the need for community discussion regarding the recognition of veterans, as part of a larger initiative to expand accessible and inclusive parks in Tualatin. In November 2022, Tualatin voters approved a Parks and Trails Bond for new parks investments, and plans were set in motion for the construction of Veterans Plaza.

The planning and design of Veterans Plaza were guided by eight months of community outreach and engagement. Overwhelmingly, the Tualatin community has steered this project in a direction to honor veterans and military service members, reflect on their sacrifice and service, and recognize individuals or entities who are currently supporting a veteran or have supported a veteran in the past.

As construction continues on the upgrade to Veterans Plaza, members of the Tualatin community have a special opportunity to be part of it. If community members have a loved one they'd like to honor—whether they served or supported someone else's service—they can now order a customized brick that will be installed in the plaza. These bricks will be engraved and installed annually and will be maintained by the City. These customized bricks will contribute to the goal of making Veterans Plaza a place of

celebration and remembrance by honoring the service of veterans and military caregivers.

If community members would like to order a customized brick for Veterans Plaza, order forms are available on the <u>City of Tualatin Parks & Recreation webpage</u> and at the Juanita Pohl Center. All submissions must comply with the guidelines outlined in the order form. Completed order forms can be returned to the Juanita Pohl Center, along with payment in the form of cash, check, or invoice at a later date. Order forms will be accepted through January 10, 2025, and the program will re-open in the fall of 2025. Money paid for the customized bricks will help fund the continuation of the brick program.

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