



Portland/Beaverton, Oregon

Washington County

Community Profile

The **Portland Parts Distribution Center** is located in the **City of Beaverton, Ore.**, seven miles west of Portland. Beaverton has a population of about 86,000, while Portland has more than half a million inhabitants and the metropolitan area comprises more than 2 million residents.

This guide, for the most part, covers only Beaverton.
For additional information on the City of Portland itself, visit this Wikipedia site:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portland,_Oregon

Or go to the official City of Portland Web site at: <http://www.portlandonline.com>



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Introduction

Recent changes in our economy are affecting many people. Many people have lost jobs or having to transfer or relocate to other places for employment. If you have recently found yourself in this situation, this information is for you and your family.

Unexpected job changes can become unsettling to say the least, however, it is not the end of the world. In addition to financial gains, employment gives us a sense of purpose and is a part of our identity.

Talk to Your Family

Transferring/Relocation is tough on the whole family. Your spouse and children may feel left out and helpless. Talk out your problems and plan together. Explain your situation to them and include them in developing your plans to deal with it. It helps to give each member of the family some positive steps that they can take. Pull together, share the steps that need to be taken. Members of a family grow together and draw strength from one another.

Your Best Resource Is Your Union

Your union representative, Community Services Committee, Local United Way Community Services Labor Liaison and EAP Representatives have the information on assistance programs and services available in your community.

As you go through the process of continuing your employment through transferring and having to relocate, you may need help. This information offers resources for you to use during your journey.

This directory list general information for UAW members who are impacted by the transfer or relocation to the Oregon area. Please be aware that the programs and services may vary from surrounding areas.

The mission of this resource directory is to provide resource information for individuals and families. Listings and descriptions of the information in this directory does not imply endorsements nor does exclusion imply withheld endorsement by the UAW-Chrysler National Training Center. Readers should evaluate organizations, programs and services before relying on them.

EAP Representative

Doug Hepler (503) 526-5575

Benefits Representative

Jeffery Pounder (503) 526-5583

Beaverton, Oregon

Community Profile

The City of Beaverton, west of Portland in the Tualatin River Valley, encompasses 18.6 square miles and is home to 86,205 residents. The city is Oregon's sixth largest and the second largest incorporated city in Washington County.

Beaverton is a family friendly city and is well known for its many attractive and well-planned neighborhoods. Residents enjoy easy access to a complete range of community services, including the Portland metropolitan west-side's largest shopping district and dozens of churches serving all denominations. The City has a vast amount of "Green Space" with over 100 parks encompassing 1,000 acres. A park is located within a half mile of every home and the City features 30 miles of hiking trails and a 25-mile network of bike paths. Beaverton residents are able to enjoy many outdoor activities with ski slopes and ocean beaches a little more than an hour away.

There are over 36,000 students in 46 schools from grades K-12 in the Beaverton School District (3rd largest district in Oregon). Nationally acclaimed for students' high SAT scores, Beaverton schools have formed strong partnerships with area businesses. Several highly regarded private schools as well as some of the region's best state and private universities and community colleges are located within 30-miles of Beaverton.

Beaverton, Oregon

Community Profile

- **Form of Government:** Strong Mayor - Mayor/Council
- **Population (as of July 1, 2008):** 86,205
- **Location:** Seven miles West of Portland
- **Population Density:** 4468 residents/square mile
- **City Size:** 18.6 square miles
- **Elevation:** Average - 189' Above Sea Level
- **High** - 698.2' (Just North of HWY 26 / Camelot Ct.)
- **Low** - 131.7' (Progress Ridge Rock Query / Murray - Scholls Transit Center Area)
- **Coordinates:** N 45° 29.14 W 122° 47.84
(latitude/longitude)
- **Median Family Income:** \$66,900 (2006, for a family of four in the Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton MSA)
- **Average Annual Rainfall:** 36.3 inches
- **Property Tax Statement:** \$4.01 per \$1,000/Assessed Value (05/06 tax year)

The Early Years

Early Oregon Pioneers

The Tualatin Valley and Beaverton area was originally the home of native people who referred to themselves as "Atfalati". Westerners later mispronounced the name as Tualatin. The tribe was a hunter-gatherer group which relied more on plants than animals for their food. They made use of various plant materials for making their clothes, houses and other personal effects. Although prosperous, the Atfalati population declined significantly starting in the late 1700s.

The Native Americans occupied a village located on the Beaverton and Fanno creeks that was called "Chakeipi" Although the name meant "Place of the Beaver", early settlers called the village "Beaver Dam" and this was later changed to Beaverton.

The Explorers and Pioneers

It was not until 1792 that westerners first visited the Pacific Northwest when American Robert Gray sailed into the Columbia River and opened the door to exploration. Later that year, British Lt. William Broughton, serving under Capt. George Vancouver, explored 100 miles upriver. Along the way, he named a point of land along the shore in honor of his commander.

The first overland expedition to the northwest came when American explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark visited in 1806. On the return trip, they camped near what is now Vancouver, Washington. Lewis characterized the area as "the only desired situation for settlement west of the Rocky Mountains."

Oregon Electric Railway

In the spring of 1847, the first land claim (comprising 640 acres of beaver dam) located in what is now Beaverton was taken up by Lawrence Hall. He and his brother built a grist mill near present-day Walker Road. Their mill along with others that were soon built in the area was instrumental in supporting Oregon's early agriculture communities.

The other important industry in early Oregon was logging and wood products. Thomas Hicklin Denney and his wife Berrilla came to Oregon in 1849 and quickly established the first sawmill in what is now the Beaverton area.

As more people came into the area, it became increasingly important to provide a system of roads to transport agricultural and wood products to Portland for shipment. In 1850 the territorial government created the Portland-Tualatin Valley Plank Road Company to build plank roads from Portland to Hillsboro along Canyon Road. The road was completed as far as Beaverton by 1860 despite various financial setbacks.

The City of Beaverton

Spurred on by a railroad into town built in 1868, the small farming community west of Portland began to grow. By 1893 the City of Beaverton was formally incorporated with a population of 400. Alonzo Cady, a local businessman became the first mayor.

Downtown Beaverton, 1920

In 1872, George Betts became the City's first postmaster. The post office was located in a general store that he owned. The current post office is located on Betts street, named in honor of the first postmaster.

Beaverton's first library opened its doors in 1925 on the second floor of the Cady building. Over the years the library has been housed in several different locations. The Library was taken over by the City government in 1941 and rehoused in the old firemen's hall. Then in 1948 it was moved to a building on first street, then again in 1958 to a location on Hall street where it stayed until 1980. It was temporarily located in the Hall Street Station for four years. In 1984 the Library was moved to a different location on Allen Boulevard where it stayed for a number of years until a [new Library](#) was built at the intersection of Fifth Street and Hall Boulevard in September 2000.

Utilities

The City of Beaverton supplies water to approximately 66,000 or 79 percent of the 83,106 residents who live within the City limits. The remaining 21 percent of residents in Beaverton are supplied water by Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD), West Slope Water District and the Raleigh Water District.

The primary source of Beaverton's City water supply is from the Joint Water Commission water treatment plant located south of Forest Grove. The City has a 25 percent ownership right in the facilities operated by the JWC, which entitles the City to up to 15 million gallons per day of treated drinking water.

Gas and Electric

NW Natural Gas	(800) 422-4012
Portland General Electric (PGE)	(503) 228-6322 or (800) 544-1795
Portland General Electric (PGE) Outages and Repairs	(503) 464-7777 or (800) 544-1795

Telecommunications

AT&T	(800) 205-6268
Comcast (formerly AT&T Broadband Cable)	(866) 886-6838
Verizon	(800) 483-4000

Water Service Providers

<u>Business</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<i>City of Beaverton</i>	(503) 526-2257
<i>Raleigh Water District</i>	(503) 292-4894
<i>West Slope Water District</i>	(503) 292-2777
<i>Tualatin Valley Water District</i>	(503) 642-1511

If your water is provided by the City of Beaverton, please call (503) 526-2257 to start or stop your service.

You may also call this number if you have a question about your City of Beaverton residential or commercial water, sewer, or storm water bill.

Currently the City of Beaverton does not provide online payment system of water utility bills. However, direct debit is available.

Direct Debit

The City of Beaverton is now offering direct debit services for payment of your utility services bill. With this service your bank account will be automatically debited each month on your due date for the amount of your current bill or your current balance, whichever is lower.

Beaverton Finance Department

General: (503) 526-2242
Passports: (503) 526-2509
Business Licenses: (503) 526-2255
Purchasing: (503) 526-2229
Bid Line: (503) 526-2228
Utility Billing: (503) 526-2257
TTY/TDD: (503) 526-2506
Fax: (503) 526-2490



Utility payments should be mailed as follows:

If you have a payment stub mail to:

Without a payment stub mail to:

City of Beaverton
ATTN: Water Department
P.O. Box 3188
Portland, OR 97208-3188

City of Beaverton
ATTN: Water Department
P.O. Box 4755
Beaverton, OR 97076-4755

In Person

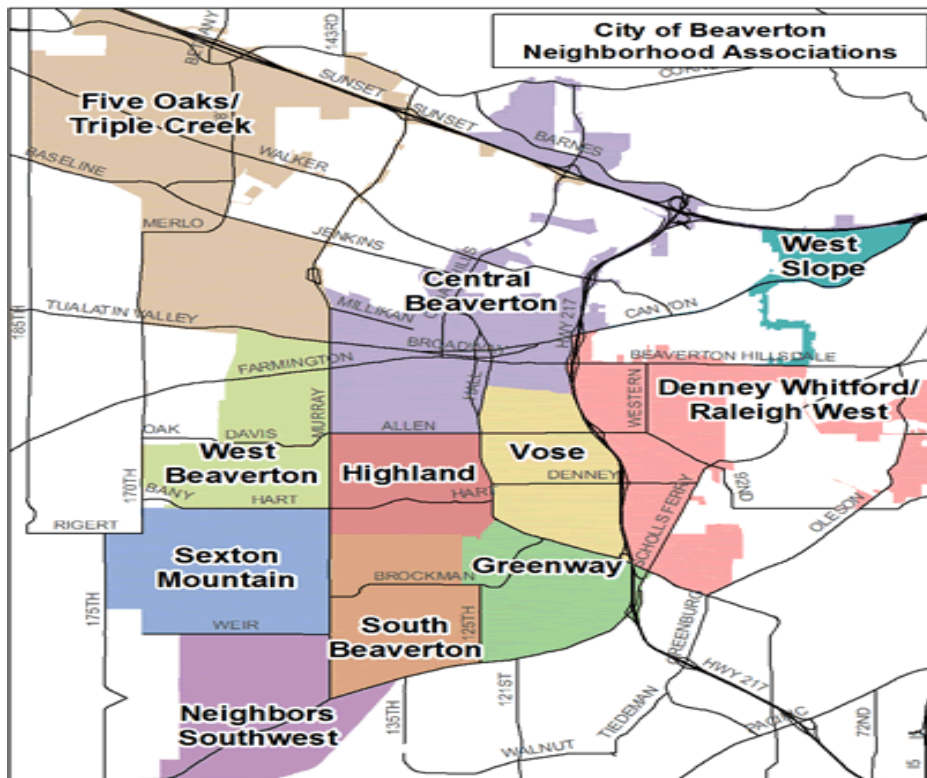
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

You can pay in person at the City of Beaverton's Finance Department located on the second floor at City Hall. There is also an after-hours green depository box located in the parking lot outside the front of City Hall.



Neighborhoods

The City of Beaverton strongly believes that public involvement in City government is important to creating a strong, safe, and livable City. The City has taken Goal 1 of the State of Oregon's set of 19 Planning Goals and Guidance (OAR 660-015) one step further through supporting its 13 Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs). NACs provide citizens with the opportunity to meet and discuss issues that are important to their neighborhoods such as land use, traffic, and development issues. NACs receive support for their meetings and activities through the City's Neighborhood Program and Community Events; however, NACs run their own meetings, elect their own officers, and decide which issues should be discussed at their meetings. NACs also sponsor projects throughout the year to help build a strong community atmosphere and promote neighborhood identity. The relationship between the City of Beaverton and its NACs help ensure that residents have a voice in the City's direction for the future. The City has compiled information on school ratings, crime rates, and the cost of housing for each neighborhood.



Cost of Housing by Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood	<u>Avg Year</u> <u>Built</u>	<u>Avg Cost</u> <u>Per SqFt</u>	<u>Min</u> <u>Price</u>	<u>Median</u> <u>Price</u>	<u>Max</u> <u>Price</u>
<u>Central Beaverton</u>	1966	\$186	\$7,500	\$258,000	\$495,000
<u>Denney Whitford</u>	1976	\$179	\$14,000	\$252,500	\$570,000
<u>Five Oaks</u>	1999	\$166	\$142,500	\$248,000	\$665,000
<u>Greenway</u>	1979	\$170	\$195,000	\$299,000	\$441,500
<u>Highland</u>	1977	\$171	\$107,000	\$294,000	\$789,000
<u>Neighbors Southwest</u>	2000	\$176	\$125,000	\$269,990	\$955,000
<u>Raleigh West</u>	1964	\$199	\$105,000	\$300,000	\$540,000
<u>Sexton Mountain</u>	1995	\$169	\$121,000	\$317,213	\$930,000
<u>South Beaverton</u>	1986	\$185	\$77,900	\$333,000	\$605,000
<u>Triple Creek</u>	1993	\$148	\$12,000	\$206,000	\$530,000
<u>Vose</u>	1972	\$176	\$72,000	\$231,500	\$403,097
<u>West Beaverton</u>	1982	\$172	\$138,560	\$299,950	\$699,500
<u>West Slope</u>	1919	\$181	\$144,000	\$395,000	\$975,000

Whatever your preferred style of living, you can find it in Beaverton. From luxury condominiums to architecturally diverse homes, the city has something for everyone. Just as there is no "typical" person who chooses to call Beaverton home, there is no "typical" type of housing. Every family has a different need. For those who prefer the urban lifestyle, the upscale lofts of The Round offer the best of city living without the "big city" pitfalls.

Throughout the city, a variety of condominiums and townhomes offer apartment-style living with the chance to build equity and own property. For those who rent, easily accessible apartment complexes exist in every part of the city. And for the family that wants a neighborhood, there couldn't be more options. From new developments to established neighborhoods, families can find whatever suits their needs - whether they want a small home or a large one, a large lot or a low-maintenance one, a home near schools or a secluded home near the country. Beaverton is one of the most affordable communities in the area due to its wide diversity of housing. In addition, Beaverton's cost of living is competitive to other cities around the country.

Recreational Opportunities

Breathe deep and enjoy the scenery. There are few places in Oregon more beautiful and accessible than the City of Beaverton. Nestled in the heart of the Tualatin Valley, Beaverton is just seven miles west of Portland, combining the best of the energy of a big city and the peaceful surroundings of a county setting. There is no shortage of activities for the intrepid adventurer in Beaverton; your opportunities are limited only by your imagination.

Parks and Open Spaces

The City of Beaverton prides itself on having a park within half a mile of every home. The Tualatin Parks and Recreation District manages the city's more than 100 parks.

The Great Outdoors

Pick a direction - any direction - and you will find the beauty of Oregon at your fingertips. To the west, a 90-minute drive will take you to the Oregon Coast; to the east, 90 minutes to two hours will take you through the breathtaking Columbia River Gorge and onto Mt. Hood, one of the best areas for skiing in the country. To the south, the Willamette Valley boasts wineries and farms in abundance, as well as various lakes and rivers for the water sport enthusiast. To the north, Mt. St. Helens and its surrounding areas wait to be explored in the state of Washington. Just a bit further and to the southeast, Central Oregon awaits with skiing, river sports, and the beauty of the high desert waiting to be explored. Whatever your preference, you'll find it within a couple of hours of Beaverton.

Shopping

Even the most intrepid shopper might be exhausted by the variety in and around Beaverton. Nearby Washington Square is one of the top five shopping malls per square foot of sales in the country. The recent emergence of the Round and Cedar Hills Crossing provide a more intimate, personal shopping experience, and the Beaverton Farmers Market during the summer provides local produce that can't be beaten in terms of quality.

Golfing

If golf is your game, you're in luck—The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club and Pumpkin Ridge, two outstanding courses, are just 15 minutes west of downtown Beaverton. If you are looking to hit a bucket of balls at lunch time, both The Redtail Golf Center and Caplan's Golf World are open to the public and within the city limits.

Vineyards

The Tualatin Valley is home to no less than 77 vineyards of Pinot Noir grape production. The descendent of the Pinot Noir, Pinot gris, grows in only very selected regions - Alsace, Italy, Germany, and Oregon. Oregon's northern latitude, similar to the Bordeaux region in France, brings long summer days and cool, marine breezes that allow Oregon grapes to produce world-class wines on par with the best from Europe. Maps to the most popular vineyards are readily available, and many of them offer tours, shopping, tastings, and events.

Schools and Colleges

Public Schools

Families in Beaverton are served by the Beaverton School District, the third largest district in Oregon. With enrollment of over 35,000 students in 46 schools, the Beaverton School District proves its high standards repeatedly in standardized tests. Students of all ages enjoy a low student-to-teacher ratio, averaging 25 students to each teacher. Additionally, public education in the Beaverton School District leaves students well-prepared and eagerly anticipating college. In 2005, 91% of high school seniors in the district reported that they plan to attend college. Beaverton students benefit from the strong bond between the community and the school district; all 46 schools have easy access to the latest technology.

Public Schools

Beaverton School District www.beavton.k12.or.us

Beaverton Education Foundation www.beavertonEDfoundation.org

Private Schools

Families who desire a private school education have numerous options. Oregon's best private schools are located within minutes of the city, and all of them provide highly rated educational programs.

Catlin Gabel School (503) 297-1894 www.catlin.edu/home

French American School (503) 292-7776 www.faispdx.org

Jesuit High School (503) 292-2663 www.jesuitportland.com

Oregon Episcopal School (503) 246-7771 www.oes.edu

St. Mary of the Valley Grade School (503)
626-7781 www.ssmo.org

Valley Catholic High School (503) 644-3745 www.valleycatholic.org

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning options also abound in and near the City of Beaverton. Just minutes from Beaverton, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland State University, and the Oregon State University Extension offer the highest quality undergraduate and graduate education in the area. OGI School of Science and Engineering offers graduate courses in science, engineering, and technology management.

Those desiring a private secondary education need look no further than Lewis & Clark College or one of several other highly-acclaimed private colleges and universities in the Portland-Metro area. Finally, Beaverton is part of the Portland Community College (PCC) District which offers classes on wide range of diverse subjects and continuing education courses. In addition, PCC actively partners with local businesses on workforce training.

Colleges and Universities

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)	www.ohsu.edu/academic/
Portland State University (PSU)	www.pdx.edu
Lewis and Clark College	www.lclark.edu
Portland State University (PSU) Degree Completion Programs	www.extended.pdx.edu/degrcomp
Oregon State University OSU Statewide	ecampus.oregonstate.edu
Portland Community College (PCC)	www.pcc.edu
Computer Education Program (PCC)	www.computers.pcc.edu
Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology (OGI)	www.ogi.edu
Oregon Center for Advanced Technology Education (OCATE)	www.ocate.edu

Transportation

Beaverton, the fourth largest city in the Portland Metropolitan area offers a top notch transportation system to residents and visitors alike. No matter what your mode of transportation, the City of Beaverton has it all.

Streets and Highways

As the "hub" of Washington County, Beaverton is centrally located and easily accessible from every direction. The city is served by Highway 26 and Highway 217, and is only minutes from Interstate 5. Average commute time for residents of Beaverton is approximately 20 minutes. Additionally, ongoing projects to improve roads and arterials within Beaverton continue to ensure that commuters have a variety of options at their fingertips.

Public Transportation

Public transportation commuters can find easy access to busses and light rail from any area of Beaverton. The Portland-Metro area's award-winning public transportation system, [TriMet](#), carries over 300,000 riders daily on weekdays. With the opening of the new airport Light Rail line, commuters can travel from Beaverton to Portland International Airport in just an hour for a fraction of the cost of airport parking or taxi service. In addition, work is underway on a commuter rail line from Wilsonville to Beaverton.

Air Travel

The Tualatin Valley is also served by two airports - [Portland International Airport \(PDX\)](#) and the Hillsboro Airport. PDX offers flights on 27 carriers with more than 500 passenger flights daily to and from 100 cities worldwide. In June 2004, Northwest Airlines began offering nonstop direct flights to Tokyo, Japan, and just the previous year, Lufthansa and Mexican Air began offering nonstop flights to Frankfurt, Germany, and Guadalajara Mexico respectively. The airport serves over 12 million passengers annually. Closer to home, and Oregon's second busiest airport, Hillsboro Airport offers general/business and private craft aviation options.

Walkability

In recognition of the fact that Oregon is home to some of the biggest walking and biking enthusiasts in the Country, Beaverton continues to ensure that ample bike and pedestrian pathways exist throughout the city.

Weather and Climate

Although the Pacific Northwest is known for wet winters, you'll be surprised to know that Beaverton averages only 36 inches of rain per year which is less than Baltimore, Maryland with 41 inches and Miami, Florida with 56 inches.

In the dry months, June through September, Beaverton receives less than 5 inches of rain total. The average temperature in the summer is in the 80's and, because of the northern latitude, the total number of hours of daylight in the summer can reach almost 16 hours (sunrise at 5:21 a.m. and sunset at 9:02 p.m.)!

In the wintertime, it is not uncommon to experience minor snowfalls of a couple of inches, but major snowfall occurrences are rare; the last major snowfall in the Portland area was in February, 1990 when we received a total of nine inches over a two day period.