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**CITY OF DALLAS MOBILE APP**

The City of Dallas is happy to announce that we have developed a mobile app for our citizens. The Dallas City mobile app will give citizens and those individuals wishing to do business with the City unprecedented access to City information and services.

With the Dallas City mobile app, citizens will have instant access to the most used features of the City's website. Some of the features of the mobile app include:

- Report a problem
- Online utility billing
- Ask a question
- Online forms
- Park pavilion reservations
- City events and meetings
- And much more.

The mobile app is currently being tested and refined. The City is looking to release the app for download in May.



The City of Dallas Mobile App can be found on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store



## MAYOR'S SPACE

Entropy is a fancy academic term meaning things fall apart. Municipalities, not to mention museums – or health spas - struggle with this every day.

What was shining and new, functional and innovative, becomes tired, worn with time and ultimately decays away.

In the mundane world of our city, sidewalks, water lines, streets, waste treatment plant, parks, et al, fall victim to the ravages of time, requiring essential, constant maintenance to keep them working. Unfortunately, maintenance is not exciting or glamorous or even easy to explain. Why spend so very much money to do so much maintenance all the time, much of it virtually invisible? Is it just make-work?

Hark back to Ben Franklin and his Poor Richard's Almanac, circa 1732, where famously he observes,

"A stitch in time saves nine."

This clever bit of alliteration describes perfectly the situation of maintaining the infrastructure of a small town. Let that sewer line decline past a certain point and the cost of replacement skyrockets. Same as the roof on your house. Maintain it properly and it might last a very, very long time. Let it go, spend the maintenance money on another Caribbean cruise, and inevitably the roofers will have an expensive field day high up on your dwelling.

So, when you look around at our beautiful, neat and well-maintained community, give at least a glancing thought to entropy because it is hard at work on what you see. Have a kind thought for the City folks who are fighting back the curse of time, rebuilding, renewing, modernizing, strengthening the invisible and visible roads and rails and utilities and parks and beauty around us. And don't give in to the alluring thought that your tax and utility bill dollars are wasted. Not here in Dallas. We work hard with those dollars to give back to you fine and functional things that make life so very good here. Just look around.



## 9-VOLT BATTERY SAFETY

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.

### The problem

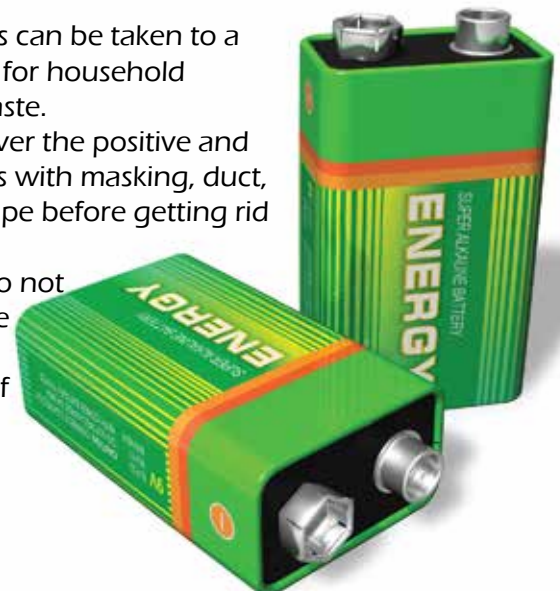
- 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

### Storing 9-volt batteries

- Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- Store batteries standing up.
- 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

### Disposal

- 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash.





LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Story Time: Every Tuesday & Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Infant/Toddler

Tuesdays  
Preschool  
Thursdays

April

10th - Book Discussion  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

12th - LEGO Saturday  
come build & design - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

12th - Hobby Day at the Library - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Each month the library will host a new hobby for you to enjoy. If you would like to exhibit your collection or hobby, please come in or call the library at 503.623.2633.

LOCAL ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARY

April will feature art from students from our local schools.

MARCH

National Library Week,  
National Humor Month  
National Poetry Month  
Jazz Appreciation Month

THINGS TO DO IN APRIL

Check out your library!

- Apr 1 all day Crazy Hat Day @ the Library
- Apr 3 12-1 p.m. Book Discussion – The End of Your Life Book Club By Will Schwalbe
- Apr 9 4-5 p.m. Read to the Dog - Davos
- Apr 12 12-2 p.m. Hunter Darr, La Creole student, will perform Magic Tricks
- Apr 13 – 19 National Library Week “Lives Change @ Your Library”
- Apr 15 11:15 a.m. Storytime Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 16 3:30 p.m. Read to the Dog – Bella
- Apr 19 11-12 p.m. Read to the Dog - Petrie
- Apr 18 10-11 a.m. eReader-Library2go Help
- Apr 23 4-5 p.m. Read to the Dog - Davos
- May 1 12-1 p.m. Book Discussion – Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail By Cheryl Strayed



SPRING CLEAN UP

DALLAS SPRING RECYCLE EVENT

Saturday, April 5  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Yard debris
- Clean wood  
NO pressure treated, stained or painted wood
- Scrap metal
- Large appliances

NO

- Household trash
- Paint
- Tires
- Chemicals





## DODGEBALL



**THE CITY OF DALLAS REGION**  
**DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Date: April 12**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Cost: \$25 per team**  
**Location: Dallas High School**  
**Registration: Drop registration form with \$25 cash or check to:**  
**City of Dallas**  
**187 SE Court St.**  
**Dallas, OR 97338**

**Registration Deadline: April 9**  
**Games: 4 game guarantee**  
**Questions: Contact David at 503.831.3559 or david.brautigam@dallasor.gov**

<p><b>The Game</b> Eliminate opposing players by getting them "out".</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE ball below the shoulders</li> <li>Catch a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.</li> </ol>	<p><b>The Team</b> Made up of 6-10 players. 6 players on the field at a time.</p>
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## BOUNTY MARKET

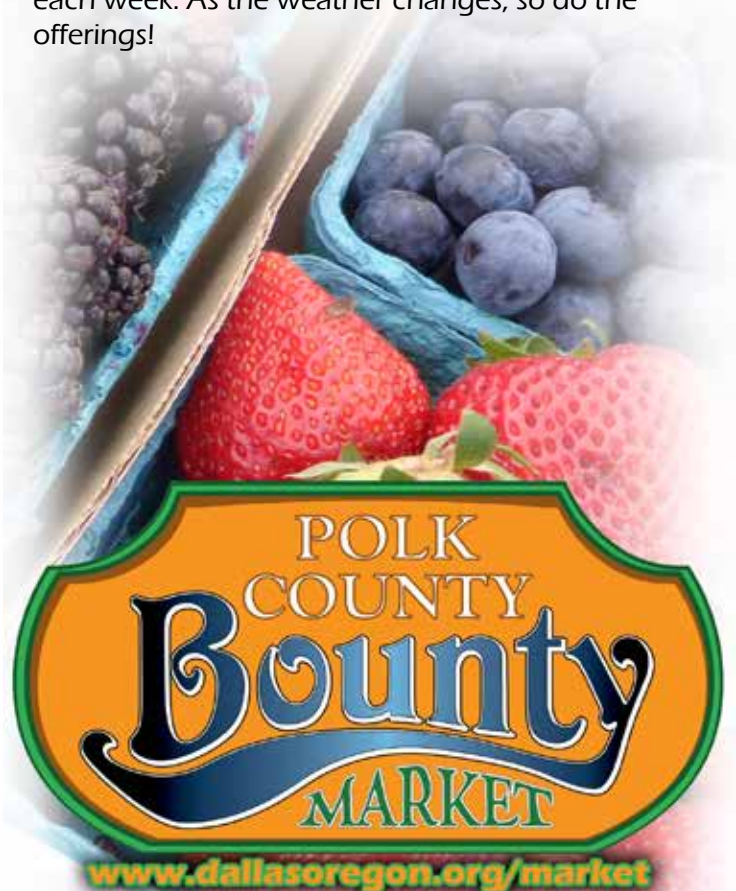
The Polk County Bounty Market is a program of the Dallas Area Visitors Center and aims to feature growers/producers and artisans from the Polk County area with all offerings being grown, produced or assembled in Oregon by the vendor. Our purpose is to provide a direct outlet for the local growers/producers and a source of fresh, high quality farm & artisan products to customers while enhancing the vitality of Polk County.

The Dallas Bounty Market is celebrating its 5th year! Hosted on Thursdays, starting May 1 thru September 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Academy Lawn.

The Monmouth Market will launch for its 1st year! Hosted on Tuesdays, starting May 6 thru September 30, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Main Street Park.

We are currently seeking event sponsors, vendors and volunteers! Please contact Bonnie Dreier, Market Manager, directly at [pcb@dallasoregon.org](mailto:pcb@dallasoregon.org) or 503.623.2564.

Join us for special events and shopping the Markets each week. As the weather changes, so do the offerings!





## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

# “Look. Listen. Respond.”

Each year over 3 million children are harmed and neglected, and those are ONLY the ones that are reported ... each year almost 1.8 million children are reported missing – many of them abducted from their own homes and front yards. Every day more than 3 children in our country die from violence and neglect.

### WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT?

Under the law, an abused or neglected child is any child under 18 whose parent, or any other person responsible for the care of the child:

- causes, or threatens to cause, a physical or mental injury except for an accident.
- fails to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or caring support.
- abandons the child.
- fails to provide the kind of supervision necessary for a child’s age or level of development.
- commits, or allows to be committed, any illegal sexual act involving the child – including incest, rape, fondling, indecent exposure, prostitution – or allows the child to be used in any sexually explicit visual material.

Child abuse is not usually just one physical attack or just one instance of failure to meet a child’s most basic needs. Usually child abuse is a pattern of behavior that takes place over a period of time. The longer child abuse continues, the more serious it becomes, the more serious is the injury to the child and the more difficult it is to stop.

### WHO ARE THE ABUSERS?

There are no monsters. Abusive parents can be your friends, your neighbors or your relatives. They are ordinary people, caught in life situations beyond their control.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION WALK

Monday, April 21      Meet at the Academy Stage at  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.      182 SW Academy St.

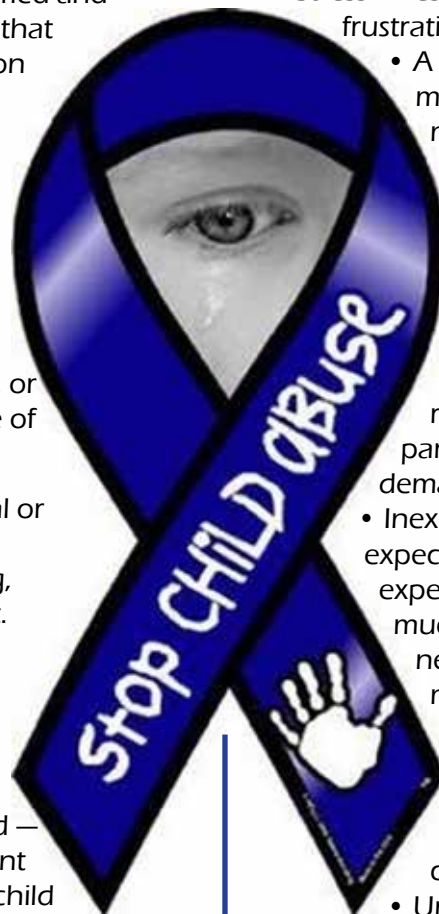
**Wear Blue to show your support!**

### WHY DOES CHILD ABUSE HAPPEN?

- Stress...Pressures from money problems, everyday frustrations, illness or heavy responsibilities.
- A painful childhood...Adults who were mistreated as children may, without meaning to, continue the pattern of abuse with their own children.
- Alcohol or other drugs...can blind a parent to a child’s needs or may reduce inhibitions and tolerance levels so that parents may be more likely to lash out.
- Isolation...Without friends or relatives nearby, parents can feel overwhelmed by the demands of raising a child.
- Inexperience with children or unrealistic expectations...If parents don’t know what to expect from children, they may expect too much. Besides lacking the parenting skills necessary to raise a child, the parents may have no models of successful family relationships from which to learn.
- Immaturity...Very young, insecure parents often can’t understand their child’s behavior and needs.
- Unmet emotional needs...Parents may expect children to take care of them and to satisfy their need for love, protection and self-esteem.

### HOW DO I REPORT ABUSE OR NEGLECT?

Although deciding to report suspected child abuse can be a difficult process, it is an important first step toward protecting a child who might be in danger. To report abuse, call the local Child Abuse Hotline at 503-378-6704.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Infant/Toddler Storytime at Dallas Public Library  
Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime at Dallas Public Library  
Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
Apr 1, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
Apr 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Apr 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Committee Meeting  
Apr 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Citizen Charter Revision Meeting  
Apr 9, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.
- Budget Committee Meeting  
Apr 21, 2014, time TBD
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Apr 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Works/Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Apr 28, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
May 5, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
May 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 6, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
May 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Citizen Charter Revision Committee Meeting  
May 14, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting  
May 15, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
May 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Memorial Day - City Hall Closed**  
May 26, 2014
- Admin / Building & Grounds Committee Meetings  
May 27, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Please check our website at [www.dallasor.gov](http://www.dallasor.gov) for updates, cancellations, and additional events.

## ARBOR DAY 2014

Friday, April 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hiebert Trailhead off of SE LaCreole Dr. and SE Barberry Ave.

14 Trees will be planted on either side of the trail providing shade and beauty for years to come.



Whitworth 4th and 5th graders will be there to help with the planting and festivities.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like to subscribe to the e-newsletter, please call the City Manager's office at 503.831.3502 or email [jeremy.teal@dallasor.gov](mailto:jeremy.teal@dallasor.gov). You can also visit our website at [www.dallasor.gov/notify](http://www.dallasor.gov/notify) and sign up to receive notifications about various events in the City.

For up to the minute information on City events, please visit our web page at [www.dallasor.gov](http://www.dallasor.gov) and scroll down to the "News and Announcements" section. We also post all meetings and special Library and Aquatic Center activities on the Calendar section of the web page and on our Facebook page.

If you have questions about anything in this e-newsletter, please contact the City Manager's office at 503.831.3502. We welcome your ideas and comments.

## VOLUNTEERS

The City welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels. There are many different tasks available within several departments with the City and it's a great way to give back to your community. For more information and to download a volunteer application form, visit our website at [www.dallasor.gov/volunteer](http://www.dallasor.gov/volunteer).

