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CIVIC READY

The City of Dallas is proud to announce that with the completion of our cell phone app we have launched a new emergency notification system that will keep our citizens informed in the case of an emergency. Civic Ready. We are excited to give our citizens the opportunity to interact with the City and the ability to access all the information they need in an emergency.

All you need is an email address to create an account. Upon creating an account you can add your cell phone number (sms number), your address, and as many other addresses that you want, and select what you would like to be notified about. That is it! That will allow us to contact you via email, phone, or text. Follow us on Facebook and the messages will be posted there as well.

At anytime should you have issues or problems with Civic Ready please call us at 503.831.3502.

The City of Dallas is very excited about the opportunities in the future. With our new app, our website, and the launching of Civic Ready we are prepared to keep our citizens informed.

Emergencies can happen anytime. Civic Ready will help us keep you informed and prepared for emergencies.

To sign up for Civic Ready:
www.or-dallas.civicready.com
 or
www.dallasor.gov
 click the Civic Ready link



MAYOR'S SPACE

"It can happen anywhere," so said a lady on Public Broadcasting radio last week referring to the City of Ferguson, Missouri. Of course, Ferguson, where a militarized police force has very publicly confronted a breakdown of civility - rioting, protests, tear gas, looting - the lot.

Pause. Could it really happen in Dallas, Oregon, our idealized Mayberry, R.F.D? My answer is no. No.

Ferguson is in a sense an accident. Accidents occur as strings of small events, marginal mistakes or oversights, linked in unfortunate ways sliding into catastrophe. Break a link in the chain and the accident, catastrophe, is avoided. Clearly, Ferguson is a catastrophe, a perfect storm of small things building, snowballing for years and years to grievous ugliness.

How can we be immune from such civic evil when it "can happen anywhere?" It is trust. We basically trust each other. We let others ahead of us in line, we return lost wallets and dogs, we tend to our civility. Our volunteers, our emergency services personnel, our churches, our recreational leagues, our schools and on and on— caring, communicating, softening the hard edges that life deals out.

Ferguson complains about unrepresentative government and police, a breakdown of faith in authority. Yet only 12% of folks vote there in municipal elections. Dallas in May ours was a 33% voter turnout, right close to Oregon's, the best in the nation. We're invested in our government, we hold ourselves accountable. Our government is not "them" it is "us."

To be fair, we don't have a long and sordid history of stratification in our community. We don't have ghettos, barrios, dirt paths "on the other side of the tracks. We are not divided by our diversity and we will not allow ourselves to succumb to that lowly impulse. We care about each other, our friends our neighbors, our neighborhoods, and our community. When we care like that, when we listen to each other, when we help each other, we will not have the clouds of tear gas in our streets. We are Dallas. We are strong. It can not happen here.



NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION

NEW CHARTER

CAPTION:

Proposed new City Charter for Dallas, Oregon.

QUESTION:

Should Dallas adopt the proposed new City Charter?

SUMMARY:

This measure, if adopted, would adopt a new Charter for the City of Dallas. The Charter is the basic document governing how city government functions. The City's current charter was adopted in 1964. The proposed Charter would keep many of the same provisions as the existing Charter, such as the number of council members and the term of the mayor and council, and provision for a City Manager as the City's chief administrative officer. The proposed charter includes new provisions requiring council members to vote on a matter if they are present for a vote; prohibiting the mayor or a council member from coercing the City Manager; and adopting state law in place of specific provisions regarding elections and municipal bonds. The proposed Charter eliminates the current charter provision for appointment of a municipal judge; state law authorizes the City to establish a municipal court without the need for charter authority. The proposed Charter eliminates gender-specific language in the current Charter. A copy of the proposed Charter is available at <http://www.ci.dallas.or.us> and at City Hall.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

At the General Election on November 4, 2014, the following candidates will be placed on the ballot for the purpose of filling the offices of the Mayor and four Council Members, all of which are filled on a non-partisan basis.

The following candidates have been properly nominated and certified to be placed on the ballot. These candidates will be placed before all qualified voters of the City of Dallas at the polling places established by the County Election Officer.

MAYOR - ONE TO BE ELECTED - 2 year term
Brian Dalton

CITY COUNCIL - FOUR TO BE ELECTED - 4 year term
Paul K Trahan
Kenneth S Mayer
Joe Koubek
Bill Hahn
Steve Pickering
Jim Fairchild
Jackie Lawson
Micky L Garus

LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Infant/Toddler

Tuesdays

Preschool

Thursdays

September

4th - Book Discussion

The Lowland: A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri

13th - LEGO your Saturday

come build & design - Noon - 2:00 p.m.

13th - Loom crafts & duct tape fun! - Noon - 2:00 p.m.

LOCAL ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARY

September will feature Janelle Graham, fantasy art with watercolors & acrylics. A few of her displayed pictures are available for sale. If you would like to have a portrait of your pet, her contact information is available in the library.

NEW LIBRARY MANAGER

Welcome to our new Library Manager, Mark Greenhalgh-Johnson. The Friends of the Library and library staff hosted a reception. Refreshments were enjoyed by all who came to meet and visit with him. Mark is a great addition to our Dallas Public Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

In our 18th year! This lively group meets at Noon on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Below is the list of discussion books for the remainder of the year. If you are looking for a good read, we also have a complete list of books discussed over the last 18 years.

Sept. 4 The Lowland: A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri

Oct. 2 Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
(A Banned Books Week selection)

Nov. 6 The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin

Dec. 4 A Redbird Christmas:
A Novel by Fannie Flagg

READ TO THE DOGS

Call 503.623.2633 to make an appointment for your child to read to Petrie, Bella, Davos, or Percy our wonderful therapy dogs.



THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

Check out your library!

- Sept 3 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Story Time - Children can make a healthy after-school snack
- Sept 3 4:00 p.m. Davos – Read to the Dog
- Sept 7 12:00 p.m. Book Discussion – The Lowland, By Jhumpa Lahiri
- Sept 9 3:30 p.m. Percy – Read to the Dog
- Sept 13 12-2 p.m. Hobby Day – Loom Crafts & Duct Tape Fun w/ Serenity & Katelin
- Sept 13 12-2 p.m. LEGO Your Saturday!
- Sept 17 4:00 p.m. Davos – Read to the Dog
- Sept 19 10:00 a.m. eReader Help
- Sept 24 4:00 p.m. Bella – Read to the Dog

STORY TIME

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Stories, art, crafts, songs and games for children, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and caregivers. First Tuesday of the month Story Time includes our Building Readers program where toddlers work on their early literacy skills through play.

Infant/Toddler

Tuesdays 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Preschool

Thursdays 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Story Time themes for September are:

Sept. 2 and 4: School and School Bus

Sept. 9 and 11: Apples

Sept. 16 and 18: Farm Animals

Sept. 23 and 25: Fall and Leaves

Sept. 30: Soccer

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

Summer Reading Program is wrapping up! Our events were attended by over 2500 kids, tweens, teens, and adults with over 400 kids and teens signing up for our program. Prize winners for all programs will be notified this month.

“A library is the only single place you can go to learn something new, be comforted, terrified, thrilled, saddened, overjoyed, or excited all in one day. And for free.” - Amy Neftzger

VISITORS CENTER SUMMER EVENTS

SUMMER EVENTS

We have had a VERY successful summer event season in Dallas!!

The Dallas Area Visitors Center is the host and coordinator for all of our major community events, but we could not do it without the partnership of the City of Dallas and all of its staff. We THANK YOU ALL for all your hard work in going above and beyond to make our events successful for our community!

~Chelsea Pope, Executive Director of the Dallas Area Visitors Center



FREEDOMEEST
The new 4th of July Freedomfest event had 17 BBO Teams for the BBO Throwdown, with over 3,700 tastings sold to attendees. We also had 15 retail and commercial vendors, along with kids activities. And of course FIREWORKS! We want to thank the volunteers, partners and sponsors that made this event such a big success, it will be back in 2015!



Summerfest was another great week of activities in celebration of our community. The theme of Mardi Gras Masquerade was fun for parade participants and viewers to get into! We want to again thank the volunteers, partners, and sponsors that make this event something that we can be proud of... and that has something for everyone to enjoy!



We are taking theme suggestions for 2015 – email summerfest@dallasoregon.org or vote via our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DallasSummerfest)

Dallas Sounds of Summer

Sounds of Summer had another successful 8 week, hometown concert series. The Girls Basketball Team raised over half of their budget for new uniforms by being our food vendor each week – thank you for your support!



September is the final month of Bounty Market hosted on Thursdays, starting May 1 thru September 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Academy Lawn. Join us for special events and shopping the Markets each week. As the weather changes, so do the offerings!



Have you purchased your Chicken Coop Raffle Tickets yet? Take a tour – It's on site at market every week! \$5 per ticket...pick yours up at Market! Winning ticket will be drawn at the last Dallas Bounty Market on September 25 at 12:30 p.m.

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, and producers, as a source of fresh, high quality farm & artisan products to customers while enhancing the vitality of Polk County.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Dreier, Market Manager, directly at pcb@dallasoregon.org or 503.623.2564. And join us on facebook at www.facebook.com/BountyMarket





THE CITY OF
DALLAS
REGION

KICKBALL
AGES 8 - ADULT

SIGN UP THE
DAY OF THE
TOURNAMENT

Back to
School

TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Strader Field

REGISTRATION

Family: 8 - 9 am

CoEd: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

GAMES

Family: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

CoEd: 3 - 8 pm

COST

\$45 Team (form your own team)

\$5 Player (we will find you a team)

QUESTIONS

David Brautigam

503.831.3559

david.brautigam@dallasor.gov

RULES

All games will end after 5
innings or 50 minutes

Kickball is basically
played like baseball

Tournament rules will be
posted at the field

Family Division

8 - Adult

- 10 players per team
- No umpires in the
Family Division
- Lineup to kick has no
specific order

COED Adult Division

High School Age - Adult

- 10 players per team
- At least 3 players of
the opposite gender
on the team

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.
- **Labor Day - City Hall Closed**
Sept 1, 2014
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
Sept 2, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Sept 15, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Committee
Sept 18, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.
- Admin / Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
Sept 22, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board
Sept 30, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop
Oct 6, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Oct 6, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
Oct 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Oct 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting
Oct 21, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Works/Public Safety Committee Meeting
Oct 27, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Please check our website at www.dallasor.gov for updates, cancellations, and additional events.

CITY YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Have you seen the City of Dallas YouTube Channel yet? Get a first hand view of the employees doing their jobs and having a great time doing it.

We are going to film everything from mowing lawns to street sweeping, and everything else we can think of.

Find us on YouTube at:
CityofDallasOregon and
subscribe to see what we post.



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. You can also visit our website at www.dallasor.gov/notify and sign up to receive notifications about various events in the City. Make sure and sign up for our new emergency notification service Civic Ready on our website and download our app on your Android phone or iPhone from your marketplace.

For up to the minute information on City events, please visit our web page at 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.

