

Recycling.....1

Mayor’s Space.....2

Recyclable Materials.....2

Library News.....3

Chamber News.....4

Aquatic Center News..5

Master Gardeners.....5

Holiday Safety.....5

Twitter.....6

Upcoming City Events.....6

Additional Information.....6

Volunteers Opprtunities.....6

RECYCLING

Recycling is one of the most feel-good and useful environmental practices around. The benefits go way beyond reducing piles of garbage – recycling protects habitat and biodiversity, and saves energy, water, and resources such as trees and metal ores. Recycling also cuts global warming pollution from manufacturing, landfilling and incinerating.

Recycling means a lot more than bringing your newspapers and cans to the curb. Truly successful recycling involves minimizing waste along the entire life cycle of a product, from acquiring raw materials to manufacturing, using and disposing of a product. Most environmental impacts associated with the products we buy occur before we open the package, so buying products made from recycled materials is just as important as sorting waste into the right bins.

When we reduce the amount of stuff we buy in the first place, and reuse what we can, we reduce the environmental harm associated with acquiring raw materials and manufacturing.

Here are some tips that will help you cut down on waste and boost your recycling skills:

Shop smart: Purchase paper and other products for your home and office that are made with post-consumer recycled content and packaged in recyclable materials. Buy in bulk when you can to reduce the amount of packaging that gets thrown away.

Convenience is key: Put collection bins in various places around your home and office to make recycling convenient. If you tend to forget what’s recyclable and what’s not, make a sign and post it near your bins.

Don’t forget to reuse: Paper, plastic, glass and cans aren’t the only items that should be diverted from incinerators and landfills. Reduce the environmental impacts of organic waste by composting food scraps, and by leaving short grass clippings on lawns to decompose. Donate old clothing to homeless shelters, thrift stores, animal shelters and other community organizations. Take advantage of manufacturer take-back programs for your unwanted electronics.

Make waste an endangered species: Bring your own reusable bags to local stores. Keep a ceramic mug for water or coffee at work rather than using disposable paper or plastic foam cups. Dallas has clean, drinkable water, so use tap water (you can filter it if you’d like) and refillable water bottles instead of buying bottled water.

Continued on Page 2 with a list of acceptable materials to recycle.



MAYOR'S SPACE

No, Dallas is not a "Bedroom Community."

Perhaps by coincidence, a number of folks have recently asserted that Dallas is just a bedroom community. The right answer to that accusation (it is not meant as a compliment) is contained in the declarative sentence in the prior paragraph.

Classic bedroom communities are what the term implies, largely a place to sleep. In fact, in Canada they sometimes call them "dormitory suburbs." Visualize an entire community filled with houses, condos, apartments with a few small retail shops to fill basic needs such as 7-11 stores, fast food and gas stations. There is little or no industry and very few jobs exist in these places because people commute to work elsewhere.

Dallas does not even begin to fit that mold. Take jobs. There is this popular image of a long line of commuter cars streaming into Salem every morning to their jobs. True, of course. By the last census data, about 1,407 Dallas folks commute to Salem for work. But on the other hand, Dallas folks who stay here to work (1,132) added to the commuters coming to Dallas to work from Salem (345) totals to 1,477 - considerably more than head off to labor across the river.

Other evidence. With the Courthouse, we are the seat of regional government. We have such world class manufacturing firms as MAK Metals/MAK Grills and Forest River (owned by Berkshire Hathaway - Warren Buffet). With large stores such as Walmart, Safeway and Rite Aid, we are a shopping mecca for a large territory. We offer upscale restaurants, live music venues and concerts, fine art, boutique shops, historic buildings and our Motor-Vu drive-in theater is a big tourist draw in the summer.

All this, and far more, casts away the notion that we are simply a place to sleep. We are a regional center of culture, commerce, industry, education, and government.

So, when we find ourselves uttering those pejorative words, "bedroom community", perhaps let our minds flash to some little town ringing Los Angeles or the Other Dallas 'cause it sure ain't us.



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

PAPER

Newspaper	Paper Bags
Magazines	Paperboard Boxes (cereal boxes)
Brochures	Frozen Food Boxes (with wrapped food inside)
Envelopes	Milk Cartons (rinsed & dried)
Junk Mail	Aseptic Boxes (Soy milk/broth, rinsed & dried)
Maps	Corrugated Cardboard (cut small enough to fit inside your tan cart)
Phone Books	Store Receipts
Book Pages	Can Labels
Catalogues	Paper Egg Cartons
Post-its	Paper Drink Carriers
Calendars (non-plastic coated)	Coffee Cup Wraps
Computer Paper (all colors)	Shredded Paper (place inside a paper bag)
Notebook Paper	
File Folders	
Colored Paper	
Business Cards	
Greeting Cards	
Adding Machine Tape	
Two-part Forms	
Wrapping Paper (non-metallic)	

PLASTICS

Water Bottles	Mayonnaise Jars
Soda Bottles	Peanut Butter Jars
Juice Bottles	Jam/Jelly Jars
Soap Bottles	Margarine Tubs
Shampoo Bottles	Yogurt Tubs
Vitamin/Aspirin Bottles	Dip Tubs
Condiment Type Bottles	Whipped Topping Tubs
Milk Jugs	Ice Cream Buckets
Syrup Jugs	Plastic Buckets (smaller than 5 gallon)
Detergent Jugs	Nursery Pots (1 quart & larger/smaller than 5 gallon)
Juice Jugs	
Animal Food Jugs	
Bleach Jugs	

METALS

Household Cans (please rinse)	Metal Jar Lids
• Labels can be left on and will burn away when the can is recycled or can be removed to ensure that the paper gets recycled too.	Tins (spice, mints, etc.)
	Aluminum Foil (clean)
	Aluminum Tins
	Aerosol Cans (non-hazardous material, empty)
	Pots & Pans

GLASS

Glass Bottles
Glass Jars

LIBRARY NEWS

STORY TIME

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

Infant/Toddler	Tuesdays	11:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Infant/Toddler/Preschool	Tuesday	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Preschool	Thursdays	11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Story Time themes for December are:

- Dec. 02 - Big & Little/Building Readers
- Dec. 02 - PM Storytime – Big & Little
- Dec. 04 - Elephants
- Dec. 16 - Christmas Trees!
- Dec. 16 PM Storytime – Christmas Toys
- Dec. 18 - HO-HO-HO!
- Dec. 23 - Christmas Joy
- Dec. 23 - PM Storytime – Holly Jolly Christmas!
- Dec. 30 – Wintery Nights

LOCAL ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARY

December is featuring watercolors by local artist, Shelia Toefler.

DISPLAY CASE

December will feature a collection of whale figurines from Susie Futrell. Come by to view this great display.

Mitten Tree 2014

Help us decorate the Mitten Tree and benefit local children and families in need by bringing in new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves or other warm fuzzies.

Teen Christmas Party –Friday, Dec. 19@5:30 PM - Students aged 12-18 are invited to a holiday party, planned by the newly formed Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Come for pizza, cookie decorating and fun. Please RSVP 503.623.2633.

Teen Book Raffle – You could win a book! Help our teens raise money for movie licensing so the library can offer special movie presentations at the library. Tickets are \$1.00 and \$2.00.

New Computer Catalog

On December 11th, Dallas Public Library and CCRLS, Chemeketa Regional Library Service, are changing to a new computer catalog, SirsiDynix Enterprise. In order to better serve our patrons and prepare for the transition, the library will be CLOSED, December 8, 9 & 10. Library users can expect a new look to the catalog and many new features. As always, library staff will be available to help users and answer questions.

THINGS TO DO IN DECEMBER

Check out your library!

- Dec 01 3:30 Percy – Read to the Dog
- Dec 03 4:00 Davos – Read to the Dog
- Dec 04 12-1:00 Book Discussion – A Redbird Christmas, by Fannie Flag

Dec 8, 9 & 10 - Library **closed** for new system transition.

- Dec 11 11:00 Welcome to your New Sirsi-Dynix Library Catalog! We “Go Live” today!
- Dec 13 12-2 LEGO your Saturday!
- Dec 13 12-2 Bead Work & Marble Painting with Mary Sykes
- Dec 13 12- 1:00 Petrie – Read to the Dog
- Dec 17 4:00 Davos – Read to the Dog
- Dec 17 3:45 TAB Meeting – Teen Advisory Board
- Dec 19 10:00 eReader Help – Gadget User Group
- Dec 19 5:30 Teen Christmas Party – Pizza & Cookie Decorating

Dec 24 & 25 - Happy Holidays! The library is closed.

- Jan 05 3:00 Friends of the Library – Meeting – Everyone is welcome! Civic Center

OREGON CULTURAL TRUST

When making end of the year philanthropic donations, please remember the Oregon Cultural Trust. A donation to any of its list of affiliates (Dallas Public Library is one) qualifies for a tax deduction. An equal amount donated to the Oregon Cultural Trust is a tax credit. A win-win! Donors to the Trust are eligible for a 100% Oregon income tax credit for contributions of up to \$500 for individuals, or \$1,000 for couples filing jointly. To motivate Oregonians to increase direct giving to cultural groups, Trust donors must also make matching gifts to one or more of nearly 1,300 cultural nonprofits in order to qualify for the credit. Since its inception in December 2001, 21,000 donors have contributed nearly \$25 million to the Trust. Look for a list of cultural nonprofits at www.culturaltrust.org/ or <http://oregonculturefieldguide.org/>

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

Do you or someone you know live outside the city limits? Would you or they like to check out more than 1 book at a time?

We can fix that! Fee Cards may be purchased, enabling families to check out up to 50 items per card at all CCRLS participating libraries! You may give the gift of reading with the purchase of a Gift Certificate for a 1 Year Non-Resident Fee Card! \$60.00 covers all who reside at address for 1 year from date of activation. Just come to the Dallas Public Library and ask to purchase a Fee Card Gift Certificate. What a great gift for your family or someone else you would like to surprise!

For the full Library newsletter visit: dallasor.gov/library

DALLAS
Winterfest
2014

Friday
Dec 5th

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Enjoy Cocoa,
Cookies, Shopping,
Caroling & Santa!



Hosted by:

DALLAS
AREA
VISITORS CENTER

503-623-2564

www.facebook.com/DallasOregonVisitors

AQUATIC CENTER

December is full of activities and fun at the Dallas Aquatic Center.

Lifeguard Class

December 19 – February 8 from 6 - 9 p.m.
You must be at least 15 years old and pass a swim test offered on Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. The test consists of: 300 yards of continuous swimming, tread water with your legs only for two minutes, and a brick retrieval- start at the shallow end of the pool, swim to the deep end, go down 10 feet to get a 10 lb. brick, surface with it and swim to the shallow end with it while holding it out of the water (1 min. 40 sec.). If interested call the Aquatic Center and sign up for the test. Check out the website www.dallasor.gov or call 503-623-9715 for more information.

Jr Lifeguards

Thursday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m.
If you are age 11-14 we have an orientation meeting that you must attend with your parent (s). Come and hear what the program is about and get involved.

December Moonlight Swim

Saturday, December 6 from 9 - 10 p.m. Adults only enjoy this time of quiet and soft lights at the Aquatic Center. Relax in the pools and the hot tub before going to bed. Annual members "free", non members \$2.50.

January Swim Lessons

Registration begins December 8 for members and December 9 for non members. Classes start January 5.

Pool Closures

We will be closing early on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. and will be closed all day on Christmas Day. We are closing at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 and will be closed all day on New Year's Day.

Christmas Break Recreation Swims

Thursday, December 18 - Friday, January 2 with recreation swims from 1- 5 p.m. (except holiday closures).

Holiday Special Gift Certificates

Bring some added joy to someone with a gift from the Aquatic Center. We have everything from day passes, lessons and classes, coupon books, suits and goggles, and annual memberships. This is a great Christmas stocking stuffer idea. Shop today.

Happy Holidays from the Aquatic Center Staff!

MASTER GARDENER

Do you want a garden to be proud of?

Learn how to have a healthy garden, find out what it takes to have a garden that thrives, grow some of the food you eat and taste the difference!

Discover the science and art of plants using research-based and sustainable gardening practices. Each program is tailored to different climates, soils and local needs of individual counties.

Applications due Dec 12th, 2014

Classes in Polk County

Wednesdays
January - March
9 a.m.— 4 p.m.

For More Information...

Contact the OSU Extension
Service Polk County
503-623-8395
alisha.atha@oregonstate.edu

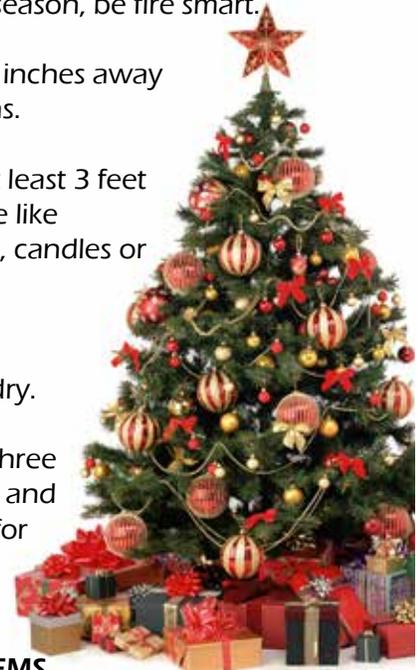


Visit the OSU website at:
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/master-gardener-training>

HOLIDAY SAFETY

It's fun to decorate for the holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk of a house fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from a heat source like fireplaces, space heaters, candles or heat vents.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and no more than 50 bulbs for screw-in light sets.



Have a **SAFE** Holiday!
From your Dallas Fire & EMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Infant/Toddler Storytime at Dallas Public Library
Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime at Dallas Public Library
Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop
Dec 1, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Dec 1, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
Dec 2, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting
Dec 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve - City Hall Closed at Noon**
Dec 24, 2014
- **Christmas Day - City Hall Closed**
Dec 25, 2014
- **City Hall Closed at Noon**
Dec 26, 2014
- **New Years Day - City Hall Closed**
Jan 1, 2015
- Dallas City Council Workshop
Jan 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Jan 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
Jan 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting
Jan 15, 2015, at Noon p.m.
- **MLK Jr. Day - City Hall Closed**
Jan 19, 2015
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Jan 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
Jan 26, 2015, 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 TWITTER



Did you know the City of Dallas has a Twitter account? Quick tweets will keep you informed of the events happening around our great community.

Find us on Twitter at:
@City_of_Dallas
and follow us to see what we post.

You can always find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/City-of-Dallas-Oregon



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 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.

