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FIND US WHEREVER AND WHENEVER YOU NEED US!

The City of Dallas spent the bulk of 2014 jumping head first into the digital age in an effort to give our citizens the help and resources they need to reach us at any time.

The City of Dallas is very excited about the future opportunities with our website, new phone app, Civic Ready, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. We are prepared to keep our citizens informed.

WEBSITE

You can always find the latest news and events at: www.dallasor.gov

CIVIC READY

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

TWITTER

Find out quick what you need to know.

Find us on Twitter at:

@City_of_Dallas

FACEBOOK

Keep up with the latest news and events.

Find us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/City-of-Dallas-Oregon

YOUTUBE

Take a look at the inner workings of the City of Dallas.

Find us on YouTube at:

www.youtube.com/CityofDallasOregon

PHONE APP

Pay your utility bill, reserve a park shelter, ask a question, or find an employee phone number all on the app. The app is available on iStore and Google Play Store.



MAYOR'S SPACE

Except maybe for trout fishing on the creek, we don't practice catch and release here in Dallas. As for criminals, we have the jail space and a proclivity to use it if the offense warrants that level of attention. We also prosecute crimes with alacrity and apply upon our criminals the redemptive powers of the full force of our very diligent Community Corrections staff, Drug Court, etc. We even supervise a good many misdemeanor offenders, not a common practice elsewhere.

The payoff is a very low crime rate, fewer than normal repeat offenders and an abiding sense of security in our homes, businesses and public places. Dallas is historically a criminal-unfriendly environment, so the professional bad guys are not inclined to sink their tap root down around these parts.

But our peaceable ideal may be at risk. All the support I mentioned above – jailing, prosecution and corrections – are services provided to the residents of Dallas by Polk County. And that system is under dire stress due to the sharp decline in the Federal timber dollars coming their way, a shortfall of over \$2,000,000 annually that we'll likely never see again. So, now we're pretty much left to our own devices to preserve our great system.

The County Commissioners are facing a big decision whether to place a Public Safety Levy on the ballot in May 2015 to keep their system (our system) afloat. Their idea is \$.45 per thousand dollars of assessed property valuation. On a \$200,000 house that's \$90 a year or \$.25 a day (a small cup of black coffee costs \$1.65 at Starbucks).

Our Commissioners have scheduled several public hearings throughout the County through January 28th to take testimony and provide details on the problem and potential solutions. Clearly, the citizens of Dallas have a very large stake in the outcome of these discussions. Thus, it is an excellent idea to study the situation in depth and share your thoughts at any one of the County's upcoming public hearings, two of which will be held in Dallas.

You'll read and hear a lot more about this situation as it unfolds. Again, Dallas has a big stake in the outcome, so your involvement is very welcomed, probably vital.

DOWNTOWN FACADE GRANT

As part of the Dallas Urban Renewal Agency's commitment to enliven and improve the appearance of buildings downtown, the Urban Renewal Agency designated funds to support matching grants for façade improvements within the 500-900 blocks of Main Street.

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for the following types of improvements:

- Exterior painting
- Repairs to exterior facades
- Repair or replacement of building features
- Exterior lighting
- Installation of new signs and awnings.

Grant applications will be reviewed on a first come basis. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible to take advantage of this limited funding opportunity.

For more information, please contact the City of Dallas Community Development Department at 503.831.3571, or visit the Dallas Urban Renewal website at: www.dallasor.gov.



LIBRARY NEWS

CHILDREN'S ROOM

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 January are:

Jan 6 & 8	Dragons
Jan 13 & 15	Monkeys
Jan 20 & 22	Trains
Jan 27	Chocolate
Jan 29	Bedtime



TEEN'S CORNER

Check out the new and improved area for our young adults!

Thursday, Jan. 22 @ 3:45 PM

- TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting

Friday, Jan. 23 @ 5:30 PM

- YA (Young Adult) Movie Night
- Coming Soon
- YA Book Club!



Look for us on Facebook (City of Dallas, Oregon)

Mitten Tree 2014

Thank you for all the generous donations of warm items for the Mitten Tree. We were able to donate 4 large bags to those in need.

New Computer Catalog

On December 11th, Dallas Public Library, CCRLS, and Chemeketa Regional Library Service changed to a new computer catalog, SirsiDynix Enterprise. 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.

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 JANUARY

Check out your library!

Jan 16 - Art Wall – Watercolors by Shela Toler

Jan 20 – Feb 23 - Art Wall – Panoramic Photography by Rodney Audin

Jan 13 – Feb 12 - Display Case - Rocks courtesy of Jeremy Teal

Jan 01 - New Year's Day – Library is Closed

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

Jan 05 - 3:30 p.m. Percy – Read to the Dog

Jan 07 - 4:00 p.m. Davos – Read to the Dog

Jan 08 - Noon -1:00 p.m. Book Discussion – Books to Share and Recommend

Jan 10 - 12-2:00 p.m. LEGO Your Saturday! Build & Create with LEGOS!

Jan 10 -12-2:00 p.m. Hobby Day – Decorative boxes & stuff with Tambrie Fanning.

Jan 10 - 12- 1:00 p.m. Petrie – Read to the Dog

Jan 14 - 4:00 p.m. Bella – Read to the Dog

Jan 19 - MLK Jr. Day - Library is Closed

Jan 22 - 3:45 p.m. TAB Meeting – Teen Advisory Board

Jan 23 - 5:30 p.m. YA (Young Adult) – Movie Night

Jan 28 - 4:00 p.m. Davos – Read to the Dog

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/>

NOTIFY ME

Stay informed of all the events and sign up for Notify Me!



Sign up for "Notify Me" with your email address. Go to the website www.dallasor.gov/library and click on Notify Me.



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

58th Annual
Community Awards Ceremony
Hosted by the



Seeking Sponsors and Nominations

A Formal Affair beginning at 6:00 p.m.
on Friday, February 20, 2015

For more information, please
visit our website: www.dallasoregon.org/awards
or eMail us: chamber@dallasoregon.org
or call us: 503.623.2564

On February 20, 2015, we will gather at the Oregon National Guard's Nesmith Readiness Center (New Armory) to recognize, honor and thank those individuals and businesses that have made an impact on our community. All citizens are encouraged to nominate someone!

The selection committee, made up of previous award winners, will base their selections upon the documentation that is provided. If you would like, you may include a testimonial letter with your nomination. If your nominee is selected, you will be notified immediately. We do notify the winners ahead of time, so that they can invite loved ones. The Chamber will provide one admission ticket for the winner and one ticket to the presenter.

Nominations can be submitted online at www.dallasoregon.org/awards, or by printed form in the office or via eMail to chamber@dallasoregon.org. Our webpage has the lists of previous award winners for you to review.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony! Tickets are \$40 per person and are available at the Chamber office and City Hall. We do typically sell out – so get your tickets early!

ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN THE HOME _____ WALL OF HONOR _____

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 47,820 reported home structure fires involving electrical failure or malfunction. These fires resulted in 455 civilian deaths, 1,518 civilian injuries and \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

Facts & Figures

Roughly half (48%) of home electrical failure fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment in 2007-2011.

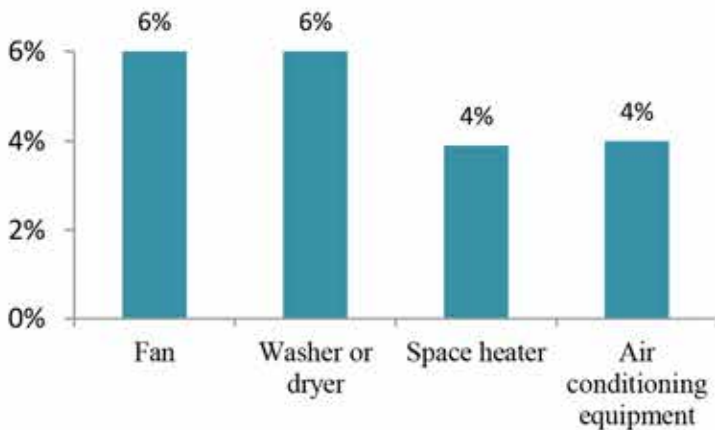
During that same time period, 46% of electrical failure home fires involved other known types of equipment. The leading other known types of equipment involved in home electrical failure fires are washer or dryer, fans, and portable or stationary space heater.

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 22,410 reported home structure fires involving electrical distribution or lighting equipment. These fires resulted in 325 civilian fire deaths, 950 civilian fire injuries, and \$817 million in direct property damage.

Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as factor contributing to ignition for 74% of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structure fires.

Nearly half of home electrical fires involved other known types of equipment in 2007-2011.

Leading Other Types of Equipment Involved in Home Electrical Fires, 2007-2011



WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION

The City of Dallas Fire & Emergency Medical Services cordially invites you to join us in the celebration of the inaugural induction to the Wall of Honor.

Delbert Fredricks, Curt Lamb, Pete Peters, and Harpy Bovard will be honored for their exemplary lifetime service to the Fire and EMS Department and the community.

Thursday, January 29, 2015
at
6:30pm

915 SE Shelton Street
Dallas, Oregon 97338

LEAF SEASON IS OVER FOR 2014 _____

2014 was our first successful year for leaf pickup with Republic Services. Leaf season is now over so please put any leftover leaves in your yard debris bins. See you next year!



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.
- **New Years Day - City Hall Closed**
Jan 1, 2015
- 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
- **MLK Jr. Day - City Hall, Library, & Aquatic Ctr Closed**
Jan 19, 2015
- Dallas City Council Workshop
Jan 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Jan 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
Jan 26, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop
Feb 2, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
Feb 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
Feb 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- **President's Day - City Hall & Library Closed**
Feb 16, 2015
- Dallas City Council
Feb 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting
Feb 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Works/Public Safety Committee Meetings
Feb 23, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website at www.dallasor.gov for updates, cancellations, and additional events.

PULSE POINT

Informed at the same time as emergency responders, bystanders are given detailed instructions, including the location of the nearest automated external defibrillator (AED), and can begin hands-only CPR until responders arrive.



The PulsePoint app empowers everyday citizens to provide life-saving assistance. Survivability depends greatly on receiving immediate CPR. PulsePoint will provide immediate notification to those nearby who can provide chest compressions to double or triple a victim's chance of survival.

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.

