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**DALLAS CITY PARK RESTROOM REMODEL**

Built in 1953 and remodeled in 1983 the restrooms at the Dallas City Park have been a necessary part of the park. If you have lived in Dallas for any length of time and visited our beautiful 35 acre park, you, or your kids, have probably used the restrooms.

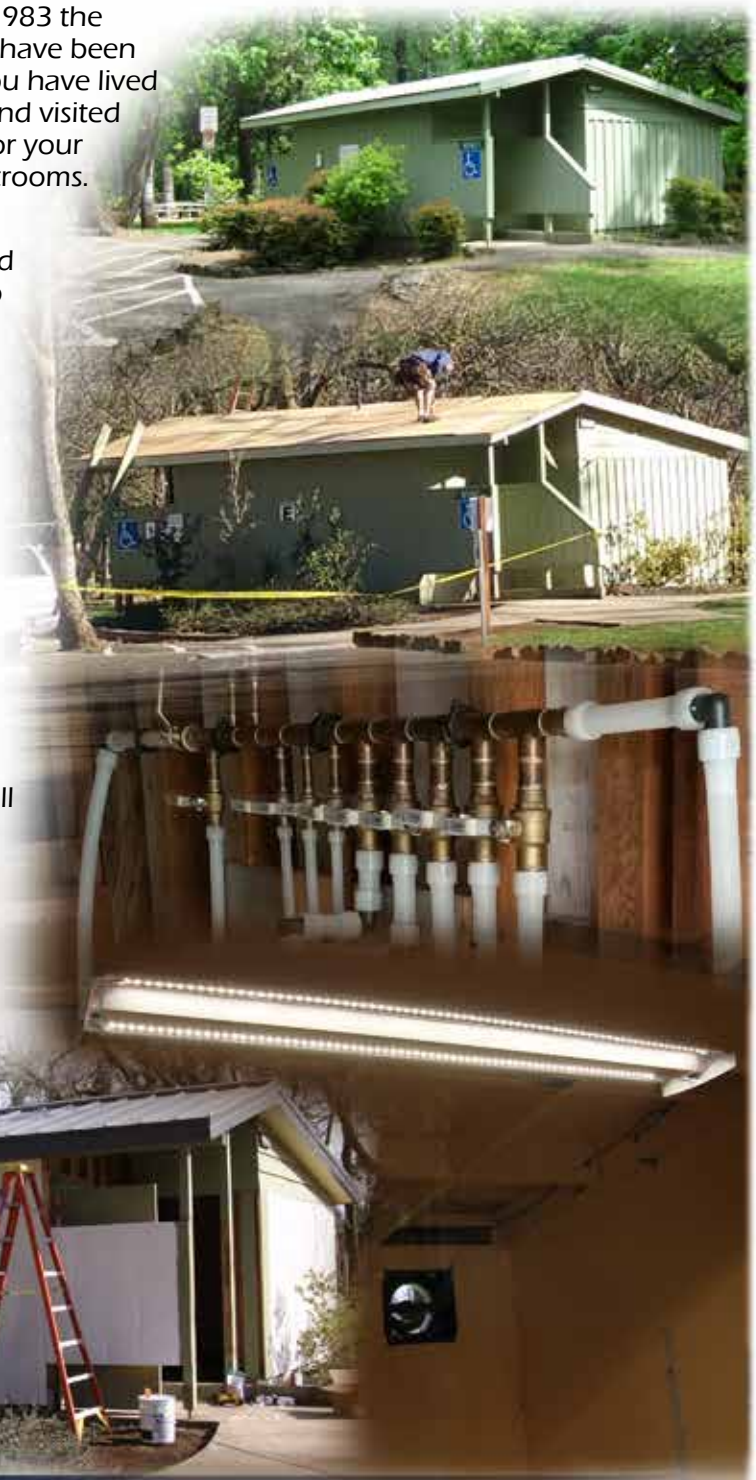
Time, weather, vandalism, and community use have deteriorated our restrooms, and it was time to upgrade and remodel so our citizens could have a clean, safe, and healthy restroom to use at our City Park.

Not only will the restrooms have a new roof and siding, but also complete remodel on the inside.

The remodel also includes new plumbing with toilets, sinks, and floor drains; and new electrical with ventilation, light fixtures, and motion sensor lights and fans.

The newly remodel restrooms will also have vandal resistant partitions and paint.

This remodel will completely modernize the restrooms and make a comfortable and safe place for our patrons, their kids, and their grandkids to enjoy the beauty of the Dallas City Park.



## MAYOR'S SPACE

"Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are pliable."  
- Mark Twain

The government tooth fairy has given us another wash of high school graduation rates to worry over. The latest wave of numbers to hit our beach appeared a couple of weeks ago in the Itemizer-Observer to include a 4-year graduation rate for Dallas of 66%. If I remember my high school math correctly, apparently 1 out of 3 of our high school folks don't seem to graduate. Can it be?

Graduation rates are an important bellwether of the health of a community. Like it or not, these pesky statistics are one of the economic indicators used by industry and commerce, convincing them where to locate or expand their businesses. If a community has low graduation rates and let's say, a threadbare County law enforcement system, who wants to set down their taproot in a place like that?

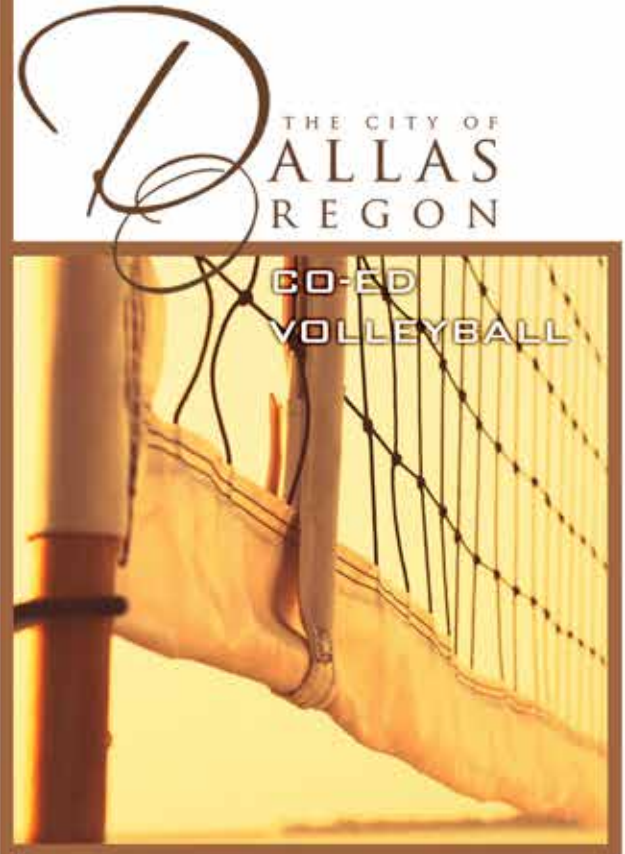
Thus our City Manager Ron Foggin and I met with the leadership of the school district, parsing through the numbers with them for over an hour to get a handle on all this. I have to say, I went into the meeting a little distressed (66%!!) but auspiciously, came out pretty happy.

Importantly, our school leaders care a lot about our students as individuals, not simply as a statistical cohort. And, if you take out all the feathers and fuss with all the different categories and footnotes and other oddball stuff that I think most rational people would not consider germane, then factor in our superb five-year Chemeketa program, our 5-year graduation rate comes out right on up there at 87%. Compared to the State average of 75%, that's a pretty happy number, 87%. This is backed up by our low, low Dallas High dropout rate of just 2%, much better than the State average of 3.95% or the national average of 7%.

Of course, we locals all think we can do even better than an 87% graduation rate. So, that's our challenge and our opportunity as a community to achieve an even higher number and push back at those tooth fairies who periodically drop those low numbers on our pristine beach.

## CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

# CO-ED VOLLEYBALL



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| <b>DATES</b>            | APRIL 7 - MAY 12  |
| <b>COST</b>             | \$175 PER TEAM<br>(\$22 PER PLAYER)   |
| <b>GAME DAY</b>         | TUESDAY NIGHTS<br>(2 GAMES PER NIGHT)   |
| <b>TIMES</b>            | GAMES WILL RANGE FROM<br>6 - 9 PM   |
| <b>LOCATION</b>         | LA CREOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL   |
| <b>REGISTRATION DUE</b> | APRIL 3<br>\$175 WILL NEED TO BE PAID<br>IN FULL BEFORE<br>REGISTRATION DUE DATE TO<br>THE CITY OF DALLAS |
| <b>RULES</b>            | EIGHT PLAYERS PER TEAM<br>(10 MAX)<br>AT LEAST 3 PLAYERS OF THE<br>OPPOSITE GENDER<br>BEST 3 OUT OF 5     |
| <b>CONTACT</b>          | DAVID BRAUTIGAM<br>503.831.3559<br>DAVID.BRAUTIGAM@DALLASDR.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 March are:**

Mar 3                      Celebrating Dr. Seuss  
 Mar 5                      Celebrating Dr. Seuss  
 Mar 10 & 12          Going Quackers  
 Mar 17                    St. Patrick's Day Shennanigans  
 Mar 19                    Bring on the Spring!  
 Mar 24 & 26          Babies, Babies, Babies!  
 Mar 31 & Apr 1      Aargh Mateys!



**MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mar 21 – 28 Come & play board games!  
 Mar 25 - 12:00 – 1 PM – Book Bingo!  
 Mar 26 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Pirate Crafts  
 Mar 28 – 3:30 PM – Special Movie  
    "Monsters University"

**TEEN'S CORNER**

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



**MARCH BOOK RAFFLE**

Signed Copy of Colleen Houck's, "Tiger's Curse"  
 Winner will be drawn March 5.

Thursday, Mar. 18 @ 3:45 PM      TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting  
 Thursday, Mar. 18 @ 4:30 PM      Teen Book Club: "An Abundance of Katherines" By John Green  
 Friday, Mar. 20 @ 5:30 PM          YA (Young Adult) Movie Night – "Divergent"

Coming in April: Teen FanArt Contest!  
 More info in the Teen section of the library  
 We have 4 new Teen magazines! – Alternative Press, Game Informer, J14 & Teen Vogue.

**THINGS TO DO IN MARCH**

Check out your library!

Thru - Mar 20      Art Wall – Watercolors by Karen Rouzard & Charlene Metzler  
 Thru - Mar 23      Display Case - Kid's Cowboy Boots courtesy of Deb Darr  
 Mar 04      4:00 p.m.          Davos – Read to the Dog  
 Mar 05      12-1:00 p.m.      Book Discussion – Short Stories by Alice Munro  
 Mar 09      3:30 p.m.          Percy – Read to the Dog  
 Mar 11      4:00 p.m.          Bella – Read to the Dog  
 Mar 14      12- 1:00 p.m.      Petrie – Read to the Dog  
 Mar 14      12-2:00 p.m.      LEGO Your Saturday! Build & Create with LEGOS!  
 Mar 14      12-2:00 p.m.      Hobby Day – Karen Lamb – Spinning yarn with rabbit fur!  
 Mar 18      3:45 p.m.          TAB Meeting – Teen Advisory Board  
 Mar 18      4:30 p.m.          Teen Book Club  
 Mar 18      4:00 p.m.          Davos – Read to the Dog  
 Mar 20      5:30 p.m.          YA (Young Adult) – Movie Night "Divergent"  
 Mar 21-28                      Come and play board games at the library!  
 Mar 25      12-1:00 p.m.      Book BINGO! (Children's Event)  
 Mar 26      2-4:00 p.m.          Pirate Crafts ( Children's Event)  
 Mar 28      3:30 p.m.          Children's Movie Event – "Monsters University"  
 April 2      4:00 p.m.          Special Event! Author Visit, Heidi Schulz "Hook's Revenge"

**SEED CATALOG**

Check out our NEW SEED CATALOG!

The library now has FREE garden seeds to start your own garden. Sign up and choose your 5 "free" packets of seeds for your family. All we ask is that you share your garden story with us.



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**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.



# COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Community Champions!



A big THANK YOU to our 58th Annual Community Awards Ceremony Sponsors!!

## MAJOR SPONSORS

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|  <b>West Valley Hospital</b><br><small>A part of Salem Health</small> |  <b>Premier-Observer</b>                      |
|  <b>Chemeketa</b><br><small>Community College</small>                 | James W. Fowler<br>— Affiliates —  |
|  <b>PACIFIC POWER</b>   |  <b>DALLAS</b><br>GLASS & WINDOW              |
|  <b>Dallas</b><br>RETIREMENT VILLAGE                                  |  <b>DALLAS</b><br>REGION                      |
|  <b>Capriotti Catering</b>  |  <b>TONY'S</b><br>EST. 1987<br>DALLAS, OREGON |

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# MIGHTY MIGHTS

BASIC FUNDAMENTALS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

## AGES 3-5 YEARS

INDOOR

**Dates:** March 14 - April 4

**Days:** Every Saturday

**Time:** 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes t-shirt)

**Location:** Lyle Elementary School Gym

**Registration:** Drop registration form with \$25 cash or check to:  
City of Dallas  
187 SE Court St.  
Dallas, OR 97338

**Registration**

**Deadline:** March 12

**Questions:** Contact David at 503.831.3559  
david.brautigam@dallasor.gov

### Registration Form

#### Participant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Information      Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.
- Budget Committee Meeting  
Mar 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Mar 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
Mar 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
Mar 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Retreat - Dallas Chemeketa Campus  
Mar 14, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
Mar 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Mar 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting  
Mar 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting  
Mar 19, 2015, at Noon
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings  
Mar 23, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
Apr 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Apr 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
Apr 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
Apr 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee Meeting  
Apr 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
Apr 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings  
Apr 27, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee Meeting  
Apr 27, 2015, at 7:00 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.

## TWITTER

Twitter is the quick way to find out everything your City is doing in 140 characters! So now you can stay informed about City and library events, as well as all the Police, Fire & EMS information.

Visit us all at:

@City\_of\_Dallas

@dpdoregon

@DallasFireEms



## 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. 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](http://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](http://www.dallasor.gov/volunteer).

