



June 2015

## ANNUAL WATER & SEWER INCREASE

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In 2012, the City of Dallas contracted with an independent consultant to perform a comprehensive water and sewer study. The goal of the study was to assess and evaluate the City's existing water and sewer service cost structure while minimizing rates to the greatest extent possible.

As a result of that study, the City adopted a new rate structure, which has been in place now for a year. The new rate structure ensures rates are fair while promoting conservation and minimizing future rate increases. Along with the change in structure, the Council voted to maintain the annual rate adjustment based upon the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Portland-Salem, established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This ensures our rates keep up with inflation and

minimizes the need for future large rate increases. This year's CPI adjustment is 2.4%. Please see below for a table of the impact that has on our rates.

In addition to the rate structure adopted in June 2013, the Council has adopted regulations to be used in the event of an emergency or drought. Certain rate increases and consumption restrictions will kick in based upon the amount of water we have stored at Mercer Reservoir. Water conservation is important even when we are not experiencing drought conditions. Please check our website ([www.dallasor.gov](http://www.dallasor.gov)) for information on how to conserve water throughout the year. By conserving water, you'll help us keep water rates down.

If you have any questions regarding the revised water and sewer rates, please contact Cecilia Ward, Finance Director, at 503.831.3505. If you have questions regarding our water system or our emergency/drought condition policy, please contact Fred Braun, Engineering Services Director, at 503.831.3555.

<b>Residential Water</b>	<b>Old Rates</b> (as of June 2014)	<b>New Rates</b> (as of June 2015)
Base Rate (monthly)	\$16.50	\$16.90
<b>Consumption Rate</b> (\$/units each month)		
0 - 3 units	\$0 minimum	\$0 minimum
3 - >25 units	\$1.77 per add'l unit	\$1.82 per add'l unit

<b>Sewer:</b>	<b>Old Rates</b> (as of June 2014)	<b>New Rates</b> (as of June 2015)
Base Rate (monthly)	\$42.90	\$43.93

Effective July 1, 2015, you will notice a change in the way that your sewer bill appears. In the past, the charges for sewer included the cost of operation and maintenance of the City's storm drainage system, even though the purpose and operation of each system is very different. During the last year, the City completed a Storm Drainage Master Plan. The plan recommended that the charges (revenues) and expenses for sewer and storm drainage be separated. In the current adopted budget, the City has established a method to properly account for revenues and expenditures of the storm drainage system. Storm drainage charges appearing on your bill are now accounted for and shown separately, without the need to raise your overall rate for the combined services.

**Notes:**

- 1 unit is 100 cubic feet or approximately 750 gallons.
- A monthly water usage of 10 units is approximately 250 gallons per day.
- Average winter residential monthly water usage is 7 units (175 gallons per day).
- Average summer residential monthly water usage is 18 units (450 gallons per day).



## MAYOR'S SPACE

There's the very great probability that I was once a child. For the purpose of this column let's hypothesize this makes me an expert in childrearing. Little else does.

Out there in the real world a debate rages regarding "free range children." Apparently some parents have encouraged their youngish children to get out into the world by themselves. Others regard this choice as tantamount to child endangerment. Inexpertly, allow me to opine how this relates to growing up in Dallas, Oregon.

First off, we're not talking Huck Finn riding down the Mississippi River on a raft here, we're talking children being children in the big wide world of Dallas. Riding a bicycle to meet little friends over in the park. Walking to school on a spring morning through the neighborhood. And, yes, instructively getting pinched by crawdads down in the creek.

To some people all this freedom sounds frightening; but my sense of it is that releasing children into the wilds of our small town is not a death-defying act. Seems to me that walking to school, bicycling to the park, splashing in the creek, hiking our trails, and chasing squirrels (or whatever) beats reclining in front of a TV or holed up in a bedroom at the risk of dislocating a thumb with exuberant texting.

Just how safe is it to do stuff in Dallas, Oregon? For one thing, there are the neighbors. I recall growing up here under the watchful eye of the neighbors who would rat you out in a heartbeat. I hear that still applies here - word filters back.

Also, if statistics are your thing, Dallas is one of the 30 safest cities in Oregon (of the 242) and way below the national average in crime rates. Not to mention the safe houses, a caring police force, teachers and, just in general, a community which cares about helping one another.

Every family raises their children in its own fashion. If free ranging your children is your thing, Dallas is a great place to do it, Mayberry RFD, not the wild, wild west.

# Father's Day Cookie Sale

WHY BUY HIM A TIE...WHEN YOU KNOW HE LOVES COOKIES!



**Friday, June 19, 2015**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Dallas City Hall**  
**Upstairs Conference Room**

**With numerous kinds  
of cookies to choose from...  
NO father will be leaving unhappy!**

**1/2 dozen.....\$4**

**1 dozen.....\$6**

**2 dozen...\$10**

**You Pick!**

**Customized dozens of  
cookies created by you**

**Every  
FATHER  
gets a FREE cookie!**



## 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 June are:

- June 2 - Boats & Building Readers
- June 4 - Beachy Storytime
- June 9 & 11 – Superheroes!
- June 23 – Airplanes & Helicopters
- June 30 & July 1 – Star Spangled Stories



#### “CULTURAL GO PASS” FOR DALLAS PATRONS!

- AC Gilbert House
- Polk County Museum
- Evergreen Aviation Museum

\*May be used 1 time per year per family.  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### TEEN'S CORNER

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

- Wed., June 17 @ 3:45 p.m. TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting
- Wed., June 17 @ 4:30 p.m. Teen Book Club: “Dragon spell” By Donita K Paul Special Event!
- Fri., June 12 @ 5:30 p.m. Dr. Who Teen Party Movie, activities, pizza & prizes



#### 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 JUNE

Check out your library!

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| June 1  | 4:00 p.m.    | Percy – Read to the Dog                               |
| June 2  | 7:00 p.m.    | Friends of the Library Meeting – All are welcome!     |
| June 4  | 12-1:00 p.m. | Book Discussion – Ernest Hemingway                    |
| June 6  | 12-2:00 p.m. | Hobby Day – Paint rocks with Susan Riggs              |
| June 8  |              | Summer Reading Sign-ups Begin!                        |
| June 12 | 5:30 p.m.    | Dr. Who - Teen Special Event                          |
| June 13 | 12-2:00 p.m. | LEGO Your Saturday! Build & Create with LEGOS!        |
| June 17 | 3:45 p.m.    | TAB Meeting – Teen Advisory Board                     |
| June 17 | 4:30 p.m.    | Teen Book Club – “Hush, Hush” By Becca Fitzpatrick    |
| June 17 | 11:30 a.m.   | Juggler – Rhys Thomas @ the Dallas City Park          |
| June 24 | 11:30 a.m.   | Storyteller – Chetter Galloway @ the Dallas City Park |

#### 2015 DEPARTMENT EXPO



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[www.facebook.com/cityofdallasoregon](http://www.facebook.com/cityofdallasoregon)

#### 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](http://www.dallasor.gov/library) and click on Notify Me.

# DALLAS SUMMER EVENTS MAY-SEPTEMBER 2015



Bounty Market runs EVERY Thursday from  
May 7 - September 24  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Enjoy fresh farm goodies and artisan treasures!

**Location:** Academy Lawn

**[www.facebook.com/BountyMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BountyMarket)**

Join us for the free outdoor Concert Series.  
Thursdays - July 9 thru August 27  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

featuring: Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts, Gusto Brothers,  
Joe Shinkle & 99W...and more!!

**Location:** Rotary Stage

**[www.facebook.com/DallasOregonVisitors](http://www.facebook.com/DallasOregonVisitors)**



Join us Saturday the 4th of July for a BBO Competition,  
Live Music, Vendors, Food & Fireworks!

Daytime events will be held at the Dallas City Park  
Brandvold Section and Fireworks viewed from Roger  
Jordan Community Park.

**Location:** Daytime Activities - Brandvold Section  
Fireworks - Roger Jordan Community Park

**[www.facebook.com/DallasOregonVisitors](http://www.facebook.com/DallasOregonVisitors)**



4 days of fun in the Sun...With something for everyone!  
Thursday, July 23 - Sunday, July 26

This year's theme is: An Ode To Crazy Dayz

Live Music, Vendors, Parade, Car Show, Art Show, Market,  
And sooooo much more!!

**Location:** City wide

**[www.facebook.com/DallasSummerfest](http://www.facebook.com/DallasSummerfest)**





## WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

- Dallas City Code 5.45 prohibits the growth of any noxious weed or high grasses (over 10") on property located in the city.
- The ordinance is a preventative measure against health, traffic, and fire hazards.
- This code is enforced throughout the growing season of May through early fall.
- A list of mowers is available from City Hall.
- Report violations of this ordinance by calling the Hotline listed below.

For more information,  
contact our  
Weed Abatement  
Hotline  
at 503.831.3568



## 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.

## JUNE

- Dallas City Council Workshop  
June 1, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
June 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 2, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
June 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
June 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
June 16, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Public Safety/Public Works Committee Meetings  
June 22, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

## JULY

- **CITY HALL CLOSED**  
July 3, 2015
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
July 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
July 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
July 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting  
July 16, 2015, at Noon
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
July 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting  
July 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings  
July 27, 2015, at 4:00 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.

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, June 21**  
**7 a.m. to 11 a.m.**  
**Dallas Fire Hall**  
**\$5**

**Come have breakfast with your local volunteer firefighters and celebrate Father's Day!**



## 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).

