



October 2015

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The City offered its first ever Dallas Citizens’ Academy in the spring of 2015, which was very well received. We are now beginning our Fall term

The Citizens’ Academy is free for participants, and is an opportunity to learn about the functions and services of the city government with fellow members of the Dallas community.

For new residents of Dallas, the Academy is a great way to become familiar with the services provided by the city and to meet the staff responsible for providing them. If you are a long-time resident of Dallas, the Academy will give you a fresh perspective on the current issues facing the city. For those who are interested in getting more engaged with the community, the Academy will teach you about volunteer and leadership opportunities.

The sessions are fun and interactive, and will be led by Dallas city staff.



MAYOR'S SPACE

In the Army we used to talk about the "long pole in the tent." It held things up and kept out the rain, wind and sand – mostly.

Plainly there's a profusion of vacant commercial buildings and industrial lands here in Dallas, not exactly a good thing. Residential housing is great, but clearly, a balance of industrial and commercial development is required, not only providing jobs, but offering support for our institutions, improving our prosperity and general morale plus, happily, furnishing the community with a robust tax base to provide needed services.

Dallas certainly used to have a more vibrant industrial and commercial foundation. Gerlinger, Towmotor, Caterpillar, Willamette Valley Lumber Company, Willamette Industries, Weyerhaeuser, Praegitzer, Tyco, and a boatload of downtown merchants, several multi-generational. But hit by a spiral of hard economic times, changing culture (freeway to Salem, big box stores, the internet, et al), and aging infrastructure, much of this energy has simply evaporated.

In the past, business cycles – recession, changing habits and the like – were, pardon, cyclical. Up and down, down and up. Yet this time, when the rest of Oregon is up, and Dallas should logically follow, our industrial and commercial climate has failed to bounce back. Why? Hasn't Dallas always been a great place to live with excellent neighborhoods, safe and comfortable for families and individuals? Haven't we grown in population at every single 10-year census without falter since 1880 when we started with 670 souls?

Amazingly now we have a new, totally unexpected – even shocking – problem. Simply put, we no longer have an adequate pool of qualified and available workers to supply our industry and commerce, both expanding and new. Virtually every firm in town could use skilled, or at least trainable, workers; but few are available. This is largely true throughout Oregon, but painfully, and oddly given our industrial history, especially so here in Dallas.

We've certainly become starkly aware of the problem and now are developing a hard focus on attracting and educating the workforce. Doubtless there will be more discussion and action throughout the community on this unique predicament, but meanwhile when you see that vacant land or building out there in our otherwise vibrant community, the scarce workforce is perhaps the reason. Wanted you to know. The long pole in the tent.

FIREMED

Being a Dallas FireMed member provides peace of mind if a medical emergency comes your way. In your time of need, our skilled emergency medical technicians, using the latest equipment and technology, will provide you with excellent medical care and ambulance transportation to the closest appropriate hospital AND as a FireMed member, if you NEED an ambulance because of your condition, you will NOT have to pay for it!!

FireMed membership includes you and your family members living in the same household for one low fee. Most likely your insurance deductible or out-of-pocket expense for an ambulance is more than the cost of membership. Better yet, the FireMed fee covers each ambulance use for the entire year!

You also receive the extra benefit of being covered throughout most of Oregon when you are traveling. If you need an ambulance outside of the Dallas area, there is a good chance the ambulance provider will honor your Dallas FireMed membership and you are still covered!

Membership fees help support the Emergency Medical Service provided by the City of Dallas. We want to continue to provide the latest in technology and medical care for our citizens and surrounding community. Your FireMed membership helps us to do just that. Please sign up today!

Dallas City Resident - \$65
Non Dallas Resident - \$75

Call 503-831-3508
or join online
at our website:
www.dallasor.gov



LIBRARY NEWS

Art @ the Library

October will feature

Nancy Kurz & son,
Nathaniel Kurz

Art Wall & Display Case

Watercolors

Functional Pottery & Ceramic Art

Adults

Book Discussion

1st Thursday of month

October 1st @ Noon—1:00 pm

"the curious incident of the dog
in the night-time" by mark haddon

Friends Meeting

October 6th @ 7:00pm

(in the library)



October 5-10

Customer Service Week!

Surprises every day!

Want to be in the know?

Find us on Facebook



Or Sign up for "Notify Me"

@www.dallasor.gov

Kid's Programs

STORYTIME

Tuesday - 11:15 & 3:30

Thursday - 11:15

PAWS TO READ

Oct 07 Davos @ 4:00

Oct 14 Bella & Delilah @ 4:00

Oct 21 Davos @ 4:00

MOVIES

Oct. 03 @ 3:30

"Curious George 3"

Oct. 24 @ 3:30

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

LEGO BUILDING



Thursdays 2:30 - 4:30

Bring your creativity!

Teen Programs

Oct. 21 TAB Meeting 3:45 pm

Book Club 4:45 pm

"Body in the Woods"

By April Henry

Oct. 23 Teen Movie Night 5:30 pm

"Into The Woods"

Fall & Halloween Papercraft!

Jeena Huntzinger will show you how to
transform paper into art!

Oct 22 @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm (drop by)

Family Friendly - All are welcome

TRICK N TREAT

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Trick-n-Treat local businesses in one spot!

The Dallas Area Visitors Center is pleased to host this safe and weather resistant event on Friday, October 30 at the Morrison Campus on Main Street.

The FREE Trick-N-Treat happens from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. for children ages 0-12 years. We average over 750 people participating with 25 businesses on display, giving out goodies to kids and their parents. We will also host a costume contest every half hour, starting at 3:30 p.m. with the last contest at 6 p.m.

We welcome your support of this event through sponsorship, vendors, prize donations and volunteers.

- Event Sponsorship is \$250 & \$100
- Vendors are \$25 (please confirm by 10/16/15 to be including in the marketing)
- Prizes range from balloons to gift certificates and everything in between, just think "youth friendly" (20 prizes given)
- Will your business be welcoming Trick-or-Treaters ON Halloween? For \$25, we will add your business to our marketing as a "Candy Spot" (please confirm by 10/16/15 to be included in the marketing)
- Volunteers are needed with everything from setup starting at 10 a.m. to cleanup that will start at 6 p.m. The more the merrier and the lighter the workload for everyone.

For more information, or to participate, please contact Chelsea at the Visitors Center office at chelsea@dallasoregon.org or 503-623-2564.



BOUNTY MARKET

Thank YOU!! For an Amazing Season

Sponsors

- Brixius Jewelers
- Capitol Auto
- Citizens Bank
- Dallas Retirement Village
- Fowler Affiliates
- Home Comfort
- Liberty Concrete
- Old Mill Feed & Garden
- Oregon State CU
- Polk County
- Squirrel's Taxi
- The Car Doctor
- Wall Insurance
- West Valley Hospital
- White's Collision Service

A Special Thank You
City of Dallas

An EXTRA Special THANK YOU to the Itemizer-Observer!

We enjoyed our 6th season of Bounty Market in Dallas this year THANKS to our vendors, shoppers, sponsors, partners, and volunteers. We had great weather, lots of live music, and activities throughout the season. We made stronger connections with vendors that have been with us since day one, and welcomed a few new vendors too. We look forward to seeing everyone in Dallas again starting in May of 2016... but stay connected with us and our vendors through the off season by becoming a fan of our facebook page!



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

503-623-2564

www.dallasoregon.org/market

www.facebook.com/bountymarket

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION _____ NEW FIRE TRUCK _____

**Come to the
FREE
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE
COLLECTION EVENT!**

Bring in any of the items listed below and we will dispose of them for you, in a manner friendly to the environment.



IMPORTANT:

- Keep products in original containers if possible.
- Do not mix any products.
- Keep away from passengers while transporting.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Explosives
- Radioactive Waste
- Motor oil

WHAT TO BRING:

- Aerosol Cans
- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Degreasers
- Engine Cleaners
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Furniture Stripper
- Herbicides
- Household Batteries
- Kerosene Gas
- Lab Sets
- Latex paint
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury
- Oil based paint

- Paint Thinner
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Rose Dust
- Rust Remover
- Slug Bait
- Solvents
- Spot Remover
- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Transmission Fluid
- Turpentine
- Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives

DATE: Saturday, October 10th, 2015

TIME: From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Independence Riverview Park, 100 Main St.

SPONSORED BY: Polk County, The Cities of Dallas, Independence, Monmouth, Falls City and Salem

The Dallas Fire & EMS Department has purchased a new fire truck. The new fire engine should arrive in Dallas by November 1st. There will be a group going back to Appleton, Wisconsin to pick it up and drive it home. This new engine will replace E101 and E111, which were both sold to Klickitat Fire District #7 in Washington, in an effort to consolidate resources. Once the engine arrives, Dallas Fire & EMS will hold an open house for the community to attend and view the new fire truck!



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.

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- OCTOBER**
- Dallas City Council Workshop
October 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
October 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
October 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Planning Commission Meeting
October 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - City Employee Chili Cook-off
October 15, 2015, at 11:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
October 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Parks Advisory Board Meeting
October 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Public Safety/Public Works Committee Meetings
October 26, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.

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- NOVEMBER**
- Dallas City Council Workshop
November 2, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
November 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
November 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Planning Commission Meeting
November 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
November 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Parks Advisory Board Meeting
November 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Economic Development Commission Meeting
November 19, 2015, at 12:00 p.m.
 - Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
November 23, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
 - **Thanksgiving - City Hall Closed**
November 26 & 27, 2015

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

STREET LIGHTS

Have you noticed your street light out? Maybe there's one that cycles off and on. Whatever the issue, it's easy to report the problem and get it fixed! All you need to do is call Public Works at 503.831.3562 and let them know:

1) where the street light is (the address, cross street, and/or pole number).

2) what the concern is.

We'll take the information and let Pacific Power know so they can schedule to fix it. Depending on crew availability, the repairs are often done within as little as two weeks.



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.

