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**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**10 A.M.**



**ENGINE 101 CELEBRATION**  
**Wednesday, December 16 at 6 pm**



## MAYOR'S SPACE

"When once the forms of civility are violated, there remains little hope of return to kindness and decency."  
Samuel Johnson

It has been an eventful couple of weeks for the Mayor and Council. As therapy, my temptation was return here to the calming topics of our city's intelligent traffic signals, bemoaning the closure of our world-famous Goat Museum, praising the wonderful service from the staff at our local DMV, or perhaps sharing the heartbreaking news that our Fire Department's big truck ladder can no longer quite reach the top of our fast-growing Giant Sequoia on the Courthouse lawn – evident when we illuminate the tree on December 4th – y'all come!

To update those of you who were engrossed in contemplating the possible permutations of the Civil War or the news that bacon is bad for you, we had a Council meeting the other night that attracted an audience maybe 15 times the size of our usual small, adoring crowd. The audience was drawn in by some social media postings that went viral, opening up some very heavy, very worldly issues that migrated their way back to Dallas and to our surprised City Council.

I'll not comment on the serious issues involved, though they were very sensitive and passions were high. I'd rather simply remark upon how civil everyone was in preserving the decorum of the evening, thus reinforcing the widespread belief that we treat each other here with remarkable dignity and respect. I talked to a cameraman from one of the two TV stations covering the meeting and he told me that he always enjoys coming to Dallas because of our friendly nature. He related, with examples, why many other of the places he travels are far from ideal in this respect.

The night, which could have easily devolved into catcalls, interruptions, and goodness knows what else, was a terrific display – and really a test – of the splendid right of free speech which makes this country and this community so great. I don't wish myself more nights like that night, but it was hard not to be immensely proud of the remarkable grace with which we conducted ourselves, even under the glare of white hot lights.

## CHRISTMAS SAFETY

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 210 home structure fires per year that began with Christmas trees in 2009-2013. These fires caused an annual average of seven civilian deaths, 19 civilian injuries, and \$17.5 million in direct property damage.

On average, one of every 31 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 144 total reported home fires. When these fires occur, they are much more likely to be deadly than most other fires.

Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in 30% of Christmas tree fires. In one-quarter (24%) of the Christmas tree fires and two-thirds (67%) of the deaths, some type of heat source, such as a candle or equipment, was too close to the tree.

Four of every five Christmas tree fires occurred in December and January. Almost half (44%) were in December. More than one-third (37%) were in January.

**Leading causes of Christmas tree fires:** Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in 38% of home Christmas tree fires.

- Eighteen percent of home Christmas tree fires involved decorative lights.
- Wiring or related equipment was involved in 12%.
- Cords or plugs were involved in 5%.

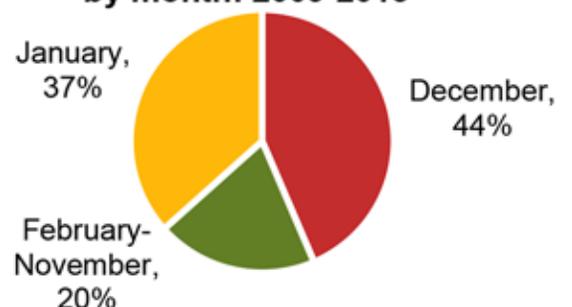
Twenty-two percent of Christmas tree fires were intentional.

- Only 9% of the intentional fires occurred in December.

Nine percent of Christmas tree fires were started by someone, usually a child, playing with fire.

Candles started 8% of home Christmas tree structure fires.

**Home structure fires  
in which Christmas trees were first ignited  
by month: 2009-2013**



LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Hours

Dec. 3 Opening Late @ 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 & 25 CLOSED
Jan. 1, 2016 CLOSED

Kid's Programs

STORYTIME

Tuesday - 11:15 am & 3:30 pm
Thursday - 11:15 am

PAWS to READ

Dec 07 Percy @ 2:00 pm (Mon)
Dec 16 Davos @ 4:00 pm (Wed.)

LEGO Building

Thursdays 2:30 - 4:30
Bring your creativity!

Kid's Movie & Craft

Dec 19 3:30 pm

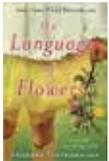
ADULT COLORING Night



Thursday
December 3rd @
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
In the library

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, December 10th
Noon-1:00 pm



'The Language of Flowers'
By Vanessa Diffenbach

SPECIAL HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Children's Area



HO-HO-HO!

Follow us on Facebook
page to find out more about
this special event!

www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon

Tree of Giving at the Library

New Kid's
Books



Bring donations
by Dec. 15

Mittens Gloves Scarves Hats

December Art @ the Library

Art Wall
Photography by Marilyn Teal

Display Case
Art Drawings by Lydia Domes

Teen Programs

Dec. 16 TAB Meeting 3:45 pm
Book Club 4:45 pm
'The Giver' By Lois Lowry

Dec. 18 Teen Movie Friday Night
The Christmas Story 5:30 pm



Dec. 21 11- 1:00 pm
\*Proceeds to fund Teen programming

DALLAS  
Winterfest  
2015

Friday  
Dec 4th  
5-8 pm



Hosted by:

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[www.dallasoregon.org/Winterfest](http://www.dallasoregon.org/Winterfest)

## NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Dallas Fire & EMS Department has purchased a new fire truck. A group of volunteers drove the new truck from Appleton, Wisconsin all the way to Dallas. 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.

This truck is equipped with a 1000 gallon water tank, with the ability to pump water on the move, both critical needs for the urban and rural environment. This is important as this new engine will replace not only a 20 year old city response engine but also a 24 year old rural response engine. Doing more with less is the new normal for all fire and EMS services. We have taken up this challenge by replacing two older engines with one that fulfills most of the capabilities of both. With our limited staffing this new engine will help our dedicated volunteers in both the urban and rural fronts.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- Dallas City Council Meeting  
December 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
December 15, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
December 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.
- Residential Street Task Force  
December 16, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve - City Hall Closed at Noon**  
December 24, 2015
- **Christmas - City Hall Closed**  
December 25, 2015

### JANUARY

- **New Years Day - City Hall Closed**  
January 1, 2016
- Dallas City Council Workshop  
January 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
January 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.
- Residential Street Task Force  
January 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting  
January 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting  
January 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Advisory Board Meeting  
January 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- Residential Street Task Force  
January 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting  
January 21, 2016, at 12:00 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings  
January 25, 2016, 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.

## LEAF PICKUP

### Saturday Dec 19/Sunday Dec 20

The City of Dallas is excited that Republic Services will continue with leaf collection this year.

#### Keep in Mind:

- Leaves should be raked into the street in long rows, parallel to the curb, at least 12 inches from curb.
- Avoid blocking the roadway, driveways, and bike lanes.
- Keep piles away from and clear any blocked storm drains.
- Place only leaves and no other trimmings, brush, grass, or other debris in the street.

## 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).

