



FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

City of Dallas Launches Interactive Financial Transparency Platform

OpenGov platform engages residents with instant access to budget data. City of Dallas has launched a new digital platform powered by OpenGov that provides residents, elected officials and staff access to the city's finances. The OpenGov platform transforms complex financial data into an interactive, digital format that enables better analysis and understanding of the city's finances. The intuitive design makes it easier to explore how taxpayer money is collected and spent. The platform may be accessed through the City of Dallas website: www.dallasor.gov go to City Departments, Finance and click on Financial Data Portal.

The OpenGov platform displays four years of government spending and revenue detail in a user-friendly portal. Users can view historical revenue and expenditure trends over time and explore multiple views of financial data, including by fund, department, expense, or revenue type. The current year report provides insight into spending and revenues year-to-date.

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MAYOR'S SPACE

For many years I have heard that Dallas is a "Full Service City." I knew vaguely what that meant, but did not fully grasp its true importance until very recently.

First, for those who don't follow municipal government with attention and delight, a Full Service City is the term of art for a City that directly provides a wide array of services for its citizens. Obvious examples would be police, parks and recreation, water and sewer, library, and so on.

One might assume that Oregon's 242 incorporated Cities routinely provide most, if not all governmental type services for their citizens. Dallas residents might be surprised to hear that this assumption would be wrong, likely being misled by the large number of City services we have always taken for granted here. In fact, the City of Dallas provides far more services for our citizens than does practically any other City in Oregon.

This fact was brought home to me in the February issue of Local Focus magazine from the League of Oregon Cities, where there is a chart showing services provided by cities by type, 16 services altogether. Of the 16 possible services, Dallas provides the top 12 of them. The 4 at the bottom of the list that Dallas doesn't provide are seldom provided by any city (911 dispatch, transit, garbage, municipal jail).

For example, only 45% of cities provide fire protection. Dallas is the largest city in the state with a virtually all-volunteer department. Only 23% of cities provide Animal Control and a mere 16% provide ambulance service. Dallas provides both.

Why does the City of Dallas provide so many services for our citizens? My observation is that it is because we exercise such tight controls over quality and costs. People love our library (77,000 visits last year), our Aquatic Center (114,000 annual visits) our parks, the quality of our water and so on. Our citizens have developed a great faith, practically a bond with our emergency services – police, fire, ambulance – which envelops us in a great sense of security and safety here that is rare in the modern world.

Just one more reason people love living here - Dallas is a Full Service City.



AQUATIC CENTER

Spring Break at the Aquatic Center

Recreation Swim Times

Saturday, March 19 - Sunday March 27

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday 3 - 5 p.m.

Saturday 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. & 7 - 9 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Additional Recreation Swim Hours

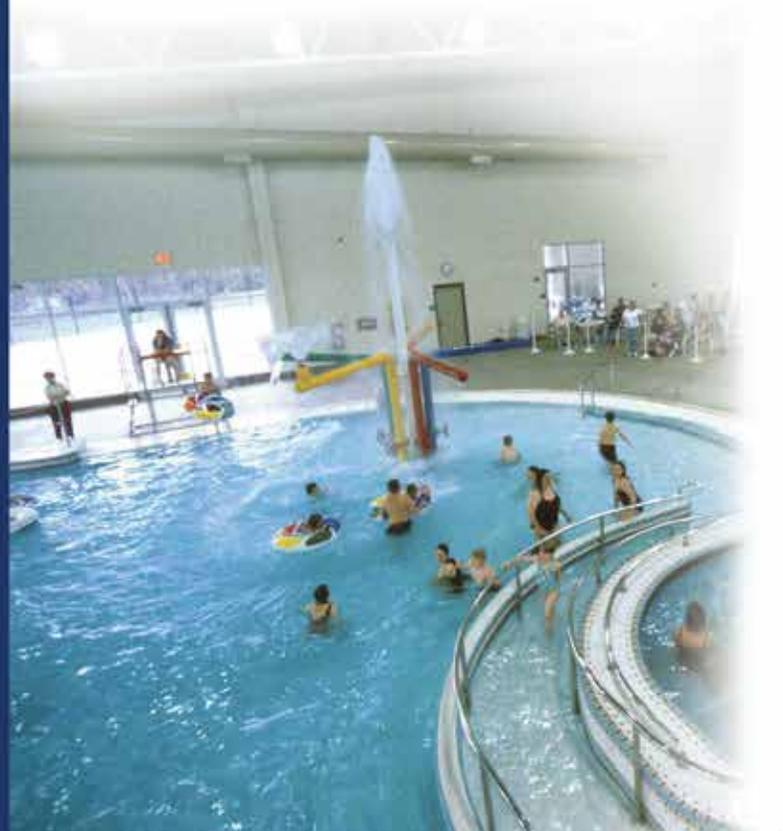
Monday through Friday 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Pool Closures

Sunday, March 27 for Easter
and Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

Adult Swims

Full Moonlight Swim for Adults only
Wednesday, March 23, 8 - 9 p.m.



LIBRARY NEWS

COMING IN APRIL!

Book Totes!

- April 1 & 2 Friends Book Sale
- April 7 Phillip Margolin, Author Visit
- April 10-16 Nat'l Library Week
- April 28 Food 4 Fines
- Jane Kirkpatrick, Author

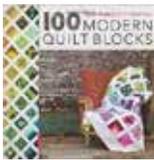
ADULT COLORING Night !

Thursday
March 17th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
In the library



ADULT
Book Discussion
Thursday, March 3rd
Noon—1:00 p.m.
"Let The Great World Spin"
By Colum McCann

March Art @ the Library



Art Wall
Janice Ames
Modern Quilts

Author Visit—Mark Fearing
Thursday, March 3 @
4:00 p.m.

Mark Fearing is the author-illustrator of the graphic novel Earthling! and has illustrated several award-winning picture books.



KIDS Bring your creativity!

Storytime

Tuesdays 11:15 & 3:30
Thursdays 11:15



- PAWS to READ
- Mar. 07 Percy @4:00 p.m. (Mon.)
- Mar. 09 Bella @4:00 p.m. (Wed.)
- Mar. 23 Davos @ 4:00 p.m. (Wed.)

LEGO Building
Thursdays 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday

Dr. Seuss!

Celebrity readers will be at Storytime!

March 1st & 3rd It's Rhyme Time!

KIDS & FAMILY
Spring Break Activities

- Mar. 19 Kid/Family Movie
- Mar. 24 BOOK BINGO

TEEN PROGRAMS

- Mar. 16th TAB Meeting 3:45 p.m.
- Book Club 4:45 p.m.

"Jackaby" By William Ritter

March 18
Teen Friday Night Movie



In Celebration of
COURAGE
59th Annual
Community Awards Banquet

Congratulations to our Community Award Winners!



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SWEETHEART BANQUET

On February 13, Dallas Fire & EMS held its annual Sweethearts Banquet and recognized several of our volunteers for their outstanding service and dedication to our community. During 2015 the volunteer fire department responded to 1,021 incidents and EMS responded to 3,287 calls for assistance. We are extremely proud of the men and women who volunteer their time to make our community a truly better place. Also during the program, Deputy Chief Greg Riemer was recognized for his 35 years of volunteer service to the residents of Dallas and Southwestern Polk County. Chief Fred Hertel presented Greg with a plaque and a U.S. flag that flew over the fire station on his last day with the organization in appreciation for a job well done.

Excellence in Service Award

The Bollman Family – Michael, Karen, Grant, Mitchell and Braden

Rookie of the Year

Firefighter Andy Wallace

Officer of the Year

Deputy Chief Greg Riemer

EMT of the Year

Paramedic Lisa Baubock

Firefighter of the Year

Richard Alarid



UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH

- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
March 1, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Retreat - Dallas Chemeketa
March 5, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop
March 7, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
March 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
March 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council / School Board Meeting
March 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.
- Utility Rate Advisory Committee
March 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting
March 17, 2016, at 12:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Advisory Board Meeting
March 22, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
- Utility Rate Advisory Committee
March 22, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
March 28, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee Meetings
March 28, 2016, at TBD

APRIL

- Dallas City Council Workshop
April 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
April 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
April 5, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Planning Commission Meeting
April 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Dallas City Council Meeting
April 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Parks Advisory Board Meeting
April 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Public Works/Public Safety Committee Meetings
April 25, 2016, 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.

WEBSITE



The City of Dallas' new website is a great way to stay in touch with the City. Pay bills, reserve the park gazebos, and stay in touch with all the news. We hope this new, easy to navigate site will help you find what you need.

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.

