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In 2012, the City of Dallas contracted with an independent consultant to perform a comprehensive water and sewer rate 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. With the same goal in mind, the study was updated in 2016.

The rate structure ensures rates are fair while promoting conservation and minimizing future rate increases. In 2016 the Council voted to adjust rates annually with an increase of 4.3% for water and 2.7% for sewer. Please see below for a table of the impact that has on our rates.

The Council has also 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) 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 Gene Green, Public Works Director, at 503.831.3555.

	Old Rates (as of Feb 2018)	New Rates (as of Feb 2019)
Residential Water		
Base Rate (monthly)	\$18.61 (minimum 0-3 units)	\$19.41 (minimum 0-3 units)
Consumption Rate (\$/units each month)	\$2.00 per add'l unit	\$2.09 per add'l unit
Sewer:		
Base Rate (monthly)	\$44.00	\$45.21
Storm Water:		
Base Rate (monthly)	\$2.78	\$2.78

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

The Evil Empire aspect of the internet aside, one player stands out as pretty cool – Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia.

Wikipedia is a very widely used resource – some 400,000,000 visits a month - and well-suited to modern times. Of course, Dallas has its own Wikipedia page, a place where a great many people get their information about us:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dallas,_Oregon

Last year 20,160 folks “hit” on our site, many doubtless from far away (Russians?). That’s 60 per day, vicariously enjoying the wonders of our community.

Sadly, our site might be well-traveled, but does not seem, in a phrase, particularly good. Sure enough, digging around in it, we find our site is rated “Start-Class – quite incomplete.” One up from the bottom rating of “very bad”, which I relate to hearing our dog flunked out of obedience school – again.

I have this silly idea that we should improve ourselves, but how? Strike “Talk” on our page and there is an intriguing reference, WikiProject Cities, “a collaborative effort to improve the coverage of cities...on Wikipedia. If you would like to participate, please visit the project page...”

Thus informed, I figured fixing up our site is gonna be real easy. Well, maybe “easy” like quantum mechanics or faultlessly cutting a large diamond with a hammer. So, I guess regard this as a diabolical job announcement. Wanted, someone to slavishly devote themselves to untangling one of the mysteries of the universe, cracking the cruelly complex Wikipedia code allowing us to enter the Wikipedia Universe to enliven our Dallas site to reach, like Coos Bay for example, “good article standards.”

Interested in the pay, glory and prestige offered by this work (little joke there)? See me! In other words, bail me out on this idealistic, Quixotic, oddball project of mine to fix Wikipedia, at least our little part of it.



Date: March 2

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$125 per team

Age: 16 and up

Location: Dallas High School

Registration: Drop registration form with \$125 cash check or card to:
City of Dallas
187 SE Court St.
Dallas, OR 97338

Registration

Deadline: February 20

Questions: Contact Sheila at
503.831.3562 or
sheila.peirce@dallasor.gov

The Game

Eliminate opposing players by getting them “out”.

1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE ball below the shoulders

2. Catch a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.

The Team

Made up of 5 players, with 2 alternates

LIBRARY NEWS

KIDS

Story Time

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Stories, art, crafts, songs & games for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents or caregivers.

Kids Movies

Friday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m.
The Fox & The Child

Special Dental Storytime

Thursday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Building

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

TEENS

Pagemasters Teen Book Club

Wednesday, February 20 - 3:45 p.m.
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

TAB Meeting

Wednesday, February 20 - 4:15 p.m.

Teen Movie Night

Friday, February 22 - 5:30 p.m.
Avengers: Infinity War

ADULTS

Book Discussion

Thursday, February 7 - 12:00 p.m.
Dallas Civic Center
Behold The Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue

Writer's Group

Wednesday, February 13 & 27 - 6:00 p.m.

Oregon Humanities Conversation

Won't You Be My Neighbor

Friday, February 8 - 7:00 p.m.
How relationships affect the way we live.
Join discussion leader, Jen Mitas in a discussion about relationships with neighbors, what influences our interactions and how we can improve our neighborliness.

ALL AGES

Ukulele Night

Wednesday, February 6 & 20 - 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, February 18



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www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon

CULTURAL "GO" PASSES

Each pass may be checked out once a year per household with a Dallas adult library card.
Provided by Friends of the Dallas Public Library

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

Admits 2 adults
500 NE Columbus St | McMinnville, OR 97128
503.472.0558 | evergreenmuseum.org

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

Admits 5: Adults must be accompanied by children
116 Marion St. SE | Salem, OR 97302
503.371.3631 | acgilbert.org

Polk County Museum

Admits 1 family
Polk County Fairgrounds (South Side)
560 S Pacific Hwy | Rickreall, OR 97371
503.623.6251 | polkcountyhistoricalsociety.org

Willamette Heritage Center - Mission Mill

Household Pass
1313 Mill St. SE | Salem, OR 97301
503.585.7012 | willametteheritage.org

Hallie Ford Museum of Art

Two adults and accompanying children under 18
700 State Street | Salem, OR 97301
503.370.6855 | Willamette.edu/arts/htma/

UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

- Dallas City Council Workshop
February 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
February 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
February 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Presidents Day - City Hall & Library Closed**
February 18, 2018
- Dallas City Council Meeting
February 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Works & Public Safety Committee Meetings
February 25, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

MARCH

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March 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
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March 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Advisory Board Meeting
March 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission Meeting
TBD
- Admin/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
March 25, 2019, 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.

CIVIC READY

Emergencies can happen anytime. Civic Ready will help us keep you informed and prepared for emergencies.

All you need is an email address to create an account. Upon creating an account you can add your cell phone number, and select what you would like to be notified about. That is it! That will allow us to contact you via email, phone, or text. Follow us on Facebook and the messages will be posted there as well.

To sign up for Civic Ready:

<https://or-dallas.reggroup.com>

or

www.dallasor.gov



click the Civic Ready link on the homepage

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like to subscribe to the e-newsletter,

- Call the City Manager's office at 503.831.3502
- Email jeremy.teal@dallasor.gov
- Visit our website at www.dallasor.gov/notify

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.

