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MEET YOUR COUNCILOR

Newly elected Councilor Kelly Gabliks

Personal Background

Counselor Kelly Gabliks is a native Oregonian, having been born and raised in Polk County. Kelly has been happily married for over 23 years to her husband, Eriks. Kelly received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Oregon, a Masters of Arts Degree from Rutgers University, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Arizona State University College of Law.

After working for a large Portland law firm for a number of years, Kelly pursued her interest in public service and secured a position with the Oregon Department of Justice, where she has worked from almost twenty years representing the interests of all Oregon citizens.

Kelly and Eriks moved to Dallas in 1997 so they could become more involved in their community. When not working, most summer days finds Kelly busy in their garden.

Public Service

Kelly has served on numerous committees and appointed positions in the communities in which she has lived, including serving on the Polk County Committee for Citizen Involvement and the Dallas Budget Committee for many years, most recently serving as its Chair.

Community Input

I am interested in hearing from all Dallas residents on the issues that matter to them. Working together, we can continue to make Dallas a great place to live. Please do not hesitate to contact me so that you can make your voice heard!



ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY

Electrical fires in our homes claim the lives of 280 Americans each year and injure 1,000 more. Some of these fires are caused by electrical system failures, but many more are caused by incorrectly installed wiring and overloaded circuits and extension cords.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) would like consumers to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from electrical fires.

The Problem

During a typical year, home electrical problems account for 26,100 fires and \$1 billion in property losses. About half of all residential electrical fires involve electrical wiring.

December and January are the most dangerous months for electrical fires. Fire deaths are highest in winter months which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use. The bedroom is the leading area of fire origin for residential building electrical fires. However, electrical fires that begin in the living room/family room/den areas result in the most deaths.

The Cause

- Most electrical distribution fires result from problems with "fixed wiring" such as faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords (such as extension and appliance cords), plugs, receptacles, and switches also cause many home electrical fires.
- Light fixtures and lamps/light bulbs are also leading causes of electrical fires.
- Many avoidable electrical fires can be traced to misuse of electric cords, such as overloading circuits, poor maintenance, and running the cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.



Safety Precautions

- Routinely check your electrical appliances and wiring.
- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately.
- Replace any electrical tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out, or gives off smoke or sparks.
- Keep electrical appliances away from wet floors and counters; take special care with electrical appliances in the bathroom and kitchen.
- Buy electrical products evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory.
- Keep clothes, curtains, and other potentially combustible items at least three feet from all heaters.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, use it only in a three-slot outlet. Never force it to fit into a two-slot outlet or extension cord.
- Don't allow children to play with or around electrical appliances like space heaters, irons, and hair dryers.
- Use safety closures to "child-proof" electrical outlets.
- Use electrical extension cords wisely; never overload extension cords or wall sockets.
- Immediately shut off, then professionally replace, light switches that are hot to the touch and lights that flicker.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.



LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Story Time: Every Tuesday & Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Infant/Toddler

Tuesdays

Preschool

Thursdays

January

Happy New Year!

Jan 12 - LEGO Saturday

come build & design - 2 - 4 pm

Jan 21 - Martin Luther King Day – Library is Closed

February

Feb 7 - Dr. Matthew Woolsey, local dentist will read at Story Time.

Feb 9 - LEGO Saturday...come build & design - 2 - 4 pm

Feb 18 - Presidents' Day – Library is Closed

Don't Forget!

We also have free wireless internet and 10 public internet stations.



PUZZLES & GAMES

We now have puzzles & board games available to use at the library.

The library has more than just books...we also have magazines, audiobooks, DVDs, Language CDs, Music, children's materials, access to Ancestry.com and Chiltons online. If we don't have it, one of the other 18 libraries in the CCRLS Cooperative probably does!

Come, sit down, and play awhile.



DONATE TO THE LIBRARY

Your donations of gently used materials provide great benefits to the library. Donated materials are added to the library collection or sold at the Friends of the Dallas Public Library book sale. Your donated DVDs, CDs, books and other materials will be enjoyed and shared by many others in your community. Donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Just drop off your donations to the library and request a receipt



OREGON CULTURAL TRUST

When making end of the year philanthropic donations, please remember the Oregon Cultural Trust. A donation to any of its list of affiliates (Dallas Public Library is one) qualifies for a tax deduction. An equal amount donated to the Oregon Cultural Trust is a tax credit.

Oregon Cultural Trust

A win-win!

Donors to the Trust are eligible for a 100% Oregon income tax credit for contributions of up to \$500 for individuals, or \$1,000 for couples filing jointly. To motivate Oregonians to increase direct giving to cultural groups, Trust donors must also make matching gifts to one or more of nearly 1,300 cultural nonprofits in order to qualify for the credit.

Since its inception in December 2001, 21,000 donors have contributed nearly \$25 million to the Trust. Look for a list of cultural nonprofits at www.culturaltrust.org/ or <http://oregonculturefieldguide.org/>

COMMUNITY AWARDS



This year marks the 56th Anniversary of the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce hosting the Annual Community Awards Ceremony. This event is a time for us to come together as a community to recognize, honor and thank those individuals and businesses that have made an impact on our community!

The Ceremony will be held Friday, February 22nd at the Nesmith

Readiness Center (New Armory) beginning at 6pm with the theme 'A Garden of Excellence'. We invite you to participate in this event through; Nomination of a Candidate, Business Sponsorship, Attending the Event.

- **NOMINATE:** It's easy to nominate someone in one of the 10 categories. Simply go to our website and complete the online submission form, or send in a letter of nomination to the Chamber office.
- **SPONSOR:** Sponsorship has 2 levels at \$250 & \$500 with benefits varying from the number of tickets to the event as well as whether your business is listed as a sponsor by logo or text.
- **TICKETS:** Attend this inspiring event! Reserve your tickets at \$40 per person at the Chamber office (cash or check).

For more information, please contact Chelsea at the Chamber office at 503-623-2564, chamber@dallasoregon.org, 119 SW Court Street in Downtown Dallas

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

1/28: Chamber Monthly Luncheon welcomes Chemeketa as our featured speaker. Hear updates about Chemeketa Community College programs and services from Chemeketa's Center for Business and Industry Director Diane McLaran and Chemeketa's Dallas Center Dean Reine Thomas. RSVP is required by 1/25.

1/30: Dallas Cash Mob - So you've heard of, maybe seen, possibly participated in some type of 'mob' over recent years... Well, the newest type of 'mob' is something that connects directly to the Chamber in our mission of supporting and promoting member businesses... Giving you the opportunity to KNOW local so that you can SHOP local!

Here's how easy it is...

- Be at the Chamber office at 5:20pm (bring friends!)
- Bring \$10 cash (minimum) - you will be required to either purchase something at the mob location or leave it on the counter.
- Learn about the business we mob so that you can refer people to it
- Network with fellow attendees and grow your ability to shop local
- And if that isn't enough fun... join us for the 'Post Mob Celebration' at a bar close by for specials and more networking!

This event is all about supporting our local economy. It's all about supporting the businesses that choose to have their business in our community. It's all about coming together as a community to support each other, and have a good time doing it!

2/13: The Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting businesses in our community. We strongly believe that in order to shop local... you need to know local. Therefore, we will host one Networking event on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7pm. The location will change as we want you to get to know various business locations! Designed as an after hours social event with refreshments, prizes and networking. Chamber members and future members are invited!! Our February feature is Dave McCarty at Dallas Trophy.

2/25: Chamber Monthly Luncheon welcomes Mayor Brian Dalton and City Manager Ron Foggin as our featured speaker with the State of the City Address and other information and updates. RSVP is required by 2/22.

NEW RICKREALL TRAIL SYSTEM

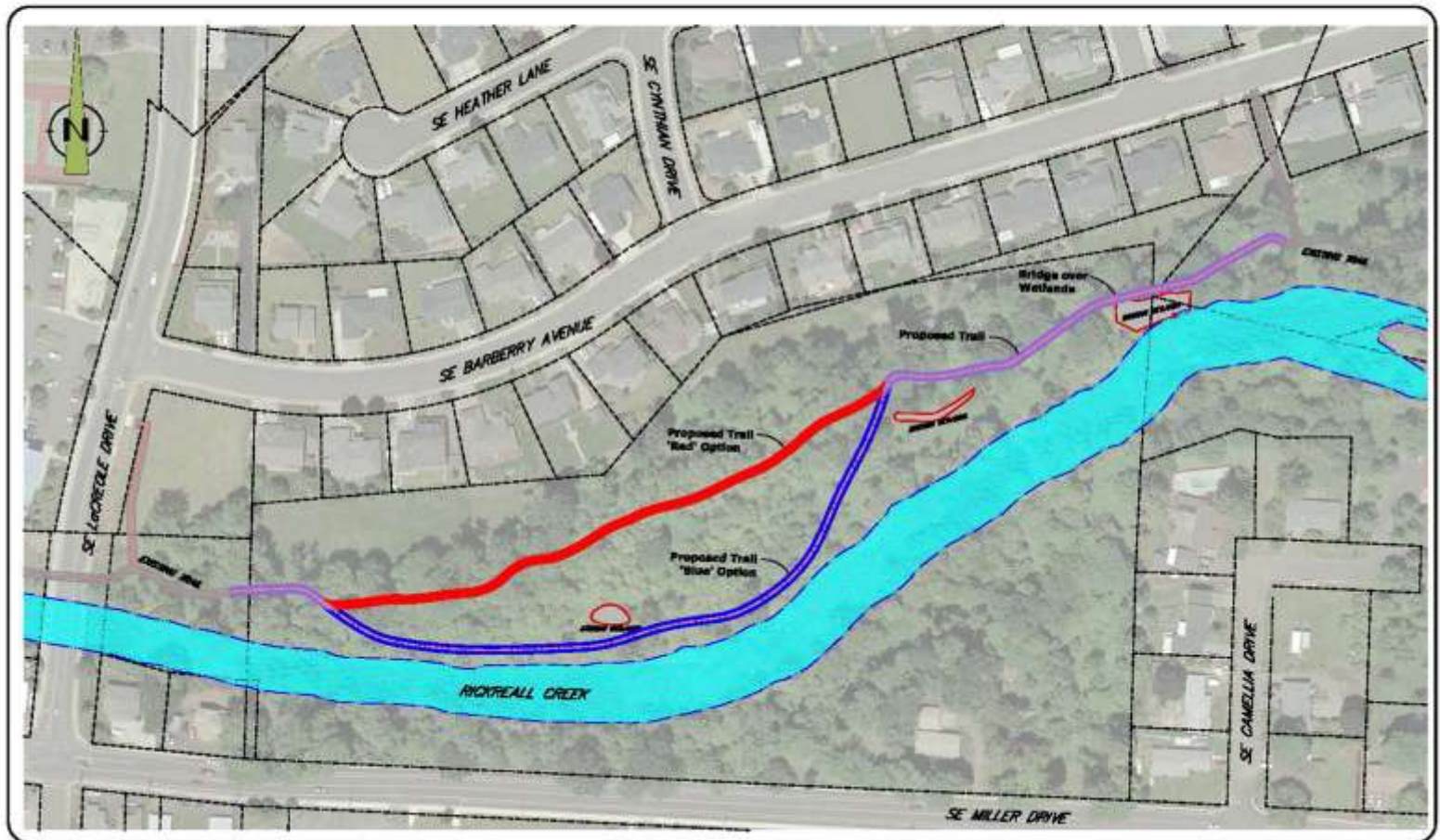
The City of Dallas has received a 2012 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will be used to construct a connecting section of the Rickreall Creek Trail east of the Aquatic Center and behind Barberry Street, along Rickreall Creek.

A contractor has cleared out 2 alternative trail sites (as illustrated on the map below) for this connecting section of the trail. Staff will be monitoring both sections throughout the winter.

We encourage residents to walk these sections throughout the winter months. In mid-March, the City will be holding an open house about this trail section where staff will be available to answer questions and take comments. You are also encouraged to go on our website at www.dallasor.gov and make your preference known in the opinion poll.

All comments will be brought to the Park and Recreation Board, who will then make a recommendation to the Council on a preferred route. The Council will make the ultimate decision of the path location. Construction on the chosen trail section should be completed by the end of July 2013.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the new trail, please contact the City Manager's office at 503.831.3502.



UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

- Infant/Toddler Storytime at Dallas Public Library
Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime at Dallas Public Library
Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
January 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Admin / Building & Grounds Committee Meetings
January 28, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.
- Park and Recreation Board Meeting
January 29, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee meeting
February 5, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting
February 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop
February 13, 2013, at noon
- Presidents' Day – City Hall Closed. February 18, 2013
- Dallas City Council Meeting
February 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Safety / Public Works Subcommittee Meetings
February 25, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting
March 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting
March 5, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting
March 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Workshop
March 13, 2013, at noon

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Please check the calendar on our website at www.ci.dallas.or.us for updates, cancellations, and additional events.

REPORTING STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS

With the darker winter weather upon us, 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) and 2) what the concern is. We'll take the information and let Pacific Power know they need to get out there and 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 or email the City Manager's office at 503.831.3502 or emily.gagner@dallasor.gov. You can also visit our website at <http://www.dallasor.gov/List.aspx> and sign up to receive notifications about various events in the City. For up to the minute information on City events, please visit our web page at <http://www.dallasor.gov/> and scroll down to the "News and Announcements" section. We also post all meetings and special Library and Aquatic Center activities on the Calendar section of the web page.

If you have any 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 <http://www.dallasor.gov/volunteer>

