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CITY EMPLOYEES RAISE MONEY TO HELP FAMILIES


For the past several years the employees of the City of Dallas have raised funds among their ranks to ease the stress of the holiday season for families in need in our community. City employees donate money through fun events throughout the year like bake sales, a chili cook-off contest, a Valentine's Day cup-cake sale, and donation cans in every City department. 2013 has been no different. Employees of the City of Dallas raised over \$1,000 this year for the direct benefit of local families.

What started as a free dinner prepared by City employees for the public, has grown to a partnership with local charitable organizations to find the folks in our community that struggle during the winter months. The City employees voted and chose to transfer the donations collected to Dallas Adopt-a-Family, Polk Community Free Clinic at Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Marion – Polk Food Share to help them serve families in need in Dallas during the holiday season. These organizations have the ability to maximize the benefit in this particularly difficult economic climate and serve more of our valued public.

The employees of the City of Dallas hope all of our friends, neighbors, and citizens of Dallas enjoyed a most happy Holiday Season and look forward to a safe and happy New Year.



MAYOR'S SPACE



On Saturday, November 25 a pretty big crowd held a dedication ceremony for our Main Street revitalization project on the Courthouse Square in downtown Dallas. This was not an insignificant event. It represented the culmination of years of planning, the abiding commitment of dozens of people, and the support of the downtown businesses and the many citizens who value our historic center, our commercial fabric, and the soul of our community. Again and again, surveys, conversations and anecdotal observations highlight that our community greatly values our historic square around which we gather as a community. It is part and parcel of our culture, what makes us unique, an enrichment of an old-fashioned style of living that has enduring substance in our modern era of big box stores, franchise shops, and fast food.

This event represented the high point so far in our urban renewal endeavor. For the past few years, we've been tackling smaller, one-block sidewalk projects, building our experience, techniques, and materials, learning along the way what works well in the complex world of renovating worn-out infrastructure that was built somewhat willy-nilly over a century. First we redid Mill Street, then Court Street, then two blocks of Church Street, and now the two big blocks of Main Street.

Driving down the now beautiful street, more than ever the fabric of our historic buildings becomes evident. The next major phase of our renewal process is working closely with the Main Street building owners and tenants to restore the elegance of their façades with repairs, paint and new signage, recapturing the vitality of our historic architecture.

What brought us all to downtown on that cold, crisp Saturday morning will continue on for another 10 years of the Urban Renewal Plan. Look forward to more refreshing and revitalizing of our downtown and its surroundings. This is what's big happening in Dallas, honoring our past as we build for our future. If you aren't already, become involved.

AQUATIC CENTER NEWS

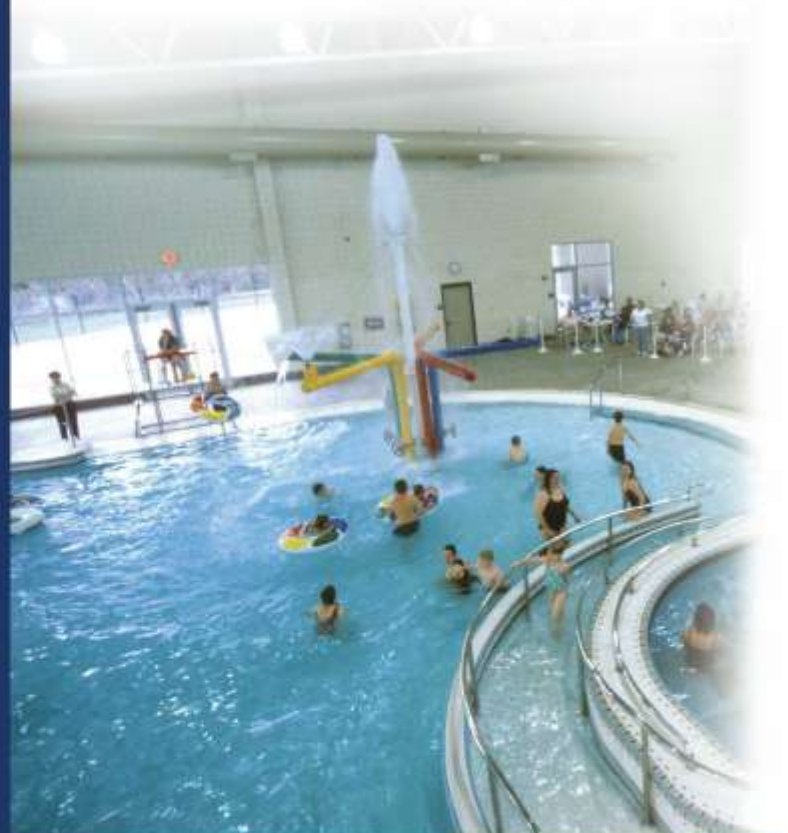
Happy New Year to all our swimmers. For you seniors that are now enjoying retirement, come and join us for a morning or afternoon of swimming fitness. We are now accepting several Medicare Supplemental Insurance Programs promoting wellness and fitness, call for more information. To help you on your quest we offer several relaxation pools, fitness classes and lap swim times.

Visit us at: www.dallasor.gov/dac

For the family and kids

Recreation swim times
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings
Fridays after school
Saturday and Sunday mid-day.

For \$33.75 per month, the entire family can swim as often as you want. Best deal in town.



LIBRARY NEWS

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Story Time: Every Tuesday & Thursday 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Infant/Toddler

Tuesdays

Preschool

Thursdays

February

6th - Book Discussion 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

8th - LEGO Saturday come build & design - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

8th - Hobby Day at the Library - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Each month the library will host a new hobby for you to enjoy. If you would like to exhibit your collection or hobby, please come in or call the library at 503.623.2633.

17th - Closed - Presidents Day

Local Artists in the Library

February's featured local artist will be Vicki Brink. Vicki's art is available for purchase with a percentage to be graciously donated to the library.

Family Literacy Night

Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. - Author, Deborah Hopkinson will speak at the Civic Center to help us celebrate Oregon's 155th birthday. Friends of the Library will provide cake, coffee, tea, and water. Please join us for a historical evening! This event is co-sponsored by Friends of the Dallas Public Library and the Ann & Bill Swindells Charitable Trust.

New Library Hours

- Monday 11-5
Tuesday 11-7
Wednesday 11-7
Thursday 11-5
Friday 11-5
Saturday 11-3
Sunday Closed



THINGS TO DO IN FEBRUARY

Check out your library!

- Feb 6 12-1 p.m. - Book Discussion "Out Stealing Horses" by Per Petterson
Feb 8 12-2 p.m. - Hobby Day Paper craft - Valentine Theme
Feb 8 12-2 p.m. - LEGO Your Saturday
Feb 12 12-2 p.m. - Read to the Dog - Davos Visits!
Feb 13 11:15 a.m. - Valentine Storytime
Feb 13 7:00 p.m. - Family Literacy Night
Feb 15 11:00 a.m. - Read to the Dog - Petrie Visits!
Feb 20 11:15 a.m. - Dr. Woolsey Reads
Feb 21 10:00 a.m. - eReader-Library2go Help
Feb 22 11:00 a.m. - Read to the Dog - Davos Visits!

Dr. Woolsey Reads At Storytime

Thursday, February 20 at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Matthew Woolsey, one of our local dentists, will read stories, talk about dental health and present new toothbrushes to the children. A visit with the dentist doesn't have to be scary!

February is Library Lovers' Month, National Heart Month, National Black History Month, Youth Leadership Month, and National Time Management Month.



Read To The Dogs

These lovable dogs are a hit with our patrons young and old. Call 503.623.2633 to make an appointment for your child to read to one of these wonderful dogs.

COMMUNITY AWARDS



This year marks the 57th 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 21st at the Nesmith Readiness Center (New Armory) beginning at 6 p.m. We invite you to participate in this event through Nomination of a Candidate, Business Sponsorship, and Attending the Event.

- **NOMINATE:** It's easy to nominate someone in one of the 10 categories. Simply go to our website (www.dallasoregon.org) and complete the online submission form, or send in a letter of nomination to the Chamber office

- **SPONSOR:** Sponsorship has two 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, or visit the office at 119 SW Court Street in Downtown Dallas.



SEWER BACKUPS

Sewer pipes can sometimes become plugged with debris or grease, which can cause sewers to back up into homes through basement drain pipes, sinks, toilets, or shower drains. Sewers can also back up during heavy rain storms when stormwater infiltrates the pipes and fills them to capacity. Environmental Services works to build and maintain a safe, efficient sewer system in Dallas. The sewer line from your home to the City sewer line in the street can become plugged with debris or grease and cause backups into your home. It's best to call a plumber first to investigate the cause of the backup. If the plumber finds a problem in the line from the house to the street, the repair is the property owner's responsibility. If the plumber believes the issue is in the City's sewer system, call Dallas Public Works at 503.831.3562.

What To Do After a Sewer Backup:

For professional help to clean up after a backup, contact your insurance agent. If you begin the cleanup yourself, remember that bacteria in sewage is a health hazard and requires that you take some basic precautions:

- Wear gloves, boots, rain gear, and other protective clothing
- Avoid coming into contact with sewage or material contaminated by sewage. Be especially careful to not let sewage come into contact with your face or eyes.
- Protect cuts and scrapes. Immediately wash any wound that comes into contact with sewage.

Cleaning Up:

- Wash all surfaces with hot, soapy water
- Disinfect all surfaces with a solution of one part household bleach to ten parts water
- Wash hands thoroughly after cleaning up
- Wash and disinfect clothing and supplies used in cleaning up

Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain

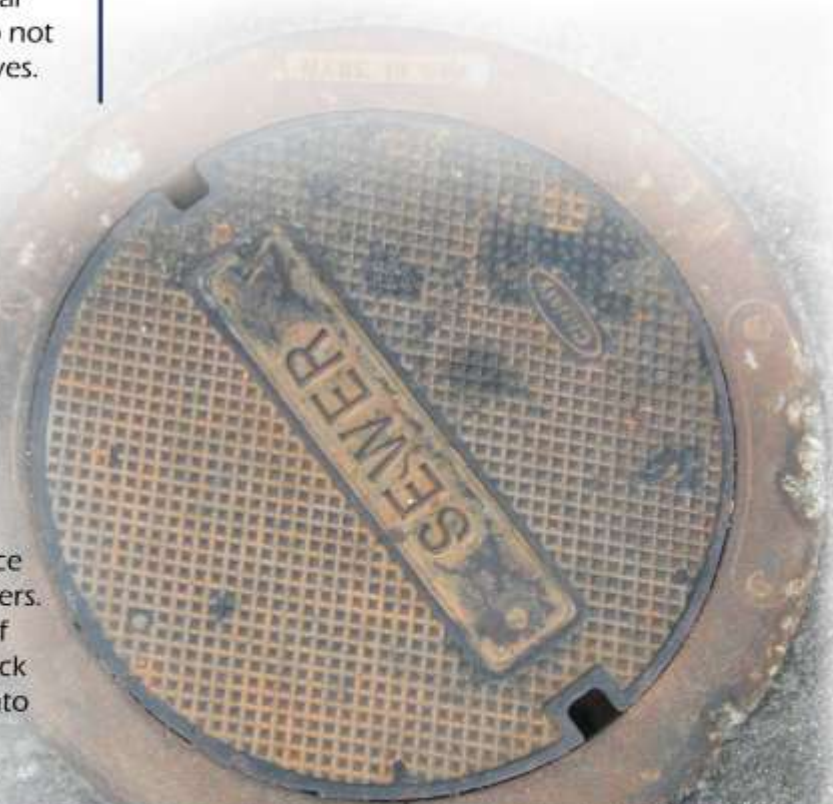
Grease blocking sewer pipes is a serious maintenance problem for both the City and private property owners. Grease washed down the sink sticks to the insides of sewer pipes. The build-up restricts flow and can block pipes completely, causing raw sewage to back up into your home or overflow into streets and streams.

Home garbage disposals don't keep grease out of sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage, but will only cause problems further down the line. Here are some guidelines for keeping your sewers "fat free":

- Never pour grease down sinks or toilets
- Pour grease and oil into a can, store it in the freezer, then put it in the trash when its full
- Scrape food scraps into a can or the trash
- Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the garbage

Sewer Backup Prevention:

A sewer backflow prevention device may prevent sewage from backing up into your home. It's a one-way valve installed in your home's drain line that allows wastewater to flow out, but swings shut when sewage tries to flow back in. If you have a backflow prevention device installed, they do require regular cleaning to keep them performing correctly. If you want to add one, a plumbing permit must be obtained through the Building Department.



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 Workshop ****CANCELLED**** Feb 3, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting ****CANCELLED**** Feb 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting Feb 4, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting Feb 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Citizen Charter Revision Meeting Feb 12, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Presidents Day - City Hall Closed** Feb 17, 2014
- Dallas City Council Workshop - Tuesday Feb 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting - Tuesday Feb 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Works/Public Safety Committee Meeting Feb 24, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Workshop Mar 3, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting Mar 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee Meeting Mar 4, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting Mar 11, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.
- Citizen Charter Revision Committee Meeting Mar 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dallas City Council Meeting Mar 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Committee Meeting Mar 20, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.
- Admin / Building & Grounds Committee Meetings Mar 24, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Please check our website at www.dallasor.gov for updates, cancellations, and additional events.

REPORTING STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS

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 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.

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 also post all meetings and special Library and Aquatic Center activities on the Calendar section of the web 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.

