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# The Dallas Digest

## The Mayor's Space

Mayor Brian Dalton



Instead of tackling the weighty issues I have recently addressed - cats, dogs, box elder bugs and how to spell La Creole (two words) - allow me to wax eloquent on our new City website. It is not exactly the eighth wonder of the world, but when you get back from Machu Picchu, it is worth a visit. (<https://www.dallasor.gov/> if you are curious).

First, I think it is easy to navigate, largely intuitive with nice big print. There aren't a lot of choices on the home page to confuse a person and they all have good drop-down menus for rummaging around in its manifold pleasures. The four big boxes to hit are: Government; Departments; How do I...; and Resources. All, save "Resources", are pretty self-explanatory.

As to Resources, perhaps the best way to explain it is that combines interesting places to hang out (Library, Aquatic Center, Senior Center, etc.) and a miscellaneous list of such things as Forms where you will find a pleasing array of 85 (!) separate City forms to fill out to occupy your idle hours.

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## Employee Spotlight:

### Nicole Schmidt

Nicole started as a volunteer firefighter ten years ago and then became an EMT-B four years after that. She worked as a part time employee on the ambulance while going to school full time. Nicole became a full time firefighter/EMT almost two years ago. Nicole enjoys many little organizing projects around the fire station, but when asked what's the best part of being a firefighter, she says, "being there for people on their worst day and trying to make it a little bit better." When Nicole is not at work she enjoys cooking and being outdoors.

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There are plenty more diversions on the site if you keep casting. For instance, for you municipal government groupies, you can plunge down the rabbit hole of our Codes where you can easily find our rules – all wise, of course – in both our Municipal and Development Codes. Don't litter, plant trees, that sort of thing.

Or, to find anything specific, you can simply go to the Search block on the Home Page which actually works pretty well.

So, there you go. The site is almost brand new, so if see something wrong, missing or annoying, let us know and we'll try to fix it. For myself, holed up in my cabin avoiding COVID, I have worked with our friendly city staff to make many useful changes. I know, I know, I should get a life.

Be well.

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Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. It is a wonderful project for any community, organization or your home. Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony.



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