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The Mayor's Space

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With all the upheaval in the world – war, pestilence, politicians – there is plenty to write about this month. But something especially troubling has beset our neighborhood, wild turkeys have moved in.

You know, not the appealing (and tasty) Thanksgiving turkeys, these are the wild ones that infest our neighborhoods and chase our children and harass even the pesky blue jays, the ones who peck at our cars and leave squishy little piles of droppings to step in. Did you know that tom poop is long and narrow and hen poop falls in little coils? Things you learn when turkeys move into your neighborhood.

So Bridlewood is now kind of like a miniature Jurassic Park where a breed of vegetarian Velociraptors has moved in. At first, they are kind of a novelty, but as their various anti-social habits become apparent and as their numbers grow – they breed like rabbits – they wear out their welcome mighty fast.

As there is some delicacy to alleviating the problem (some people actually seem to like them), my proposal is to capture them in a sensitive, non-confrontational way and, keeping them together as family units, transport them to another nice place, say Minot, North Dakota - we'll just sort of drop them off after dark.

For those sympathetic souls who favor having them around, let me offer one more reason to discourage them, climate change. This needs some explanation. I think that we all know by now that bovine methane release is a contributor to global warming. Well, think about it that turkeys release the same digestive gases only on a somewhat smaller scale. This may seem minor to you, but if we have enough turkeys in the neighborhood, it all starts to add up, the glaciers will melt and the Pacific Ocean will swallow up Seaside (elevation 17' MSL).

Well, thanks for reading. Wish us well as we work our way through this new crisis

The City of Dallas Street Rehab Program is Underway!

On January 19, 2021 the City Council approved the outline of a 6-year program to rehabilitate city streets and on July 19, 2021 the City Council approved Resolution 3470 authorizing a full faith and credit financing agreement for a street rehabilitation loan in the amount of \$4.36 million. These funds will be augmented by about \$1.5 million in Federal gas tax proceeds allotted to the city for a total 6-year funding package of about \$5.9 million. An additional \$250,000 Oregon Department of Transportation grant will also allow the city to pave several public parking lots during the early phases of the program.

The city recently solicited bids for the initial phase (Phase 1) of the six-year program. Phase 1 includes 11 street sections totaling approximately 3.5 miles of streets and paving of parking lots around Dallas City Park.

Work on the above listed streets and parking lots is expected to be completed by the end of June of 2022.

Another phase of street improvements is planned for later this year during the Summer and Fall months.

