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The Mayor's Space

Mayor Brian Dalton



Of all possible water features, artful fountains gain much renown and popularity, be it the Trevi Fountain in Rome or the Bellagio Fountain in Las Vegas. Regionally, noteworthy examples include the historic 1928 Soper Memorial Fountain in McMinnville, the stunning Riverview Park Fountain right on Main Street in the heart of downtown Independence and the 1933 Main Street fountain (totally refurbished in 2013) in downtown Monmouth. Salem and Corvallis have such fountains as well.

Around these parts, only Dallas doesn't have a fountain - but it did. In the first years of the Great Depression, the Gerlinger Iron Works here in town designed an ingenious, large, bronze mechanical fountain. These bronze-sculpture fountains had an active water display some 15 feet high which was highlighted with internal rotating colored lights – a 40-minute cycle, which was quite captivating. George Gerlinger donated the first one of three fountains built to the community of Dallas for placement on the Courthouse lawn. The Gerlinger Fountain was unveiled Saturday night, August 1, 1931 and part of the big ceremony included a band and vocal concert which ended with the “Star Spangled Banner.”

To the delight of many, the fountain was in place on the Square for the next 73 years when, because of mechanical difficulties in 2004, the County had it removed and its concrete basin torn down. Rather than scrap it (the plan), a group of local citizens was granted possession of the fountain and since then has very slowly been restoring its elegantly complex mechanics with the hope that it will someday return to grace the public space in our historic downtown.

So, if anyone should ask, that's a bit of Dallas history – our sole bronze artwork ever -and a clue for a possible water feature for Dallas at some future date. If interested in more information on this project, let me know.

New! City of Dallas Special Event and Block Party Permit

The City of Dallas is proud to announce our new Special Event and Block Party Permit! This permit is designed to help guide event planners through the fees, applications and other requirements which are necessary in order to host an event within the City of Dallas. Visit www.dallasor.gov for a permit packet. For questions on event planning, please contact the City of Dallas City Manager's Office at 503-831-3502 or email Sam Kaufmann at sam.kaufmann@dallasor.gov



Lifeguard Class

This is a class designed to train students with the necessary skills to be a professional lifeguard.

Participants upon passing the class will be certified by the American Red Cross in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED, and First Aid.

This will be a blending learning class. Meaning a portion of it will be completed online before class.

Prerequisites:

- *Must be 15 years of age or older.
- *Swim 300 yards (6 LAPS) of Freestyle and Breaststroke.
- *Timed 10 lbs. brick retrieval.
- *Two minute treading water no hands

Prerequisites must be completed during our pre-course test

Any day of the week between 4:00-5:00pm, call to schedule

When: Tuesday, October 11th 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday, October 13th 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, October 14th 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150 to Dallas Aquatic Center
 Work for us and its FREE!

To Register Call the Dallas Aquatic Center 503-623-9715

