# The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon





City Manager's Space

Are you a youth or are you responsible for a youth who wants to positively impact Dallas? We are now seeking applications from youth aged 12-18 to serve on the 2023-24 YAC. What is the YAC, you may wonder? The YAC stands for the Youth Advisory Council. It is a group of middle and high school aged youth who meet with city officials once a month to discuss various community issues. This group is lead by the youth.

Participants may choose to sit with the City Council, Planning Commission and other city boards and commissions of their interest, participate in the discussions and cast advisory votes. To learn more, visit: <a href="https://www.dallasor.gov">www.dallasor.gov</a> and search: YAC

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## Parks and Recreation

## **Arbor Day Celebration**



Saturday, April 29

Join us for a full -day celebration of TREES!

10am-Noon Ivy Removal along Rickreall Creek Trail

Meet on the trail near the pickleball courts. Bring gloves and a water

bottle – we'll bring the rest!

1-2:30 pm Free Screening of "The Lorax" for kids and parents at

Dallas Cinema

Admission includes tickets to a free swim at the aquatic

center

5-7 pm Free Swim (with ticket) at the Dallas Aquatic Center

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Dallas Cinema, MINET, Willamette Valley Fiber, Les Schwab Tire, and Friends of the Aquatic Center!

### To the Rescue!



If you've ever spent time at the firetruck themed Delbert Fredericks Park, you may have wondered who he was. A new informative sign traces the history of the Dallas Fire & EMS Department and honors Battalion Chief Fredericks who served Dallas as a volunteer firefighter for 65 years. Take a stroll downtown and look for more historic signs near City Hall and the County Courthouse.

# Interested in supporting the Dallas Aquatic Center?

You're invited to attend the annual meeting of the Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center, Wed. Apr. 19 at 10:15am at the center. Light refreshments will be served and information will be plentiful.

FIRE & EMS APRIL 2023

## WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

## **Academy For Volunteers!**

We will be starting an academy 1 April 2023 and we have four great candidates. Volunteer fire fighters are crucial to the operations here at Dallas Fire and EMS. The volunteers are trained and tested to the same level that our career staff is! In addition to the academy which is over 160 hours of hands on training not including the EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) classes. After this extensive training they are then given a task book of many tasks that our folks have all done for certification as National Fire Protection Agency Fire Fighter I. They also test twice a year in both cognitive and physical testing right along with every career staff member. Our volunteers are the best in the business!

### **National Volunteer Month**

National Volunteer Month in April celebrates the impact volunteers have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come. Most often unpaid, they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work they enjoy or help support a need in the community. Not everyone wants to be a fire fighter but there are tons of available volunteer opportunities in Dallas!

### Fire & EMS Drills

Dallas Fire and EMS has also set up a drill for multi company operations with our friends over at Polk County Fire District #1! On 19 April we will be conducting a drill that is much like many of the major responses that our area has and crews will operate in tandem and even take some turns switching roles with our response partners so that we can all operate together when the times come. These drills also benefit us in a couple other ways.

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## **ISO Rating**

We are an accredited fire department and multi company drills count as our continuing education as well as are included on our ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. An ISO fire rating is a score provided to fire departments and insurance companies by the Insurance Services Office. The score reflects how prepared a community and area is for fires. An ISO score has the power to affect the insurance premium of every homeowner in the area! Here is the good news for citizens of Dallas. The ISO is an independent statistical, rating and advisory organization that serves the property/casualty insurance industries. With an evaluation period every five years, the City has an opportunity to continually improve its score, which is shown on a range from 1 to 10, with 1 being exemplary. We hold a rating of 3. A class 3 rating places us in the top ten percent of all departments in the United States.

## **Business Fire Inspections**

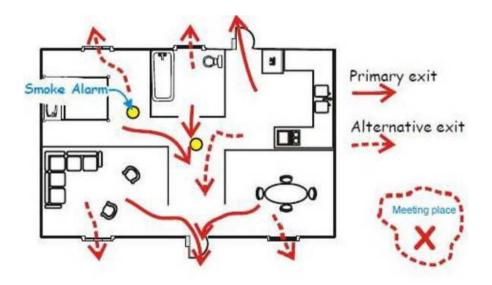
The diligent crews of Dallas Fire and EMS are launching a new program in April. We are doing some fire inspections of our local businesses. These are, at this time, non-punitive and not only will help your community but also our fire fighters and medics become more familiar with the citizens and businesses and needs that they may have for emergency services.

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### Have A Home Fire Plan

If there is a fire in your home, you could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

- 1. Make a fire escape plan. Draw a map of each level of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the map with everyone who lives with you.
- 2. Plan two ways out of every room. Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- 3. Make a fire escape plan around your abilities. If you need to use a wheelchair or a cane, make sure you can get to it easily and get out quickly. If you wear hearing aids or eyeglasses, put them next to your bed while you are sleeping.
- 4. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- 5. Practice your fire escape plan by having a home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the home.
- 6. If there is a fire in your home, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.



ONCE YOU'RE OUT - STAY OUT!

PUBLIC WORKS APRIL 2023

## **KEEP UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

# Stormwater Runoff: What It Is and How You Can Help

The leading cause of water quality problems in our local streams today is from polluted stormwater. Unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants (which is more easily controlled), this type of pollution, also known as nonpoint source pollution, or NPS, comes from a variety of human activities on the land. The Environmental Protection Agency and the states have identified almost 70,000 water bodies nationwide that do not meet water quality standards. Each of us contributes to the problem without even realizing it.

NPS pollution is caused by rainfall moving over and through the ground. Paved surfaces like driveways, parking lots, streets and sidewalks prevent rainwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Rainwater can pick up:

- Fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides from agricultural and residential areas.
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from urban runoff.
- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites.
- Bacteria and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes and faulty septic systems.

These pollutants can then flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, river, or wetland, and eventually to the Pacific Ocean.

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Anything that enters a storm sewer system (i.e. a drain, catch basin, ditch, etc.) is eventually discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and irrigation.

When you consider that just a half-inch of rain in Dallas equates to over 43 million gallons of water falling on the community, it is easy to understand that a lot of water is falling on and draining from our driveways, parking lots, streets and sidewalks and carrying pollutants along with it to our local streams.

Here's what you can do to help improve water quality in your everyday activities:

#### Household Hazardous Waste

- Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Never pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.
- Bring household products to a Regional Household Hazardous Waste collection event when they are offered in the area.

#### Lawn Care

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly; avoid applying them before a rain storm; keep them off of driveways and walks; and use organic, slow-release fertilizers.
- Choose native plants and grasses. They require less water, fertilizer and pesticides. The Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District can provide you with resources for native plant choices. Their website is <a href="https://www.polkswcd.com">https://www.polkswcd.com</a>.

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• Cut you lawn at the appropriate height. Cutting it shorter increases the need for water, fertilizer and weed control products.

- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Compost your leaves or place them in your Yard Debris bin.
- Don't bag grass clippings. Use a mulching lawn mower and naturally fertilize your lawn with the grass clippings.
- Maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation bordering all water bodies to trap excess fertilizers and sediment.

#### **Auto Care**

- Wash your car at a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or on a grass or gravel area so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Check your car for drips and oil leaks and fix them promptly. Don't
  hose down leaking fluids into the storm drain. Use kitty litter or
  sand to absorb and dispose of properly. Absorbent pads also work
  well and are inexpensive.
- Dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, or other engine fluids down storm drains, into road gutters, on the ground, or into a ditch.

#### Pet Waste

• Scoop up pet waste and dispose of properly. Never dump pet waste into a storm drain.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL**

## **Dallas Business Inventory**

The Dallas Business Inventory (DBI) is a new free program for businesses provided by the City of Dallas. Businesses that sign up for the DBI will be the first to know about new grant opportunities, citywide programs and events, and educational opportunities for business owners and their employees. Any business that signs up between now and April 4th will be eligible for a drawing to win \$300 in marketing credit to a local marketing agency.

You can sign up at this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/dallasdbi">https://bit.ly/dallasdbi</a>

If you have questions on this program, please contact <a href="mailto:tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov">tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov</a>

## **Historic Preservation**

The City of Dallas has selected a contractor to assist the city in establishing a National Historic District in Downtown Dallas.

For questions on this project, please email <a href="mailtyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov">tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov</a>



### **Dallas Downtown Association**



#### **Spring Cleanup!**

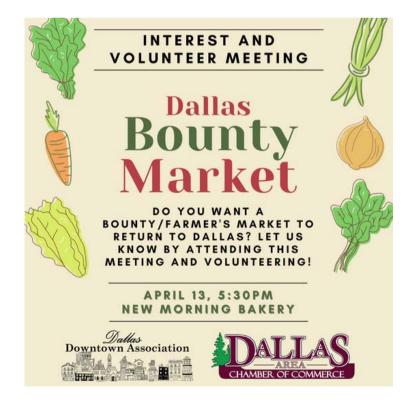
Upcoming Downtown Cleanup! The Dallas Downtown Association will be hosting a downtown cleanup this spring! The event will be at 9AM on Saturday, April 15th.

Those interested in volunteering can email

ddaprogrammanager@gmail.com

#### **Dallas Bounty Market**

Want to bring back the Bounty
Market? Join the DDA and Chamber of
Commerce for a volunteer interest
meeting on April 13th at 5:30PM at
New Morning Bakery. This event
cannot happen without volunteer
support, so please come if you are
passionate about making Dallas home
to a new market!



## **Krazy Dayz Christmas In July!**

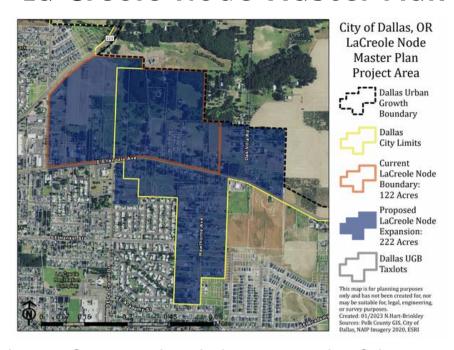
Krazy Dayz is only a couple of months away! If you are interested in being a vendor at Krazy Dayz, please visit <a href="https://bit.ly/KDVendorSignUp">https://bit.ly/KDVendorSignUp</a>

Early Bird Registration is available until April 21st! After that, vendor booths increase to \$150.

Thank to our partners for helping put on this fun event!
City of Dallas, Oregon Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Dallas Oregon
Rotary Dallas Arts Association & Art in the Park, Dallas Oregon



### La Creole Node Master Plan



Work is underway for an updated planning study of the La Creole Node area of NE Dallas. This study marks the first comprehensive examination of the area in over two decades. The 12-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held its first meeting on March 2 with staff and our contracted consultant; the next meeting will take place at City Hall on April 6. The City and its consultant are exploring potential zoning options to increase commercial and multi-family shortages within the community. The project study area comprises 222 acres and 152 tax lots, compared with the original 122 acres and 60 tax lots within the existing La Creole Node area. This study will be conducted in coordination with the City's ongoing study of the wider area for infrastructure improvements. A new website has been developed to keep the public updated on the project. <a href="https://la-creole-node-master-plan-gtpdr.hub.arcgis.com/pages/existing-conditions.">https://la-creole-node-master-plan-gtpdr.hub.arcgis.com/pages/existing-conditions.</a>

Also, citizens can subscribe to automatically receive updates on the project on the City's website at:

https://www.dallasor.gov/newsletter/subscriptions

This project is being paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

#### **ARPA Grants**

The City recently closed the application period to receive grant applications for the Building Improvement Grant program funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the 2023 round of funding. The City received nine applications for a variety of building improvement projects for properties in downtown Dallas. The nine submitted grant applications amount to a total of \$107,983, which exceeds the allocation of \$100,000 for this program, meaning that this will be a competitive round of funding. A scoring committee, consisting of staff and members of the City Council, will meet to score and rank the applications. An announcement of the grant award winners is scheduled to be made in mid-April and will be highlighted in the May issue of this newsletter.

## **Committee/Commission Vacancies**

Help shape the future of economic development in the Dallas community. The City currently has one vacancy on the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and one vacancy on the Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee (URDAC). The EDC sets broad oversight and recommendations to carry out the City's Economic Development Strategy. The URDAC specifically focuses on projects within the City's downtown Urban Renewal District, and makes recommendations to the Urban Renewal Agency on projects and funding. Neither of these advisory bodies requires city of Dallas residency, but prospective members should have expertise or interest in local economic development.

BUILDING & PLANNING APRIL 2023

## **BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISION**

It is Spring and many residential property owners are considering building fences and accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos, and decks. Good news...we are here to assist with their projects.

All of these projects require a **free** planning Zoning Compliance Review before construction to make sure they are built in the correct location, and they are built safe!

#### What are the steps?

- 1) Zoning Compliance Review Required for all projects at NO CHARGE, and it will determine if a building permit is required, or not! If no building permit is required, construction can begin!
- 2) Residential Building Structural Permit Permits are required for the following and are obtained through the Oregon ePermitting system-Accela:
  - Solid fences exceeding 7' tall or metal exceeding 8' tall
  - Accessory Structures such as Sheds and Gazebos over 200 sq. ft or a building height over 15' from grade
  - Decks more than 30" above grade, measured horizontally within a distance of 36 inches beyond the edge of the deck





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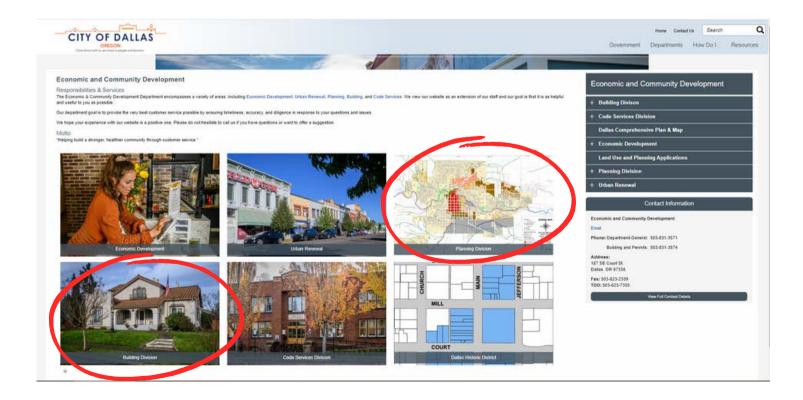
All projects must meet Dallas Development Code (DDC) and Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) requirements. Owners will need to know where their property lines are,

and if there are any easements on their property. If any structure encroaches into the public right-of-way, a Structure in Right-Of-Way permit must be obtained through the Public Works department.

Call (811) Before You Dig for underground utility locating at least 48 hours before digging...for safety reasons, and it is the law!

All this information and MORE can be found on the City of Dallas webpage in the Resources and the Economic and Community Development department pages.

For assistance please contact Permit Technician Laurie Roberts at 503-831-3574 or email at <a href="mailto:planning@dallasor.gov">planning@dallasor.gov</a>.



CODE SERVICES APRIL 2023

### **CODE SERVICES**

# What You Should Know About Parking on the Street

In an effort to support residence with parking and driveway accessibility as well as keeping the streets clear for emergency access and street sweeping, here are some parking regulations you should be aware of.

6.320 Additional Prohibitions

- 1. No person shall park a motor vehicle, motor home, utility trailer, house or vacation trailer, tractor, implement of husbandry, article of machinery, boat, camper, or canopy or any parts thereof, upon any street, alley, or public way for:
  - c. The storage of the vehicle or equipment.
- 1. With reference to subparagraph (I)(c) of this section, a motor vehicle, motor home, utility trailer, house or vacation trailer, tractor, implement of husbandry, article of machinery, boat, camper, or canopy or any part shall be conclusively determined to have been parked for "storage" if it is permitted to remain in substantially the same position for a continuous period of 72 hours or more.

Vehicles parked or operated on City streets are required to have current registration.

6. No person shall park a motor vehicle that does not have a current registration or current license plates upon any street, alley or public way.

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When Code Services goes out to review a parking complaint, they will look up the vehicles registration. If the vehicle is registered on the street it is parked on, we will put a courtesy notice on the windshield with the code regarding storage. If the vehicle is not registered on the street it is parked on, we may also start with a courtesy notice if the vehicle has current registration. The courtesy notice will have both 6.320 (1)(c) and (6) checked.

If the vehicle has expired tags and is not registered on the street it will be posted on the vehicle with a bright red tag stating that the vehicle will be towed and a notice will be sent to the last registered owner of the vehicle. Vehicles that are still there 7 days later will be towed.

For question and or concerns, please contact:

Daylene Angland 503-831-3562 or Lexi Murphy 503-831-3512

\*Full Code language can be found at <a href="https://dallasor.municipalcodeonline.com/">https://dallasor.municipalcodeonline.com/</a>

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# Living With Wildlife

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife responded to multiple complaints this year in NW Dallas with property damage caused by turkeys. Read the tips below from ODFW on how to avoid a fine and/or damage caused by Wild Turkeys.

To make a report about the feeding of turkeys, call the Dallas city code services at (503) 831-3562

For more information and resources, visit the city's website here: <a href="https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/living-wildlife">https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/living-wildlife</a>

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTICE**

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife responded to multiple complaints this year from your neighbors in NW Dallas with property damage caused by turkeys.

## TIPS TO AVOID TURKEY DAMAGE

- Don't feed turkeys
- Keep bird feeder areas clean and remove feeders in the spring (plenty of natural foods are available for songbirds)
- Remove fallen fruit and nuts from your property
- Don't scatter or deposit birdseed and/or cracked corn with the intent of attracting or feeding wild animals
- Share these tips with your neighbors a community effort will be more effective in preventing conflicts with turkeys

If you are experiencing turkey disturbance or damage, a hazing permit can be obtained from ODFW free of charge. It is illegal to harass wildlife without a permit. Common hazing methods include chasing, spraying with a garden hose, using motion-activated sprinklers, mylar streamers or scarecrows, bright lights and noise.

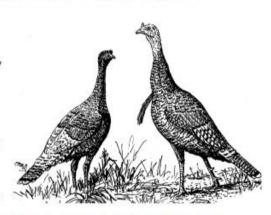


According to Dallas city ordinance order 1698, "no person shall feed or keep in captivity within the city a carnivorous wild animal or wild bird". "Feed" means to place or allowed to be placed, in a manner, food or other attractants with the intent of attracting or feeding wild animals. Violation of this ordinance constitutes a class C misdemeanor. Thank you for being a responsible neighbor and keeping turkeys wild.

For more information, call ODFW at (541) 757-4186 or follow the QR to our website

To make a report about the feeding of turkeys, call the Dallas city code services at (503) 831-3562







## **DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Dallas Police Department is Hiring!



#### **Qualifications:**

- Must be 21 years of age or older at time of employment
- Must successfully complete a Frontline Test or POST exam (with a minimum score of 70% on each portion of the test) and ORPAT
- Must be eligible to obtain Department or Public Safety Standards and training (DPSST) basic certification within 18 months of employment

#### <u>Benefits:</u>

- Base pay range \$5,388.39-\$6,813.29/monthly
- · Additional qualifications-incentive pay
- Full benefits including health, dental, vision, life and ling-term disability insurance, PERS, paid holiday, paid vacation, vacation, and sick leave, and deferred compensation plans



https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/dallasor

## **Update On New Hires**

 Recruit Officer Joshua Grumbo is scheduled for academy training to start in mid-May and Recruit Officer Jesse Friedow is scheduled for academy training to start in mid-June. Both recruits will participate in our local field training program between now and their academy start dates. Once they graduate from the academy, they will resume field training until they achieve solo status.

## **Officer Updates**

- Officer Ben Purice successfully completed probation at the end of February.
- Officer Jane Burke was awarded her Intermediate Police Certification from DPSST as of March 1st. Over the course of their career, officers can achieve numerous levels of certification. It begins with a Basic certification, followed by an Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, Management and Executive.

## **New Dispatch System**

City and county agencies that are dispatched through WVCC (Willamette Valley Communications Center) are switching to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, requiring additional training starting in April.

# Dallas Police Department Programs

#### On-going recruiting for Volunteers in Policing (VIP):

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers to assist with some of our special programs and events. Volunteers donate their time and skills to assist the department in better serving the community in which they live. By choosing to volunteer with the police department, you are making a difference in our community. The program utilizes volunteers with a variety of skills and talents, and is designed to be beneficial to all involved.

#### **Volunteer Positions:**

- Assist with community events such as Krazy Dayz, Family Night Out, National Night Out, and others
- Office Assistant
- Detail and maintain department vehicles
- Subpoena Service Assistant (Must be 18 years of age or older; and, have prior law enforcement knowledge)
- Vacation House Check Inspector (must be 18 years or older)

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Dallas Police Department is to provide professional, effective and unbiased police services, in a fair and ethical manner.



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https://www.dallasor.gov/police

### LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

#### **Kids Pokemon Party**

Kids may join us on Wednesday, April 12th at 3:30pm for a Pokemon party! They can play Pokemon trivia, pin the tail on Pikachu, make a button, and try Pokemón style hunting!

#### **Author Visit-Jon Raymond**

Author & Screenwriter Jon Raymond will be at the Dallas Library on Friday, April 14th 7:00pm.

#### Friends of the Dallas Public Library Book Sale

**Dallas Civic Center** 

Friends of the Dallas Public Library Member Pre-Sale on Thursday, April 20 from 5:00pm -7:00pm.

Friday, April 21st from 3:00pm - 7:00pm & Saturday, April 22 from 10:00am - 3:00pm (Bag Sale from 2:00 - 3:00pm).

#### Teen Paint Night-Teens Ages 12 - 17

Friday April 21st at 5:30pm

Regular Sale Begins Friday, April 21 E00 PM 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 22

Bag Sale 2:00-3:00pm

Friends of the

Dallas Public Library

Book Sale

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ous SE Jefferson St.

\*\*Sign ups are in person only. Please stop by the library to sign up! \*\*















31st Annual Polk County Master Gardener™ Association

# Plant Sale





Perennials
Annuals
Herbs
House Plants
Vegetables
Trees
Shrubs
Native Plants
Hanging Baskets
Country Store





# Mother's Day Weekend 2023

Friday, May 12th 9am-4pm Saturday, May 13th 9am-2pm



Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR

Online presales April 17th-30th www.polkmga.org





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