

The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



City Manager's Space

Dallas General Fund Roadshows

You may have heard the City of Dallas Council and staff are out in the community making presentations about the need to sustain the City's General Fund, including options to pay more taxes or reduce city services. If you have not yet attended a presentation, there is still time to do so. Please see a list of the following dates, places, and times.

If you are interested in hosting a presentation, please contact us at recorder@dallasor.gov.

8/15 - Delbert Hunter Arboretum Field House, 631 SW Park Street, 11am

8/26 - Aquatic Center, 1005 SE La Creole Drive, 11am

8/29 - Zoom Meeting, 6pm

8/31 - Zoom Meeting, 6pm

9/6 - Whitworth Elementary, 1151 SE Miller Avenue, 6pm

9/11 - Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Road, 6pm

9/13 - Oakdale Elementary, 1375 SW Maple Street, 6:30pm

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Parks and Recreation

The "Applegate Trail"

In a collaborative effort between the city and a local developer, a new trail has been completed in west Dallas. Nicknamed the "Applegate Trail", this trail linking SW Hazel St. and SW Applegate Trail Dr., is actually the westernmost segment of the larger Rickreall Creek Trail System. Future plans include linking the "Applegate Trail" with Kingsborough Park to the east.



Parks and Recreation

Winners of Delbert Hunter Arboretum's 2nd Annual Photo Contest – July 4, 2023



Kathy Slack – Tree Fungi



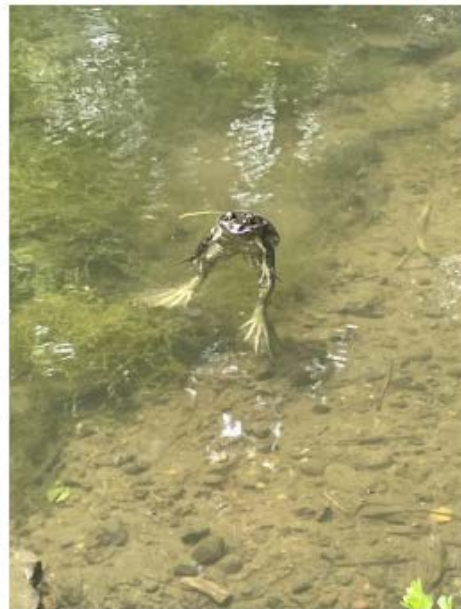
Jim Scott – Western Bluebirds



Jim Scott – Varied Thrush



~ *Honorable Mention* ~
Kathy Slack's "Hello Froggy"



WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

Here is what to look forward to from Dallas Fire & EMS!



National Night Out was August 1st! This was a great chance to promote a good relationship between neighbors and first responders while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it was a great time to provide an opportunity to bring fire, police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year, we attended five block parties. We were excited for the opportunity to share time, food and conversation with our public.

Above is a captured moment from this year's event. We look forward to making more memories with you.

WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

Dallas Fire & EMS Has Been Studying Hard!



August is the month of wrapping up some big events. Our Recruit academy will end, as well as the EMT A/I course. Both of these events have been occurring for the last several months. Our staff members and new volunteers have been putting hundreds of hours into training, studying, and testing to succeed. We look forward to their bright futures and are so excited to be a part of their journey.

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<https://www.dallasor.gov/fire>

PUBLIC WORKS

City Receives \$280,000 Grant for Fish Passage



The Oregon Water Resources Department awarded a \$280,000 grant to the city to build a splash pool on the downstream side of the Mercer Reservoir Dam.

When the dam was built in 1959 it did not offer a way for fish migrating downstream to safely pass over the dam's spillway. The new structure addresses this issue by creating a pool on the downside of the dam designed to accommodate fish passage.

The new pool structure is anticipated to be constructed during low flows in the summer of 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

La Creole Node Master Plan



An estimated 90 Dallas citizens filled the Dallas Civic Center on August 2 to learn more about the City's plans for the area in northeast Dallas called the La Creole Node. Audience members were able to hear a presentation from the City's hired consultant team from Healthy & Sustainable Communities and City staff, as well as visit one-on-one with staff and consultants in various stations throughout the three-hour event. Attendees were also able to complete comment cards.

The La Creole Node Master Plan is a comprehensive blueprint that outlines the vision for sustainable growth and development within the La Creole Node in northeast Dallas. It encompasses a range of aspects, including land use, transportation, infrastructure, and community amenities. This Open House event provided an excellent opportunity for residents, businesses, and stakeholders to learn more about the plan's key components and provide valuable feedback.

The City of Dallas has also established an online hub for the La Creole Node Master Plan. Interested individuals can access the Master Plan Hub at the web address listed below, where they will find comprehensive information, project updates, and opportunities to provide feedback. The online hub also serves as a convenient platform for those unable to attend the Open House in person.

For more information about the La Creole Node Master Plan and to stay connected with the project, please visit the La Creole Node Master Plan Hub at <https://la-creole-node-master-plan-gtpdr.hub.arcgis.com/> or contact the City of Dallas Economic & Community Development Department at 503-831-3571.

Polk County NHMP Survey

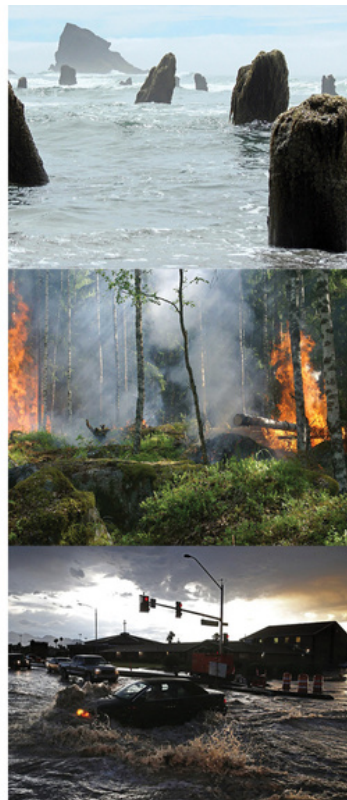
We Need Your Input.

Help us better understand your household's preparedness for natural hazards.

Your response will be used in the Polk County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update.



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Polk County is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at the University of Oregon to better understand your risk to natural hazards and to help reduce that risk.

This survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. This survey is designed to help gauge your perceptions and opinions regarding the risk of and your vulnerability to natural hazards. The information you provide could help improve hazard mitigation and risk reduction efforts within Polk County.

Summer Movie Series

END OF SUMMER MOVIE BASH

Join the Dallas Downtown Association and our sponsors for a night of movies and fun! Each event will have concessions available for purchase and raffle opportunities for attendees.

FREE EVENT Movies Start at 9PM at the **ROTARY AMPHITHEATER**

DALLAS DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

Movie Title	Date
THE GOONIES	AUGUST 5
PROMISE	AUGUST 12
Schwarzenegger Kindergarten COP	AUGUST 19
HALLOWEENTOWN	AUGUST 26

Join the Dallas Downtown Association as we host the first night of our first-ever SUMMER MOVIE SERIES at the Rotary Amphitheater!

The first 25 families that attend will receive a free \$10 voucher for a participating downtown business! Additionally, there will be opportunity drawings for special prizes donated by local businesses. Ticket prices begin at \$5

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Working with a contractor?

Why use a licensed contractor? Regardless of the various category of your construction or project, a licensed contractor can provide a wide variety of professional services, such as: advise you on your project; build and install products; oversee other contractors, designers, and site work; obtain permits; assist with financing; and provide additional financial and worker's compensation insurance. Depending on the project, usually hiring a licensed contractor can save you money, time and frustration in the long run.

How do I find a reliable contractor? There are several ways to find a reliable contractor, such as: word of mouth; personal and professional references; and reputable associations. Ask questions about satisfaction with the work, communication, timeliness, price, and job site cleanliness and safety.

Why should I check licenses? Anyone can pretend to be a contractor and the law requires contractors be licensed. Licensing is to help protect you from fraud, unexpected liabilities, and poor workmanship. Check the Oregon Construction Contractor Board website or call them to verify the license is current, the history of the license, and if there are any claims against the contractor.

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Should I have a written contract? A contract is required for any construction agreement over \$2,000 and is legally binding. Contracts protect both you and the contractor, and review by an attorney should be considered. It should contain all start and finish dates; price and payment terms; scope of the project; breach of contract; warranties/guarantees; conditions; and signatures and dates. All agreements and changes to the contract should be in writing as Change Orders.

Where do I get more information? The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) regulates contractor licenses and provides a lot of helpful information and publications on the website. See the publication on Selecting and Working with a Contractor.

Oregon Construction Contractors Board
401 High St SE Ste 600
Salem, OR 97301
(503)378-4621
ccb.oregon.gov

PLANNING DIVISION

Types of Public Involvement in the Land Use Approval Processes

It is recommended that all development projects begin with a pre-application conference, which provides developers an opportunity to meet with relevant city staff to discuss their proposal and receive feedback, to ensure their land use application is as comprehensive as possible.

When a land use application is received by the city, it is reviewed for completeness; if required information is missing, the applicant will be informed and allowed to provide additional information.

Once an application is complete, the city processes the application. The City of Dallas has four types of land use approval processes with increasing levels of public involvement, and which type is followed depends on what development is being proposed. Generally, the less clear and objective (measurable) the standards are, the more public involvement is required, although the final decision must still be based on the relevant approval criteria.

When development standards are measurable, such as building permits for new houses, applications can be decided by city staff administratively without any public notice. This is a Type 1 process.

When standards are generally clear but may include subjective matters, such as commercial developments or small land divisions, applications can be decided by city staff following a 14-day comment period, with notice being mailed to surrounding property owners. This is a Type 2 process.

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When standards are more complicated to measure and more subjective, such as subdivisions, variances, or conditional uses, applications must be decided by the Dallas Planning Commission following a public hearing, a notice of which is mailed to surrounding property owners and printed in the newspaper. The Dallas Planning Commission are citizens at large who have been appointed to act as judges, with public hearings offering opportunity for citizens to introduce evidence proving whether or not a land use application complies with applicable laws. This is a Type 3 process.

When standards themselves are proposed to be changed, such as code amendments, zone changes, and annexations, the decision can only be made by the City Council, as they are elected by the citizens to create and alter laws. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation, and the City Council will hold a second public hearing to make a final decision. This is a Type 4 process.

No matter which process is followed, the final decision is based on the approval criteria in the relevant laws, and when a proposed development conforms to legal requirements, the city is obligated to approve the proposed development. Therefore, when providing public testimony, it is important to address the relevant approval criteria.

For more information, visit

<https://www.dallasor.gov/e cd/page/planning-division>

CODE SERVICES

Sidewalks in the City of Dallas



The sun is shining and people are out taking walks. This can be unsafe, if the sidewalk in front of your property is in a poor condition. Property owners in the City of Dallas are responsible for sidewalk repairs.

Section 3.505 discusses the duty of the property owner to keep sidewalks in good repair and free of hazards.

Section 3.510 provides information on the liability for sidewalk injuries.

If your sidewalk is in poor condition and you are going to repair it you need to contact the [City of Dallas Public Works Department](#). Information regarding sidewalk repairs can be found on our website. Sidewalk Replacement does require a permit to make sure the new sidewalk meets ADA compliance.

The City has limited funds for sidewalk repair and will reimburse a property owner half of the cost of repair, or \$500, whichever is less.

If you hire a contractor, make sure they get the proper permits. If there is no permit you could be required to redo the sidewalk and it is also not eligible for sidewalk fund reimbursement.



The BLUE REVIEW

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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DALLAS POLICE NOW HIRING

The City of Dallas is hiring for Police Officer (Entry Level or Lateral)

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

Benefits:

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



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

Dallas Police are Hiring

Dallas police are also hiring a Records Specialist and two lateral police officers. Interviews are held weekly.

Visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/dallasor> for more information.

Update on New Hires

Recruit Officer Joshua Grumbo and Recruit Officer Tristan Thompson started the basic police academy on May 15th. They are set to graduate on September 15th. Recruit Officer Jesse Friedow started the basic police academy on June 12th. He is set to graduate on October 6th.

Once they graduate from the academy, they will resume field training until they achieve solo status.

Krazy Dayz Success

Krazy Dayz was a success this year yet again with few issues. Thank you to all who helped and volunteered.



Dallas Police Department Programs

Ongoing 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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LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

AUGUST 2023 Dallas Public Library Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Storytime 10:30am Friends of the Library Meeting 5:00pm	2 SUMMER READING EVENT: Angel Ocasio 11:30am at Dallas City Park	3 Storytime 10:30am	4 Teen Breakout & Oreo Tasting Grades 7-12  5:30pm	
6	7	8 Storytime 10:30am	9 SUMMER READING EVENT:  Cake at the Park 11:30am at Dallas City Park	10 Storytime 10:30am	11	12
13 	14	15 Storytime 10:30am Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	16	17 Storytime 10:30am	18  Cooper Hollow Jazzet 7:00pm at the Dallas Event Center 939 Main Street	19
20	21	22 Storytime 10:30am	23	24 Storytime 10:30am	25	26
27 	28	29 Storytime 10:30am	30 Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:00pm	31 FINAL DAY TO LOG SUMMER READING MINTUES AND ENTER RAFFLES!		

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**Don't forget! Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts
will be performing and wrapping up
Sounds of Summer on Thursday, August
10th!**

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