

The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



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City Managers' Space

CITY'S GENERAL FUND SURVEY

Dallas City Council seeks your input on what they should do to sustain funding for general fund services, such as Police, Fire and EMS, Library, Parks & Recreation, and Economic & Community Development and Administration.

Several months this summer the Council and city staff engaged with the public on this topic, presenting three options of tax increases and one option of service cuts. Hearing the feedback from that engagement, city staff developed a fifth option. Dallas City Council is seeking your input on this fifth option, compared to the four options presented earlier this year.

The survey is available online and can be accessed through the city's website: www.dallasor.gov, search using terms - *Sustainable General Fund*.

The survey is live now and will close on December 22, 2023. You must create a free account to participate in the survey.

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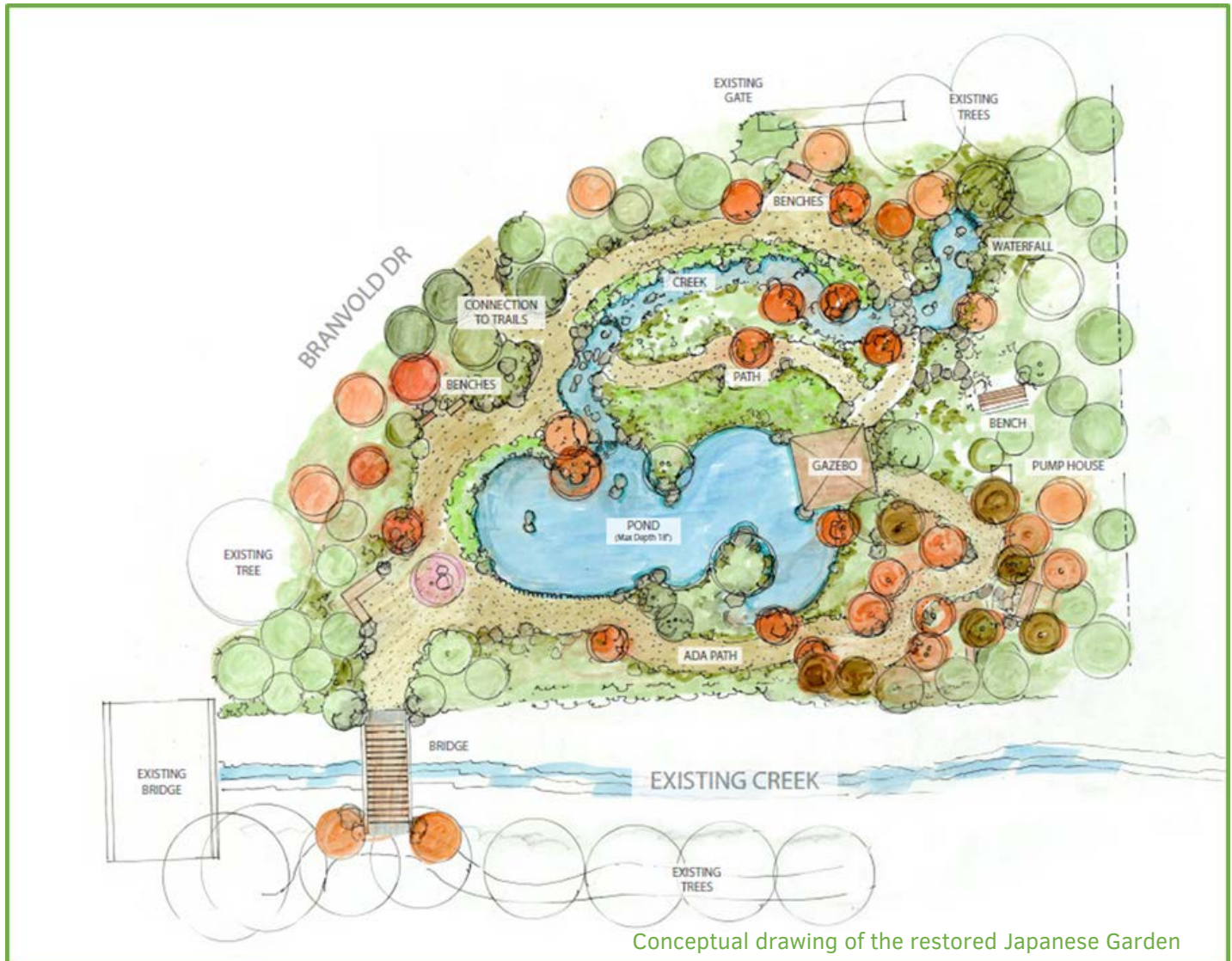
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Parks and Recreation

RESTORING THE JAPANESE GARDEN

This fall, the City received a grant in the amount of \$148,000 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to restore the Japanese Garden in City Park. The City has contracted with Kurisu, LLC, an internationally recognized Japanese landscape design firm, to design and build the restored garden. Design work will be completed over the winter, with site preparation beginning in March and the project being completed in September.





Forty-one creek enthusiasts packed the Dallas Aquatic Center conference room on Nov. 4 to learn about all things related to Rickreall Creek. Presenters from the City of Dallas, Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, and Bureau of Land Management were on hand to discuss the historic use of the creek, characteristics of healthy streams and riparian areas, and invasive species control, among other topics. After the presentations, 20 people stayed for a walk along the creek to identify native and non-native plant species and discuss stream management. Thanks to the PSWCD for organizing such an educational morning!



PUBLIC WORKS

Leaf Collection - December 16th and 17th



When preparing for the leaf collection event:

- Leaves should be raked into the street in long rows, parallel to the curb at least 12 inches away from the curb. This keeps the gutters open for the movement of stormwater and avoids leaves clogging storm drains.
- Avoid blocking storm drains, driveways, bike lanes and the travel lane of the road.
- Place only leaves in the street. Other debris such as trimmings, brush, and grass should be disposed of in your yard debris bin or through other means.
- Leaves should be raked into the street not more than a few days prior to the collection event.

Leaves can also be disposed of by placing them in your yard debris bin, using them for mulch in your landscaping, or by dropping them off at one of the City's leaf drop off sites by January 1st. These sites are located in the parking lot of Dallas City Park west of the walking bridge, at the west end of Allgood Street near the gate to the Parks Office, and at the east end of Hankel Street. Only leaves can be accepted at these drop-off locations.

Code Services

Daylene Angland 503-831-3562

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

Planning Commission, City Council set to act on La Creole Node Plan update

On behalf of the City of Dallas Economic & Community Development Department, I would like to wish all of Dallas Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! Looking back over 2023, we had a great year, and accomplished a lot. Mostly, it was a year of wonderful stability as our great little team grew and flourished. I'm very proud of each and every member of our team. As we look toward to the New Year, there are several key projects on the horizon in 2024 worth highlighting. These include:

- **Completion of the La Creole Node master plan revision.**
 - 2024 will see new public engagement opportunities as the City Council moves toward updating the City's Comprehensive Plan to include proposed changes affecting the development of this area in the northeast area of town. The Council's goal is to create more commercial, residential and mixed use development opportunities. This project is funded through a combination of Federal and state dollars.
- **Dallas Mill Site Master Plan**
 - Using a state grant, the City has retained a consultant to help design a redevelopment plan for the Dallas Mill Site to include improvements to the transportation systems in this part of the city. The Council's goal is to create new industrial and commercial development opportunities to bring new jobs, investment and tax revenue to support public safety, parks and other important General Fund-supported operations.

- **Dallas Transportation System Plan (TSP) update.**
 - The City's current TSP is 15 years old. Throughout 2024 the City will be working with a consultant to update the TSP and plan for the community's growth and transportation needs. This project is funded by ODOT.

- **National Historic District designation downtown.**
 - Everyone knows that downtown Dallas is special. And part of what makes it special is a unique mix of well-preserved commercial buildings. This collection of remarkable architecture will be formalized through a nationally-recognized Historic District, designed to increase tourism impact, protect historic assets and provide incentives to property owners. A state grant helped fund this effort.

- **Return of the new, improved Dallas Farmers Market downtown.**
 - Mark your calendars for May 4, 2024. This is the date the Dallas Farmers Market returns to downtown. This much-anticipated revival aims to provide a key connection between area consumers and our local residents, bring additional activity downtown and improve our tourism impact. This project is in partnership with the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Downtown Association.

- **Transformation of 791 Main Street.**
 - The former bank building at the corner of Main & Mill streets will begin to be transformed into something special. Watch for ways you can be involved in the process to shape the vision for this key property downtown. This is a Downtown Urban Renewal project.

- **Launch of a new tourism marketing program.**
 - In early summer the City will partner with the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Explore Dallas to breathe new life into our efforts to attract visitors to Dallas to help ring local cash registers and showcase our wonderful community to the outside world.



Wishing you and yours all the best in this season of giving, reflection and hope. Thank you for all you do to help make Dallas as wonderful, special place!

-Charlie Mitchell, Economic & Community Development Department
Director

DBI

The Dallas Business Inventory (DBI) is a free new 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, city-wide programs and events, and educational opportunities for business owners and their employees. You can sign up at this link: <https://bit.ly/dallasdbi>
If you have questions on this program, please contact tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov

Business Resources

The City of Dallas is happy to launch a new businesses resources page on the City of Dallas Website. If you are interested in starting, expanding, or moving your business to Dallas, check out this new page for everything you need to know!
<https://www.dallasor.gov/ecd/page/business-resources>

Shop locally this holiday season!

Dallas, Independence, and Monmouth have come together to run a special promotion through the Polk County Community E-Gift Card through the end of January!

Purchasers can get an extra \$5 bonus card when they purchase a \$25 gift card, and an extra \$15 bonus card when they buy a \$50 gift card. Purchasers can buy cards for themselves or give them as gifts, but are only allowed two cards with the special BOGO promotion. Bonus cards must be used within 90 days. For more information on the promotion click here <https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/polk-county--or-salem...>

If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Ferrari at tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov

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Polk County

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info!

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COMMUNITY CARD**
shop. eat. drink. gift.

Buy \$25 get an
extra \$5
Buy \$50 get an
extra \$15

ShopPolk.com 

Limit 2 cards per customer, available while supplies
last. Bonus cards must be used in 90 days.

BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Be careful and stay warm this winter! Shelter is a basic need.

Planning and Building Codes primarily focus on buildings, but shelter comes in many forms, and some can be considered more dangerous than others. Considerations such as safe locations, type of shelter, and proper ventilation are crucial to protecting you and your loved ones.

Planning, Building and Fire Codes are meant to keep all shelters and all occupants safe from harm, especially from hidden dangers. The cold season brings additional challenges to safety due to increased fires and carbon dioxide (CO₂) poisoning, and occupants cooking and smoking inside unsafe structures.

One of the safest and most affordable alternate shelter is to build an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units), which is allowed on most residential properties. If built properly, an ADU can be ideal for either sheltering or housing temporary or permanent residents.

Locations – Planning and zoning laws guide placement of all structures, regardless of type. If you would like to place any type of structure on a property, please contact us for options.

Types of Shelters – RVs, vehicles and even tents have become common as living spaces. However, they need ventilation to avoid CO₂ poisoning or death. At the very least, be sure to use a vent or keep a window cracked open to allow fresh oxygenated air in, and/or use carbon dioxide (CO₂) detectors to alert of danger.

Hazards – The most common causes of life-threatening hazards are heaters and appliances, use of propane and butane gases, smoking, and lack of escape egress. In addition, locating occupied RVs, vehicles and tents near other structures or combustible vegetation increases the risks. These risks are not only to the occupants but also to the adjacent structures and their occupants. It may seem to be a great location but could present a serious hazard.

Here are some things you can do to help protect you or someone else!

- Find safe housing or temporary shelter inside safe buildings for yourself or others.
- Avoid tent housing, however, if you must, tents or membrane structures should be upwind from grills, fires, and placed away from other structures. To help prevent fire from spreading to adjacent structures and allow successful firefighting efforts, Oregon Fire Code requires a minimum of 15 feet of separation.
- Do not use open flames, such as propane or butane for lighting, heating or for cooking inside any structures that are not specifically built for that purpose.
- Use CO2 and fire detectors and test frequently to make sure they are working properly.
- Provide proper ventilation and safe egress.
- Portable electric heaters should be UL 1278 listed, plugged directly into wall sockets and in good working condition. If an extension cord is used, it should be rated for the use, be in safe condition, and approved for outdoor use, if necessary.

We are here to help!
Contact us at 503-831-3574



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

APPLY NOW

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

New Patrol Vehicle

A 2023 Dodge Durango was placed into service on 12/1/2023 and will be assigned to the Patrol Section to replace a 2011 Chevy Tahoe. The Tahoe will be reassigned to the School Resource Officer.

Records Clerk

The completed background investigation on a candidate for the open part-time Records Clerk position is nearing completion. If the report is favorable, we expect a hiring date before the end of December.

Solo Status

Recruit Officer Joshua Grumbo and Recruit Officer Tristan Thompson have both achieved solo status after completing their FTEP (Field training evaluation). Congratulations Officer Grumbo and Officer Thompson!

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. Interested persons can reach out to Sergeant Colby Hamilton at colby.hamilton@dallasor.gov

A Message from the Oregon Department of Transportation:

Thank you

We'd like to thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us about the OR 223/East Ellendale Avenue and Fir Villa Road intersection. We've heard from over 60 members of the community asking if we can install a traffic signal at this location. Your safety is our top priority, and we want to address your comments.

We know that this location has a history of crashes, speeding, aggressive and inattentive driving. The best tool to address this is law enforcement. But with trooper staffing levels decreasing, we understand why communities are looking for other options like traffic signals.

Considerations for installing a traffic signal

When an intersection has a history of crashes or safety concerns, we look at the location to see what solutions would work if we were able to make safety improvements. After we've identified what solutions would be best for the location, we look for funding.

About the Intersection

Crash history

We've looked at the crash data between 2017 and 2021 at this intersection. During this period there were 20 crashes:

- One resulted in a serious injury.
- Three resulted in minor injuries.
- 11 resulted in possible injury.
- Five resulted in property damage only.

Based on the history and types of crashes, there are a few solutions that may work for this location. The next step is to look for funding to see what, if anything, we can do at the location.

All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program

ARTS is a safety program that is federally funded. It uses a data-driven approach to select locations that could qualify for future projects. A location can qualify for an ARTS funding application if there is a history of at least one fatal or serious injury crash.

Since this location has had one serious injury crash, it does qualify to apply for ARTS funding. The next step is to see where this location ranks for safety compared to other locations across the state.

Safety Priority Index System (SPIS)

The SPIS creates a ranked list of high-crash locations on our state highways and local roads. It looks at the amount of traffic, the number of crashes and how severe the crashes are to identify where we could make safety improvements.

Every year, our traffic team investigates the top 10% of SPIS sites listed to see what low-cost safety measures we can implement when funding becomes available.

In our most recent report, this location was listed in the top 30% of SPIS sites. We're currently reviewing the next round of ARTS applications and available funds will most likely only cover project in the top 5% of our SPIS sites.

What's next

It's unlikely that this location will be chosen for this cycle of funding. However, our traffic team will continue to monitor and evaluate the OR 223 corridor for safety improvements that could qualify for future funding.

Your safety matters to us. We appreciate your continued input as we work to make safety improvements for all users where we can.



City of Dallas Communication Survey

Please fill out this 2 minute survey to help the City of Dallas better understand how the citizens of Dallas receive city information/news to improve communication. <https://polco.us/sutyva>



**We want
YOUR
feedback!**

Let us know how you would like to receive City of Dallas news and information by filling out the 2 minute survey below!




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