# The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



# City Managers' Space

Join the excitement as the City of Dallas gears up for its spectacular 150th celebration!

Save the date: February 17th - a day of history, pride, and unforgettable festivities! Let's mark this milestone together!

Follow the Dallas Sesquicentennial Facebook page or visit the City's website for more information <a href="https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/150th-celebration-0">https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/150th-celebration-0</a>

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## Parks and Recreation

# Coming to Roger Jordan Park Saturday, March 9 10 am – 1 pm



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### **PUBLIC WORKS**

# Streamside Property Owners and Waterway Health

Streamside property owners play an important role in keeping Oregon's waterways healthy and thriving. As a community that has several streams flowing through it, healthy waterways play a major part in Dallas' quality of life for residents and the aquatic species that inhabit our streams. The City of Dallas encourages streamside property owners to help keep waterways healthy by taking these steps.

- Keep the stream bank vegetated, preferably with tall trees and native shrubs. Keeping plants in place along the bank will help prevent erosion. Accelerated erosion beyond what is found in a predevelopment setting, can pose hazards to fish and wildlife that depend on a properly functioning ecosystem. Deposits of sediment in the stream can also reduce channel size which can result in higher water levels during flood events.
- Weeds and invasive plants can be a problem along stream banks.
  Remember that even weeds are better for the water and wildlife than bare slopes. Carefully plan weed removal activities, and make certain you have a replanting plan. Check with the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District for free tips and native plant lists.
   <u>www.polkswcd.com</u> or the OSU Extension Service <u>OSU Extension</u>
   <u>Service (oregonstate.edu)</u> Use native plants along waterways.
   Vegetation can help absorb high water that you might see during heavy rain events.

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 Trees are very important for protecting water quality. Their deep roots hold soil in place, and the shade they produce helps block solar radiation that can warm the water to unhealthy levels. Fish are particularly susceptible to the effects of warm water which can result in a significant decline of some species. Fish are a vital part of aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

 Consider removing impervious surfaces such as paved walkways and concrete patios when you are planning property improvements.
 Using previous design elements such as stepping stones or tile without grout, will allow precipitation to infiltrate into the soil rather than flow to the waterway.

These steps can go a long way to helping ensure our waterways remain beautiful and healthy. Thank you for playing a part in these efforts.



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL**

# Dallas Mill Site Redevelopment Project Continues to Move Ahead



### **First Project Advisory Committee Meeting Held In January**

Following the December site tour of the former Dallas Mill in south Dallas, the Mill Site Redevelopment project is moving along with the first Project Advisory Committee meeting being held in late January. The meeting, led by project consultant Jim Hencke of David Evans and Associates (DEA), is the first of a scheduled five meetings throughout 2024 to help guide and advise the consultant team, ODOT, and City staff in developing marketable new uses for the 60+ acre industrial site and the surrounding area.

Using a State of Oregon Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to fund the majority of the work, the City has retained a DEA and their subcontractors 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. The City will soon be launching a new project website soon. Interested citizens are encouraged to subscribe to updates on the City's website at this address:

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

## **Small Business Bootcamp**



We were so happy to see the turnout for the latest Business Bootcamp held by Reinventing Rural in partnership with our friends at the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce. These brave entrepreneurs spent two days with like minds working to make their business dream a reality. We hope to see these wonderful businesses opening in Dallas soon!

If you're interested in a future boot camp for your idea - please email <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@dallasor.gov">economicdevelopment@dallasor.gov</a>

### **BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

# 2023 ORSC Code Updates - Highlights

Updates to the 2023 ORSC Chapter 1 that were adopted in Oct 2023 are now in the transition period and go into full effect on April 1, 2024. Following are some highlights:

- 1.In Section R101, the scope of the ORSC has been more clearly defined and aligns more closely with the IRC and the OSSC.
- 2. The definitions of exemptions, R105, have been more clearly defined and now include graphics as examples. (Warning: The list of exemptions is not exhaustive and should not be used as a reverse list of structures and activities that do require a permit. Also, municipal codes may have requirements not listed in the ORSC.)
- 3. Regardless of the above-cited exemptions in R105, this code section makes it clear that, if you are creating habitable space, you're required to obtain a building permit.

In April 2024, the rest of the 2023 ORSC will be adopted. Please look for our upcoming articles that will detail some of these changes to our adopted building code.

A structure that is built to minimum code specifications is a solid building. That being said, Please, build it right, build it to code, build it with all required permits.

Let's Build Dallas Together!
Please contact us at 503-831-3574

## **BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

### SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION R101.2 Scope Not Regulated Under "455" Agricultural and Administration of (outside both ovals) equine buildings National Flood on a farm. Insurance Exempt 455.315 Program "May" Temporary use of streets, alleys Forest buildings **Deference To Local Conditions** and public on forest land. Freestanding Freestanding property Exempt 455.315 tanks "Shall" Residential Fences. Floating In-ground **Statewide Application** driveways other than docks & swimming pool barriers **Dwellings** Reasonable safeguards for building occupants structures pools Outdoor equipment Construction, Freereconstruction, Other items in Accessibility Equipment not standing R327 & Occupied alteration, and ORS 455.310 for affected governed by OMSC towers wildfire repair of buildings hazard Dangerous Covered mitigation **Tsunami** Demolition Groundbuildings multifamily dwellings standards mounted Freestanding Seismic rehabilitation Post-occupancy programs for existing flagpoles lease/rental Landscape dwellings & buildings arrangements Small equipmentretaining walls only shelters Abatement of Fire safety

during construction

Construction located

in PROW

nuisances

Safeguards during

the building site

construction outside

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### **CODE SERVICES**



### 4.702 Containers required

**2**. No garbage or rubbish shall be allowed to accumulate and remain undisposed for more than seven days.

To avoid obnoxious odors, and feeding grounds for rats, opossums, and other animals, all garbage within the city shall be stored in containers that are watertight, equipped with tightfitting covers and suitable handles, and are maintained in a clean, sanitary manner and good state of repair.

If you do not use a garbage service, all garbage must be hauled off every 7 days.

To report a concern, please use the Report a Concern link on the City of Dallas Website, or click the link below.

https://www.dallasor.gov/ecd/webform/report-concern

The full Dallas City Code is available online at <a href="https://dallasor.municipalcodeonline.com/">https://dallasor.municipalcodeonline.com/</a>



### **DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **Exciting News to Come!**

In the February edition of Blue Review, we hope to announce the hiring of two police officer candidates who should complete the final step of the hiring process this week—stay tuned! In addition, we are currently recruiting to fill one remaining vacant police officer position. If you have a friend or family member interested in a law enforcement career, please send them our way.

### **New Team Member!**

Dallas Police Records Section welcomes to the DPD family our newest team member, Callista Kiner, who will fill a vacant part-time Records Clerk position. Callista brings to the table some working knowledge of the criminal justice system, having previously worked as a legal assistant to Judge Jonathan Clark who serves as the Dallas Municipal Court Judge. Callista calls Dallas home and has well-established ties to the Dallas community. We are very excited to have her as a part of the team.

### **New Detective**

In late December, Jane Burke joined our Criminal Investigation Section as our newest detective. Burke has been an officer with the City of Dallas for just over 6 years.

# 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 <a href="mailto:colby.hamilton@dallasor.gov">colby.hamilton@dallasor.gov</a>



### LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH



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### **Dallas Farmers Market**

The Dallas Farmers Market is excited for its relaunch on May 4th, 2024. In anticipation of all of the hard work and commitment that bringing a Farmers Market into the community requires, we have created a Dallas Farmers Market Year-at-a-Glance calendar to highlight the planning events leading up to the market. Our small team needs your input, insight, and help! Please join our team and drop into our meetings!



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