

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!

Want to sign up for the parade, essay contest, or just view information about the 150th celebration? Follow the Dallas Sesquicentennial Facebook page or visit the website for more information

<https://www.dallasor.gov/community/page/150th-celebration-0>

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Parks and Recreation



SAVE THE DATE!

WINTER WILDLIFE FIELD DAYS

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WWW.WINTERWILDLIFEFLDAYS.ORG



The Dallas Aquatic Center is **hiring lifeguards!** We will train and certify you. We offer flexible hours, longevity bonuses, plus, employees who work at least 10 hours a week get a **FREE Family Membership** - a \$685 value! Call 503-623-9715 to apply.

PUBLIC WORKS

Time to Prepare for Spring Planting

It's a brand new year and with January comes visions of yards teeming with flowers, attractive landscaping, and gardens waiting for vegetables. Whatever your goal is for your outdoor space in 2024, proper planning is the key to developing an environmentally sound yard that will be the envy of your neighbors. Make certain you choose the appropriate plants, locate new or existing vegetation in the right spot, and plan for potential issues. Do you have a slope, unfriendly soils, or a patio to plan around? Get an early start on tackling those challenges by reading the tips below.



Landscaping Tips:

If you have a concrete patio or walkway, remember that rainwater will not infiltrate, but will drain off to existing lawns or vegetation. Unfortunately, these impervious surfaces often result in soggy spots in your yard, because water can't infiltrate naturally. Consider replacing the concrete patio with pavers that will allow precipitation to move into the soil. There are lots of new technologies available so check with your local hardware or lawn and garden store.

Make certain that you carefully plan for soil disturbance. Stabilize any loose soil with a tarp, straw, or compost berm to keep the soil from moving out of your planting site. Disturbed soil can easily move to the street or an adjacent waterway.

Remember that water from the street drains to pipes that discharge to local waterways. Discharging soil or other contaminants is prohibited by the City and by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Make certain you dig when it's not raining, because working with saturated soil often results in compaction which hampers water infiltration.

When deciding on plants, use native species whenever you can. These plants are suited to Oregon weather conditions and are more likely to survive than plants from other regions. Healthy native plants require less water and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Check out native plant resources with watershed councils or agencies like the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District www.polkswcd.com

Do your plans include planting trees? Trees are a great addition to urban landscapes not only for their ability to remove airborne pollutants from the air, but they also help block incoming solar radiation. Trees planted along waterways are particularly valuable because of their ability to stabilize stream banks, and shade waterways for temperature-sensitive species such as fish. Check with your local nursery for trees that will do well along waterways. Speaking of waterways, make sure to maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation bordering all water bodies to trap excess fertilizers and sediment.

Don't overdo the application of fertilizers and pesticides. Remember to utilize them sparingly, and always follow label directions. Look for environmentally friendly alternatives and local options. More is not better when it comes to chemicals. For more information on alternatives, see the resources at the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides NCAP: Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides

Proper planning for your spring landscape projects can help avoid unwanted environmental impacts that may be caused by the unintentional discharge of pollutants to the stormwater system or local waterways. Do your part to keep Dallas a clean and healthy City.

Happy planting! For more information call: 503-623-2338

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

Dallas Mill Site Redevelopment Plan gets Underway

In December, City staff and representatives of the property owner led a consultant team, which included lead consultant David Evans & Associates (DEA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), on a site tour of the former Dallas Mill in south Dallas. Using a state Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant, 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. A large and diverse Project Advisory Committee, representing a broad base of community stakeholders, will begin meeting in 2024 and help the consultant, ODOT and the City shape the project. The City will be launching a new project website soon. As always, interested citizens are encouraged to subscribe to updates on the City's website at this address: <https://www.dallasor.gov/newsletter/subscriptions>



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 about this program, please contact tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov

Business Resources

The City of Dallas is happy to launch a new business 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>

Small Business Bootcamp

CO.STARTERS Bootcamp is a four-part plan for bringing your business to life. You'll work collaboratively with peers to strategize, problem-solve, and apply business basics to your idea or venture. It is facilitated by Misty Lambrecht with Reinventing Rural. If you are serious about your business idea or need to refine your current model, this is for you!

This workshop is 4 sessions (2 sessions per day) of hard work. January 26th and 27th from 9 am-4 pm. You have to be committed and attendance on both days is necessary. Drinks and light snacks will be provided. There is no *cost to attend but seats are limited, so please ensure you are available and engaged.

Learn more and register >>

<https://www.reinventingrural.com/costarters/bootcamp/>

BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Have you ever thought about pursuing a career that supports the building industry?

There are many career choices and opportunities, such as the ones currently held by our Dallas staff, which include Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners, Building Official, Planner, Permit Technician, and Code Services. There are even more positions and opportunities at the State, County, National, and even International levels. Beyond local opportunities, you may choose to pursue plans examining, code compliance, code writing, project management, disaster mitigation, and so many more careers! Since the education is based on International building codes, certifications can be easily transferred to other states or countries. These positions are needed all over the nation and there is no time like the present to start training for the future!

Many of the current positions throughout the State of Oregon are held by a generation of staff that are nearing retirement, and there are not enough employees in the field or students to meet the future demands. The Oregon Building Codes Division ([BCD](#)), Oregon Building Officials Association ([OBOA](#)), and International Code Council ([ICC](#)) have expressed the need to recruit new people to join the industry. There are many incentives out there such as scholarships, internships, and on-the-job training opportunities. A career in the trade is very obtainable and rewarding!

Our Dallas staff continually obtains Oregon State certifications, which are based on the International Building Code. Chemeketa Community College ([CCC](#)) offers a highly respected, nationally recognized, Building Inspection Technology program, which is based at the Chemeketa Brooks campus.

Students can start in the field or the technical programs and continue to grow and obtain certifications throughout their careers. For example, you may be in construction, be an undecided student, or be a permit technician who is ready to advance to an inspector, and that could lead to being a building official, manager, or educator. Many of the courses and exams are online so students out of the area can participate. You can also self-study and directly take the ICC certification exams. You can earn while you learn. The opportunities are limitless, you just need to get started!

Our Building staff belongs to many of the related organizations. Through participation, these organizations work diligently to improve the safety of buildings and planning and help uphold the integrity of the Building Codes for everyone's safety.

Research the programs, organizations, building technology job openings, or people working in the industry. Feel free to contact us or the following organizations for more information.

[Oregon Building Codes Division](#)

[Oregon Building Officials Association](#)

[Chemeketa Building Inspection Technology](#)

[International Code Council](#)

[Permit Tech Nation](#)

[Oregon Permit Technicians Association](#)



The **BLUE REVIEW**

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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 colby.hamilton@dallasor.gov

The infographic is set against a dark blue background. At the top, the text "Sign up for" is in white, followed by "EMERGENCY ALERTS" in large, bold, white capital letters. A dashed yellow line connects this header to three steps listed below. Each step consists of a yellow circular icon and a text label. The first icon shows a laptop with a website on the screen, labeled "Visit oralert.gov". The second icon shows a hand clicking a "Sign Up" button, labeled "Sign up for Marion Polk Alerts". The third icon shows a smartphone with a red warning triangle and a speech bubble, labeled "Receive Emergency Alerts". In the bottom right corner of the infographic is the Dallas Police Department seal, which is a gold and blue shield with a star and the text "DALLAS POLICE" and "1856".

Sign up for
EMERGENCY ALERTS

- Visit oralert.gov
- Sign up for Marion Polk Alerts
- Receive Emergency Alerts



LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

JANUARY 2024		Dallas Public Library Events					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sign up for Winter Reading at dallasoregon.beanstack.org or download the app!  Beantack Ends February 16th!	1 CLOSED FOR New Year's Day	2 Storytime 10:30am	3 Itty Bitty Storytime 10:30am	4 Storytime 10:30am Book Discussion: <i>Old Babes in the Woods</i> by Margaret Atwood 12:00pm	5	6	
7 	8	9 Storytime 10:30am	10 Itty Bitty Storytime 10:30am	11 Storytime 10:30am	12	13 SPACE TALK with Donn Anderson: OSIRIS-REx 2:00pm	
14 	15 CLOSED FOR Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Storytime 10:30am Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	17 Itty Bitty Storytime 10:30am Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:00	18 Storytime 10:30am MOVIE FOR ADULTS: "Best in Show" 6:00pm	19 TEEN IMPROV NIGHT 5:00 PM	20	
21 	22	23 Storytime 10:30am KIDS STEAM NIGHT 4:00-5:30pm	24 Itty Bitty Storytime 10:30am	25 Storytime 10:30am ADULT PAINT NIGHT 6:00 PM	26	27	
28 	29	30 Storytime 10:30am	31 Itty Bitty Storytime 10:30am	1 <i>Thursday, February 1st</i> AUTHOR VISIT with David G. Lewis 6:30pm "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" 			

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



https://www.instagram.com/dallas_library_oregon/

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!

2024

DALLAS FARMERS MARKET
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SCAN FOR LINKS

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Legend:

- Market Planning Meeting @ New Morning Bakery 5:30-6:30 PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Farmers Market is OPEN! @ Polk Co. Courthouse Square
- OPENING DAY! Star Wars Theme
- LAST DAY OF SEASON

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Polk County Local Work Group meeting

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Polk SWCD are asking for your participation and input about local resource concerns in Polk County. Local Work Group Meetings are a valuable part of our planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers and colleagues to be part of the collaborative effort to improve natural resources within our County. The feedback you provide in this process will help guide the work we do going forward!

When: Friday, January 26, 2023, 9 am-12:45 pm

- Doors open at 8:30 am.
- The meeting is 9:00 am - 11:45 am
- Optional networking and complimentary brunch to follow - 11:45 am-12:45 pm

Where: Chemeketa Eola Northwest Wine Center - 215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem, OR 97304

Visit: <https://www.polkswcd.com/local-work-group-meeting.html>



Polk County Natural Resource Concerns Questionnaire

Give Your Input on Natural Resource Concerns for Polk County!
The Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are seeking public input through a 5-minute questionnaire on natural resource concerns particular to Polk County, including forest health, soil health, water quality, air quality, and wildlife habitat. Your answers will not only structure The January 26th Local Work Group meeting but will also guide work going forward to serve Polk County.

Visit: <https://www.polkswcd.com/polk-co-natural-resources-questionnaire.html>



Polk Soil and Water Conservation District's Winter Native Plant Sale

The Polk Soil and Water Conservation District is offering 31 varieties of native trees and shrubs. Your purchase supports native habitat in your backyard, and also oak woodland and prairie restoration at Polk SWCD's properties. These 275 acres preserve our natural landscape, attracting sensitive and native pollinators, birds, and wildlife. You can pre-order your plants now and pick them up on February 2nd and 3rd. Please help spread the word as we work to restore the native landscape in Polk County plant by plant. Find out more at [polkswcd.com](https://www.polkswcd.com).

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!**

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