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# The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



## City Manager's Space

### Spring is Coming to Dallas!

Spring can mean many things. New buds on trees, green grass, increased daylight, and so much more. One thing it means for a municipal government is Budget Season! A city government is required to approve a balanced budget each year by June 30th. Our budget is citizen reviewed and approved by a committee of Dallas residents.

We are currently recruiting residents to serve on this committee. If you want to influence and decide how your tax dollars are spent locally, please consider applying. Committee Interest Forms are available on the City's website. Applications are due by March 24, 2023.

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# Parks and Recreation

## SAVE THE DATE!



### Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, April 29

- 10am-noon Ivy Removal along Rickreall Creek Trail
- 1-2:30 pm Free Screening of "The Lorax" at Dallas Cinema with tickets to free swim at the aquatic center
- 5-7 pm Free Swim at the Dallas Aquatic Center

## Lifeguard Training Opportunity!



Train to be a **Lifeguard**, the most fun job around!

The next lifeguard training class is being offered during Spring Break (March 25th, 26th, and 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm) at the Dallas Aquatic Center.

Call 503-623-9715 for more information.

# WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

## Onboarding and Academy Setup

We are currently onboarding and setting up for academy for five volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to the operations here at Dallas Fire and EMS. While we do have 24/7 ambulance coverage, we do not have career firefighters that are staffed from 7pm until 7am. These times are covered by awesome volunteers that respond to the station and then to the emergency scene. Our volunteers not only respond to emergencies but also train extensively right up to the level of our career staff. Training hours last year just for the volunteers was over 6,000 hours collectively. They also test twice a year in both cognitive and physical testing right along with every career staff member. Our top volunteer responder, Spencer Nordsving, responded to over 200 calls last year! Our volunteers are the best in the business!

## Major Changes

Dallas Fire and EMS has geared up to have some major changes and in addition to our volunteer staffing, we are also filling some of our gaps in our paid staff. We have three firefighter paramedics that are in the pre-employment screening process right now. This process involves a very in depth interview, a deep dive background check, a psychological test specifically for emergency responders, a physical that looks especially for cardiac and respiratory conditions as well as a heavy metals screening. Why would we do all of this? Well we want to make sure that we are providing our citizens with happy healthy personnel to respond to their calls for assistance. After all of this they will be involved in a 12 month probation that included tests and training.

## New Ambulance On Its Way

The department's new ambulance is getting all the final checks done, and is being outfitted with some additional stickers and radios. Dallas Fleet Services specifically, Kent McKnight, has been working on this very special piece of apparatus. Kent is a registered Emergency Vehicle Technician, a process that involves testing and certification hours, and the City of Dallas is lucky to have his expertise available to fix our emergency response units.

## House Fire Prevention

As some of you may know we had a couple of structure fires in Dallas last month. We at the fire department ask that you please practice safety with space heaters, electrical equipment, and fire places. If you need to make sure that your chimney is clean we do loan out brushes here at the fire station. It's a \$20 deposit for the brushes that is refundable when you return them!



**If you need assistance changing your batteries or would like to have your smoke detectors looked at, let us know down at Dallas Fire and EMS to schedule a time!**

## Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and I, as the Fire Chief, would like to take a moment to recognize some of our outstanding staff members and volunteers. Division Chief of CRR/CSO April Welsh, Division Chief of EMS Kim Storms, Administrative Assistant Ashley Adams, Volunteer Support Captain Renee Wilson, Volunteer Chaplain Kim Merrill, Firefighter Paramedics Jenna Markel and Nicole Schmidt, Paramedic Trisha Preston, and FSE EMS staff: Deana Coakely-Sallee, Bree Kok, Abigail Maceira, Linnea Owen, Arianna Reyes, Joy Sode, and Paige Traywick. Not only do we have outstanding women in the fire service here, but they are all making history leading the way and helping lead this department into the future.

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## KEEP UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

### Public Works Prepares for a Busy Spring/Summer

The Dallas Public Works Department is preparing for a busy spring and summer. During the spring months the department anticipates the completion of Phase 2 of the City's community-wide street rehabilitation program. Spring work will include paving of several streets in the south Kingsborough neighborhood, including Augustus Drive, Alexander Drive, Natalie Street, Sheila Street, Solomon Court, Kings Place, Prince Court, Bryson Street, Fairlawn Court, Riverdale Court, and Fairlawn Court. Other work will include Sunny Drive, a section of Alameda Street, and a section of Brentwood Street.

Phase 3 of the street rehabilitation program is currently being planned for the summer months to include paving Oregon Avenue, Gerlinger Place, and segments of Birch, Ellis, Maple, and Stump Streets.

When the first three phases of the street rehabilitation program are completed later this year, over 11 miles of city streets will have been repaired and paved. Additional street improvements are anticipated in 2024.

Other projects being planned for 2023 include rehabilitation work on the Clay Street Reservoir Complex, replacement of a section of the Clay Street water transmission line, and possible repairs on the Godsey Street Bridge.

# 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, city-wide 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: <https://bit.ly/dallasdbi>

If you have questions on this program, please contact [tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov](mailto:tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov)

## Historic Preservation

The City of Dallas has completed an application to receive Certified Local Government (CLG) funding from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the City's efforts to establish a National Historic District in Downtown Dallas. The City is currently in the process of receiving bids for qualified firms to lead the application process.



# Dallas Downtown Association

The Dallas Downtown Association has launched a Downtown Business Survey to garner feedback from the business community in the downtown area.

Downtown businesses can take the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/HY7BadWL3cPtFAqA6>



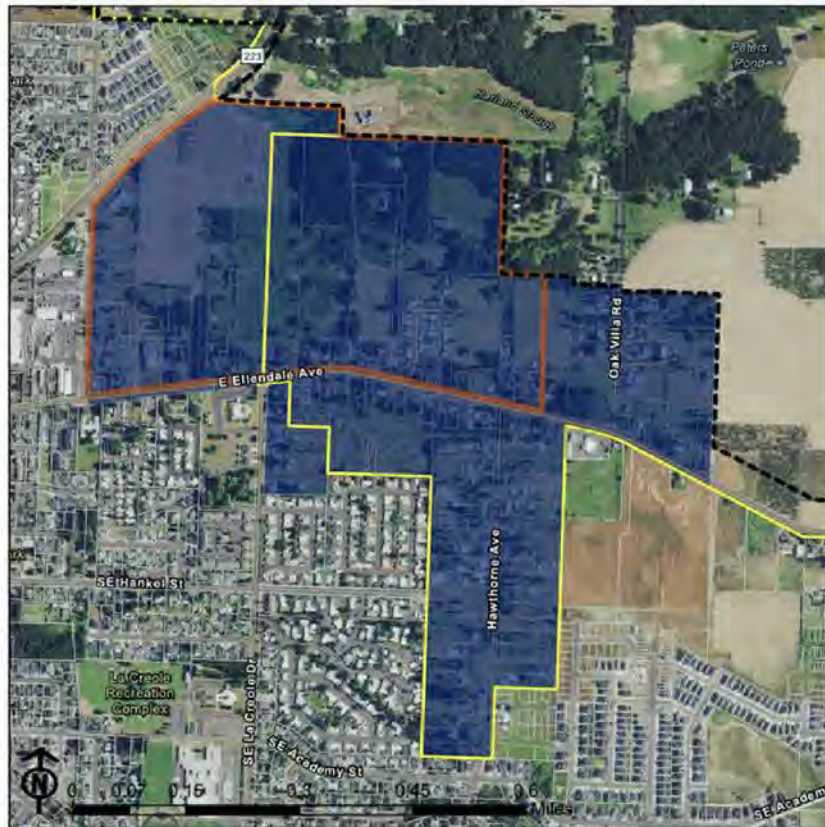
Upcoming Downtown Cleanup! The Dallas Downtown Association will be hosting a downtown cleanup this spring! The event will be at 9AM on Saturday, April 15th .

Those interested in volunteering can email






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# La Creole Node Master Plan



## City of Dallas, OR LaCreole Node Master Plan Project Area

-  Dallas Urban Growth Boundary
-  Dallas City Limits
-  Current LaCreole Node Boundary: 122 Acres
-  Proposed LaCreole Node Expansion: 222 Acres
-  Dallas UGB Taxlots

This map is for planning purposes only and has not been created for, nor may be suitable for, legal, engineering, or survey purposes.  
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 Sources: Polk County GIS, City of Dallas, NAIP Imagery 2020, ESRI

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce the start of an updated planning study of the La Creole Node area. This study, which will be conducted by our Economic & Community Development and Public Works Departments in collaboration with our consultant team, comprised of Healthy Sustainable Communities and Green Top Planning, Development, and Research, marks the first comprehensive examination of the area in over two decades. The City of Dallas is excited to explore potential zoning options to increase commercial and multi-family shortages within the area. The project study area comprises 222 acres and 152 tax lots, including acreage and lots outside the original 121.98 acres and 60 tax lots within the La Creole Node Area. This study will be conducted in coordination with the City’s ongoing study of the wider area for infrastructure improvements.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT?

**Residential** - The building department made 189 inspections, completed 22 residential plan reviews and has issued 15 new SFR, 11 Mechanical, 9 Plumbing, and 11 Structural Permits, and 1 Demolition Permit and; issued 6 Certificates of Occupancy.

**Commercial** - The building department issued 2 new Structural, 6 Mechanical, 2 Plumbing, 2 Alarm or Suppression Systems permits, and issued a certificate of Occupancy at 772 Main St. for Galaxy Won.

### Spotlight Project

**Lakeside Investments Group, LLC - 288 E Ellendale Ave**

Construction started for their new building addition. It is a 2-story structure with 12,243 sq. ft. of office space using modern technology and materials. The project also includes an interior and exterior remodel of the existing structure to showcase a contemporary design. Be sure to enjoy watching the progress of a growing business!

## PLANNING DIVISION

On March 2nd, the City of Dallas held its first Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the La Creole Node Master Plan Update. In partnership with Healthy Sustainable Communities, a Wilsonville based consultancy firm, the committee met to discuss the future growth of La Creole Node and how its development can best meet the growing economic, commercial, and residential needs of residents.

The City looks forward to working with its partners and members of the community as the project progresses throughout the year.

Contact [planning@dallasor.gov](mailto:planning@dallasor.gov) with any questions or check out our website at <https://www.dallasor.gov/e cd/page/la-creole-mixed-use-node> for more detailed plans and to subscribe to our newsletter updates.

# CODE SERVICES

## Be a Good Neighbor, Cut Your Grass!



\*above is an example of the weed abatement notice

It may seem strange to talk about weed abatement season already, especially with the recent snowfall. The season is fast approaching. Starting on April 3rd, Code Services will start off the annual citywide inspections. What this means is we drive every neighborhood throughout all of the City of Dallas. During this citywide inspection we are looking at all properties for potential city code violations. City staff will note addresses of properties with potential violations and will notify the property owners with a letter describing the potential violation a timeline to remedy the violation

If we discover violations of the city codes that are time sensitive or a health and safety concern, like piles of trash or garbage on a property, a case will be created and a violation notice sent immediately.

Minor issues that may potentially turn into code violations will get a courtesy notice asking the property owner to take a look at their property so that any minor concerns can be addressed before they turn into an actual violation.

Questions and/or concerns, contact:  
 Daylene Angland 503-831-3562  
 Lexi Murphy 503-831-3512

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



# *The* **BLUE REVIEW**

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Annual Awards and Appreciations Banquet

Mayor Woods assisted Chief Simpson in presenting the following awards for 2022:

- Officer of the Year – Officer Ben Purice
- Chief’s 212° Award – Records Specialist Heather Taylor
- Community Involvement – Senior Officer Brittney Crocker (our School Resource Officer)
- Outstanding Investigator – Detective Jordan Schrock
- Volunteer of the Year – Austin Lee
- Life Saving Award – Officer Jay Fox
- Life Saving Award – Officer Jane Burke
- Longevity Awards
  - Officer Jane Burke – 5 years
  - Officer Jay Fox – 5 years
  - Detective Jordan Schrock – 5 years
  - Administrative Services Manager Tammy Welty – 5 years
  - Chief Simpson – 35 years

*Congratulations!*

## Update On New Hires

- Recruit Officer Cody Kyriess was released to solo status on February 9th. Cody is doing a great job for our Dallas community.
- As March begins, Recruit Officer Tristan Thompson will be starting his 7th week at the police academy in Salem.
- Recruit Officers Josh Grumbo and Jesse Friedow continue with their local field training, awaiting their academy start dates in May and June (respectively).

## Dallas Police Department is Hiring!

Police Officer - Lateral or Entry Level (\$64,060.68 - \$81,759.48 Annually)

This position performs police patrol and community peace keeping services related to civil matters; warrant service; investigations; traffic enforcement; ordinance enforcement and related law enforcement activities.

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# FEBRUARY LIBRARY EVENTS

- Thursday, March 9 @ 7:00 pm – Author Leah Sottile – When the Moon Turns to Blood (Oregon Book Award nominee for 2023)
- Thursday, March 16 @ 7:00 pm – Will Kennedy Hornyak - Erin’s Daughters — Goddesses, Hags and Heroines in Irish Myth and Lore. For ages 16 and up
- Friday, March 17 @ 5:30 pm - Teen Improv
- Thursday, March 23 – (3:30 – 5:00 pm) – STEAM event for kids
- Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:00 pm - Pusheen Cat crafts for tweens and teens.
- Storytime every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am
- Friends of the Library meeting March 7 @ 5:00 pm
- Library Board meeting @ 4:00 pm March 21

MARCH 2023		Dallas Public Library Events				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Kids can pick up a Library Scavenger Hunt form in the children's area!		1	2 Storytime 10:30am Book Discussion: His Name is George Floyd 12:00pm	3 Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Say good-night to your buddy 5:30pm-6pm	4 Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Pick up your buddy
5 	6	7 Storytime 10:30am Friends of the Library Meeting 5:00pm	8	9 Storytime 10:30am Author Visit w/ Leah Sottile 7:00pm	10	11
12	13	14 Storytime 10:30am	15 Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:00	16 Storytime 10:30am Storyteller: Will Hornyak: "Erin's Daughter" ages 16+ 7:00pm	17 Teen Improv Night Grades 7-12 5:30pm	18
19 	20	21 Storytime 10:30am Library Board 4:00pm	22	23 Storytime 10:30am STEAM Event ages 8-12 3:30pm-5:00pm	24	25
26	27	28 Storytime 10:30am Build Your Own Pusheen 5:00pm (ages 10-18)	29	30 Storytime 10:30am	31	Coming soon! Pokémon party April 12th 

# New Walking Group



**Walk with your neighbors once a week!**

A new group will walk together and discuss how to make walking easier in their community.



A partnership between Dallas Public Library and the School of Nursing at OHSU is inviting adults who exercise less than 3 days a week in Dallas to participate in a study about group-based walking programs and civic engagement programs. Participants will receive a Fitbit and t-shirt, and are invited to participate for two years. Participants will also be invited to complete surveys and health assessments. Study #24665. Principal Investigator: Cynthia Perry.

Interested? Email [andrea.mcallister@dallasor.gov](mailto:andrea.mcallister@dallasor.gov) or call 503-623-2633

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# New! Pay your bill by text!

## SET IT UP TODAY!

1. Log in to your Xpress Bill Pay account, choose the **"Pay by Text"** option in the upper right-hand corner of your ebill display, and select which payment method you'd like to use.

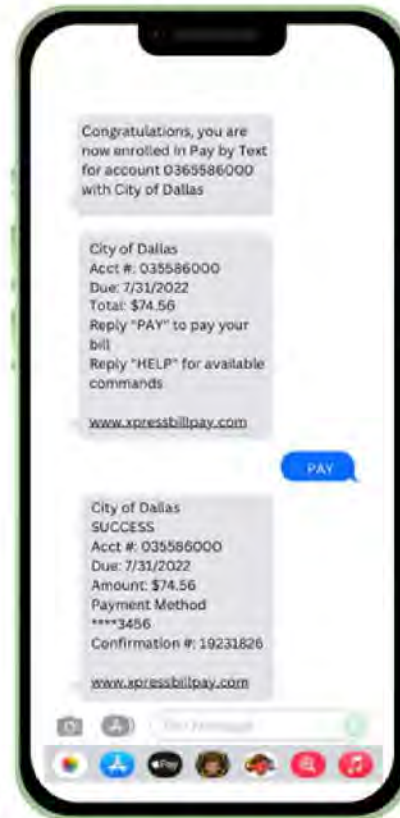
2. After choosing your payment method and clicking **"Save Changes"**, you will receive a text confirming your enrollment in Pay by Text.

3. When your next ebill becomes available, you will receive a text with the total amount due and the date due.

4. Simply reply **"PAY"** to pay the full amount due.

5. Your payment will be processed immediately and you will receive a **"SUCCESS"** text.

Please note: Pay by Text will only pay the full balance due. to pay a partial balance, log in to your Xpress Bill Pay account.



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## Utility Rate Change

The City Council approved a change for water and stormwater services. As a City of Dallas customer, you will see an increase in rates approved by City Council starting on your March utility statement.

**For more information, visit:**

<https://www.dallasor.gov/finance/page/utility-billing>

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