# The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



## City Manager's Space

#### **Thank You for Conserving Water**

For the past two months the City has been in a stage one water conservation condition. This means we have asked you to voluntarily conserve your drinking water to ensure we have ample supply until the fall rains return to fill up the city's Aaron Mercer reservoir. Our reservoir fell just a little below half full this year, leaving a bit more than 200 million gallons of water of stored water.

I am happy to report that I have lifted the stage one water conservation condition. The city's watershed has received enough rain over the past three weeks, and we are seeing the reservoir fill up.

Thank you all for doing your part to ensure our water supply is there when we need it. You all made a difference!

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## Parks and Recreation

#### **NEW CHAIR LIFT!**



Thanks to a generous gift from the Glen Scatterday family and additional Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center funding, the City has replaced the chair lift that enables disabled patrons to utilize the aquatic center's therapy pool. The pool is used for gentle aquatic exercise classes and by physical therapy patients. We're grateful to be able to make again the therapy pool accessible to all patrons.

#### WE ARE HIRING!

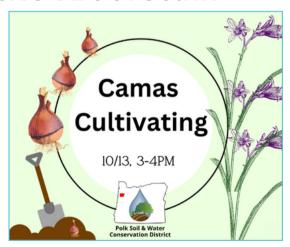
The Dallas Aquatic Center is hiring lifeguards! We will train and certify you. We offer flexible hours, and longevity bonuses, plus, employees who work at least 10 hours a week get a FREE Family Membership – a \$685 value!



Call 503-623-9715 to apply.

#### This month at the Arboretum





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PARKS AND RECREATION OCTOBER 2023

#### Parks and Recreation



When: Friday, October 13th, 3pm-4pm

Where: Delbert Hunter Arboretum - 631 SW Park St. Dallas, OR 97338

Cost: Suggested donation of \$20 to the Delbert Hunter Arboretum

Join us for camas cultivating at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum!

We will begin with a brief presentation about camas propagation,
cultivation, and ethnobotany. We will dig and revitalize a camas patch at
the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. You will take home camas bulbs to plant
on your property, increasing the range of this important native plant.

Tools and gloves will be provided or you can bring your own. This event will go rain or shine, so please dress accordingly. All participants will be required to sign a waiver. We will meet at the main building at the Arboretum.

This event is organized by the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, hosted by the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, and led by Anna Ramthun, Natural Resources Specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Space is extremely limited for this event! Call 503-623-9680 to register.

FIRE & EMS OCTOBER 2023

#### WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

#### **Prevent Kitchen Fires**



October is a big time for the fire department because it is Fire Prevention Awareness Month! We celebrate Fire Prevention Week this year from Oct. 8th- Oct. 14th.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. During Fire

Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire.

This year's feature for Fire Prevention Week is Cooking Safety.

**Did you know?** Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. The NFPA has great additional resources to learn more about this year's chosen campaign.

Follow the link to learn more!

https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About

FIRE & EMS OCTOBER 2023

#### WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

## Open House Event for All Ages!



On October 25th, Dallas Fire & EMS is hosting its Open House. This will be a great event to bring kids and adults of all ages! There will be activity stations for the kids, extrication opportunities for adults, and candy for all! Stop by the fire department between 1 pm and 3 pm or 6 pm and 8 pm to participate in all the fun things we have planned!

#### Follow Us:





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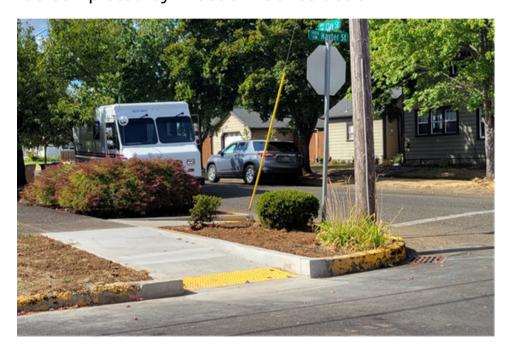


PUBLIC WORKS OCTOBER 2023

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

## **New ADA Ramps**

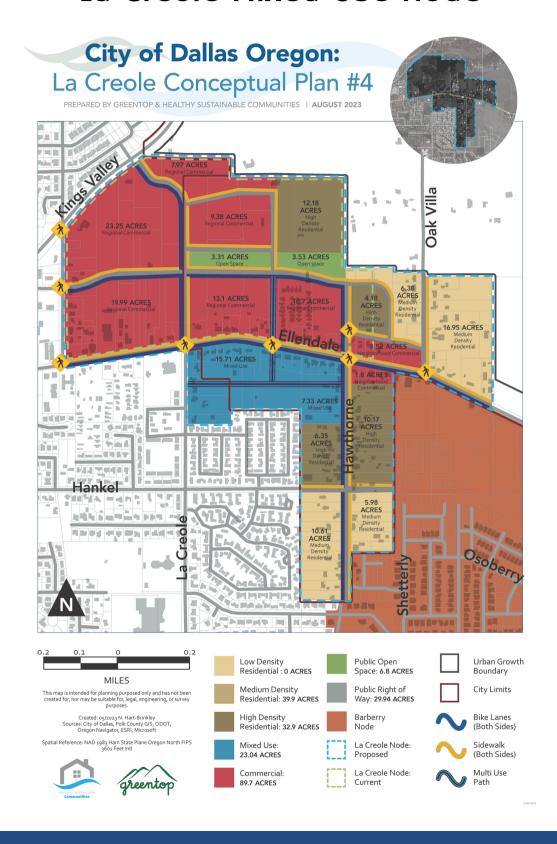
New ADA ramps have been completed throughout Dallas. The photos below show Hayter Street, South of Washington Street. The new ramps provide accessibility at intersections where no ramps previously existed. This work was completed by Freedom Construction.





## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL**

#### La Creole Mixed Use Node



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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL**

In 1998, the City of Dallas designated 122 acres in the northeast part of the city to be the "La Creole Mixed Use Node," one of three areas specifically intended to meet the city's identified land supply needs shortfall for both future residential and employment land needs as identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Dallas Comprehensive Plan map identifies this Node as an overlay, with the text identifying specific land use types by acreage. The Concept Master Plan adopted by the City Council designates the general geographic layout of the land use acreage and transportation network. New development requires a Detailed Development Plan, which rezones the development site to be generally consistent with the concept master plan.

After 24 years of inactivity, the Concept Master Plan is no longer reflective of the city's land supply needs, and therefore the city intends to review the master plan to better facilitate development that meets the city's current needs and population composition.

The La Creole Mixed Use Node is currently composed of 60 tax lots with over 40 separate owners comprising approximately 122 gross acres, plus the abutting right-of-way. East Ellendale Avenue, NE Polk Station Road, North Kings Valley Highway, and the urban growth boundary generally bound the node overlay zone.

An expanded Node Area is currently under consideration. This new area would comprise all of the previous La Creole Node area and expand to the west of Oak Villa and south of Ellendale to include properties adjacent to the Barberry Node, including the Hawthorne neighborhood. This proposed area includes 155 tax lots and approximately 222 acres.

Over the past several months, working with consultant Jon Legarza of Healthy Sustainable Communities, the City assembled a citizen-led Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC has met together five times to help refine the updated Plan and hosted an open house on August 2. Around 90 citizens participated in the open house.

Staff is now working with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) to submit a grant application to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD). This grant would provide funding for Technical Assistance on the "next steps" of the La Creole Node master plan update implementation, including Comprehensive Plan amendments.

The public is invited to the next and final four meetings leading toward the adoption of the updated La Creole Node master plan:

Oct. 10 - Planning Commission work session

Oct. 16 - City Council work session

Nov. 14 - Planning Commission public hearing/adoption

Nov. 20 - City Council public hearing/ adoption

To stay up to date on this topic, citizens are encouraged to subscribe to receive updates on the City's website at:

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

Also, a special project page can be accessed here: <a href="https://la-creole-node-master-plan-gtpdr.hub.arcgis.com/">https://la-creole-node-master-plan-gtpdr.hub.arcgis.com/</a>

## RARE AmeriCorp Participant



The City of Dallas is excited to announce that Mikayla Slawosky is joining our team as our Agri-Business Development Coordinator. Mikayla is serving the City of Dallas with Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) through AmeriCorps until the end of July 2024. Born and raised in Redmond, Oregon, Mikayla is coming to us after her recent graduation from the University of Oregon with a BA in Political Science and a Minor in Planning, Public Policy, and Management. Agriculture has always played a major role in Mikayla's life, and she is very enthusiastic about being able to put her passion, knowledge, and experience to use in her primary project here in Dallas- Reviving the Dallas Farmers Market! As part of the Economic and Community Development Department, Mikayla's office is housed on the second floor of City Hall. We encourage you to get in touch while she is serving our community!

BUILDING & PLANNING OCTOBER 2023

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

## Fall Into Winter - Don't procrastinate!

Your home is your largest investment and helps keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Fall is the perfect time to make sure you take care of a few important things. Our new residents who have moved here from different climates may not know winters here get windy, cold, and icy and it even snows! There are many resources and checklists online so go find your favorite!!

#### Here are a few maintenance items we suggest you consider:

- Roof inspection/repairs, remember to check for leaks from inside the attic
- Gutters cleaned and repaired
- Doors and windows weatherproofed
- Screen windows and doors replaced as needed
- Pest Control-mice and spiders are looking for homes as well
- Ceiling fans set to a clockwise direction in the winter
- Fireplace, chimney, and flue inspected and cleaned
- Dryer vents cleaned to prevent fires and improve efficiency
- Heating system and thermostat tested and serviced
- Outside faucets covered, check and repair leaks
- Irrigation systems drained/disconnected, insulate pipes
- Outside equipment, furniture, and plants brought in or covered and secured
- Winter tools ready for when they are needed, such as ice melt, snow shovel

#### Do you need a permit for any of these things?

If you are doing any structural repairs to support structures or replacing mechanical equipment you need a permit.

Enjoy the seasons! We are here to help if you need us!

Please contact us at 503-831-3574.

BUILDING & PLANNING OCTOBER 2023

## PLANNING DIVISION

## **Transportation System Plan**



The Dallas Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a component of the Dallas Comprehensive Plan that describes and outlines projects, programs, and policies to meet the travel needs of our community now and in the future, based on the community's aspirations and growth. A successful TSP is as unique as the community it describes: its policy framework, planning direction, and selected projects and programs reflect a community's objectives and priorities to meet local multimodal transportation needs.

The image above shows the network of major streets in the current plan; while it may look like a tangled web of colored spaghetti, plans like this are critical for guiding future investments in public infrastructure and private development.

BUILDING & PLANNING OCTOBER 2023

## PLANNING DIVISION

While the current plan has served as well thus far, as the community continues to grow and conditions change, our transportation plan needs to be updated to keep pace.

To this end, we are in the beginning stages of a major update to the Dallas Transportation System Plan, in coordination with the selected engineering consultant and with the Oregon Department of Transportation, which is funding this planning project.

Successful plans are developed in coordination with local city, county, regional, and state agency partners with input from local community leaders, business owners, and citizens, and upcoming opportunities for the public to become involved will be announced as the project progresses.

For more information, contact the Dallas Planning Department at <a href="mailto:planning@dallasor.gov">planning@dallasor.gov</a> or sign up for notices at <a href="https://www.dallasor.gov/newsletter/subscriptions">www.dallasor.gov/newsletter/subscriptions</a>

CODE SERVICES OCTOBER 2023

#### **CODE SERVICES**

#### Trees and Leaves



All our trees are full of leaves and look lovely. Please keep in mind if your tree is hanging low over the sidewalk, it makes things difficult for pedestrians. Dallas City Code 3.814 provides information regarding tree care and pruning. Branches that overhang a sidewalk need to have 8 feet of clearance above the sidewalk. Trees that overhang the street, need to have a clearance of 14 feet above the street surface.

## Leaf-only drop-off locations are available from October 1 - December 31 (no other yard debris). Locations are:

- Park St. parking lot west end of the walking bridge
- SW Allgood near the gate to the Parks Office
- The east end of Hankel Street

#### **Keep in mind:**

- Leaves should be raked into the street in long rows, parallel to the curb, and at least 12 inches away from the curb.
- Avoid blocking the roadway, driveways, and bike lanes.
- Keep piles away from and clear any blocked storm drains.

Place only leaves and no other trimmings, brush, grass, or other debris in the street.

**Code Services** 

Daylene Angland 503-831-3562

Lexi Murphy 503-831-3512



#### **DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT**



#### **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 ling-term disability insurance, PERS, paid holiday, paid vacation, vacation, and sick leave, and deferred compensation plans

**APPLY NOW** 

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## **Congratulations!**



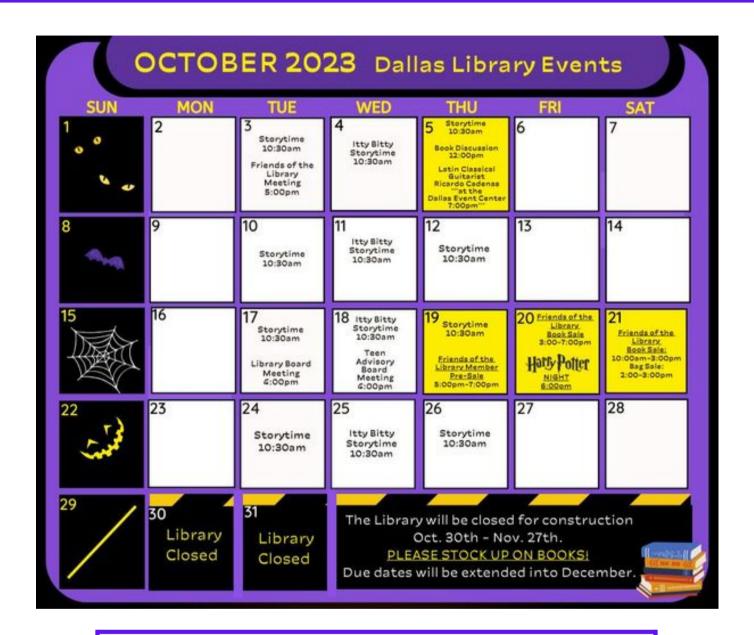
Recruit Officer Joshua Grumbo and Recruit Officer Tristan graduated from the police academy at DPSST on September 15th. Recruit Officer Jesse Friedow started the basic police academy on June 12th. He is set to graduate on October 13th. Once they graduate from the academy, they will resume field training until they achieve solo status.

## 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.

#### LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH





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## **Community Events**



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