

The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



City Manager's Space

National Preparedness Month!

Are you prepared for a natural disaster in Dallas? We have experienced a few natural disasters in the past four years, including floods, ice storms, and a pandemic. Other potential natural threats to our area include earthquakes, forest fire and landslides. The time to prepare for a disaster is before it is happening. A critical tool in a natural disaster is communication. Stay connected with us through the Polk County Alerts system.

Sign up for Polk County Alerts: <https://oralert.gov/>



To learn more about being prepared during a natural disaster visit, <https://ready.gov>

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Parks and Recreation

TRACK trails come to Dallas

TRACK Trails is a nationwide program that encourages kids to get outside and explore! Dallas received two TRACK Trails kiosks through a gift from Oregon Parks Forever and Kids in Parks. One kiosk is outside the aquatic center, leading kids on trails around Roger Jordan Park and Rickreall Creek. The other is located near the Hunter Arboretum and encourages kids to explore the Arboretum and City Park.

Each kiosk has four brochures each focusing on a different theme – creek life, trees, animal movement, and nature observation. Two of the brochures are bilingual (Spanish/English). Kids can complete the activities and then go to the Kids in Parks website (kidsinparks.com) to receive free prizes and locate other TRACK trails across the state and the country!



Parks and Recreation

Mystery Men...

Ever wonder who mows the lawns, waters the plants, trims the trees, and keeps Dallas parks and trails lovely and safe? The mystery is solved – it's the City of Dallas Parks Crew! It's rare to see them all together, but it was all hands on deck for Krazy Dayz! This crew works long days in all weather (snow, heat, rain, rain, and more rain). If you love strolling the Rickreall Creek Trail, throwing a frisbee at Central Bark or a disc at City Park, or the countless other ways there are to enjoy Dallas parks, you have these guys to thank. Pictured from left to right: Parks Supervisor Eric Totten, Josh Kibbey, Dan Saviola, Dustin Johnson, and Owen Barth. Thank you!!



Aquatics Notes: The Aquatic Center will be closed for annual maintenance Sep. 4 -8. Fall hours will be in effect when it reopens with rec swim on Thursday evenings from 7-9, but no afternoon rec swims on Mondays and Wednesdays.

WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

Open Enrollment for FireMed

City of Dallas
FireMed Registration

EMS Billing Services
(800) 238-9398
P.O. Box 3510
Silverdale, WA 98383
dallasfiremed@emspatient.com



Open enrollment for our FireMed program is here!

If you don't know what FireMed is, here is a brief description. The City of Dallas Emergency Medical Service is proud to offer our community prompt, professional emergency medical care utilizing skilled basic and advanced life support providers equipped with modern medical technology.

Advanced life support care and transport can be expensive! With the rising cost of health insurance and more families being covered by a high deductible health plan, you and your family may face paying for a large portion of the ambulance bill, if not the entire bill.

FireMed members pay nothing for an ambulance when they need it, even if they have no insurance!

FireMed membership includes your entire household and can be used as many times in a year as medically necessary. FireMed members are protected 24/7 and are also covered in many areas across the State of Oregon. When you need emergency medical care and transportation to the hospital, why worry about the cost involved? Join FireMed today! You don't have to worry!

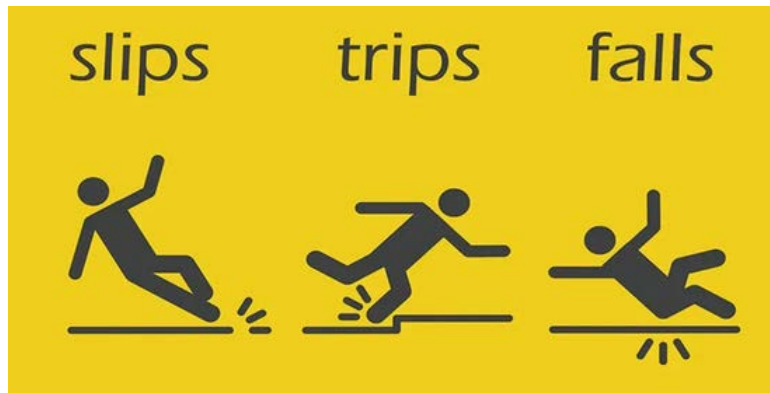
Our FireMed Rates:

- City of Dallas Residents pay \$65 a year for the entire household
- Non-residents pay \$75 a year for the entire household.

Join FireMed now! <https://www.emspatient.com/dallasfiremed/>

WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

Avoid Slips!



With the weather changing, we urge people to pay attention to their surroundings and be cautious! Avoid slips, trips, and falls in wet weather.

Here are a few things you can do to avoid injury:

- Use handrails when walking on stairs.
- Use well-lit pathways or carry a flashlight for use in dark places.
- Wear comfortable, slip-resistant shoes.
- Use a cart and take the elevator when carrying large items.
- Stay focused and alert.
- Put your cell phone away when you're on the move.
- Use walkways and pedestrian paths.
- Wipe your feet on a mat when entering a building during wet weather.
- Store your wet clothes and umbrella away from walkways.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

City Completes Safety Improvement Projects



A project to improve the pedestrian crossing on La Creole Drive at Academy Street was recently completed. The project included the construction of new sidewalks with curb extensions (to reduce the width of the street pedestrians need to cross), new ADA ramps, solar-powered pedestrian-activated crosswalk flashers, and signage.

The need for the project was considered by the City's Traffic Safety Team (TST) to improve safety at this critical crossing for the public and students walking to school at La Creole Middle School, which is adjacent to this intersection.

PUBLIC WORKS



The TST also recently reviewed the intersection of Hayter Street and Academy Street with an eye toward improving its function and safety. As an unmarked intersection and with streets that do not align conventionally, it could be confusing for drivers, especially those leaving Dallas City Park from the west on Academy Street.

The TST developed a plan for painted markings to clarify how traffic should move through the intersection. Implementation was recently completed. The photo shows the new markings and, in the upper right, its former unmarked condition.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

Polk County NHMP Survey

We Need Your Input.

Help us better understand your household's preparedness for natural hazards.

Your response will be used in the Polk County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update.



POLK COUNTY
OREGON



Polk County is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience at the University of Oregon to better understand your risk to natural hazards and to help reduce that risk.

Survey link: https://oregon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6G5RmeQuAeNrnPo

More information: <https://www.polkconhmp2023.com/get-involved-and-contact-information>

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Commercial Sign Permitting Update

Sign permitting in Dallas involves two divisions. To simplify things, we recently combined the requirements of both the Planning and Building Divisions into one process using the Oregon ePermitting system.

The Planning Division oversees compliance with the Dallas Development Code (DDC), which contains sign regulations. This includes criteria for the size, type, and location of signage based on its location and zoning.

The Building division is responsible for the safe construction and installation of the supporting sign structures in compliance with building codes. The reasoning behind this is that these signs are placed in areas that are accessible to the public. Poor or faulty installation could result in injury to the public or damage to property. Permits are pulled using Oregon ePermitting.

The **steps** to obtain a commercial sign permit are as follows:

- 1.) Register** for a login and license through Oregon ePermitting to be able to apply for permits. Either ePermitting or Dallas' permit tech can assist if needed.
- 2.) Apply** for a Commercial-Structural permit type. You will upload construction and sign plans into the permit record. Be sure to **"Submit"** the permit record.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Once received by the City, the following occurs:

- 1.) An email request for additional information, if needed, will be sent to the applicant/contact.
- 2.) After all information is on record, an “**Invoice**” for the plan review fee will be emailed.
- 3.) Upon payment, the record will be put in the queue for plan review.
- 4.) When the review is done, an email notice will be sent that the permit is “Ready to Issue”, and an **invoice with** the remainder of the fees will be provided.
- 5.) After payment is made, the permit is “**Issued**”, then you can begin your project.
- 6.) After the project is completed, you need to **request a final inspection** to close out the permit.



Please use the [Oregon ePermitting](#) site for [Instructions](#) and for facilitating Building Permits.

For questions about planning or building codes, please contact the Community Development Department at 503-831-3571 to reach the staff.

PLANNING DIVISION

Two Roles of the Dallas Planning Commission

The seven members of the Planning Commission are citizens-at-large appointed by the City Council to oversee land use matters within Dallas. In this, the Planning Commission serves two key roles; as Policy Advisors to the City Council, and as Judge-and-Jury for development applications.



Policy Advisor

"Should this become the law?"

- Legislative
- Consider citywide issues and concerns
- Recommendations to City Council

In the Policy Advisor role, the Planning Commission considers the 'big-picture' needs of the city and the challenges and opportunities for growth.

In doing so, the Planning Commission advises the City Council on what rules and laws should be enacted to promote and regulate development in a way that reflects our community's values.



Judge and Jury

"Does this comply with the law?"

- Quasi-Judicial
- Consider site-specific issues and concerns
- Planning Commission decides

In the Judge and Jury role, the Planning Commission evaluates development applications under the applicable laws.

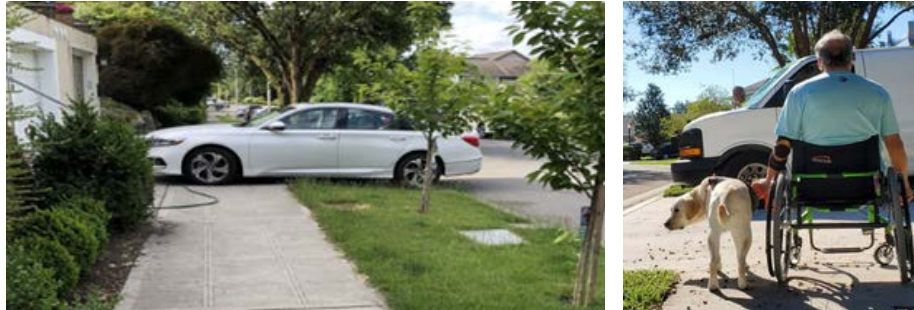
In doing so, the Planning Commission implements the laws that have been enacted. If a development application complies with the laws, it must be approved.

While these are two very different roles, they are complementary. Policy is made and laws enacted to achieve certain outcomes; but if the enacted laws aren't leading to the desired outcomes, that experience can guide future policymaking.

To learn more about the Planning Commission visit www.dallasor.gov/bc-pc

CODE SERVICES

Sidewalk Obstructions



Parking your car in the driveway and not pulling in all the way, causes your car to obstruct the sidewalk. This forces people to go out into the street to get around your car. Blocking the sidewalk creates a safety hazard for anyone using the sidewalk, and particularly persons with limited mobility. It is also a violation of *Dallas City Code Section 6.125 Obstructing Streets And Sidewalks*.

*Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to place, park, leave, deposit, or maintain any structure, barricade, or other obstruction such as building material or merchandise, other than lawfully parking vehicles, on any street, alley, parking strip or **sidewalk**, without first obtaining written permission from the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.*

If your car cannot fit in the driveway without blocking the sidewalk, **please park on the street**. The Dallas Community thanks you!

Code Services

Daylene Angland 503-831-3562

Lexi Murphy 503-831-3512



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>

Promotion!

Dallas Police Department would like to congratulate Shelly Bridges on accepting a promotion to a full-time records specialist position! Shelly was previously a part-time employee.

Update on New Hires

Recruit Officer Joshua Grumbo and Recruit Officer Tristan Thompson started the basic police academy on May 15th. They are set to graduate on September 15th. Recruit Officer Jesse Friedow started the basic police academy on June 12th. He is set to graduate on October 6th. 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.

Volunteer Positions:

- Assist with community events such as Krazy Dayz, Family Night Out, National Night Out, and others
- Office Assistant
- Detail and maintain department vehicles
- Subpoena Service Assistant (Must be 18 years of age or older; and, have prior law enforcement knowledge)
- Vacation House Check Inspector (must be 18 years or older)

LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2023 Dallas Library Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	5 Storytime 10:30am Friends of the Library Meeting 5:00pm	6	7 Storytime 10:30am Book Discussion 12:00pm The Midnight Library	8	9 Author Visit Jerry Sutherland Bayocean: Atlantis of Oregon
10 	11	12 Storytime 10:30am	13 Little Bitty Storytime- For babies & young toddlers 10:30am	14 Storytime 10:30am	15 Kid's Dance Party 4:00-4:30pm Adult Point Night ***Sign Ups Required*** 6:00pm	16 Space Talk with Richard Berry Ring of Fire Eclipse 2:00pm
17	18	19 Storytime 10:30am Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	20 Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am TAB Meeting 4:00pm	21 Storytime 10:30am Creative Card Creations ages 6-18	22 Teen Game Night Grades 7-12	23
24 	25	26 Storytime 10:30am	27 Little Bitty Storytime- For babies & young toddlers 10:30am	28 Storytime 10:30am	29 Kid's Paint Night Ages 8-12 4:00pm ***Sign-Ups Required***	30

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Fall Native Plant Sale at Delbert Hunter Arboretum



Welcome in the fall season with native plants, cider, and donuts at the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District's annual sale! You can also go on a self-guided tour in the beautiful setting of the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. Polk SWCD is offering 40 varieties of bulbs, perennials, and pollinator

seed packets. 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 October 13th or 14th at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum. Plants have also been set aside for in-person purchase. 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.

Buy Native Plants - [Native Plant Sale - POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT \(polkswcd.com\)](http://polkswcd.com)

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