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Parks and Recreation District

What do YOU think about a Parks and Recreation District?

In January, you'll be able to tell us! The City is exploring the possibility of forming a **Parks and Recreation District**. A P&R District would be an independent entity with its own taxing authority and elected board. The formation of a P&R District would provide dedicated revenue for expanded parks and recreation opportunities. It would also allow more funds in the city budget to be directed toward public safety – police, fire and EMS. A P&R District in Dallas would support our community's parks, trails, and aquatic center, as well as provide a variety of programs for our children, youth and seniors.

Starting the second week of January, you may receive a call asking for your input on the services a Parks and Recreation District would provide. Later in the month, you will also be able to access a link from the City website (www.dallasor.gov) to participate in the survey online.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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 <https://www.dallasor.gov/publicworks/page/city-parks>

WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?



Chief Todd Brumfield is retiring officially on January 4th. Deputy Chief Jim Dickerson has been named the Interim Fire Chief. This is an opportunity to grow our City of Dallas Fire and EMS system and give some opportunities under Chief Dickerson to develop some succession planning. Recruitment and retention of our personnel is always at the top of our priority list.

Third Fire Captain Position Filled

This position will establish a 24 hour presence of a command officer in the station. This will not only provide some needed supervision and a contact person for the crews on duty but will enhance our response profile. This added position helps relieve duty officers and allows for a fresh set of ideas and faster response times to our emergencies in Dallas and surrounding areas.

Coming up for Dallas Fire & EMS

On January 11th, Dallas Fire and EMS is hosting in cooperation with Chemeketa Community College an EMTA/EMTI class for our FSE and FTE members. This class was full within two days of announcing the opportunity. This class will allow Dallas Fire and EMS to staff an ALS engine and have a more tiered system to offer our citizens the best care at the best price we can provide. Our EMS services are some of the most progressive and aggressive in the Valley and I must say the State of Oregon.



How to Prevent Winter House Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of US home fires and home fire injuries and third leading cause of home fire deaths.

December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires, accounting for more than two of every five fires (44%), as well as the vast majority of deaths and injuries in home fires caused by heating equipment.

Put a FREEZE on Winter Fires

Did you know? **As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!**

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Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

3 feet
 Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source.

U.S. Fire Administration | Fire is Everyone's Fight | NFPA

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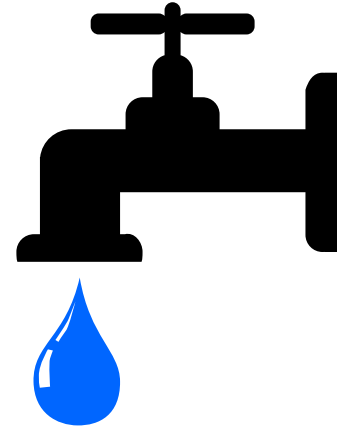


<https://www.facebook.com/DallasOregonFireEms/>

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

KEEP UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

Have you ever wondered how the water gets to your tap? Or what happens after you flush the toilet?



Your Dallas Public Works Department operates, maintains and improves our community's water and sewer systems while supporting the City's stormwater, street, and parks systems. Public Works also tends to the upkeep of the City government's facilities and fleet services in addition to the operation of the Dallas Aquatic Center.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE COMING

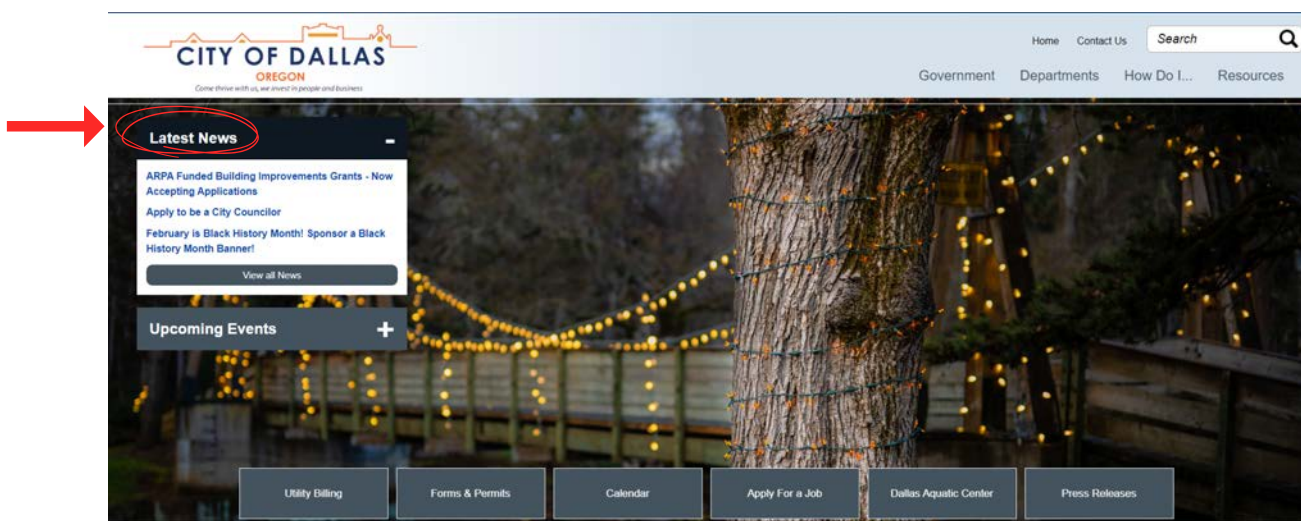
With such broad areas of responsibility, the Public Works Department always has a number of improvement projects in the works. Last year, the City's Street Rehabilitation Program saw approximately 10 miles of the City's street system upgraded with new driving surfaces. Be on the lookout, additional street improvement work is on the way for 2023! Work to maintain and rehabilitate the Clay Street water storage reservoir, water and sewer lines, improve the community's parks and increase pedestrian safety adjacent to our city streets are also all being planned!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

Applications for ARPA Grants Now Accepted

Beginning January 9 and continuing through March 10, the City will be accepting applications from owners and tenants of downtown buildings looking to perform remodels, renovations and restorations. The City has \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to invest in the Building Improvement Grant program. 2023 marks the second and final round of ARPA funds for these projects. The 2022 round resulted in seven building improvement projects funded, two of which are already complete, and three are underway. Funding for the 2023 round will be available on July 1. Grant awardees will have 12 months to complete their projects from the time their funding agreements are signed. Applicants are required to provide at least a 2/3 project match investment. Individual grant awards are capped at \$20,000. More information on this program, including the application materials, can be found in the “Latest News” section of the City’s website at www.dallasor.gov.



791 Main Street Plans

The City expects to close on the former bank property downtown at 791 Main Street in the first quarter of 2023. Following acquisition, the structures currently at the site will be demolished and removed. Any environmental hazards on the site will be mitigated. The general plan is to conduct a robust community visioning process with an architect as a facilitator during 2023. Once there is a consensus for the future vision of the property, the City hopes to attract a developer to construct a multi-story, mixed-use project. The City would like to see a building that will maximize the taxable value of the property, with commercial on the ground floor and several floors of short-term and/or long-term residential above the first floor. We may also discover the need for additional underground or surface parking onsite. The final plans for the site will not be finalized for likely many months. “We want to take our time and get this right,” says Charlie Mitchell, Economic & Community Development Department Director. “This is a unique and special opportunity to transform a key property in downtown Dallas. Full community engagement in the visioning is critical.”

Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee

Later this month, the Dallas City Council, acting as the Urban Renewal Agency, is expected to decide on possible changes to the downtown Minor Improvement Grant program. The Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee (URDAC) recommended to the Agency to increase the maximum grant amounts in this program from \$500 to \$1,000 and to increase the annual budget for the program. These grants are quick and easy to obtain for owners and tenants of downtown buildings looking to do smaller improvement projects, such as painting, windows, doors and restoration. No owner match is required. Program information is on the City’s website.

Economic Development Commission Vacancy

Heading into the new year, the City has one vacancy on its Economic Development Commission (EDC). More information on the EDC can be found here: <https://www.dallasor.gov/bc-edc>. Contact the City Manager’s office for information on the application process.

New Historical Signs Downtown

Several new historical signs will appear in downtown Dallas in early 2023, celebrating the history of the community and its people. Five new signs will appear in downtown near City Hall and the Courthouse Square. These historic educational signs are funded through the Urban Renewal District.



Dallas Downtown Association

The Dallas Downtown Association is in the planning stages for its first ever Summer Movie Series coming up later in 2023. Further, the DDA is taking a more active role in planning events and vendors for Krazy Dayz. Those interested in partnering with the DDA on these events are encouraged to email ddaprogrammanager@gmail.com

Dallas Business Inventory

The Dallas Business Inventory (DBI) is a free new program for businesses provided by the City of Dallas. In the wake of the pandemic, the city prioritized finding a better way to communicate with businesses to make as many businesses aware of potential opportunities to help their business. Starting on January 1, 2023, the city will open up this optional and free service to the entire business community. 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. . If you have questions on this program, please contact tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov

Historic Preservation

The Local Landmarks Advisory Committee selected High School student Ivan (Vanya) Vereshchagin as the winner of the Mark Hatfield Plaque writing contest. The committee will now begin working with Vanya to finalize the language on the plaque before it is placed at Senator Hatfield's former childhood home here in Dallas.



WHAT'S NEW WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT?

During the Month of December, the City of Dallas Building department completed 241 inspections between Commercial & Residential properties and finalized 25 plan reviews, with 19 more new permit applications in process.

For a complete list of all issued permits please visit our City website page at: https://www.dallasor.gov/e cd/page/monthly_permit-reports

Spotlight Project

Our spotlight project this month is now complete! Carnegie Building on 191 SW Court Street. Come by and check it out!



PLANNING DIVISION

Planning Commission Vacancy

The Dallas Planning Commission President, David Shein has recently been elected to the Dallas City Council leaving a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

We wish David Shein well in his new role. A new president will be appointed at the Planning Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting on January 10th, 2023. The city is currently accepting new member applications to fill the vacancy.

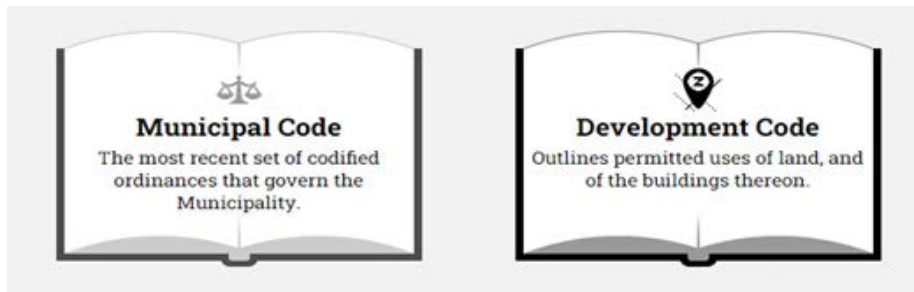
Persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission should visit <http://www.dallasor.gov/bc> or call 503.831.3502 for an application form.

How to stay in the loop:

The Planning Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month and is open to the public. To receive meeting agendas and updates, subscribe to our mailing list on our website at <https://www.dallasor.gov/newsletter/subscriptions>

Meetings are livestreamed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofdallasoregon7220/streams>

CODE SERVICES



Code Service Specialist Daylene Angland and Lexi Murphy are dedicated to working with the public to resolve violations of Dallas City Codes.

Our goal is to educate the public and bring about voluntary compliance in an effort to not have to take enforcement action. Enforcement action is something we do not like to impose.

Enforcement action would be a citation (ticket) that can have a fine of up to \$500 per day, per occurrence.

If a community member cannot resolve a violation on their own, we also offer assistance locating resources. If you have a concern, question, or want to report a suspected violation please give us a call.

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

Daylene Angland 503-831-3562

Lexi Murphy 503-831-3512

A Few Easily Resolved Violations:

- PUT YOUR ADDRESS ON YOUR PROPERTY

8.030 Numbering Requirement -

*Simply put, this means, your home or business was assigned a number and it is required that the number (address) be at least 3” high, able to be seen and read from the street.

This not only helps you get your deliveries but more importantly allows emergency service providers locate you.

- REGISTER YOUR CAR

6.320 Parking - Additional

Prohibitions #6 No person shall park a motor vehicle that does not have a current registration or current license plates upon any street, alley or public way.

If it does not have current tags do not park it on the street.



The BLUE REVIEW

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

DALLAS POLICE NOW 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.

A Part-time Records Clerk (\$17,139.20 - \$22,588.80 Annually)

An employee in this class is trained and performs under the direct supervision of the Administrative Services Manager for a variety of specialized clerical and administrative tasks in support of the police department function to process and maintain police records.

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Dallas PD Welcomes New Hires!

- Joshua Grumbo, entry level hire on December 9th
- Kody Kyriss, lateral hire (from Salem PD) on January 6th
- Jesse Friedow, entry level hire (from Dallas Fire & EMS) on January 6th
- Recruit Officer, Tristan Thompson, starts police academy this month!

Coming Up!

Dallas Police is beginning awards nominations for 2022. The Annual Awards Banquet is in February!

TIP OF THE MONTH

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle road conditions. Make sure that you clean ALL the snow and ice off of your car. This includes the windshield, back window, headlights, and taillights!



Dallas Police Department Programs

On-going 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)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dallas Police Department is to provide professional, effective and unbiased police services, in a fair and ethical manner.



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

JANUARY LIBRARY EVENTS

JANUARY 2023		Dallas Public Library Events				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 CLOSED FOR New Year's Day	3 Storytime 10:30am	4	5 Storytime 10:30am Book Discussion: <u>The Great Alone</u> 12:00pm	6	7
8 	9	10 Storytime 10:30am	11	12 Storytime 10:30am	13	14
15 	16 CLOSED FOR Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Storytime 10:30am	18 Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:00	19 Storytime 10:30am	20 Teen Movie Night: <u>Black Adam</u> 5:30pm	21
22 	23	24 Storytime 10:30am Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	25	26 Storytime 10:30am	27 Kid Movie Night: <u>Lyle Lyle Crocodile</u> 5:30pm	28
29	30	31 Storytime 10:30am	 Sign up for Winter Reading at dallasoregon.beanstack.org or download the  Beanstack app! Ends February 17th!			



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**CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
BY SPONSORING A
BANNER!**

Celebrate with the City of Dallas by sponsoring a banner to honor and recognize the achievements, contributions, and lives of African American figures in U.S. history who have championed equality and had a significant impact on our society.

Residents, businesses and organizations can sponsor a banner that will be displayed on the 600-900 Blocks of Main Street during Black History Month!

Visit the City of Dallas website to apply by January 20th!

Contact the City Managers Office by calling 503.831.3502 for questions

Apply for a banner online by visiting

<https://www.xpressformsbuilder.com/viewer/d6811734-4875-444f-8a2d-be24e39e3473>

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