

The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



City Manager's Space

The proposed City Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 has been published on the City's website. You can access and view the document at this web address:

<https://www.dallasor.gov/finance/page/budget>

The City operates on a fiscal year starting on July 1st and ending on June 30th. The budget is approved and adopted annually. It is approved by a citizen's Budget Committee, and then adopted by the City Council. The Budget Committee is composed of the nine elected City Councilors and nine appointed (non-elected) residents of the City of Dallas. The Budget Committee has scheduled meetings on May 13th and 15th. The public is invited to attend the budget committee meetings, and will have the opportunity to provide any public comments on the proposed budget during the public hearing on May 13th at 6pm. The Budget Committee meetings are available and streamed online at the following webpage:

www.dallasor.gov/community/page/dallasyoutube

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Parks and Recreation

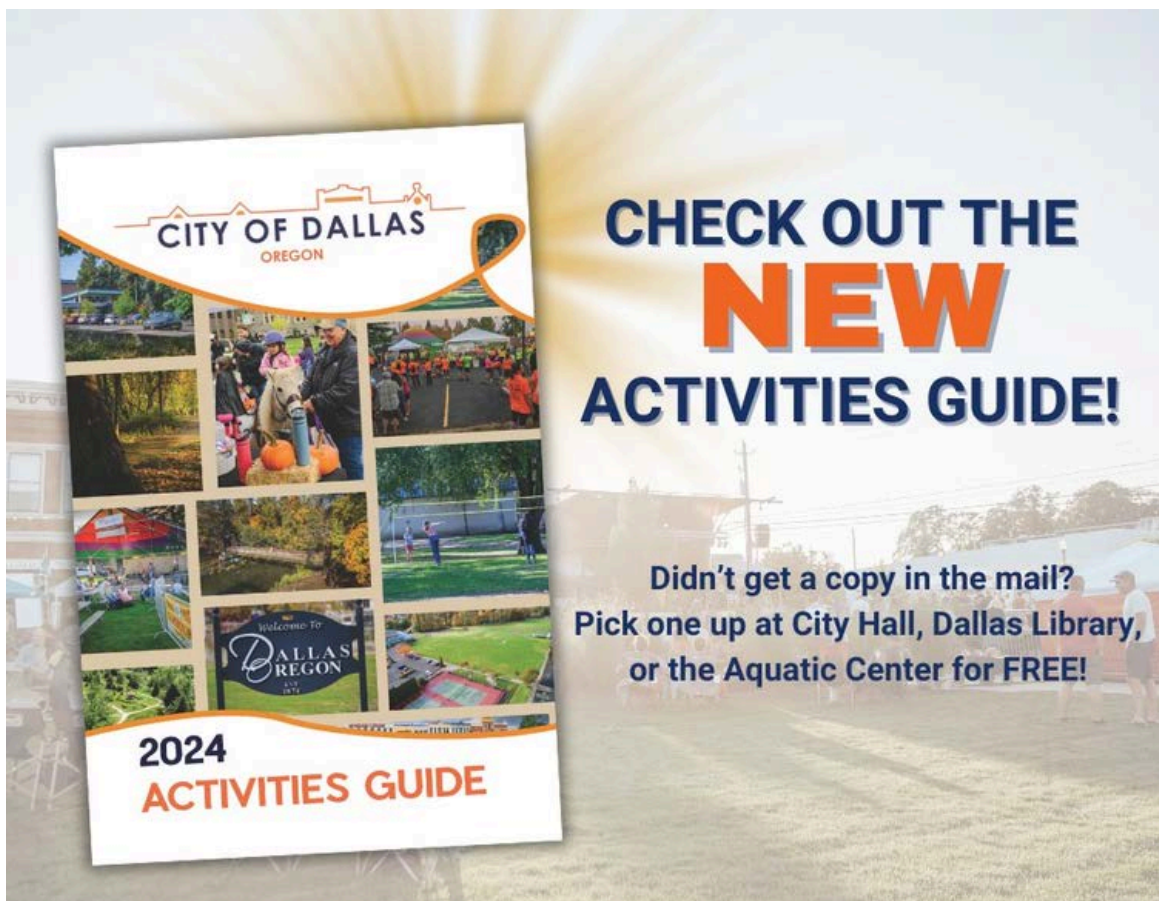
Have you seen the Dallas Activities Guide?

The 2024 Activities Guide is your resource for all the fun things happening in Dallas over the summer and into the fall:

- Farmers Market
- Sports Camps
- Community Campout
- Sounds of Summer Concerts
- Nature Programs
- And MORE!

Get it digitally at

https://issuu.com/activemediapublishinggroup/docs/activities_guide_19v



Sidewalk Chalk Art



June 8th from 10am-2pm

The World is your canvas!! Well, at least the parking lot! Let your creative juices flow freely as we decorate the parking lot of the old Bank of America building. The City will bring the chalk, you bring the artistic ideas. Join us at 791 Main St.

Summer at the Dallas Aquatic Center

Swimming lessons begin the week of June 17. Aquatic Center members can register beginning May 27, with open Registration beginning May 28.

Lifeguards are needed! Free family memberships are available to Aquatic Center staff, and if you work for us, your lifeguard certification is free. Certification classes will be Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm on the following dates:

June 17-20
July 15-18
August 12-15

Recreational swim times for the summer season will start June 17. Summer hours will be posted online at:



www.dallasor.gov/aquaticcenter

Be sure to visit the website for additional aquatic center information and to register for swimming lessons.



Arbor Day!

Nearly a dozen volunteers came out on a cool and rainy morning for the annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 27. Folks worked in City Park to plant Douglas fir seedlings and remove invasive ivy from the park's trees.



Meanwhile, at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, nature lovers seeking relaxation and rejuvenation participated in free sessions of Forest Therapy. All for the love of trees!



PUBLIC WORKS

Stormwater Runoff: What it is and how you can help

The leading cause of water quality problems in our local streams today is from polluted stormwater. Unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants (which is more easily controlled), this type of pollution, also known as nonpoint source pollution, or NPS, comes from a variety of human activities on the land. The Environmental Protection Agency and the states have identified almost 70,000 water bodies nationwide that do not meet water quality standards. Each of us contributes to the problem without even realizing it.

NPS pollution is caused by rainfall moving over and through the ground. Paved surfaces like driveways, parking lots, streets and sidewalks prevent rainwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Rainwater can pick up:

- Fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides from agricultural and residential areas.
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from urban runoff.
- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites.
- Bacteria and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes and faulty septic systems.

These pollutants can then flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, river, or wetland, and eventually to the Pacific Ocean.



Anything that enters a storm sewer system (i.e. a drain, catch basin, ditch, etc.) is eventually discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming, fishing, and irrigation.

When you consider that just a half-inch of rain in Dallas equates to over 43 million gallons of water falling on the community, it is easy to understand that a lot of water is falling on and draining from our driveways, parking lots, streets and sidewalks and carrying pollutants along with it to our local streams.

Here's what you can do to help improve water quality in your everyday activities:

Household Hazardous Waste

- Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Never pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.
- Bring household products to a Regional Household Hazardous Waste collection event when they are offered in the area.

Lawn Care

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly; avoid applying them before a rain storm; keep them off of driveways and walks; and use organic, slow-release fertilizers.
- Choose native plants and grasses. They require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. The Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District can provide you with resources for native plant choices. Their website is <https://www.polkswcd.com>.
- Cut your lawn at the appropriate height. Cutting it shorter increases the need for water, fertilizer, and weed control products.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Compost your leaves or place them in your Yard Debris bin.
- Don't bag grass clippings. Use a mulching lawn mower and naturally fertilize your lawn with the grass clippings.
- Maintain a buffer strip of unmowed natural vegetation bordering all water bodies to trap excess fertilizers and sediment.

Auto Care

- Wash your car at a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or on a grass or gravel area so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Check your car for drips and oil leaks and fix them promptly. Don't hose down leaking fluids into the storm drain. Use kitty litter or sand to absorb and dispose of properly. Absorbent pads also work well and are inexpensive.
- Dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, or other engine fluids down storm drains, into road gutters, on the ground, or into a ditch.

Pet Waste

- Scoop up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Never dump pet waste into a storm drain.

WHAT'S NEW WITH DALLAS FIRE & EMS?

Here is what to look forward to from Dallas Fire & EMS!



New Engine, who dat?

Be on the lookout for our newest fire apparatus. It arrived in Hillsboro from South Dakota this month and is being inspected and customized to fit our needs. This fire engine will be replacing another one of our engines that has been in service for almost 30 years! Funding for the new engine came from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a federal stimulus package.

May is Wildfire Awareness Month

What can you do to help support our firefighters and protect your family from wildland fires?

Plan, Prepare and Prevent

1. **Plan for wildfire:** As weather becomes warmer and wildland vegetation, or fuels, begin to dry out, it is time to plan for the wildfires. During a wildfire, embers cause most home ignitions. Residents can harden homes minimizing property damage and protecting firefighters. Help reduce putting firefighters and communities at risk by hardening your home to ember intrusion and creating defensible space on private property.
2. **Prepare your home:** Taking steps to make your home survivable and community adaptable to wildfire helps protect firefighters too. Learn how to mitigate wildfire risk around your property and community.
3. **Prevent wildfires:** The public plays a valuable role in preventing wildfires. The national average of human-caused wildfires comprises 87 percent of all wildfire occurrences every year. Most of these fires can be prevented. Preventable wildfires threaten lives, property, and our precious natural resources. Whether it is properly extinguishing a campfire or keeping your vehicle maintained to prevent sparks, following just a few simple steps can help prevent wildfires. Learn how to properly use outdoor equipment; burn debris safely; start, maintain, and extinguish a campfire; maintain a vehicle and tow safely; and practice fire-safe target shooting to name a few.

To learn more about wildland fire management, go to the website for the National Interagency Fire Center at www.nifc.gov or to prepare your home for wildfires, see the National Fire Protection Association at firewise.org

50th Anniversary of EMS Week



May 19-25, 2024, marks the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week. This year's theme, "Honoring our past. Forging our Future," reminds us to acknowledge the foundational work of those who came before us, while also striving to build and lead the EMS system we envision for our future.

But what is EMS? Emergency Medical Services is more than just part of our name. And it is more than just an ambulance ride to the hospital. According to www.EMS.gov, it is a comprehensive system that is ready every day for every kind of emergency, whether or not that includes going to the hospital. EMS operates at the crossroads of healthcare, public health, emergency management and public safety. Check out the website to learn more.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

791 Main Street (former bank property) project



The City of Dallas continues to move forward with the redevelopment of the former bank building and property at the NW corner of Mill and Main downtown. Through May, material salvage operations will continue and conclude by the end of the month. In June, several exciting things will be occurring with regard to this project:

1. A 12-month project design, visioning and market analysis project with a professional consultant will begin. There will be many opportunities for public engagement, including stakeholder interviews, public open houses, and other public meetings. The end result of this process will provide us with a short set of site and building design concepts and use options to attract a private-sector developer to convert the property to include an exciting new multi-story, mixed-use project that will provide economic revitalization in the downtown. There will be more information about engagement opportunities in future editions of this newsletter and on the City's website.

2. Early in the month, City of Dallas Police and Fire/EMS crews will be using the building for training exercises. The public is advised to avoid this area during the month of June. A perimeter security fence will be installed in June.
3. Beginning in mid-June and continuing for several weeks into early/mid-July, the existing building and associated structures will be demolished and removed. Again, the public should avoid this area. The contractor and the City will take appropriate measures to ensure safety and minimize disruptions to the downtown, but this area will be an active construction zone. The demolition is scheduled to end in time for the Dallas Days festival, scheduled for the last weekend of July.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Charlie Mitchell; Charlie.mitchell@dallasor.gov.

Dallas Mill Site Area Redevelopment project

The first project community meeting and open house was held in the Dallas Civic Center on the evening of Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Approximately 75 were in attendance to interact with a presentation on the project from the consultant team from David Evans and Associates (DEA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The City is utilizing a state Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to fund this project to develop plans to improve access in and around and through the former mill site and to suggest potential land uses in and around the site, along with other site improvements that will enhance the marketability of the area for future development opportunities, which may include elements of industrial, commercial and possibly some residential.



Interested in this project? You can stay updated by registering to receive updates on the City's website here:

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

There is also a project website, which can be accessed here: <https://mill-site-redevelopment-project-deagis.hub.arcgis.com/>

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Charlie Mitchell; Charlie.mitchell@dallasor.gov.



DALLAS BUSINESS INVENTORY (DBI)

- Be the first to know about **new grant opportunities** to help grow your business
- Be the first to know about **city-wide programs or events** to help promote your business
- Be the first to know about **educational opportunities for you** and your employees

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/dallasdbi>

***If you have any questions, please email
tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov***

Spring and Summer are great times to refresh, renew, and learn something new. Sign up your business in the Dallas Business Inventory so you and your employees have access to important information to help make your business a success

BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Home Fire Hardening

The fire season is fast approaching and our rural community is not exempt from the risks of fire. Several structure fires were a result of fireworks neglect last summer.

The Oregon Building Codes Division is implementing the new Senate Bills 762 and 80 by applying “Fire Hardening Building Code Standards” for high-hazard areas. Although we are not in a designated high-hazard area within the wildland-urban interface on the state map, these materials and methods can also improve your home’s resistance to fires, no matter where it is located. Here are some ideas for your consideration that you can do to protect your property as you start your home projects:

Roofing- Class A or Class B roof covering

Exterior wall covering-Noncombustible or ignition-resistant siding and trim

Ventilation-Ember and flame-resistant vents or 1/8-inch maximum wire mesh

Soffits and eaves-Enclose with noncombustible or ignition-resistant materials

Windows and Skylights-Tempered, multi-layered, or fire-resistant rated glass

Walking surfaces-Enclose underside of surfaces and construct with noncombustible, ignition-resistance, or fire-retardant-treated materials

Gutters-Noncombustible gutters and guards or covers to prevent accumulation of leaves and debris

Manufactured home skirting-Noncombustible or ignition-resistant skirting

CODE SERVICES

A friendly reminder!

In the City of Dallas, signs must be placed fully on your property and not in the shared right-of-way. When placed in error, they may be shifted behind the sidewalk onto your property.

3.6.066 Signs Allowed Prior To Election

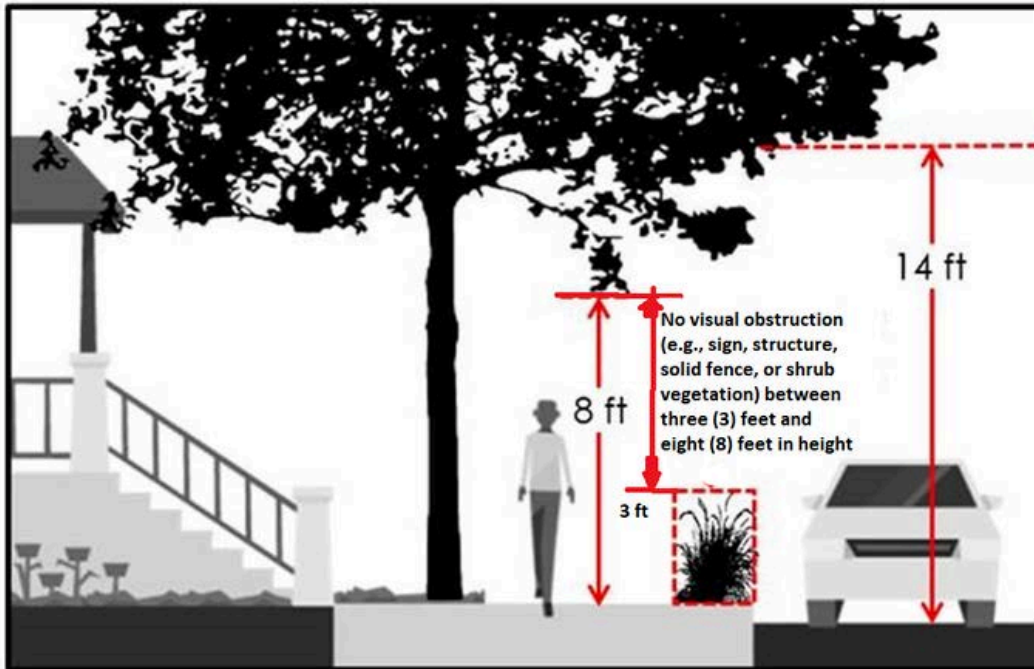
Temporary signs advocating for or against a candidate or measure on a national, state, or local election ballot are permitted on private property outside of required sign setback and vision clearance areas. These signs may be erected 60 days prior to an election and must be removed 7 days after an election. Such signs shall not exceed three square feet in height or six square feet in area.



8.930 Temporary Signs

Notwithstanding Sections 3.6.010 through 3.6.140 of the Dallas Development Code, not more than three temporary signs, as defined in Section 3.6.030, not more than six square feet in area, each, may be erected on private property for a period of not more than ninety days, each.

Sight clearances and clear paths of travel



Trees, bushes, and shrubs.

Now that the weather is getting nicer and the trees are full of leaves, it is time to trim things back so that vehicles and people have a safe unobstructed path. Bushes and shrubs need to be trimmed back to the edge of the sidewalk or curb. Trees 8' above the sidewalk and 14' above the road.

Shrubs, bushes, and trees need to be under 3 feet and above 8 feet at the street corners so that drivers have a clear line of sight. 3.1.020 Vehicular Access And Circulation N. Vision Clearance.



The BLUE REVIEW

DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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New Patrol Car

- A new 2023 Dodge Durango patrol car was put in service on 5/8/2024.



New Hire Updates

- Recruit Officer Andrew McDonald is on week 9 of a 16 week police academy at DPSST. McDonald is scheduled to graduate on 6/21/24

LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

MAY 2024 Dallas Public Library Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Book Discussion: Remarkably Bright Creatures 12:00pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chess Club 1:00pm</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Dallas Yarn Crafters Guild 4:00pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Friends of the Library Meeting 5:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons 3:30pm</p> <p>Author Therese Oneill 6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>You and Me Paint Night 4:00pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Teen Advisory Board Meeting 4:00pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Teen Movie Top Gun Maverick 5:00pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Harp Concert 7:00pm Dallas Event Center</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tertulia Spanish Conversation 1:00pm</p> <p>Dallas Yarn Crafters Guild 4:00pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Library Board 4:00pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons 3:30pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Space Talk with Donn Anderson 2:00pm</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Library Closed for Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am</p> <p>Author Becky Ellis 6:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Kids Movie The Aristocats 4:00pm</p>	

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

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

Block Parties

It's getting to be that time of year to plan for an Independence Day block party or just a summertime neighborhood gathering. If you are planning on having your gathering in the street or public right of way you do need to fill out an application and submit it to the City well in advance of your event. There is a Special Event Permit Application available on our website and we are always available to answer any questions that you might have.

It does take some time to get these applications processed and get road closure signs positioned in your area, if applicable, so please don't wait until the last minute.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!





RECAP



Thank you so much to everyone who was apart of this.



It was so special to see the community turn out in such great spirits during the pouring rain, to watch our amazing vendors spread their joy, and to watch all of the countless hours of work finally materialize into our Farmers Market.



I'm feeling so proud and very hopeful for how it will continue to develop!

I cannot express how grateful I am for how you all showed up today. Thank you a million times

**Let's do it again on May 18th?
See you there!**

We Welcome
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNAP

DALLAS
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FARMERS MARKET
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SAT MAY 18

FARMERS MARKET

RAIN OR SHINE

Meet the folks who raise and make your food, Relax and picnic on the lawn & Keep your dollars local!

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS

APPLICATIONS OPEN

10:00 am
 3:00 pm

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Polk County Courthouse Square

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Oregon State Credit Union

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