



The City Of The Dalles

FALL 2021

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Personnel Changes:

Recent Hires:

In April, Carter Jones was hired as a Temporary Worker for the Transportation Division to assist with seasonal projects. In July the full time position of Maintenance Worker for the Transportation Division became available and Carter's work ethic, energy and cheerfulness made him the perfect candidate for the permanent hire.

Carter is married and has an 8 year old daughter and brings a wide range of skills gleaned from his previous employment as a farm hand and an employee with Les Schwab Tire Center.

Gabriel Hoffman, hired in August as a new Police Officer for the Police Department. Gabriel has experience in security and law enforcement as well as customer service. He also has a Bachelor's in Public Relations from University of Oregon.

At the Library. Jayne Harman is the new Page; Steven Nikodem and Cori Clark will start in early October.

Promotions:

Jerry Anderson has recently been appointed to the Water Distribution Manager position with the retirement of long time manager, Ray Johnson. Jerry has been working for the City since 2006. He has a wide variety of experiences with the Public Works Department. He has worn many hats while working as the Maintenance Worker and Equipment Operator in the Transportation Division, Certified Operator and Lead Operator in Wastewater Collection Division, Certified Operator in the Water Distribution Division and most recently the Lead Operator in the Water Distribution Division.

Lance Harrington recently changed divisions at Public Works. He moved from the Wastewater Collection Division to the Water Distribution Division. Lance started working for the City in 2012 with a strong background in construction and pipe laying and is looking forward to the challenges of a new job within a new division. Congratulations on your new position.

Retirement: Ray Johnson, Water Distribution Manager at Public Works retired in July after almost 14 years of working in the Public Works Department. Ray will continue to teach Flagger Training and Cross Connection and Backflow Testing independently and looks forward to spending more time with his grandson and wife and dedicating more time to camping, sailing and bike riding

Barbara Telfer retired after 13 years with the City working at the Library. Congratulations Barbara, we hope you enjoy your retirement

Mayor Mays is looking for interested citizens to serve on:

Planning Commission
City Budget Committee & Urban Renewal Budget Committee
Beautification Committee
Contact Mayor Rich Mays at rmays@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Here's what's happening at The Dalles Public Library

Note: In person programs and book clubs are subject to change or cancellation based on the status of the Covid 19 outbreak. For all activities go to www.wascocountylibrary.com

For Children:

Storytimes continue three days a week, Baby Storytime, lasts 15-20 minutes, at 10:30 on Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, lasts 20-25 minutes, at 10:30 on Thursdays, and Preschool (all ages welcome), 30-40 minutes, at 10:30 on Fridays. All storytimes are held in the John and Jean Thomas Children's Wing.

Traveling Lantern presents: The Merry Tales of Robin Hood

Join us in the John and Jean Thomas Children's wing at 10:30 on Friday, October 22nd, when Traveling Lantern presents: The merry tales of Robin Hood; heroic deeds and jolly adventures!

The merry tales of Robin Hood is an exuberant tale of Robin Hood and his Merry Men, who are ever jauntily escaping from the clutches of the ill-disposed Sheriff of Nottingham.

Traveling Lantern has been educating and entertaining children nationwide since 1985. Their mission is to bring great stories to children, to draw them into an active theater experience, to excite their minds and to tickle their imaginations.



Book Clubs for kids:

Note to parents: please go to our website <https://www.wascocountylibrary.com/family-and-children's-services> and register your child for the book club, as there will be a limited number of copies of the book available. I will email you with more information, once they have registered. If you have questions please email me at: rsquires@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Beginning Readers:

Attention Beginning Readers (grades K-2). The Dalles Public Library is starting a book club just for you. The best part, you get to keep the book! We will meet at 3:00 the second Wednesday of each month. After we are through discussing the book, we will have a snack, and do a craft or activity related to the book. The meeting will last about 45 minutes.

Chapter Book Readers:

Are you in third, fourth, or fifth grade? Do you love to read? Do you read chapter books? Do you like to eat snacks? If you answered yes to at least one of those questions, then this club is for you.

We will meet once a month, on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00, in the John and Jean Thomas Children's Wing, over by the chapter books. Here is what you can expect at the book club: At the meeting we will talk about what we liked most about the book, and what we didn't like. There will be two or three more questions about the book; but don't worry, you don't have to talk if you don't want to. We will also have a snack, and you will be given a copy of the next book we are going to discuss, which you get to keep. The meeting will last about an hour.

Family Science activity kit

Who doesn't like doing science experiments? Especially when you can do it as a family! Based on the complexity of some of these kits, registration is limited to families with children currently in first through fifth grade. If your family qualifies, then you can sign-up each month to get a science activity kit; available from October through May. Registration will open the first of each month; and the kits will be available around the 15th of that month, though you will be notified when they are ready. Supplies are limited, only one registration per family per month. Each kit will usually contain everything you need to explore science, and sometimes, even make something fun and unexpected.

Exciting Things have been Happening at City Hall.

Through a grant and COVID-19 funding we were able to upgrade the Upstairs Conference room with teleconferencing equipment. We were also able to upgrade our live streaming sound system in the Council Chambers, making it compatible with Zoom.

Both of these items were a essential due to closed offices and remote working during the earliest days of the pandemic. City staff worked hard to provide citizens access to information and public meetings. As a community we have proven to be agile and forward thinking, overall everyone has been understanding and patient through all the changes over the last 19 months.

The City seized the opportunity to update the Council Chambers. At the start of the pandemic the Court Room was moved into the Council Chamber, creating a perfect time for updating the room. Funding had been set aside years ago for remodeling of City Hall, the Council Chamber was one of the last areas to be updated.

The new look in the Council Chamber/Court Room serves both the public meeting needs of the municipality, and the needs of Judge Jason Corey as a Court Room.

COVID—19 mandates mean the City will continue to hold public meetings via Zoom. We wanted to take this opportunity to share the transformation of the space from 1960 paneling to 2021 modern, professional and current.

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC:



TODAY:



Westside Sewer Upgrade

For much of the summer of 2021 there was an extended street closure on West 1st Street from the Lewis & Clark Festival Park to Terminal Way. West 1st Street was closed for through traffic to allow installation of a sanitary sewer upgrade.

Phase 1

City Engineering staff performed modeling of the existing sanitary sewer main lines from the Port area all the way to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility. They learned that the sanitary sewer needed to be upsized from a 24-inch mainline to a 30-inch mainline from the West 1st Street/Webber Road intersection, to a point at an existing manhole located in the Hattenhauer Fuel Distribution yard. In the summer of 2021, the City scheduled Phase 1 of this upsizing project.



Figure 1: The contractor had to bore under the freeway to install a 36-inch diameter casing in order to install the new 30-inch sanitary sewer main. This picture shows the boring operation on the south side of I-84 in June 2021.

This Phase 1 project consisted of constructing a new 30-inch sanitary sewer mainline from West 1st Street in front of the Cherry Growers Facility on the north side of I-84, to the manhole on the Hattenhauer Fuel Distribution property on West 1st Street on the south side of I-84. The contractor had to bore under the freeway to install a 36-inch diameter casing in order to install the new 30-inch sanitary sewer main.

Planning for the Future

Along with upsizing the main line from 24" to 30", this project will also consist of constructing the new line at a lower depth to accommodate the future phases of the project. The contractor found bedrock along the planned route for the sewer main. Excavation using a hydraulic hammer took a considerable amount of time.

The existing sewer main under I-84 will remain in service in case the new 30-inch main ever becomes plugged or inundated from too much flow. Phase 2 of the upgrade project will extend the upsized 30-inch sanitary sewer main on West 1st Street from the Cherry Growers Facility to Webber Street. The schedule for Phase 2 work has yet to be determined.



Figure 2: Bypass pumps routed sewer flows to the wastewater treatment plant while the upsized pipe was installed. This picture taken in July 2021 shows the bypass pumps, nearest I-84. A hydraulic hammer breaks up bedrock to the left, while an excavator scoops out a trench on the right. The trench box with ladder in the center keeps workers safe from cave-in.

Learn more about the sanitary sewer system at thedalles.org/wastewater

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT:

The City of The Dalles is recruiting for multiple vacant Police Officer positions. This recruitment is open to entry level and experienced applicants. These are full-time, sworn officer positions. If you have a heart for service and a desire to engage with our community, please consider applying by reaching out to our Human Resources Department. Experienced officers who are making a lateral move from other agencies may be eligible for a 10 thousand dollar hiring bonus which was recently approved by the city council to attract the highest level candidates.

If you join our team you will be working for a department that values you, your unique perspectives and life experiences. You will work alongside highly trained and motivated officers who are totally committed to the safety of our city through the philosophy of community policing. All equipment is provided to you and your training period is paid time. You will be supported and mentored by a field training officer whose highest priority is your success. Make a difference in our community and your own future. Join The Dalles Police Department and let your adventure begin. We strongly encourage women and minorities to apply. All applications will be given thorough review and fair consideration.

We need your help to prevent sewer back ups

No one wants to come home and find their basement or bathtub full of sewage from a sewer back-up.

A few years ago, some homes had sewer back-ups because cooking fats, oils and grease had clogged the City sewers. The City began cleaning the sewer mains more often in these neighborhoods. But, the problem continued.

In early 2020, cleaning crews found that grease had almost completely blocked the sewer in a neighborhood. We sent a letter and brochure to each home in that neighborhood asking for help keeping the sewer system flowing. These neighbors worked together to prevent homes from getting sewer back-ups.

HANG THIS POSTER IN YOUR KITCHEN AS A REMINDER OF WHAT NOT TO WASH DOWN THE DRAIN.

REMEMBER, ONLY SOAP AND WATER SHOULD GO DOWN THE DRAIN!

NEVER PUT FATS, OILS AND GREASE (F.O.G.) DOWN THE DRAIN.

Burgers Bacon Fryer Oil Stir Fry Salad and Dressing

Removing **CLOGS** in your sewer pipe is your responsibility and can be costly.

THE CITY CLEANS ABOUT **2 million gallons per day** before it goes into the Columbia River.

100 MILES of sewer lines are maintained by only 9 certified operators. The wastewater treatment plant has only 7 certified operators. Help avoid preventable clogs that take them away from other critical tasks. Help us clean up wastewater before it goes into sewer system. Think before you wash.

F.O.G. CLOGS PIPES!

Fats, oils and grease (F.O.G.) are the second biggest cause of sewer backups in The Dalles. Wipe out pots and pans before your wash. Pour cooled grease into a disposable container and put it in the trash.

Cameras are used for sewer inspection

Camera inspections are used to see which mains need to be cleaned to prevent sewer overflows in the streets and sewer back-ups into homes. Pictures make it very clear when neighbors in the area are pouring cooking oils and grease down the drain. The risk of sewer back-ups increases when grease builds up in household drain pipes and City sewers.

Learn more about the sanitary sewer system at thedalles.org/wastewater

Operation Clean Sweep

As weather cools many trees scatter leaves across lawns and streets. The Dalles Public Works mission is to promptly sweep up leaves. Fallen leaves can block storm water catch basins and cause flooding. They also create a slip hazard when they freeze onto the streets. We need your help to dispose of leaf piles and keep our streets safe.

The city-wide goal is to pick up leaves promptly so that they do not block the storm water catch basins and before they freeze onto the streets. To realize this goal we need your help. Citizens are asked to park off the street during street sweeper work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To report abandoned autos (extended parking with flat tire, storing junk, expired tags or broken windows) call (541) 296-5481 x1153.

- ◆ **Do not rake leaves from your yard into the street.** Compost leaves at home or put them in your yard debris container for pick-up. You can also put them in compostable paper bags and take them to The Dalles Transfer Station.
- ◆ Remove large sticks or branches from the roadway so they don't jam the sweeper.
- ◆ Clear storm drains in front of your house to prevent flooding during a rainstorm.



Please join us in Operation Clean Sweep in The Dalles, OR. Put leaves in compostable paper bags. Take bagged leaves to The Dalles Disposal, located at 1317 West First Street, Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4:30 pm.



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Free Leaf Disposal in November

Monday November 1, 2021 kicks off The Dalles Disposal autumn leaf disposal special. During November The Dalles Transfer Station, located at 1317 West First Street, will accept yard debris at no charge. Take bagged leaves to the transfer station Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4:30 pm. Free leaf disposal is for residential customers only. Landscape care companies and non-residential properties are not eligible for this special offer. Please use compostable paper bags. The Dalles Disposal will not accept yard debris in plastic garbage bags.

For more information about free leaf disposal call The Dalles Disposal at (541) 298 –5149.

Prepare for Winter Snow

The Dalles Public Works is making sure equipment is in good repair and stocking up to prepare our response to winter storm events. But City resources will be stretched to capacity once the snows begin. The job of snow removal is too big for City crews to tackle alone; City residents are therefore responsible for care of adjacent sidewalks during winter weather conditions.

You can prepare to assist City crews with winter storms by making sure that the following equipment in good repair and supplies are on hand:

- ◆ Snow shovel and/or snow blower (with fresh gas)
- ◆ Cooking spray for the snow shovel, so snow won't stick to the blade
- ◆ A stiff broom to sweep snow off of porches and decks
- ◆ Waterproof gloves with a good grip; waterproof boots with good traction
- ◆ Pet-friendly, child-safe, salt-free deicer that won't harm cement surfaces

While City crews are working hard, citizens will be asked to help in priority order:

- ◆ First priority: sand and/or shovel sidewalks adjacent to their homes or businesses. Safe passage should be cleared within the first two hours of daylight each day. Shoveled snow is to be piled on private property, not in the street.
- ◆ Second priority: help a neighbor clear the sidewalk in front of their home. Snow that has accumulated on cars that are parked on city streets should be removed so that City plow operators will see the parked cars.

Call a contractor or contact a volunteer organization about snow removal assistance services before the snow flies if you know you will need help.

For more snow response information and a flyer about safe sidewalks and snow shoveling safety go to thedalles.org/transportation or contact the Public Works office at (541) 296-5401.



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City of The Dalles Meeting Dates and Locations:

We encourage citizens to attend meetings. All meetings are open to the public via ZOOM. Updates and cancellations can be found on the City's website: thedalles.org

City Council – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. meets second and fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of holidays. Generally does not meet in August

Urban Renewal Agency – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month; as needed

Airport Board – Airport 7 a.m. third Friday of each month

Library Board – Location varies 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday

City Budget Committee – Council Chamber as needed and generally the first week of May

Urban Renewal Budget – Council Chamber generally first week of May

Museum Commission – Joint commission with Wasco County at PUD first Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Historic Landmarks - Council Chamber 4 p.m. fourth Wednesday

Planning Commission – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. first and third Thursday

Beautification Committee—City Hall Council Chamber—5:30 p.m. first and third Monday

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Please email or call anytime - we are happy to discuss your questions or concerns

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