



# The City Of The Dalles

WINTER 2021

## New Police Chief Selected

### Thomas Worthy, to be new Police Chief



After an extensive nationwide search, the City of The Dalles has received an accepted job offer for the position of Police Chief. The City is pleased with the responses that we received from many highly qualified candidates. The police chief selection panel include Mayor Rich Mays, local business owner Jorge Barragan, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Farquharson, former Chief of Police Jay Waterbury, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter and City Manager. Following interviews, the panel unanimously agreed on the top choice, Thomas Worthy.

Tom has over 27 years of law enforcement experience in Oregon. Most recently he served as a Major with Oregon State Police overseeing the Public Safety Services Bureau. Tom is completing his Master's degree in Law Enforcement Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego and will complete his coursework prior to arriving for his new role. He holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Washington State University and previously studied at Eastern Oregon University. Tom holds an executive management certification from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Tom is married with three children, two in college one in high school. He is busy working on relocating to The Dalles now. His first day as our new Chief of Police will be April 26, 2021. This will allow a few days of overlap with Chief Ashmore. In that time Chief Ashmore will complete a thorough orientation and introduce Chief Worthy to the Department and key community stakeholders.

Tom said "I am honored to be selected as the next Chief of The Dalles Police Department. I am eager to get to The Dalles and begin to form the relationships and connections that will continue to improve the professional service that we provide, and that the community rightfully expects".

We hope you will all join us in welcoming Tom to the community.

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## INTRODUCING New Faces at the City



**Kaitlyn Cook, Assistant Planner**

Kaitlyn started her position in the Community Development Department, replacing a planner who moved out of the area. Previously, Kaitlyn worked in an economic development position in Polk County, Oregon. Before that, she served in a year-long internship in the City of Pendleton’s Community Development Department. She is a life-long Oregonian and brings an affinity for rural communities.



**JC Udley Transportation Division**

JC started 11/23/2020 as Maintenance Worker in the Transportation Division. He was previously at Northern Wasco County PUD where he worked as a Road Technician II. His transportation work experience also includes work for TriMet and City of Portland. He lives in Maupin with his family.



**Robert Wymore, Water Treatment Plant**

Robert started 11/3/2020 as the new Water Treatment Plant Operator at Wicks. He previously worked for Oregon State University and for a private landscape design firm in Medford. Other work experience has included grounds keeping and labor in agriculture. He received a bachelor’s degree in ecological engineering from OSU. Robert lives in Hood River.

## The Columbia Gorge Regional Airport

The Airport was originally built as a simple grass landing strip in the early 1920’s as part of the U.S. Air Mail route from the eastern United States to Portland, OR. In 1931 it was formally dedicated as Case Field in memory of Walter E. Case a pilot killed in the Columbia River Gorge while flying his mail route. This grass strip was used for mail services and general aviators for over 20 years. In the early 1940’s as part of the war effort, surveyors from the U.S. Corps of Engineers determined there was only one location in the region with enough flat land to support an airport, the Dallesport peninsula. Located a few blocks north-east of the original grass strip, the current airport was constructed in 1943. Following the end of WWII The City of The Dalles, OR took over ownership of the airport.

The city operated CGRA as a small general aviation airport for many years to support local pilots. CON’T  
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## Healthy Trees for a Beautiful City

Trees in the city provide many benefits. According to the Oregon Department of Forestry, trees lower levels of noise and dust, reduce temperature, provide shade and increase property value. But sometimes, trees near streets and sidewalks can grow into too much of a good thing and create a safety hazard.

Trees in The Dalles are cared for by citizens, not City staff, except in the Downtown Area. It is the owner's or occupant's responsibility to reduce the hazard when a tree on their property or on the right-of-way next to their property blocks public walkways and streets.

This year the City is asking citizens to make a special effort to prevent damage to street trees. Pruning low hanging branches before a collision breaks them is healthier for trees. Tree trimming also prevents damage to tall vehicles like recreational vehicles, garbage trucks and school buses.

### Plan Proper Pruning for Safe Streets

Proper pruning or trimming is important for the health of your trees and shrubs. The best time to plan your late-winter pruning strategy is while branches are bare.

The Arbor Day Foundation website provides tree trimming guidance. "Pruning during dormancy is the most common practice. It results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring and should be used if that is the desired effect. It is usually best to wait until the coldest part of winter has passed."



City of The Dalles Municipal Code 11.20.020 regulating street trees requires all trees growing near a sidewalk street or alley to be trimmed so that the limbs and branches are not less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk and not less than fourteen (14) feet above the street. These trim requirements allow safe passage for pedestrians on sidewalks as well as garbage trucks and school buses traveling on streets and alleys.

City of The Dalles Municipal Code 5.24.020 requires vegetation that impairs the view of a public street or impairs the view of any traffic control device to be controlled or removed. These trim requirements allow vehicles to see oncoming traffic and obey traffic signs.

If you want to slow or dwarf the growth of trees and shrubs, prune in mid-summer.

The Arbor Day Foundation website has a tree care video library to show you pruning basics.

Other resources can be found on the internet or by consulting professionals.

For more information about trimming trees for traffic safety visit the City website [thedalles.org/streets](https://thedalles.org/streets) or contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

Arbor Day Foundation. (2020, December 15). *Tree Care Tips & Techniques*. Retrieved from Arbor Day Foundation: <https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/>

## The Dalles Wasco County Library Happenings

What's happening at The Dalles Public Library, plenty! We are busy as ever, offering curbside service (you can place items on hold, and come pick them up at our front door when they are available). If you don't have a particular book, or DVD, in mind, but need something to read or watch, give us a call and let us select for you. Maybe your hands just need something to do; if so, register for one of our activity kits. We offer activity kits (sort of like a craft kit) for all ages, a couple of times a month. Supplies are limited, you must register in advance. Registration usually opens about the first of the month.

Our Winter Reading program runs through the end of January, there's still time to register. You will be using the Beanstack app (available on our website: [www.wascocountylibrary.com/wrp2020](http://www.wascocountylibrary.com/wrp2020)) to register, and to keep track of your reading. Registration is easy, sign-up your whole family. Keeping track of your reading time will earn you entries into the drawings for some fabulous prizes.

### **Of interest to little ones:**

Virtual storytimes are offered every week on our Facebook page, **Baby Storytime:** ages 0 – 16 months, on **Wednesdays** at 10:30. Must have an adult lap to sit on. This 15-20 minute program is full of finger-plays, lapsits, and songs. **Toddler Storytime:** ages 12- months to 3-years, is held on **Thursdays** at 10:30. This 20-25 minute storytime will have songs, finger-plays, a story, and maybe a lapsit; and ends with the *Barnyard Dance*. Adult participation is required. **Friday Morning Storytime:** Join us on Facebook Live at 10:30 on Friday mornings. These storytimes include songs, finger-plays, movement, and stories. Adult participation is encouraged.

### **For families:**

In mid-February we will host a virtual magic show: "Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic will be performing a magic show about Satchel Paige and Negro League Baseball. The show will be filled with baseball-themed magic tricks, and it will explore the life and accomplishments of baseball pitcher Satchel Paige. From his all-star touring shows, to his amazing records with the Negro Leagues, to his Hall of Fame induction as baseball's oldest rookie and oldest player, Satchel Paige is a true American original."

## **Economic Recovery Grants**

The City of The Dalles has offered two rounds of grants for our small businesses.

In the first round in December, City worked with The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce providing 58 Economic Recovery Grants. The demand was high, and the COVID –19 pandemic continued.

Again the City partnered with The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce and launched round 2 on January 15. The grants application period will close January 22 at 5pm. \$100,000 is available, the standard grant amount is \$2,500.

The goal of the Relief Grant is to provide immediate financial relief to The Dalles' hardest-hit small businesses and non-profits in the form of unrestricted grants to support rent, employee salaries, and operating costs as a stop-gap relief. Grant funds to be awarded the last week of January.

For more information, including details on the criteria of the grant, please email the City of The Dalles at [jkrueger@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:jkrueger@ci.the-dalles.or.us) or visit The City of Dalles Facebook page.



## Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project

The Dog River pipeline is an important component of The Dalles municipal water system. The pipeline diverts water from Dog River to supplement streamflow in South Fork Mill Creek where the City's intake structure is located. The existing pipeline carries about half of the City's annual water supply. Wicks Water Treatment Plant treats and delivers about 1.25 billion gallons of drinking water annually.

The pipeline has served the City for more than a century. But it is now deteriorating, leaking, and at risk of catastrophic failure. Replacement of the pipeline will conserve as much as 1 million gallons per day. A new pipeline will reduce the amount of water diverted from Dog River to meet municipal water demands.

The Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project has reached an important milestone. In September 2020, the City received the final environmental review and Federal approval to build the project.

The City is now accepting proposals for project design and engineering. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

The City has set aside reserves to build this important water supply project to minimize borrowing. Grant and loan applications have been submitted that may help pay for the cost of this critical infrastructure. A \$1 million project grant has already been awarded.

The City plans to replace the wooden pipeline with modern materials that will be selected during design of the project. The new pipeline will double capacity to provide more operational flexibility for the City. The project will also include the voluntary installation of fish screens and fish passage



The Dog River pipeline is a 3.5-mile long, 20-inch diameter, wood stave pipeline constructed in the early 1900s using milled pieces of Douglas Fir secured with heavy galvanized wire and sealed with tar.



### Did you see the Red Ribbons around town in December?

The City had a citizen contact us about anonymously putting up red ribbons around town, her daughter, who is on the spectrum, was afraid to go out when others are out and about.

Mom felt this might help get her daughter outside in the evenings and spreading some love for the holidays.

Reports are in, people really loved it. Her daughter is thrilled.

## **The Dalles Housing Code Audit and Update**

The City is embarking on another round of updates to its development regulations for housing. The purpose of the project is to bring the City into compliance with Oregon House Bill 2001 (HB 2001) and to continue to implement recommendations from the City's Housing Strategies Report prepared in 2017. In 2019, the Oregon Legislature adopted HB 2001 requiring cities to amend their development regulations to offer a variety of different housing options, especially housing choices more people can afford. The Code Update project is funded in part by an Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) grant.

The first step is to complete an audit of the City's existing regulations to see how they measure up against the State's new housing development requirements. Another important purpose of the project is to identify and propose housing code amendments that will help improve the overall clarity and usefulness of the Development Code. The Planning Commission and City Council will be discussing this project and considering code amendments through the end of May 2021.

If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Dawn Marie Hert, Senior Planner at [dhert@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:dhert@ci.the-dalles.or.us) or 541-296-5481 ext. 1129.

## **Where does your water go?**

A typical family in the North America uses about 1,500 gallons per person per month for indoor domestic use. To make your water budget, multiply 1,500 gallons by the number of people in your family. If your water bill shows more than your water budget, a leak or other unknown use could be lurking in your home.

### **Find the sneaky leak**

It is easy to see a faucet leak because it drips. Toilet leaks are often silent so they are harder to detect. Toilet flappers are the most common leak in the home. Toilet repair parts cost less than \$10 dollars.

Take 3 simple steps to find a toilet leak.

Put food coloring or colored drink mix into the toilet tank. Do not flush.

After 15 minute, look into the toilet bowl.

If there is food coloring in the bowl, replace the flapper and test again. Usually no tools are needed to replace the flapper.

If this simple repair doesn't stop the leak, the fill valve may be broken. Replacing a worn fill valve takes only a few minutes and only one tool, an adjustable wrench.

Your local hardware store is a good place to find how-to fix-it guides for toilets, sinks and bathtub faucets.

Do you have questions about conserving water? Visit The Dalles Public Works Water Distribution webpage [thedalles.org/water\\_distribution](http://thedalles.org/water_distribution)

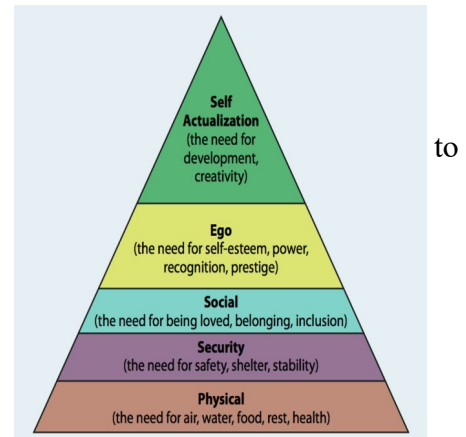
## The Dalles Winter Warming Shelter



The Dalles Winter Warming Shelter on Bargeway Road opened November 6, 2020 and will operate through the end of March 2021. Originally six temporary shelters were set up, serving two people each, and 12 more will be delivered the second week of January. Residents of Wasco and Sherman counties are eligible to be considered for housing. Individuals can apply or be referred by their case manager, law enforcement, etc. Applications are available at the site, St Vincent de Paul meal site, and local social service agencies.

The City of The Dalles, individuals, local businesses, churches and community partners donated supplies, in-kind services and financial support. In fact, without their overwhelming support, this project would not have been possible. The residents often talk about how grateful they are for the assistance.

Several changes have resulted from the opening of the temporary shelter site. Fewer people are hanging around St. Vincent de Paul and in local businesses. They prefer being warm and spending their time reading and listening music surrounded by their own belongings. Also, since their basic needs for food and shelter have been met, residents are able to take steps toward finding housing and seek medical and mental health care they need. Local agencies that provide outreach to the homeless, such as Mid-Columbia Center for Living, are having an easier time finding and visiting their clients. This follows Maslow's hierarchy of needs (see illustration).



If you are interested in how The Dalles is using its federal CARES Act funding compared to other cities around the US, check out the article “Red tape, confusion block COVID homeless aid from cash-strapped cities, counties across US” in the December 30, issue of USA Today, which features The Dalles. ([USA Today Story](#))

For more information, contact Darcy Long-Curtiss at [longcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:longcurtiss@gmail.com) or 541-980-7184



## **Your New Year's resolutions might include some home improvement projects.**

Painting projects can refresh the look and feel of your home. Outdoor painting projects will protect your home from weather damage. Plan your spring painting project for best results and to protect the environment using the following tips.

### **Plan your paint project**

Measure the area you want to paint so you purchase only the amount needed. You can find an online paint project calculator at the website for Paint Care, Inc. a non-profit paint stewardship organization at <https://www.paintcare.org/>

Use latex paint when possible because it can be recycled. Also, you can use water instead of toxic solvents for latex paint clean up.

Talk to local paint experts to find least toxic paint preparation solutions.

### **During your paint project**

Open your paint can using a key to avoid damage to the rim. Keep the rim clean so that you can seal the can between uses.

Use tarps and drip pans to collect spills and paint chips. Avoid soil contamination, which can harm your garden plants and harm the health of children or pets playing in your yard.

If using a spray gun, wear protective equipment such as goggles and a mask; avoid spraying on windy days and minimize overspray.

If your project takes more than one day you can store your paint for later use. Use a rubber mallet or place a piece of wood on top of the can before using a hammer to tamp the can lid for a tight seal. Learn more paint storage tips at <https://www.paintcare.org/>

### **Paint clean up: Keep paint out of your drains, city sewers and storm drains.**

Use up the paint, then set out the lid and open can to dry before throwing it in the trash.

Wash brushes in a spare bucket of water, then allow the water to evaporate and throw the bucket in the trash when solids are completely dry.

If you have leftover paint that you don't plan to use, recycle it at your paint store.

The Dalles Municipal Codes prohibits disposal of paints, cleaning solvents and other toxic materials into sewers or storm drains. Drains and sewers clogged with paint can cause sewage to backup into your home. Storm drains flow directly into local creeks and rivers so toxic materials can harm fish and wildlife.

Do you have questions about paint project planning or proper paint disposal? Ask your paint store or visit the Paint Care, Inc. website for more information and a paint disposal locator at <https://www.paintcare.org/>



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The exception being from 1953-1955 when United Air Lines offered commercial services to CGRA from Portland and Boise! In 2001 The City of The Dalles entered into a partnership with Klickitat County to co-sponsor the airport. For the last 20 years the airport has received significant support from both entities to pursue continued development as a regional economic asset.

Today Columbia Gorge Regional Airport is far more than a simple grass strip. CGRA has two active runways; 13-31 the main 5,097 ft runway and 7-25 the 4,647 ft crosswind runway. Runway 13-31 is in the final stages of FAA approval for a grass alternate operations area. The airport is served by three instrument approaches one being an (RNAV) approach with circling minimums and the other a LDA to Runway 25 with a Copter approach. Most recently CGRA has completed a \$2 million FAA



project rehabilitating the north portion of the ramp to strengthen and improve the asphalt as well as update the parking layout for larger aircraft and improve traffic flow. In addition, CGRA has recently begun the design phase of completing a similar project for the southern half of the apron. Columbia Gorge Regional Airport is also home to a 100-acre business park with space available for both aviation and non-aviation businesses. Over 15 acres are currently divided into 9 construction ready sites. And an additional 63 acres are zoned for industrial development and plans are in place to extend utilities in the near future. Current businesses include Life Flight, Klickitat County Ambulance Services, Sage Fruit, Washington State Department of Natural Resources Firefighting Assets, WyEast Forestry, Shears Agriculture Spraying and TacAero.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport and it's FBO partner offer a full slate of amenities for local pilots and visiting guests. The flight school is renowned for their tailwheel and backcountry courses; while still offering traditional tricycle gear, multi-engine and float plane ratings as well. Full maintenance and avionic services are available as well as Jet A fuel, 100 LL Avgas, a pilot lounge, courtesy car, and tie-down parking. Drawn by the over 300 days of sunshine an unprecedented number of pilots are eager to make CGRA their home. While hangar spaces are available to rent, there is currently a waiting list. The airport is aggressively pursuing a strategy to develop more T hangars and space is available for private box hangars to be built.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport boasts a dedicated general aviation population, provides services for hundreds of corporate travelers, is a seasonal firefighting station and maintains a close operational relationship with active, reserve and national guard units in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. Providing access to two states, four counties, multiple municipalities and over 72,000 citizens, CGRA serves as a gateway to the Columbia River Gorge with unparalleled opportunity for work and play!



**City of The Dalles Meeting Dates and Locations:**

**Due to COVID-19 all meetings are held via ZOOM at this time**

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](http://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 6 p.m. first and third Thursday

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