



The City Of The Dalles

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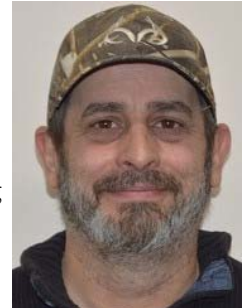
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INTRODUCING:

Peter Bradley has joined the City as an IT Specialist.

Peter grew up in Parkdale and is from England. Previously Peter worked for Marsh & McLennan Companies IT in the UK supporting Asia & the Pacific after spending 12 years in the British Army. Peter is loving being back home in the Gorge. He is looking forward to helping the City's staff deliver the best possible service to its residents.



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.

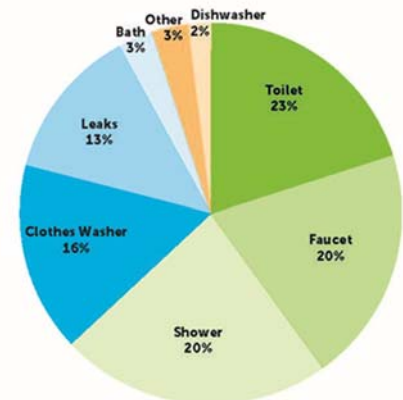
1. Put food coloring or colored drink mix into the toilet tank. Do not flush.
2. After 15 minute, look into the toilet bowl.
3. If there is food coloring in the bowl, replace the flapper and test again. Usually no tools are needed to replace the flapper.

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

Where does the water go?



Source: Residential End Uses of Water Study 2016



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

MLK DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE CLEAN UP

EVENT DETAILS

- What:** Community Clean Up
When: MLK Day, 1/20/20 from 11am-2pm
Where: Meet in the Home Depot parking lot near the corner of W 6th & Chenowith Loop Rd.
Bring: gloves, reflective vest (if you have them).
Why: Get outside, meet people, give back, and HAVE FUN!

This MLK Day join Blue Zones Project and The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee for a community clean up event. We will be picking up litter along 6th Street and in other areas of town. If you have them, please bring work gloves and a reflective vest. Go to The Blue Zones Project Facebook page (@BlueZonesProjectTheDalles) for the latest event information. Contact Brett Ratchford (brett.ratchford@sharecare.com) for more information.



The East Scenic Drive Stabilization Project

The East Scenic Drive Stabilization Project is located within the historic Kelly Avenue Landslide area. Phase 2 of the project will begin in December 2019 and is due for completion in May 2020. The purpose of the project is to continue improvements along East Scenic Drive. The roadway has deteriorated and the embankment is failing between Jefferson Street and Esther Way.

The Kelly Avenue Landslide originated at a depth of about 200 feet. It was first investigated and re-mediated in the late 1980's. The City installed dewatering wells to mitigate landslide movements. Ongoing monitoring shows that the wells have performed as expected. The landslide has been deemed stable.

But landslide area monitoring has indicated earth shifting at a shallow depth of approximately 10 feet. In 2011 engineers determined the cause to be shifting embankment fill material. The shifting of East Scenic Drive is not related to the original Kelly Avenue Landslide. They also determined that a soldier pile retaining wall system would be the best solution to stabilize the embankment.

The City plans to tackle this large public works project in several phases. A total of 1,100 feet of soldier pile retaining wall system is planned. In 2015, Phase 1 installed nearly 600 linear feet of retaining wall. Phase 1 also included reconstruction of the storm water collection system.



About 600 linear feet of soldier pile retaining wall was installed in 2015 during Phase 1 of the East Scenic Drive Stabilization Project.

Before Phase 2 began a new sanitary sewer main was installed. After the Phase 2 construction of about 250 linear feet of retaining wall, two more phases are planned. Phase 3 will install the final segment of the soldier pile retaining wall system. Phase 4 will completely rebuild the East Scenic Drive roadway system between Jefferson Street and Esther Way.

**New Art at City Hall and The Dalles Wasco County Library
Donated by Artist Alan Root**



CENSUS TIME

Self Response opens March 12, 2020. Census is safe, important and easy to complete.

Census data help guide billions of dollars worth of federal funding in Oregon for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the National School Lunch Program, Head Start, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Need Families (TANF), Cooperative Extension Service, Highway Planning and Construction, and many, many others.

For more information go to <https://2020census.gov/> Jobs are available.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSE

Over the past year the Community Development Department (CDD) has been reviewing the City's rules and regulations for Short Term Rentals (STRs) to better accommodate their growing popularity and to minimize potential neighborhood impacts. Companies including HomeAway, VRBO and AirBNB are just a few of the vacation rental companies that cater primarily toward transient rentals, with typical stays of 30 days or less. Since September 2018, the CDD has approved 19 of the 23 currently permitted STRs in the city.

The result of this review is a proposed change to the City's existing Bed and Breakfast and Vacation Rental (BBV) regulations found in Article 6.040 of Title 10 of the Municipal Code, with the establishment of a new Short Term Rental License requirement. As proposed the current BBV permit will be replaced by a new annually renewable STR license program. The basic framework of the new STR license is similar to the current BBV permit, with the addition of updated regulations addressing parking, safety inspections and precautions designed to minimize potential nuisance complaints. One major difference with this change will be removing the short term vacation rentals from the City's Land Use Code to a licensing program similar to the City's Transient Merchant License and Secondhand Dealer License.

Public hearings on the proposed Municipal Code changes have been held by the City Planning Commission and City Council. At the City Council's November 25, 2019 hearing, staff was directed to modify certain proposed changes and return on January 13, 2020. All members of the community are encouraged to attend the meeting.

For additional information please contact Joshua Chandler bat jchandler@ci.the-dalles.or.us, or at 541-296-5481 ext. 1120.

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR AND TRANSIENT MERCHANT LICENSE

On December 9, 2019, the City Council adopted General Ordinance No. 19-1376, amending Chapter 8.28 Transient Merchants and adding Chapter 8.29 Mobile Food Vendors to Title 8 - Business of The Dalles Municipal Code.

The definition of a “Transient Merchant” was revised to separate vendors operating food trucks from other types of temporary vendors. This change resulted in the new Mobile Food Vendor Chapter 8.29 which better addresses individuals operating food trucks selling ready to eat foods.

The new Mobile Food Vendor (MFV) Chapter created three different classifications:

Type I. A Type I MFV has the ability to obtain one 30-day license and allows the applicant to apply for up to five 30-day extensions (180-days maximum). Type I MFVs will not be allowed to connect to public utilities. Outdoor seating (4 tables with 6 seats at each table maximum) can be provided only when a restroom facility with a handwashing station is available within one-quarter mile walking distance or five minute walk from the mobile food unit.

Type II. A Type II MFV has the same requirements as a Type I MFV, however, a Type II license is valid for one 12-month time period with the ability to obtain one 12-month extension.

Type III. A Type III MFV requires a Site Plan Review (a type of Land Use review through Title 10 Land Use and Development) for approval. Type III vendors might include those seeking to connect to public utilities, requesting additional structures or seating areas other than the allowed outright uses, or requesting more than one food truck located on the same lot.

The new MFV Chapter identifies zones within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) where food trucks are allowed to operate. The City will now require documentation showing where water will be collected and how waste will be disposed. Outdoor seating, which is not addressed in the current Transient Merchant Chapter, is also now defined.

An investigation fee is still required upon receipt of a completed application to the City Finance Department. This fee has increased from \$10 to \$20 and will apply towards the Applicant’s license fee. The current license fee for one month or less is \$25 and an annual fee is \$50, (total of \$35 or \$60 dollars with the investigation fee). New license fees for a Transient Merchant License are as follows:

Six months or less \$50, One six month extension \$50.

New license fees for a Mobile Food Vendor are as follows:

Type I: \$30 (valid for 30-days), \$25 extension (valid for an additional 30 days, up to 5 extensions are allowed for a maximum of 180-days total)

Type II: \$150 (valid for 12-months), \$130 extension (valid for one additional 12-month period).

Type III: Site Plan Review fee of \$440.

Vendors can reduce the license fee by 15% when offering a minimum of two healthy food items.

For additional information please contact Riley Marcus at rmarcus@ci.the-dalles.or.us, or at 541-296-5481 ext. 1132.

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 or contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

The Dalles Wasco County Library Happening!

Featuring Events For the teens & tweens (roughly 11-18 years old)

Special January events:

Teen String Art

January 3 at 1:00 in the Teen Lounge Come in and enjoy one last program before school starts again. Teens will have a blast creating a masterpiece for their wall during this fun and engaging program. All supplies will be provided for this free event. Registration is required as supplies are limited.

Teen Loteria

January 7 at 4:00 in the Maker Space Learn Spanish while you play Mexican bingo with your fellow teens. Light snacks will be provided. Loteria has been played in the Hispanic and Latinx community for hundreds of years. This traditional game of chance is similar to bingo, but instead uses images on a deck of cards rather than numbered ping pong balls.

Smash Books

January 9 at 4:00 in the Teen Lounge Never heard of a smash book? Smash books are a type of journal that includes one's interests, think part bullet journal, part scrapbook. Hang out and make one of these awesome books to hold all your memories.

Teen Paint Night

January 10th at 3:30 in the meeting room. Teens are invited to join us for a paint night. We will be recreating a winter inspired painting using your own unique styles. All the materials will be provided and as always, it's free. This program has limited materials, *all participants must register.*

Giant Twister Game

January 16 at 3:30 in the meeting room. We all know the game, but this is on a grand scale. We will be turning the meeting room into one giant game board. Come have fun with friends. The last person standing will get a cool prize!!

Teen Movie

January 17 at 3:30 in the Teen Lounge. We're watching a movie in the Teen Lounge, snacks will be provided but the movie is still to be determined. Have an idea for what we should watch? Let Mema know! All movies PG-13 and under will be considered.

Edible Slime

January 23 at 4:00 in the meeting room what could be better than stretching a gob of goo between your hands or letting it run between your fingers? Eating it! Come make a batch of edible slime. That's right, gooey, delicious, edible slime! FYI: allergens may be present.

Mini Book Jewelry

January 30 at 3:30 in the Teen Lounge. Iconic book covers are always eye catching. We will be creating miniature versions of your favorite books. You can leave it as a tiny book or make them into jewelry pieces.

Piñata Crafternoon

January 31 at 3:30 in the Teen Lounge. We all love a good piñata. For our teen Anti-Valentine Party we will be cracking open this piñata filled with treats, but we need to make it first. Join us for a group project and come back on Valentine's Day to bust it open.

For Younger children and Adult programs contact the Library at 541-296-2815

City of The Dalles Meeting Dates and Locations:

We encourage citizens to attend meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

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 7:30 p.m. at PUD first Tuesday

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

Planning Commission – Council Chamber 6 p.m. first and third Thursday

Beautification Committee - City Hall Upstairs Conference Room—5:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesday

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

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