



The City Of The Dalles

Spring 2021

INTRODUCING:



Aprile Keith, started at the Library February 2 as the Library Technical Assistant for Circulation Desk.

Aprile has 6 years of experience in libraries and another 10 years in communications and marketing. She holds a Master's in Global Marketing Communications and Advertising from Emerson College. She also has a BA in Communication Arts and Philosophy from the University of The Cumberlands.



Amy Szilagyi, started January 25 as the new Account Technician in Finance.

Amy has 19 years of finance experience. She has an Accounting Certificate and an AAS degree in Criminal Justice from PCC. Most recently she worked for DAT Solutions in Beaverton as an Accounting Assistant.

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313 Court Street
541-296-5481

Police Department
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541-296-2613
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City of The Dalles
Police Department

Public Works
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The Dalles/Wasco
County Library
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Wasco County
Library

City Website:
www.thedalles.org

City Facebook page:
City of The Dalles—
City Hall

City Hall Hours:

Beginning April 5 there will be new hours and service availability at City Hall.

Traffic Court will continue to be held via Zoom until at least June 1.

The **Fire Museum and Veteran Museum** at City Hall will be open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City Hall Offices will be open by **appointment only Monday through Thursday**. You must call to arrange an appointment from the respective department:

Community Development/Planning: 541-296-5481 Ext 1125

Finance/Utility Billing: 541-296-5481 Ext 1111

Traffic Court: 541-296-5481 Ext 1124

City Manager/City Clerk: 541-296-5481 Ext 1119

Human Resources: 541-296-5481 Ext 4448

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED

**This edition will focus on the various boards, commissions and committees
that serve the citizens of the City of The Dalles**

If you are interested in serving please fill out the application available on the City's website at <http://www.thedalles.org/node/70>

Traffic Safety Commission

Created in 1973 by the City Council, the Commission is an advisory body that forwards recommendations to the Public Works Director. Recommendations may then be forwarded to the City Manager.

The purpose of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission is:

- To coordinate traffic planning.
 - To conduct traffic surveys, studies and investigations.
 - To prepare and publish traffic reports as requested.
 - To prepare and recommend proposals for improving traffic conditions.
 - To hold public hearings relating to traffic control problems, proposals and solutions.
- The Planning Commission or City Council may refer matters to the Traffic and Safety Commission for their review and input.

The Commission meets via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. Agendas and minutes are available on the City website at www.thedalles.org/Traffic_Safety

Citizens with traffic safety concerns can use a form on the website to send a written description about the concern to trafficsafety@ci.the-dalles.or.us

The Mayor appoints members of the Commission. The term of service is four years. Members can serve two consecutive terms. Qualified applicants will preferably have experience related to traffic safety issues. But there are no specific requirements on living locations, education or experience.

Library Board of Directors

The Wasco County Library Service District Board of Directors was established to advocate for the library in the community. They work to make sure Wasco County has the best possible library service. The Board plans for the future of the Library District by being responsive to community needs and monitoring and evaluating the overall effectiveness of the library. The Board of Directors monitor monthly financial statements while also spending much of their time on policy issues - developing policies and monitoring their effectiveness. Once adopted by the Board, library staff carry out the policies on a day-to-day basis.

The Library Board consists of five members, all residents of the Wasco County locality they represent. The Board of Directors is an advisory board and as such they are appointed and approved by their respective city governments. The Dufur School and Community Library and Southern Wasco County Library have one Board representative each, and The Dalles Wasco-County Library has two appointed Board members. There is one county At-Large appointee. The five Trustees serve four-year terms.

The Library Board of Directors meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public and start at 4 pm. The meetings rotate between three different venues: The Dalles-Wasco County Library, 722 Court Street, The Dalles; Dufur School and Community Library, 802 NE 5th Street, Dufur; and the Southern Wasco County Library, 507 Grant Ave, Maupin.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is the decision-making authority on applications for various types of land use and zoning matters. The seven member Commission is appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval, and reviews everything from site plan and map approvals to rezoning and annexation requests. In addition, the Commission works to modify and update the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the Land Use and Development Ordinance, and recommend changes to the City Council.

The purpose of the Planning Commission is to insure that new development or other proposals serve the best interest of the community at large and the zoning district in which it will be built. The Commission strives to ensure that all citizens' health, safety, and rights are considered in any proposal or dispute.

Members of the Planning Commission serve a four-year term and are required to be residents of the city. The Planning Commission regularly meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. These meetings are open to the public and begin at 5:30 P.M. currently via Zoom.

Historic Landmarks Commission

The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) was established to help protect historic and cultural resources from destruction, inappropriate alteration, and incompatible adjacent development; stabilize and improve property values in historic districts; enhance the city's attractiveness; stimulate business, industry, and tourism; educate residents and visitors concerning the city's heritage; preserve the community's historic housing stock; and to comply with state historic resources regulations.

The Commission consists of six members, five of which are appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval; the sixth member is an advisory position representing The Dalles/Wasco County Museum Commission. The five appointed members serve a four year term and are required to be city residents. Residents with knowledge or an education in history, architecture, architectural history, archaeology, or related fields are encouraged to apply.

The HLC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 4 pm currently via Zoom.

Urban Renewal Agency Board

The Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency (Agency) Board reviews and makes decisions on urban renewal projects, including applications from private development interests requesting Agency assistance. The Board also reviews all projects and expenditures to ensure such projects and expenditures are consistent with the Agency's adopted budget.

The Board is composed of nine members, three of which are members of the City Council which are appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Council. Two of the members are members of the general public representing businesses located within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal District, appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval. The other four members represent Wasco County, the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue District, the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District, and the Port of The Dalles. Each of these four governmental agencies appoints a representative to serve upon the Agency Board. The City Council and general public members serve three year terms, while the terms of the governmental representatives serve at the pleasure of the respective governmental body.

The Agency Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and begin at 5:30 P.M. currently via Zoom.

Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee

The Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee consists of the Agency Board members supplemented by nine members appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval. The appointed Budget Committee members serve a three year term with the terms staggered so that one-third of the terms end each year. The Committee, together with the Agency Board, reviews the annual proposed Agency budget and recommends changes as necessary to the Board for consideration and adoption.

The Budget Committee meets on an as-needed basis during the Agency's annual budget preparation process. Committee members are required to be voting residents of the city.

These meetings are open to the public and are held currently via Zoom.

City of The Dalles Budget Committee

The City of The Dalles Budget Committee consists of the City Council and an equal number of citizens appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council concurrence. The citizen members of the committee serve 3 year terms. They review the annual proposed City budget and recommends changes as necessary to the Council for consideration and adoption.

These meetings are held the first week of May; are open to the public; and held via Zoom at this time.

What is the Local Budget Law process?

Local budget law requires certain, specific actions as a local government prepares its budget.

- The budget officer prepares a proposed budget.
- The governing body appoints voters to the budget committee.
- The budget officer publishes notices of the budget committee's first meeting.
- The budget committee reviews the proposed budget, considers comments from the public, sets fiscal policy, and then approves the budget and tax levies.
- The budget officer publishes notice of budget hearing, including a summary of the budget approved by the budget committee.
- The governing body holds a hearing on the approved budget.
- The governing body adopts the budget, makes appropriations and imposes and categorizes property taxes.
- The governing certifies its property taxes to the county assessor.

During the fiscal year, when the local government is operating under the adopted budget, the governing body may change the adopted budget. Changes are necessary before additional money is spent or money is spent for a different purpose than as appropriated.

What is a budget?

A budget is a financial plan containing estimates of revenues and expenditures for one fiscal year or biennium.

When does a fiscal year or biennium start and end?

A fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on the following June 30.

More detailed information can be found on the State of Oregon website <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/faq-localb.shtml#Introduction>

Beautification Committee

The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee was established in 2019 by the Mayor. The Committee consists of 7 to 9 members, that are appointed by the Mayor.

The mission of the Beautification Committee is “To add to the rich cultural history of our place; share the beauty of our community; and instill a sense of pride in our public, private, and communal outdoor spaces.”

The Beautification Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 5:30pm with the exception of holidays. All meetings are available to attend via Zoom. The login information is on each agenda.

The Committee spearheaded or assisted with the following projects:

- Rehabilitation of the Vogt Fountain and Rose Garden
- Clean up and bark mulch at City Park Rose Garden
- Reestablished Beautification Award. Check out the Criteria [here](#).
- Established Holiday Decoration Contest
- Stop The Drop Campaign - including partnering with Gorge Toyota for Monthly Cleanups, March through October.
- Welcome signs on west and east end of The Dalles - including lighting for the sign at the west end of the roundabout
- Beautifying triangles within the City
- Support of/working with other entities for the greater good and beautification of The Dalles

If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Mayor Rich Mays at rmays@ci.the-dalles.or.us



The completed rehabilitation of the Vogt Fountain (left)

December's Holiday Decoration Award Winner (above)

Benefits of The Dalles Street Sweeping Program

A regular schedule of street sweeping keeps our City clean and attractive. There are also many other benefits to street sweeping.

Safe & Clean Streets

Street gutters tend to collect leaves, sticks, trash and other debris. Items in the road can cause damage to vehicles and bicycles. Removal of debris prevents trip or slip hazards for pedestrians.

Prevents Flooding

Debris can clog gutters and catch basins, which can cause localized street flooding. Pedestrians, cyclists and runners may detour into vehicle traffic to avoid floodwaters. Vehicles should avoid driving through standing water.

Preserves Water Quality

Catch basins drain stormwater directly into local waterways without treatment to remove pollutants. Street sweeping picks up sand, gravel, grass clippings, pet waste and other pollutants before they can wash into streams and rivers.

The City of The Dalles is Committed to Maintaining Safe & Clean Streets:

- **Monthly Street Sweeping** - The City of The Dalles sweeps streets at least once a month. A regular schedule of street sweeping keeps our City clean and attractive. But sweepers cannot sweep curb-to-curb when cars and recreational vehicles are parked on the street.
- **Curb-to-Curb Sweeping** - Citizens are asked to make a special effort to move cars and recreational vehicles off the street or out of the street sweeping route on the days scheduled for curb-to-curb sweeping.

Operation Clean Sweep - Each fall the City sweeps leaves from the streets. Leaves piled in the street are not able to be picked up by the street sweeper. During Operation Clean Sweep citizens are asked to rake and dispose of leaves at The Dalles Disposal.

You Can Help the City Make a Clean Sweep:

- **Clear streets to the curb** - Citizens are asked to park vehicles off the street during sweeper hours: Weekdays 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.



- **Clear the gutters** - Remove grass or weeds that grow in the gutter.
- **Clear the street** - Remove large sticks and branches from the street in front of your house. They can jam and damage the street sweeper.
- **Clear debris** - Don't blow or pile yard debris or fallen leaves in the street.
- **Clear pet waste** - If you own a pet, be a good neighbor and "scoop the poop".
- **Clear trash** - Pick up trash left in the street.

Street Sweeping Safety Tips:

- **Please use caution when passing** a moving street sweeper. A parked car and other obstacles ahead and may cause the driver to swerve suddenly into vehicles or bicyclists attempting to pass.
- **Allow extra following distance** when driving a vehicle behind a moving street sweeper. Pedestrians and bicyclists might want to cross to the other side of the street from the sweeper or step a distance away while the sweeper passes.
- **Please don't follow a street sweeper closely.** Airborne dust may make visibility difficult. Small rocks may get kicked up by the rotating brooms. The City is not responsible for rock chips or injuries caused by street sweepers.

Make sure to follow The Dalles Public Library on Facebook to stay up to date with all the fun activities.

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

The Dalles Public Library
VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT
with
Carole Lindstrom

EARTH DAY
April 22,
2021

ON ZOOM
@1pm
and
@3:30pm

WE ARE Water PROTECTORS

To register for this FREE event please visit:
wascocountylibrary.com/we-are-water-protectors

This event is supported by a grant for the Wasco County Cultural Trust Coalition with funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust to support Oregon's arts, heritage, and the humanities.

Home Sprinkler Safety

While sprinkler systems make it easy to water lawns and gardens, they also pose a potential risk. Without the proper plumbing equipment, water can flow backward (backflow), allowing contaminated water from your sprinkler system to flow into your home's drinking water supply and water mains.





Install a backflow preventer, to keep your water drinkable.

All sprinkler systems must be equipped with a properly installed, state approved backflow preventer to meet the requirements of Oregon plumbing code requirements. The City provides home sprinkler safety information by issuing a no fee permit. Also, all sprinkler systems fed by public water systems need a plumbing permit before installation.

Annual testing is needed for all assemblies, except atmospheric vacuum breakers, to ensure safe operation and health protection.

You can learn more about backflow testing and download a Backflow Prevention Assembly Permit (no fee at this time) at www.thedalles.org/water_distribution

How to Protect Your Health: Four Types of Backflow Preventers

	<p>ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER (AVB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot be tested to ensure safe operation and health protection• Several may be needed to protect the whole system• Elevated piping or valves not allowed downstream
	<p>PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY (PVBA) SPILL RESISTANT VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY (SVBA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be tested to ensure safe operation and health protection• Only one PVBA or SVBA needed to protect the whole system• Elevated piping not allowed downstream
	<p>DOUBLE CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY (DCVA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be tested to ensure safe operation and health protection• Only one DCVA needed to protect the whole system• Elevated piping allowed downstream
	<p>REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY (RPBA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be tested to ensure safe operation and health protection• Elevated piping allowed downstream• Only backflow preventer allowed for application of fertilizer or other lawn chemicals through sprinkler system• Only backflow preventer allowed for sprinkler systems connected to both an on-site well and city water system

ALL TOGETHER THE DALLES, COMMUNITY CLEANUPS



2ND SATURDAY :: 10AM :: MEET AT THOMPSON PARK



ALL ARE WELCOME

JOIN US AND OUR CO-HOST, THE CITY OF THE DALLES BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

DATES,

- MARCH 13TH
- MAY 8TH
- JULY 10TH
- SEP. 11TH
- NOV 13TH
- APRIL 10TH
- JUNE 12TH
- AUGUST 14TH
- OCT 9TH

Contact Rachel at, (208) 757-3632 for more info



Cindy Keever 35 Years of Service at the City of The Dalles

Cynthia (Cindy) Keever was born and raised in The Dalles, after she graduated from The Dalles High School and Northwestern College of Business she worked for a local radio station and an accountant's office before coming to work for the City of The Dalles as the Public Works Secretary. When she started, Public Works was located on 6th Street where Griffith Motors is now. "This building is very nice compared to the old one" says Cindy, who self-proclaims that she is an eternal optimist, and tends to always see the good in people. Cindy has learned to not take the bad things personally, and acknowledges that the public is generally appreciative of our work. She takes pride in the fact that she can listen to an angry customer and calm them down by the end of the conversation.



"This job is all about the people, and a lot of them are very unique!" Cindy says with a laugh. To sum up her career, she says "I am very grateful for the benefits here that add to the quality of life, like being able to attend all of my kid's games, and all of the relationships that I have built over the years. Honesty is the best policy, and always be respectful of other people, because you don't know what they are going through." When Cindy is not at work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, gardening and traveling.

It's Spring!

Time to spruce up your sprinkler system in four simple steps



INSPECT sprinkler heads. A broken one can use **25,000 gallons** of water in six months!



DIRECT sprinkler spray onto landscape, not pavement.



CONNECT hoses and pipes well. A leak as small as the tip of a pen can use **6,300 gallons** of water per month!



SELECT a WaterSense® labeled sprinkler timer for water saving features.



City of The Dalles is a WaterSense promotional partner
More water saving tips at thedalles.org/water_distribution

2021 Investments in Pavement Management

The Transportation Division plans to get an early start on this year's pavement preservation activities. Annual road condition evaluations help determine best-value candidates for street maintenance projects. The City directs its limited resources to help protect and extend the life of the transportation system. Pavement preservation projects are visible work the Transportation Division performs.

This spring and summer the City will focus on several street maintenance projects. See a few project highlights below:

- Approximately 18 miles of crack sealing will occur throughout the City. This is the lowest cost pavement preservation treatment available. Crack sealing as a pretreatment improves the effectiveness of other surface treatments such as chip seals. Approximately 75% of cracks turn in to potholes within 3 years if they are not sealed.
- Nearly six miles of roadway in several areas of town will be chip sealed. This type of preventative maintenance is one of the best use of street maintenance dollars. Chip sealing helps to reinstate oil into the oxidized pavement surfaces and provides a new, durable chip rock wearing surface.
- A 980 linear foot inlay project in the westbound lane of West 2nd Street from Terminal Avenue to Webber Street.
- ADA curb ramp improvements are planned at the intersections of Union Street at 8th and 9th Streets.
- A 3,846 linear foot scrub seal project is planned for two roadway segments. The first is on East Scenic Drive from Jefferson Street to the Sorosis Park Entrance. The second is on Bridge Street from West 10th Street to West 14th Street.



The Transportation fund's primary sources of revenue:

- Oregon State Motor Vehicle Fund
- 3-cent City gas tax
- City Water & Sewer Impact Fees
- City General Fund

At the printing of the April newsletter the first projects will have started, weather permitting. Thank you for your attention to safe travel around and through work areas.

You can view the 2021 street maintenance projects map, the list of streets that will be chip sealed at thedalles.org/transportation

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 6 p.m. first and third Thursday

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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