



# The City Of The Dalles

SUMMER 2018

## State of The City

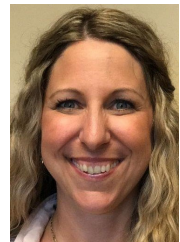
### INTRODUCING:



**Kelby Johnson** was hired in April to fill a vacancy as Maintenance Worker in General Services. Kelby has lived locally with his family for years and most recently work for CH2M at the Wastewater Treatment Facility here in The Dalles. Prior to that he worked for Tum A Lum for 18 years.

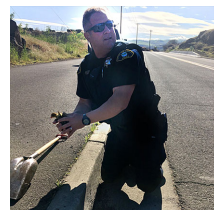


**Riley Marcus**, Associate Planner began work with the City on June 25. Originally from Bellingham, WA. Riley moved down to the Gorge in 2015 with her pup Denali. She attended Western Washington University where she received a degree in Urban Planning and Sustainable Development. Riley currently lives in Hood River and spend my spare time biking, hiking/ backpacking, skiing, cooking (huge foodie), and loving on family and friends.



**Jean Corbin**, Public Works Department Secretary began work for the City in June. The last five years Jean worked for Mid-Columbia Medical Center. Jean was born in Betterdorf, IA, and moved to The Dalles in 2000. Jean says she love the small town charm of The Dalles. She is enjoying learning all that Public Works does for our City. Jean is excited to be working for the City and hopes her work will open doors for her to be more involved in the community.

**The Animal Control Officer Lisa Stuck** maintains public safety within the City of The Dalles by enforcing animal licensing laws and humane care regulations while on patrol. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for capturing and impounding dangerous or stray animals, investigates cases of animal cruelty, enforcing licensing laws, providing testimony in court cases, rescuing trapped animals, writing incident reports, and providing humane care to animals under the Animal Control Officers supervision.



From time to time assistance is provided by other officers of The Dalles Police Department.

Officer Becnel seen here assisting a baby duck to safety.

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## A lot has been happening at The Dalles Police Department



On May 29, Santiago Garcia was sworn in as a Police Officer with The Dalles Police Department. He left for the 16 week basic police academy on June 11. Santiago has been a reserve with the department for several years and the department is excited to have him on as a full time Officer. He will be a great addition to the police department and a great asset to the citizen of The Dalles.

The remodel at the Police Department started with the idea that our patrol division is housed in the smallest room in the Police Department but make up the majority of our staff. After some discussion, it was concluded that the volunteer room wasn't being used to its capacity and that the wall between the Patrol Sargent office and the volunteer room could be taken down. This would make one room large enough for the detectives and then the patrol division could be moved to the current detective's office. The Patrol Sergeants Office would be moved to the current office used by Patrol.



Department members, with help from General Services Maintenance, Terry Harkrader, were instrumental in doing the demo (cabinet and carpet removal) and remodel on their own time. The cabinets in the volunteer room were taken out by people from the department.

The conference room was painted and a focus wall put up by volunteers and members of the department. Doug Marquardt, Doug and Autumn Kramer were instrumental in painting and remodeling the police department conference room. The entire room was painted and Autumn designed and painted a United States Law Enforcement mural on the south wall. Doug Marquardt erected a wooden "focus wall" on the front wall and is in the process of hand carving our new patch out of wood to put in the middle of the wall.

During the City Council Meeting on June 11, Chief Ashmore recognized Mr. Darnielle, Mr. Coupe and Ms. Thornton, Officers Wood, Elton and Lick for a lifesaving event that took place in April of this year.



The efforts of these six people undoubtedly saved the life of a man who was trapped under a vehicle after his tire jack had collapsed, causing the car to fall on him. The quick response from the three citizens and the timely response and quick actions by the three Officers were recognized by the Chief of Police and they were all presented lifesaving awards. Family, friends, and co-workers were in attendance for the award ceremony.

## Summer Pruning for Safe Streets

In summer time, students are out of school and more likely to be walking on sidewalks or biking on neighborhood streets. Pruning trees and shrubs in mid-summer slows or dwarfs growth. That's why summer is a good time to make our streets safer by trimming branches that block a driver's view at street corners or crowd walkers off of sidewalks and into the street.

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.

Proper pruning is important for the health of your trees and shrubs. The Arbor Day Foundation offers a series of "Ask an Arborist" how-to videos to show you the ABCs of pruning.

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

### Safe Trimming Tips

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration the most common tree trimming accidents are electrocution, falling from a tree or being struck by trees or limbs.

Take control of your own safety. Learn all you can. Then purchase pruning and safety equipment before trimming trees or large shrubs.

If your trees or shrubs are growing into powerlines, do not attempt to prune or remove them yourself. Report the hazard tree to North Wasco County PUD. Fill out the tree trimming permit form available on their website. Trees can conduct electricity. So wait until the upper branches of the tree have been trimmed away from overhead power lines before pruning low branches.

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



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 feet above the sidewalk and 1) 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.

Arbor Day Foundation. (2017, December 5). *When to Prune*. Retrieved from Arbor Day Foundation: <https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/when-to-prune.cfm>



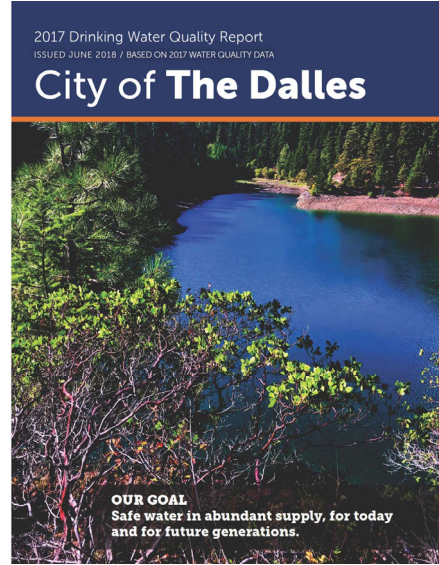
## Winning Water Quality Reports

The City Water Quality Report has won the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association Excellence in Communication Award for several years in a row, and the report for 2016 was no exception.

The entries are judged on clear explanation of technical information, clean design and meeting U.S. EPA reporting requirements.

The purpose of the report is to inform consumers about drinking water test results, water source protection efforts and what the City is doing to deliver safe drinking water every day.

You can view our newest report at [thedalles.org/waterquality](http://thedalles.org/waterquality)



## 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 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.

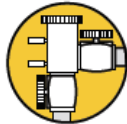
You can learn more and download a Backflow Prevention Assembly Permit (no fee at this time) at [thedalles.org/water\\_distribution](http://thedalles.org/water_distribution)

### How to Protect Your Health: Four Types of Backflow Preventers



#### ATMOSPHERIC VACUUM BREAKER (AVB)

- 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



#### PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY (PVBA)

#### SPILL RESISTANT VACUUM BREAKER ASSEMBLY (SVBA)

- 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



#### DOUBLE CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY (DCVA)

- Must be tested to ensure safe operation and health protection
- Only one DCVA needed to protect the whole system
- Elevated piping allowed downstream



#### REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY (RPBA)

- 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

## What's happening at the Library

Kids, teens, and even adults, are invited to participate in The Dalles-Wasco County Library 2018 Summer Reading Program through **August 3rd**. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" All of the library programs are free of charge; however, some of the teen programs do require registration due to limited space. Kids and teens can pick up their summer reading packet (or parents can pick up for them) on their next visit. Last day to pick up packet is July 27th.

### Summer reading activities for all ages:

Friday, July 6th @ 1:30—Noise Guy, a very noisy performance  
Wednesday, July 18th @ 10:00—Oregon Rocks, explore Oregon's geology  
Friday, July 20th @ noon—Hula performance, plus learn some hula moves  
Thursday, July 26th @ 1:30—Steve's Creature Feature, snakes, lizards & more  
Friday, August 3rd @ 1:30—Summer Reading Finale, will be held at City Park

### Summer reading activities for ages 6-11:

Wednesdays @ 1:00 (through—August 1st) Explore tech gadgets  
Friday, July 13th @ 1:30—Rock art, decorating rocks  
Friday, July 27th @ 1:30—DIY—make a musical instrument

### Summer reading activities for grades 6-12

Friday, July 6th at 3:30—Teen movie, we'll be watching Pitch Perfect 3  
Friday, July 13th at 3:30—Rockin' games. Unleash your inner rock star, play Guitar Hero on the Library's Xbox One  
Friday, July 20th at 3:30—Music-making workshop. Record, edit, and share original music compositions using iPads and Garage Band. **Registration required.**  
Friday, July 27th at 3:30—Rock n' Roll T-shirts. Create a music themed t-shirt. Bring your own shirt. **Registration is required.**

### First Tuesday Movies

Movies for adults are shown each month at The Dalles Public Library. These movies are shown at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month, in the Library's meeting room, and will usually be adult-themed. Popcorn is provided, bring your own soft drink.

## Book groups

### Pride Book Club

The Pride Book Club is open to all adults interested in reading LGBTQA literature. We meet the second Thursday of the month, at 6:30 on the mezzanine. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara @ your library.

### Non-fiction Book Club

This newest book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm on the mezzanine.

### Third Thursday Book Group

As the name implies, this group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are usually held upstairs in the magazine corner.

### Mystery/Crime Book Group

The Mystery/Crime Book Group meets upstairs in the magazine corner at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of most months.

## LIVE STREAMING OF CITY MEETINGS

The City of The Dalles is participating in a case study with Open Media Foundation. Over the course of the next year we will be tracking community engagement through Facebook activity, website views and YouTube views.

Open Media Foundation Executive Director, Tony Shawcross "The Dalles is moving to a level of transparency far ahead of the curve for small towns and cities. The tools and technologies make this level of accessibility possible for even the smallest governments, and we are confident that The Dalles can serve as a model for small communities with a genuine desire to expand civic engagement and serve their constituents." During this case study comments and suggestions are welcome at [support@open.media](mailto:support@open.media).

The Dalles is now live streaming and archiving City Council, Planning Commission, Historic Landmarks Commission and Urban Renewal Agency meetings using the Open Media platform. Open Media is a government transparency tool created by Denver nonprofit Open Media Foundation. Using the tool, constituents of The Dalles can search over agenda items to find what their representatives are saying about issues they care about, and go directly to specific points of the meeting videos using indexed agenda items. They can also access all meeting materials, including agendas, packets, and minutes. Watch the meetings on The Dalles website at [www.thedalles.org/Live\\_Streaming](http://www.thedalles.org/Live_Streaming).

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

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