



The City Of The Dalles

SUMMER 2022

There are a lot of new faces in the City

City Manager Matthew Klebes began May 16th, 2022



As some of you know, I have called The Dalles home for nearly a decade. My wife and I are originally from New Hampshire and we were lucky to discover this amazing community through the US Peace Corps and subsequent connection to the AmeriCorps Resources Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) program which is unique to Oregon. The opportunity under the RARE program was only for 11 months but through it I found a place to start a family and now call home. I have served as the Executive Director of The

Dalles Main Street, Assistant to the City Manager at the City of The Dalles, and Administrative Services Director at Wasco County before returning as City Manager.

I started my new role about six weeks ago and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with our excellent staff and departments heads. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with such a talented and passionate team who has been, and continues to be, hard at work on projects and initiatives of all sizes. I have also attended Planning Commission, Historic Landmarks, Urban Renewal, and City Council meetings and have been impressed with our volunteers and elected officials who have chosen to become involved and contribute to the future of our community.

The Dalles is at an exciting and challenging time full of unique opportunities. I'm looking forward to engaging with the results of the Dalles 2040 Visioning process, working with City Council on identifying goals and priorities, and working with staff and partners to develop and support policies, programs, and projects to help carrying things forward.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be your City Manager and continue to be a part of this community and contribute to its continued and future success. Thank you

City Hall
313 Court Street
541-296-5481

Police Department
401 Court Street
541-296-2613
Facebook page:
City of The Dalles
Police Department

Public Works
1215 West First
541-296-5401

The Dalles/Wasco
County Library
722 Court Street
541-296-2815
Library Facebook
Page: The Dalles
Wasco County
Library

City Website:
www.thedalles.org

City Facebook page:
City of The Dalles—
City Hall

City Attorney Jonathan Kara begins July 5, 2022



Jonathan has served as the City's Legal Counsel for almost two years. On July 5th he begins his tenure as the City Attorney for the city. City Council determined an inhouse attorney would better suit the needs of the City.

Jonathan has committed his entire legal career to public service and is especially passionate about municipal law and governance:

In law school, he clerked with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office on the team responsible for representing the City's energy interests before the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He was later invited back to assist the City's municipal utility department on matters of water rights and land use. Next, he clerked with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (a California State agency tasked with both commercial development and environmental stewardship of the San Francisco Bay) where he counseled the agency on regulatory law, natural resources law, and administrative procedure. Finally, Jonathan completed the government-service trifecta by becoming the first ever extern to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District, Office of District Counsel, where he advised the agency on a variety of issues ranging from hazardous waste remediation, dredging, federal/military contracting and procurement, and environmental regulatory compliance.

After law school, Jonathan consulted for the Port of Oakland in its Port Attorney's Office, where he worked daily advising the municipal agency on all areas of municipal law, including public records law, commercial real estate management and leasing, tidelands trust, regulatory takings law, aviation law, maritime law, comprehensive environmental pollution liability insurance, public contracting, and administrative procedure.

Prior to relocating to Oregon, Jonathan served as a regulatory consultant for an environmental remediation firm in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he consistently applied his government, land use, and environmental law background.

For the past two years, Jonathan has worked for Campbell Phillips PC, a law firm in The Dalles, where he provided general counsel legal services to the City and worked closely with City staff and the City Council. He also represented other Oregon municipalities and special districts and advised on all areas of public law.

Outside of his professional and volunteer activities, Jonathan enjoys spending as much time as possible outdoors during the warmer months kayaking tributaries and lakes throughout the Columbia River Gorge. Jonathan has been visiting the Pacific Northwest with his family since childhood and feels both privileged and humbled to be able to call The Dalles his home.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS:

Kanyon Reams, Police Officer hired May 12, 2022. Kanyon is from Corbett and has experience as an EMT as well as Security and Police work as a Cadet in Gresham.

Jake Baker, Animal Control Officer hired May 13, 2022. Jake is resident of The Dalles and a member of the Oregon National Guard where he works in law enforcement. He has studied criminology and psychology at Briar Cliff University in Iowa. His employment history includes work in private security.

Nolan Randall, Police Officer hired June 9, 2022. Nolan is from Goldendale, Washington. He has experience in law enforcement from Goldendale and Wasco County.

John Caminiti, Police Officer hired June 13, 2022. John is originally from the Troutdale area. John has served in the U.S. Army for over a decade.

NEW LIBRARY STAFF:

Corina Haglund, Library Page started May 10, 2022. Corina lives in The Dalles and has experience in Library work as well as youth group work at Gateway Church.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE PULIC WORKS CREWS:

Brandon Batten, Certified Operator was hired April 11, 2022. Brandon is a resident of The Dalles. Brandon has worked in automotive service for several years.

Cody Culbertson, Certified Operator was hired April 29, 2022. Cody is a resident of The Dalles and a Navy Veteran. Following his Navy service he worked for Northrup Grumman on systems similar to those at the City.

Kenneth Wilcox, Equipment Operator was hired April 26, 2022. Kenneth is a resident of Dallesport and an Air Force Veteran. Kenneth has over 20 years of experience, the most recent of which was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project

The City recently achieved a big milestone. The design for the Dog River Pipeline Replacement project is complete. The Dog River is an essential source of drinking water that provides more than half of the City's annual water supply. With the new pipeline, the City is taking strides to improve reliability and resilience of the water system by replacing a 3.5-mile aging wooden pipeline in Mt. Hood National Forest.

The City is now working with the Forest Service and gearing up for two seasons of construction. In the next few months, the pipeline corridor will be cleared of trees and brush to prepare for summer construction activities. The work is planned over two seasons to allow for mountain weather.



Vic Anderson and Paul Weigelt at the Dog River Pipeline Head Gate, 8/19/1923

The City has created a project webpage to keep customers and recreation users up to date. To view background materials and milestones go to thedalles.org/dogriverspipeline

The Dalles Wasco County Library

Please check the Library website for all the activities for all ages going on this summer. <https://www.wascocountylibrary.com/the-dalles-library>

Book Clubs for adults:

Whodunnit: a Mystery Book Club

Whodunnit: a Mystery Book Club, meets at 5:00 the first Thursday of every month at the Library and on Zoom. For more information and the zoom link, email April at akeith@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Pride Book Club

The PRIDE Book Club is open to people over 18 years of age who are interested in reading and discussing LGBTQ books. They meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 via Zoom, and in-person here at the library. Please contact the library for the Zoom link and the title of the book.

Third Thursday Book Club

The Third Thursday Book Club meets, by a strange coincidence, on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00. For the July, and August discussions they will meet at Sorosis Park, in the covered area (if available). For those that can't make it in person, you can join us on Zoom; contact the library for the link and the title of the book.

All ages welcome to attend the Harry Potter Fandom Day

We're celebrating all things Harry Potter on Saturday, July 30th, with a full day of magical fun. Try out Hogwarts for the day and get sorted, attend classes, and try to escape from our Harry Potter escape room before Snape catches you! Costumes strongly encouraged.

11:30 Friday, July 8th --

Hula Hoop Dancer, Shanda Button

Shanda Button is a hula hoop flow artist who loves to share her passion for hoop dancing. She has performed at many events in Oregon, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama. She makes her own hoops and is coming to the Library to perform in the kids wing.

2:00 Tuesday, July 12th --

Greta Pederson

This will be a musical delight for all ages. Audiences for Greta's library programs vary; but she is prepared for them all: toddlers, teens, and any combination in between.

2:00 Tuesday, July 19th --

Eric Herman and the Puppy Dogs

You'll want to put your dancing shoes on when Eric Herman and the Puppy Dogs come to entertain us, because you won't be able to sit still once the music starts!

2:00 Tuesday, July 26th --

Magnificent and Magical Wildlife and Native Plants of the Columbia Gorge

The wildlife and plants of the gorge are magical and magnificent. Bill Weiler is a wildlife biologist. He has lived in the Columbia Gorge for over 30 years, and will introduce us to the wildlife and plants outside our door.

Is the sidewalk in front of your home damaged?



The City of The Dalles is accepting applications for a cost sharing program to rehabilitate sidewalks until June 30, 2023 or until funds run out. Apply online at thedalles.org/publicworksdocs

City of the Dalles is now taking application for the 50/50 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program. The purpose of the program is to help property owners rehabilitate deteriorated sidewalks. The City of The Dalles Municipal Code 2.20.010 provides that it is the responsibility of property owners to maintain public sidewalks adjacent to their properties “in good repair and a safe condition.” The Dalles Municipal Code also identifies that the adjacent real property owner bears the legal liability “for any personal injury or property damage which occurs because of the owner’s failure to maintain the sidewalk in good repair or a safe condition.” The 50/50 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program could help property owners meet that responsibility.

The City will consider applications for the rehabilitation or replacement of existing sidewalks. New sidewalks required for an approved building permit or development project are not eligible. The first priority for this program will be sidewalks in residential areas. Sidewalks in commercial or other areas will be considered after January 1, 2023 if funds are still available. Applicants for this program must be the property owner.

The City is currently budgeting \$50,000 in the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. Applications until June 30, 2023 or until funds run out, whichever comes first. The City will pay for half of the costs of an approved project. The property owner will then pay for half of the cost of the sidewalk rehabilitation project.

Please see the 50/50 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program Application for details and requirements. Property owners can download an application from the City website at thedalles.org/publicworksdocs. Owners who do not have access to the internet, please call (541) 296-5401 to ask for a paper copy.

REMINDER: NO BURNING IN BURN BARRELS ALLOWED IN THE CITY LIMITS!

Also, burning season is CLOSED until October 16, 2022.

Maintain your vegetation throughout your properties to reduce fire hazards. Vegetation over 12” is a violation of The Dalles Municipal Code: Title 5 OFFENSES; Chapter 5.24 Noxious Vegetation; 5.24.010 (1,2); 6(B); weeds and vegetation over 12 inches in height.

Codes Enforcement Police Department nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Are you Thinking of Running for Mayor or City Council?

Information is available online at www.thedalles.org/runforoffice for citizens interested in running for the following City elected offices:

All positions are now four year terms.
Mayor; currently held by Rich Mays
Council Position #1 Timothy McGlothlin
Council Position #4 Scott Randall

The positions will be elected at the November 8, 2022, General Election. **First day to file is June 1, 2022**

Minimum qualifications include: the candidate must be a registered voter and reside within the city limits at least 12 months immediately before being elected or appointed to office. No person may be a candidate at a single election for more than one elective City office.

Potential Candidates can file a petition with 100 signatures – **but first must get the petitions forms from the City Clerk**; petitions must be on forms provided, and numbered. filing fee of \$25. Filings are due to City Clerk via email at igrossman@ci.the-dalles.or.us or USPS 313 Court Street The Dalles, OR 97058 **DEADLINE TO FILE IS AUGUST 30, 2022**. If you are filing with a petition signatures must be **received by August 15th**, to allow verification of signatures.

Sergeant Doug Kramer Receives Life Saving Award

City of The Dalles Police Chief awarded Sergeant Doug Kramer a Letter of Commendation Live Saving for actions taken on June 2, 2022.

Sergeant Kramer responded to an overdose report, finding an unresponsive male. He quickly administered one dose of Narcan to the unresponsive male. Immediately, the male subject took a deep breath.

Medical personnel arrived on scene and assisted Sergeant Kramer with removing the male subject from the bathroom. As they were caring for the male subject, Sergeant Kramer saw that his eyes started fluttering and his hands started to move. The male subject looked “panicked” and “shocked”. Sergeant Kramer calmed him by explaining what had just happened and continued to assist the victim until his care was transferred to medical personnel.



Sergeant Kramer is receiving this LIFE SAVING award based on his actions taken on June 2nd 2022. If it were not for the quick efforts by Sergeant Kramer, it is probable this would have been a fatal overdose of fentanyl.

Thank you Sergeant Kramer for you dedication to the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Our Ongoing Commitment: Safe Water

Partnership for Safe Water

City of The Dalles has been a member of the Partnership for Safe Water since 1997. Members of this nationwide partnership seek water system excellence by optimizing operations rather than relying only on costly capital improvements. The Wicks Water Treatment Plant has achieved the Director's Award each year since the year 2000. The City meets goals for continuous improvement and producing high quality drinking water to earn this award. Learn more at the Partnership for Safe Water [webpage](#).

Outstanding Performer

The City's water utility is a State of Oregon recognized Outstanding Performer. The Oregon Health Authority determines whether a public water system meets criteria for outstanding performance. This designation was awarded at the completion of the 2018 water system survey. A water system survey is an on-site review of all aspects of operations. State inspectors evaluated the system's capability of providing safe water by inspecting:

- Water sources
- Wicks Water Treatment Plant
- Condition of water storage tanks and water mains
- Operations and maintenance procedures
- Monitoring and management

Learn more at the Oregon Health Authority [website](#).

2021 Lead and Copper Sampling

The City adds food-grade phosphates at the Wicks Water Treatment Plant and the City wells to produce a protective coating in the pipes that prevents lead and copper from leaching from household plumbing. City monitors lead and copper levels in water from household faucets. EPA requires testing at customers' taps most likely to contain these substances based on when the house was built. Because of the very low amounts detected, the City is allowed to reduce testing to 30 samples every three years. All test results since 1994 show that lead and copper levels in drinking water are below regulated limits.

Lead and Copper Sampling (Sampled in July 2021, next round Summer 2024)						
Substance	Ideal Maximum (MCLG)	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	Homes exceeding the AL	Complies?	Major Sources Listed by EPA
Lead (ppb)	0	15	1	1 of 34 (3%)	YES	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	0 of 34 (0%)	YES	Corrosion of household plumbing

The 90th percentile is the highest result found in 90% of the samples when they are listed in order from lowest to highest results. EPA requires testing for Lead and Copper at customers' taps most likely to contain these substances based on when the house was built. Because of the quality shown by these, and previous results, the City has been allowed to reduce testing to 30 samples every three years.

Learn more about drinking water monitoring at thedalles.org/waterquality

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

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

Beautification Committee — City Hall Council Chamber—4:3-00 p.m. first and third Monday

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

Historic Landmarks Commission — Council Chamber 4 p.m. fourth Wednesday

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

Museum Commission – Joint commission with Wasco County at The Harding House the second Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Urban Renewal Budget – Council Chamber generally in April

City Of The Dalles
313 Court Street, The Dalles, OR 97058
www.thedalles.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

CITY STAFF

City Manager:	Matthew Klebes	mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 1118
City Attorney	Jonathan Kara	jkara@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 1150
Finance Director:	Angie Wilson	awilson@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 1113
HR Director:	Daniel Hunter	dhunter@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 4448
Planning Director:	Alice Cannon	acannon@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 1151
Police Chief:	Tom Worthy	tworthy@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-298-8023
Public Works Director:	Dave Anderson	danderson@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 2008
District Librarian:	Jeff Wavrunek	jwavrunek@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 3000
City Clerk:	Izetta Grossman	igrossman@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-296-5481 ext. 1119

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor:	Rich Mays	rmays@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-769-0858
Councilor Position #1:	Timothy McGlothlin	tmcglathlin@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-980-4051
Councilor Position #2:	Darcy Long	dlong-curtiss@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-980-7184
Councilor Position #3:	Scott Randall	srandall@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-965-3195
Councilor Position #4:	Dan Richardson	drichardson@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-238-2883
Councilor Position #5:	Rod Runyon	rrunyon@ci.the-dalles.or.us	541-993-6413