



## DID YOU KNOW?

The first written use of the name *dalles* for the area now known as The Dalles on the Columbia River, is in reference to the rapids on the river at this site. Fur trader Gabriel Franchère described the rapids in 1814 as “a channel cut by nature through the rocks, which are here almost perpendicular: the channel is from 150 to 300 feet wide, and about two miles long. The whole body of the river rushes through it, with great violence, and renders navigation impracticable.” The word dalle is French for flagstone, slab, or large tile. The term was used by the French-Canadian trappers of the Hudson’s Bay Company, and referred to the large, smooth slabs of basalt rock that formed a narrow channel for the turbulent waters of the Columbia River. The name La Grande Dalle de la Columbia became established. The rapids that gave The Dalles its name were submerged when The Dalles Dam went into operation in 1957. The town has had several names since incorporation: Dalles, 1851; Wascopum, 1853; The Dalles, 1860. Another Indian name in use was Win-quatt, signifying a place encircled by rock cliff.



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## Winter Break after Busy First Season of Dog River Pipeline Construction

The City’s contractor has made good progress during the first season of the Dog River Pipeline construction. Following the July groundbreaking, construction crews started installing the new pipeline that will help improve the reliability and resilience of the City’s drinking water system.



The City expects to wrap up construction next year once mountain weather allows work to restart. Along with installing new pipe, the City will also build a new fish passage and screening near the Dog River intake, and replace a failed culvert near Brooks Meadow Creek to

better protect water quality. Throughout, the City will continue working in close partnership with the Forest Service to coordinate trail user outreach and planned construction activities.

“We’re proud of the work accomplished during this first season of construction and grateful for the support of our many project partners. This project has been a long time coming and 2023 will be a busy year as we look to finish construction and bring the new pipeline into operation,” said Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles Public Works Director.



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[www.thedalles.org](http://www.thedalles.org)



City of The Dalles-City Hall

Visit the project webpage at [thedalles.org/dogriverpipeline](http://thedalles.org/dogriverpipeline) to learn more or sign up for email updates about construction progress.

# Welcome New Employees

**Marlo Messmer:** Account Clerk in Finance department. A resident of The Dalles. She previously worked for the City of Hood River as an Office Manager and Right-Of-Way Specialist.



**Brad Mead:** Planning Technician in Community Development. Brad is a resident of The Dalles and previously worked for Clark Public Utilities in Vancouver.



**Josh Chandler:** Community Development Director should be a familiar face to many since he has worked for the City since 2018. In his most recent position, he was Senior Planner.



**Heidi Anderson:** Evidence Officer at the Police Department. Heidi has experience from several counties in Oregon, including Wasco and Hood River counties.



**Kristen Dyer:** Mobile Outreach Coordinator at the Library. Kristen most recently worked at the Deschutes Public Library in Redmond.



# Job Opportunities

**Job: Information Technology Manager**

- ⇒ **Salary:** \$6,835.87 - \$8,407.25 per month plus benefits
- ⇒ **Closing Date:** Open until filled – first review January 26, 2023
- ⇒ Performs duties related to technology coordination, implementation, and five-year capital improvement plan for the city as it relates to IT. Plan, direct, implement, manage and oversee the activities and operations of all information and telecommunication systems within the City of The Dalles.

(For a complete list of responsibilities, see the job description attached to the job announcement on the City web site.)

The City of The Dalles is also hiring for the following positions:

- ⇒ Economic Development Officer
- ⇒ Equipment Operator
- ⇒ Facility Maintenance Supervisor
- ⇒ Senior Planner
- ⇒ Water Treatment Operator

To view position descriptions and apply, go to: <https://thedalles.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

For more information, contact Daniel Hunter, Human Resources Director, at (541) 296-5481 x4448 or [DHunter@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:DHunter@ci.the-dalles.or.us)

## City Hall Closures

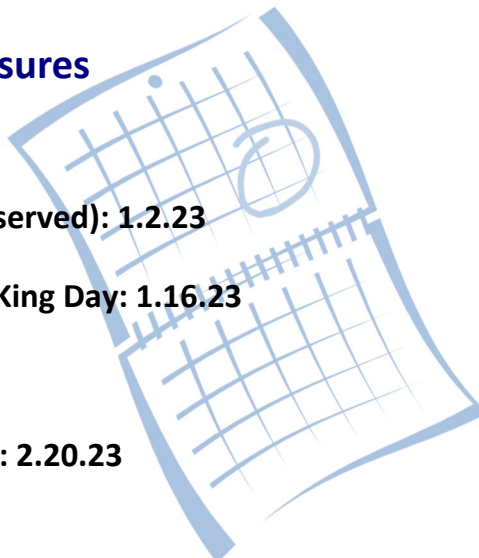
**January:**

**New Years (observed): 1.2.23**

**Martin Luther King Day: 1.16.23**

**February:**

**Presidents Day: 2.20.23**



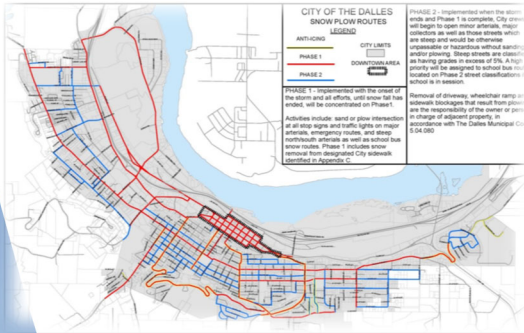




## Winter Weather Response Information

The City of The Dalles will be utilizing the same winter weather response plan that we have used for years.

We use a three phase sanding/plowing schedule. In Phase 1 we concentrate on the higher volume streets, hospital and school routes. When those are complete we move to Phase 2. These are the collector streets. As the storm subsides, we will start on Phase 3 which are the residential areas.



Learn more at [www.thedalles.org/winterweatherresponse](http://www.thedalles.org/winterweatherresponse)



## Identify the source of a leak

- ⇒ Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- ⇒ Look for dripping sink and bathtub faucets and showerheads. Worn-out washers typically cause faucet and showerhead leaks.
- ⇒ Check under and around sinks for wet spots, a musty smell or bowed cabinetry.
- ⇒ Be alert to wall or ceiling discoloration, bubbling paint or bulging wallpaper.
- ⇒ Look and listen for running or dripping water on refrigerators with ice/water dispensers, humidifiers, clothes washers, dishwashers, and water heaters.

All of the above are signs of a leak, but keep in mind that not all water leaks are plumbing leaks. The water could also be coming from a leak in the roof or around a window. Either way, leaks should be addressed promptly to reduce the risk of water damage.

**Be a Leak Seeker**

To fix leaks in your home, you first identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips for visually inspecting for leaks

## The Dalles High School Choir



During the holidays we had the lovely surprise of having The Dalles High School choir grace us with their lovely voices.

They also stopped by the police department along with other businesses around town spreading their Christmas spirit!



On behalf of The City of The Dalles we want to say a big **Thank You** to the High School Choir!

Water meters in The Dalles are equipped with special meter reading equipment. Please do not open your water meter to look for leaks. To avoid damage to your meter, call a serviceperson if you need help with a meter test on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (541) 296-5401. A leak detection meter test will take about a half hour. An adult resident must be present during a meter test appointment.

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



## Police Department



Christmas came early for the City of The Dalles Police Department. Two of our new officers graduated the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Police Academy on December 9th.

Officer John Caminiti (left) and Officer Canyon Reams (right) finished the sixteen week course in Salem and are headed back to The Dalles to continue their field training. We wish them the best of luck as they continue to grow and learn as community servants.

When the kids at Colonel Wright and Saint Mary's Schools take the time to send us these awesome hand made Christmas cards, we just have to show them off. Thank you all for lifting our spirits and reminding us again just how great The Dalles is.



The kids of the police department graciously created this house for the annual auction at The Springs at mill creek. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's research.



## Community Development Department



The Community Development Department is proud to welcome Brad Mead as our new Planning Technician. Brad grew up in southern Oregon, but has lived and worked throughout the state primarily doing environmental restoration work.

He has called The Dalles home for the past 10 years and is excited to serve the community he lives in. Brad lists botanizing, gardening and board games as his main hobbies. Thanks for joining the team Brad!

## Walking Tour App

The City of The Dalles and The Dalles Art Center have collaborated to create a new historic Walking Tour App featuring historic buildings and stories that are emblematic to our town's history. Through the app, history comes to life with photographs, historical accounts, and audio recordings of multiple buildings throughout town.

Currently, the walking tour app provides a history, images, directions for 70+ buildings in The Dalles. The walking tour will be expanding to include the murals from the Wall Dogs and The Mural Society. There will be plaques to identify the buildings, cultural feature and/or murals as part of the tour, which raises awareness and engagement with our community.

Scan the QR code below with your smartphone and experience it yourself. The app itself is called Otocast. Look out for the new plaques on participating buildings being installed around town!

With any questions, feel free to reach out to the City's Historic Landmarks Coordinator, Kaitlyn Cook.





## 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.

Please call the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401 if you have questions.

## 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."

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 at [thedalles.org/transportation](http://thedalles.org/transportation) or contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.



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

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.





## Up Coming Events

### Book Worm Book Club

Do you love to read? Do you like snacks? Then this club is for you! Meets at 3pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This book club is intended for those in third, fourth, or fifth grade.



### Family Lego Pizza Night

Legos and pizza, two of the greatest things ever, in one fun evening. Free play, organized events, building competitions; come have fun with your family! This monthly program is held from 5:30pm-7pm on the 4th Thursday of each month in the library's meeting room.



### And then what happened, teen writing group

Are you an aspiring writer or just love books in general? Writers and book lovers of the teen variety can join as a group on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month to discuss their personal projects or just talk about what they've been reading.



### Teen Coffee House

Reconnect with other teens, enjoy beverages and snacks from around the world at the Teen Coffee House. Play games, hangout, enjoy some after school decompression. Happens at 3:30pm, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month, up in the teen space.



### Teens Underground Radio

Let's Party!!! But hey, it's a library, so gotta be quiet. On the 4th Wednesday of the month starting at 3:30pm, the underground radio silent sound system will be available with three different channels of music that are transmitted to headphones. Wear these headphones in the library to dance, do homework, or just chill without incurring the wrath of the librarians.



### Snapdragon Yoga for preschool kids

This yoga class for kids, though parents are encouraged to participate, is held every Tuesday, from 10am—11am, and is led by Nicole Giller.



### Snapdragon Yoga for school age kids:

This yoga class is held on Mondays, from 3:30pm—4:30pm, and is led by Nicole Giller.



### Lego Club

The Lego Club, for school age children, is held the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 11am-12pm in the John and Jean Thomas Children's Wing. There will be free play, competition, and learning.



### Fun Fridays

If you are elementary age (5-10), Fun Fridays is for you. Held in the John and Jean Thomas Children's Wing, over by the chapter books, this event will be from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. Each week is something different, everything from arts and crafts to games and Coda-a-pillars or Beebots.



### Teen Crafternoon

This afternoon of craft making, just for teens, is held at 3:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.



For more and current events happening at the library visit their website. Simply scan the QR code and it will take you directly to their website.

You can also reach them at 541.296.2815.





# City of The Dalles Christmas Recipe Winners

## Swiss Chard & Sausage Soup

Brad Mead, the winner of our soup contest has shared the recipe he used as many of us loved it. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask him.

1/2 cup olive oil, divided  
2 large links (about 8 ounces) of sweet Italian sausage [see Note]  
1 medium onion, diced  
2 celery ribs, sliced or diced  
2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced into half-moons or diced  
4 cloves garlic, sliced (reserve half for later in recipe)  
Kosher salt  
A pinch of crushed red pepper flakes (optional)  
1 cup brown lentils, sorted and rinsed  
2 bay leaves  
1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes  
6 cups water  
Freshly ground black pepper  
3 to 4 cups shredded or thinly ribboned Swiss chard leaves or kale  
Grated Pecorino Romano cheese to finish

**On the stove:** Heat 1/4 cup olive oil (enough to generously coat bottom of pot) in a large pot on medium to medium-high heat. When hot, add the sausage, breaking it up with a wooden spoon until it starts to brown, about five minutes. Add the onion, celery, carrots, first two garlic cloves, a pinch of salt, and if you like your soup spicy, a pinch of red pepper flakes. Cook with the sausage until the vegetables soften a bit, another 5 minutes. Add the lentils, bay leaves, tomatoes, water (6 cups is, conveniently, a little less than 2 empty 28-ounce cans, so you can get any tomato pulp you missed), more salt and black pepper to taste. Bring to a simmer and allow to cook until the lentils are tender, about 40 minutes. (It might be necessary to add more water if the soup gets too thick, though we preferred ours on the thick side.) When the lentils are cooked, add the chard and cook until the leaves are tender, just a few minutes more. Discard the bay leaves.

**In an InstantPot or electric multicooker:** Proceed as written above, using the sauté function on high (I find this to be like medium-high on a stove) to cook the sausage and then vegetables. Once you've added the remaining ingredients, including dried lentils, lock the lid and set to high pressure for 15 minutes. Let it naturally release for at least 10 minutes (or longer, if you have time), to help keep the vegetables intact. You can manually release the rest. Use the sauté function on high again to bring it back to a simmer (this should be take no time at all) and add the greens; cook until wilted.

**Both methods:** To finish, divide soup among bowls, then add the remaining 1/4 cup olive oil and 2 garlic cloves to a small skillet (on the stove) and heat over medium until the garlic softens and hisses. Drizzle this over soup bowls, and top with fresh Romano, passing more at the table. Leftovers will keep for several days in the fridge.

## Pavlova

Rita Squires, the winner of our dessert contest has also shared her delicious recipe. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask her.

### For Meringue Shell

4 large egg whites, at room temperature  
1 cup castor sugar (also known as caster sugar, berry sugar, or superfine sugar)  
1/2 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 teaspoon white vinegar  
1 teaspoon vanilla

### For the Whipped Cream

1/2 cup whipping cream  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup icing sugar (also known as confectioners' sugar)

### For the Fruit Garnish:

2 cups whole berries or sliced fresh fruit of choice (strawberries, kiwi fruit, passion fruit, bananas)  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice (optional)  
Fresh mint sprigs (optional)

### Make the Meringue Shell

Heat the oven to 275 F/140 C and place the rack in the middle of the oven. Line a baking tray with aluminum foil and score a 7-inch circle on the foil with the blunt edge of a knife, without tearing the foil. (Use a bowl as a guide.) Set aside.

In a clean, medium-sized metal bowl, beat the egg whites with a clean electric mixer on medium speed until the whites form soft peaks.

Gently sprinkle the sugar into the egg whites, 1 teaspoon at a time, beating continuously until the whites form stiff glossy peaks.

Sprinkle the cornstarch and vinegar on the meringue and fold in gently with a plastic spatula.

Add the vanilla and gently fold the mixture again.

Now gently spread the meringue in the circle on the foil to make a circular base. Make sure the edges of the meringue are slightly higher than the center so you have a shallow well in the middle.

Bake the meringue for about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until it turns a very pale, pinkish eggshell color. Turn off the oven and leave the door slightly ajar to let the meringue cool completely. As the meringue cools, it will crack slightly.

Just before serving, take the meringue out of the oven and gently transfer it from the foil to a plate.

### Make the Whipped Cream

Whip the cream with the vanilla and icing sugar until it forms peaks and set aside.

Prepare the fruit by washing it and slicing any that aren't going to be left whole.

If using bananas, toss with the lemon juice to prevent browning.

### Assemble the Pavlova

Gently spread the cream over the top of the cooled meringue with a spatula.

Arrange the fruit on top. Garnish with fresh mint, if desired.

Serve immediately and enjoy.

### Tips

When preparing the meringue shell, make sure to use the whipped egg whites immediately to form the pavlova base. If the egg whites sit, they will begin to deflate and make for a less airy meringue. You can make the meringue base ahead of time. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap or place in an airtight container and store at room temperature for several days. Keep in mind that if the weather is humid, the meringue will become soft and chewy.



Brad  
Soup Winner

Todd  
Ugly Sweater Winner

Rita  
Dessert Winner



# 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](http://thedalles.org)

## Beautification Committee:

City Hall Council Chamber at 4pm, 1st & 3rd Monday

## City Council:

Council Chamber at 5:30pm. Meets 2nd & 4th Monday, with the exception of holidays

## City Budget Committee:

Council Chamber as needed, and generally the 1st week of May

## Climate Resiliency

**Committee:** City Hall- Upstairs Conference Room at 9am ,meets on the 2nd Friday

## Columbia Gorge Regional

**Airport Board:** Airport 8am meets on the 3rd Tuesday

## Historic Landmarks

**Commission:** Council Chamber at 4pm, meets on the 4th Wednesday

## Library Board:

Location varies, 4pm on the 3rd Tuesday

## Museum Commission:

Joint commission with Wasco County at The Harding House, the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

## Planning Commission:

Council Chamber, 5:30pm 1st & 3rd Thursday

## Traffic Safety Commission:

Public Works at 7am, meets on the 3rd Wednesday

## Urban Renewal Agency:

Council Chamber, 5:30pm 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed.

## Urban Renewal Budget:

Council Chamber, generally in April

## Contact Information: Email or call anytime, we are happy to discuss your questions or concerns

### City Staff:

**City Manager:** Matthew Klebes

**City Attorney:** Jonathan Kara

**City Clerk:** Izetta Grossman

**Com. Development:** Joshua Chandler

**District Librarian:** Jeff Wavrunek

**Finance Director:** Angie Wilson

**HR Director:** Daniel Hunter

**Police Chief:** Tom Worthy

**Public Works Director:** Dave Anderson

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### Elected Officials:

**Mayor:** Rich Mays

**Councilor Position #1:** Timothy McGlothlin

**Councilor Position #2:** Darcy Long

**Councilor Position #3:** Scott Randall

**Councilor Position #4:** Dan Richardson

**Councilor Position #5:** Rod Runyon

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