

The Dalles Dam

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**Know what's below.
Call 811 before you dig.**

DID YOU KNOW?



The Dalles served twice as campsite for the Lewis & Clark expedition – in October 1805 and April 1806 –

before developing into a key regional center for the fur trade, supporting a Hudson's Bay Company outpost in 1829. Fur traders came through in the 1810s and 1820s. Trappers, explorers, other military expeditions and immigrants soon followed, with important centers of influence developing at Fort Vancouver (under English control), and Fort Dalles (established by the US Army). Explorers, botanists, artists, writers, and adventurers all came to the "grand dalles of the Columbia."

Common Sense Digging

Putting in a new fence? Installing an underground sprinkler system? Contact the 811 Utility Notification Center before digging more than 12 inches deep on your property. This important first step keeps you, your family, and your neighbors safe from unintentionally hitting an underground utility.

Utility locators use maps of underground utilities in the right-of-way and public utility easements. You may want to hire a private locator to mark utilities on private property such as in-ground landscape sprinklers, drainage pipes, private service lines or outbuildings with utilities.

Damaging underground utilities when you are digging can cause injuries, environmental damage and interrupt utility services. Utilities provide underground locating as a free public service. But you don't have to call each utility. The 811 Utility Notification Center will contact all utilities in your project area.

Follow these simple steps to dig safely:

CONTACT 811 before you dig

There are three ways to contact the 811 Utility Notification Center:

- ⇒ Call 811.
- ⇒ Visit the digsafelyoregon.com website.
- ⇒ Download the free Oregon 811 mobile app.



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Welcome New Employees

David Collins: David comes to us from the Hillsboro area where he worked for Pacific Office Automation and did work as a Systems consultant. He has over 10 years of experience in information systems with multiple certifications.



David is a Cisco Network Academy from Clark College in Vancouver and has an AAS degree from Heald College in IT/Network System Administration.

Shane Cowan: Shane is a long time resident of The Dalles and a U.S. Army Veteran. His most recent employer before The City was UPS. Shane has multiple degrees including CAN Certification from CGCC.



Yancy McCall: WT-Certified Operator Yancy is a long time resident of The Dalles and most recently worked for Rivers Edge Towing. Yancy has an AAS Degree in Science from CGCC.



Job Opportunities

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

- ⇒ Executive Assistant
- ⇒ Equipment Operator
- ⇒ Wastewater Collection Certified Operator
- ⇒ Water Treatment Certified Operator
- ⇒ Water Treatment Operator , EST Assignment

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

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
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Employee Anniversaries

During the beginning of the year the City Manager and the Mayor went around the City handing out anniversary pins to employees who have been with the City from 5 years to 30 years. We want to thank everyone who has worked with the City and has made a difference in making our City a better place to live.

5 Year Anniversaries: David, Angie, Nathan, Jeannie, Paula, Jill, Kendra, James, Dwayne.

10 Year Anniversaries: Rachel, Austin, Brain, Larry, Patty, Koji, Lance.

15 Year Anniversaries: Melody, Jerry, James, Izetta, Kathy, Christopher.

20 Year Anniversaries: Douglas, Gerald, Steve, Bodie, Joshua, Charles

30 Year Anniversaries: DeeAnn, Tim



All Together THE DALLES

2023 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.

This spring and summer the City will focus on several street maintenance projects.

Approximately 14 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 four and a half miles of roadway in several areas of town will be chip sealed. This type of preventative maintenance is one of the best uses 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 16,000 linear foot asphalt surface treatment project is scheduled in the downtown corridor on 2nd Street from Taylor Street to Lincoln Street. The purpose of this project is to extend the life of the asphalt for another 8 to 10 years on 2nd 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

The first of these projects will start April 1st, 2023, weather permitting. Press releases are sent out and posted on the City Facebook page with details about each project. Thank you for your attention to safe travel around and through work areas.

You can view the 2023 street maintenance projects map, the list of streets that will be chip sealed at thedalles.org/transportation.



Find It, Flag It, Fix It

People water landscapes to keep them green and flowering. If you have an in-ground landscape sprinkler system, did you know that just one broken or missing sprinkler component could use as much as 1,000 extra gallons of water per week? Making repairs to your system could save thousands of gallons of water over a six-month growing season. That's why it is so important to keep your sprinkler system operating in tip-top shape.



This quick landscape watering system checklist can help you conduct periodic check-ups on your system during the watering season.

Check	Find It	Flag It	Fix It
Look for Leaks	Leaks can occur at sprinkler valves, connection points, joints, and sprinkler heads or drip irrigation lines	Walk through the landscape while the system is running and flag areas where water is pooling on the surface or water is bubbling or spraying unexpectedly.	Repair or replace valves or sprinkler heads. Tighten connection points and joints. Call a contractor for help if needed.
Sprinklers Aimed Correctly	Sprinklers pointed toward walls, patios, decks and sidewalks do not help plants stay green.	Walk through the landscape while the system is running and flag areas where walls, patios, decks and sidewalks are soaked.	In most cases, you can turn the sprinkler nozzle to face the correct direction. Call a contractor for help if needed.
Poor Sprinkler Coverage	Poor sprinkler coverage can cause over-watering in some areas of the landscape and dry spots in others.	Observe the distance of spray from one sprinkler to another; spray from one sprinkler should reach the adjacent one (known as head-to-head coverage).	Adjust the distance and direction of the nozzle. A sprinkler head may need to be added or moved to improve coverage
Seasonal Sprinkler Schedule	Plant water needs change with the season, and the schedule should as well.	Create a spring, summer and fall sprinkler run time schedule. Mark your calendar to make changes.	Select a WaterSense labeled weather-based controller that automatically changes run times seasonally
Erosion on Slopes	Watering systems can cause runoff and erosion on steep slopes, leaving bare patches and wash outs in the landscape.	Look at sloped areas to see if there is bare soil or soil collecting at the base of the slope.	Replant or reseed bare soil. Water at shorter intervals, multiple times per watering day (known as the "cycle and soak" method).

Police Department



We want to send out a huge THANK YOU for the appreciation that Saint Mary's Academy dropped off at our office. They were celebrating National Catholic Schools Week and were nice enough to remember us during this celebration. Take a look at that hand made card and the specially wrapped police car candy. Hats off to our friends at Saint Mary's Academy. We appreciate you too!

Chief Tom Worthy of The Dalles Police Dept. was the speaker at the Lions meeting. He gave a presentation on the status of the Department and some of the visions he has for the Department going forward. He also won the 50/50 drawing & donated it back to the club.



On March 14th the City of The Dalles Police Department was pleased to reunite Barbara with a handgun that was stolen from her late husband 44 years and eight months ago.

The gun was recovered by the Oregon State Police when an individual presented it for a trade in on another purchase. He had been in possession of the gun for over 20 years and obtained it as a trade on another transaction. The individual had no idea the gun was stolen and cooperated with the investigation however no charges were possible.

Once the gun was returned to The City of The Dalles Police Department, Evidence Technician Heidi Anderson located the original report on microfilm and was able to view the report by taking the microfilm to the library. She followed up using other police databases to locate Barbara and arrange for the return of the stolen property.

Barbara is 101 years old and a military veteran who served during World War 2. Barbara, we thank you for your service and are happy to finally return your late husband's property.



On Friday March 17th, 2023 Recruit Officer Madison Rivers graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Oregon's Police Academy. Chief Worthy and Captain Carrico attended the ceremony which was punctuated by bagpipes, speeches and awards.

811 Continued

Your request to have utilities located in your project area generates a notification ticket. When notified, utilities in your area will dispatch a locator to mark underground pipes and conduits. Providing accurate information about your dig site is very important. Clearly mark your project area by circling the dig area with white spray paint on the ground.

ALLOW time for utility response.

Once your request is made, utility locators have two business days (48-hours) to respond. Wait until the response time has elapsed before you start digging. Keep in mind that holidays and weekends affect the utility response time. If you make a request after 5:00 p.m., the 48-hour response time will begin on the next business day. Use the QR code to learn more about what happens after you make a request using Oregon 811.

RESPECT and protect the marks

Once your site is marked and the utility response time is over, take a moment to confirm that all utilities listed on your ticket have responded. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect the locate marks while working on the project. Take a picture of the site before starting work. Consider using flags to mark utility locations if your project is going to take days or weeks to complete. The locator marks need to be your guide for the duration of the project, and they should no longer be used after 45 days.

EXCAVATE carefully

Use the locator marks as a guide, but remember they are not 100% perfect. If you can't avoid digging near the marks, consider adjusting or moving your project. If that is not an option, be especially careful within the 24-inch "tolerance zone". Don't use power equipment within 24 inches from the marks in every direction and proceed with caution. If you encounter utilities that were not marked, stop digging and contact 811.

If you hit an underground utility

"Oops" is never a word you want to hear when digging, but it can happen. If you do hit a utility when digging, get yourself and others away from the site. If there is a potential threat to safety, contact 911 immediately. Call the utility for repair. Do not attempt to repair, cover, or bury the damage. Do not resume digging until the emergency is addressed and repairs are made.

By following these steps, you'll reduce the risk of damaging underground utilities. Good luck with your project. Help us spread the word about this free public service to your friends, family, and neighbors to protect them as well.

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.

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

Annual Spring Community Clean Up

The 35th Annual Spring Community Clean Up will take place the first Saturday of May. The Dalles residents are encouraged to joined our annual spring cleaning on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8am-1pm.

Yard debris and large items, such as furniture may be disposed of at the Old Wasco County maintenance yard at the corner of West 10th Street and Walnut Street only at this date and time. Please bring household clean up items only to this annual event.

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to help the elderly or handicapped dispose of unwanted items. Civic groups are encouraged to adopt an area of town for cleanup.

NO kitchen garbage or food waste
NO tires, refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners
NO computer, monitors or televisions
NO dirt, rock or animal waste (manure)
NO business or commercial waste will be accepted

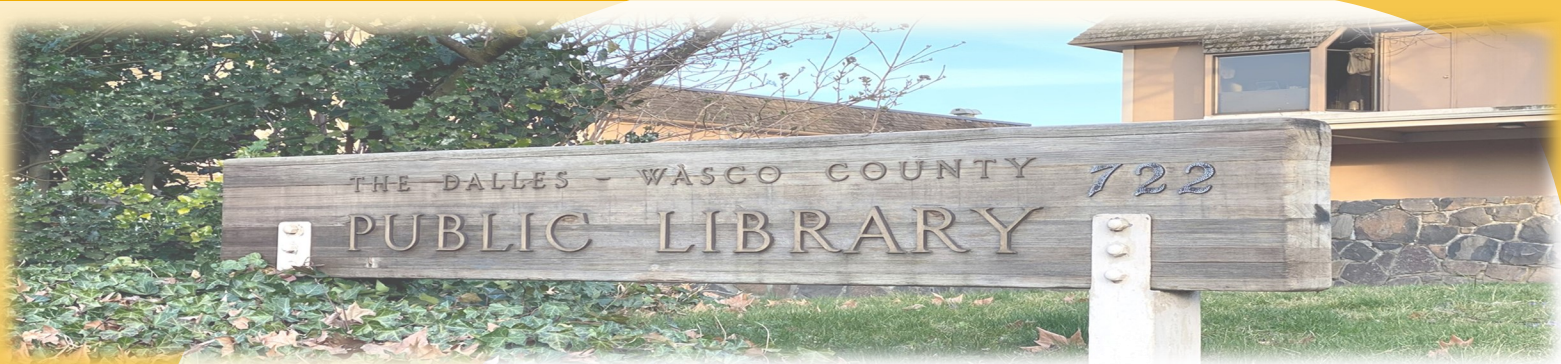
For more information about The Dalles Community Clean Up is on the City Hall Facebook page or go to thedalles.org.

Please thank the 35th Annual Spring Community Clean Up Sponsors.



For more information or questions contact the Public Works Department at 541. 296.5401





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.



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.



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.



Snapdragon Yoga for school age kids:

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



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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 Beautification Committee

The Dalles Beautification Committee

The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee was established in 2019 by Mayor, Rich Mays. The Committee consists of seven to nine 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.” Following are some of the projects the Committee has been working on.

Beautification Award

The popular Beautification Award project resumes in April and runs through October.



Look for the Award sign at residences being honored for the beauty they bring to our community. This effort to build community spirit, a joint effort of the Beautification Committee and Columbia Gorge Real Estate, has been running since Fall of 2020. Contact Izetta Grossman if you would like to nominate a residence for the Award.

Kelly Avenue Triangle Art Installation



The Beautification Committee has partnered with Columbia Gorge Community College and the welding students for a new art installation at the Kelly Avenue Triangle, on 15th St intersection. Budget allocations have been made, and installation will occur sometime in the summer of 2023, so keep an eye out for a beautiful new work of art!

Design selection will happen soon, at one of the Committee's upcoming April meetings, so feel free to stop by and give your feedback! We meet in the City Hall Chambers from 4:00pm - 5:30pm every other Monday and welcome input, involvement, and interest in our projects to beautify The Dalles. Check the meeting schedule on the city's website to confirm: we set aside time each meeting for audience participation.

Sculptural Elements

The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee has been installing Sculptural Elements in various traffic triangles in the city as part of an effort to bring art works into our everyday world for people to enjoy and take pleasure in. I went on a walk to the dock in The Dalles and on the way took pictures and videos of the wind sculptures that have recently popped up in traffic islands and down by the dock. This represents only some of the work of the City of The Dalles Beautification Committee; whose mission in part is to help make our city a more beautiful place to live.



Second Saturday Clean Ups



Mark your calendars for the second Saturdays of March-November when citizens will once again gather at 10:00 at Thompson Park to disperse to designated areas of town and pick up litter. Since October 2020 there have been 20 Second Saturday Clean Ups. 455 people have turned out for the events and 21 organizations have served as

Guest Hosts. The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee is a Co-Host. Special thanks goes to Anchor Sponsor Columbia Gorge Toyota and Honda. Everyone is welcome!! Contact Rachel Carter for more information: 208.757.3632

Urban Tree Project

The Beautification Committee has been interested in increasing our community's tree canopy for several years, due to the many benefits that a healthy urban forest provides. Trees certainly make our neighborhoods more beautiful, but they also increase property value of our homes, and enhance economic vitality in business districts. On hot summer days, trees provide essential shade, cooling our yards and buildings, and saving energy. Trees improve soil, air, and water quality, and can also improve our quality of life: they boost our mental and physical health, and provide homes to wildlife we value.

Because of the many benefits of trees, The Beautification Committee will be offering Arbor Day Tree Grants. Pick up an application from City Hall, 313 Court St, on the second floor at the City Manager's Office.

If you would like to get involved with the Beautification Committee, join us for one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 5:30 pm (except for holidays). All meetings are available to attend via Zoom. The login information is on each agenda, which can be found here -

https://www.thedalles.org/government/boards_commissions_committees.php

Interested in joining the Beautification Committee, or another city committee, here is the application form - <https://thedallesor.rja.revize.com/forms/2963>

STOP THE DROP

Anti-littering education is underway at the 3 elementary schools in District 21, where selected groups of students will be performing a song and skit at a school wide assemblies this Spring. The Stop The Drop Campaign hopes to empower students and their families to take action, care for the Earth and our community, and build civic pride.





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

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 7:30 am meets on the 3rd Friday

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

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City Attorney: Jonathan Kara

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Elected Officials:

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Councilor Position #1: Tim McGlothlin

Councilor Position #2: Darcy Long

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