



BEAUTIFYING THE DALLES

The Beautification Committee has been busy organizing projects that are enhancing the beauty of our community. The new 4-Season Cherry Tree Sculpture was installed with the help of The Dalles Transportation Division at the corner of Kelly and 12th streets. This sculpture was designed and built by students in the Manufacturing Program at Columbia Gorge Community College.



The Committee is also working to increase the tree canopy in The Dalles. As part of this goal they have provided and worked along side the D21 Maintenance and Operations Team to facilitate the planting of 18 shade trees around the campuses and playgrounds of Colonel Wright, Chenowith, and Dry Hollow Elementary Schools.

In addition, the Committee has launched a Residential Tree Grant program. This grant provides trees to residents within the city limits of The Dalles. You can learn more about this opportunity and apply on the City's website (all applications due by September 1st).



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CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS

On May 22th Mayor Mays presented Mary Davis a certificate of appreciation for all she has done to promote tourism and preserve the history of The Dalles. Mary had been the lead volunteer for The Dalles Floozies for 10 years since the cruise ships first started docking at The Dalles in 2012. The Floozies are a fun historic themed group formed to help promote the history of The Dalles. Mary has welcomed over 100,000 visitors to The Dalles in her time as a Floozie.



On June 26th, The Dalles High School Softball Team was recognized by Mayor Mays and City Council for their record-braking season. The team won the 2023 OSAA 4A State Championship, the 2023 Tri-Valley Conference Championship, the award for 2023 Academic All State Softball team (with a combined team GPA of 3.72), and broke the all-time Oregon High School Record for accruing 70 homeruns in a single season. Way to go team!

Welcome New Employees

Matthew DeLude started in the Wastewater Collection Division of Public Works on April 24th. Prior to joining the City of The Dalles, Matthew was a Crane Operator at IV Riley Materials in Bingen, Wa.



Amie Ell is the new Executive Assistant to the City Manager as of May 8th. Previously, she was an Instructional Coach and High School Science & Math teacher in the White Salmon, Wa.



Tyler Caldwell was promoted to Sergeant on May 16th. Tyler has been with The Dalles Police Department for eight-years. He is highly regarded in the community, among City Management and by fellow Officers.



Fredi Cruz, started June 5th as our new Equipment Operator for Street Division in Public Works.

Randy Seibel, Equipment Operator in the Street Division of Public Works was hired as the new Development Inspector as of June 5th.



Kailyn Cook, Associate Planner in the Community Development Department was promoted to Senior Planner as of June 5th.



Matthew Caldwell, started June 12th as Facilities Maintenance Supervisor in the Community Development Department. Before joining the City of The Dalles he was a Plumbing Inspector with Wasco County



Cialita Keys, started on June 12th as a Planning Technician in the Community Development Department. Before coming to work for The City, Cialita had been an Environmental Review Coordinator at Yakama Nation Housing .



Dan Spatz, is our new Economic Development Officer in the Community Development Department as of July 17th. For the past 7 years he was the Capital Projects and Community Outreach Director as Columbia Gorge Community College

Puncture Vine Season

It's that time of year when Puncture Vine (also known as goathead) starts spreading throughout our community and causing great pain for animals and people as the plant produces very sharp needle-like seeds.

Puncture Vine does **NOT** like well-irrigated areas and thrives in the hottest locations such as sidewalks, alleys and other water-deprived areas of your property.

They grow quickly and are an invasive weed enforced through: *General Ordinance Title 5 OFFENSES; chapter 5.24 Noxious Vegetation; 5.24.010 (3); puncture vine*

REMOVING Puncture Vine:

Remove the vine **BEFORE** it goes to seed: dig it up, bag it, dispose and spray area for control. **NEVER** mow or weed trim puncture vine, it will only spread the seedlings.

If you spray puncture vine while it is in the seeds stage, it will create more puncture vine this season and future seasons as hundreds of seeds can come from one plant and can stay dormant under the ground for years before surfacing. Check your property frequently for puncture vine and report puncture vine sightings to the Code Enforcement Officer at the Police Department: (541)296-2316 or email nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us



INVESTMENTS IN SAFE PASSAGE

In 2019, The Dalles City Council adopted the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. The City's goal is to provide accessible design features as part of transportation projects. To this end, the City has established new ADA design standards. ADA sidewalk access will be installed each year as budget allows.

You Can Help Provide Safe Passage

The City makes the most of limited resources. But these investments won't make a difference if people block or encroach upon sidewalks. It is a safety concern if sidewalks are blocked or not wide enough for safe passage. Please help parents pushing strollers, children walking to school, pet owners walking their dogs, and people using wheelchairs, walkers or canes travel safely in your neighborhood:

Place garbage cans in the parking area by the curb or in your driveway instead of blocking sidewalks.



Use the QR code to learn more at thedalles.org/adatransitionplan

Trim shrubs and trees so

that sidewalk passage is wide enough for all travelers.

When parking a car in a driveway, do not block the sidewalk.

Learn more about 2023 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Projects at www.thedalles.org/summerstreetmaintenance

Learn more about the 2019 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan at www.thedalles.org/adatransitionplan



2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your tap water delivers more value than any other water available to consumers, and at a bargain price. Consider the many ways that we use water:

Public health protection

In The Dalles, you can drink and wash your hands in water from any home faucet and public tap with a high assurance of safety; as shown in this annual report.

Fire protection

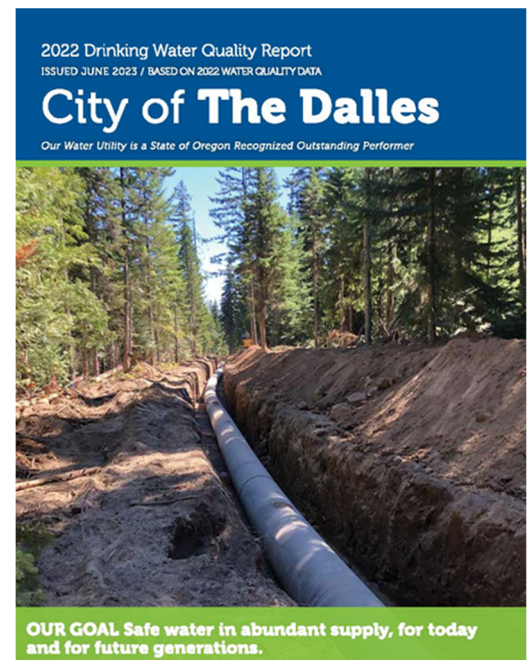
The City water system provides water where firefighters need it – when they need it.

Support for the economy

Local businesses and industries depend upon a safe, reliable water supply.

The overall quality of life we enjoy

From your morning shower and cup of coffee to washing your supper dishes, safe tap water that you can count on is more than a convenience; it is central to our everyday lives.



Get Ready for a Water or Sewer Emergency

The Dalles Public Works encourages all customers to prepare to move fast when a water pipe breaks on your property or you have a sewer back-up. When water is gushing into your home, the first step to take is shutting off the flow. If sewage is bubbling up into your home, you must find the sewer lateral clean-out, if one exists, to remove a blockage as soon as possible. During an emergency every minute counts. Take a few simple steps to reduce property damage and health hazards caused by pipe breaks and sewer clogs.

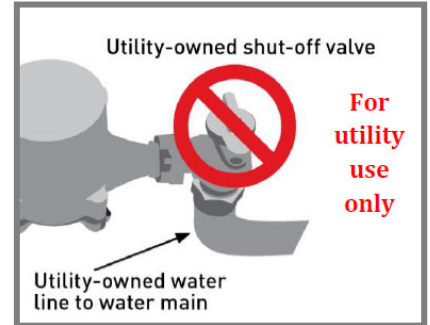
Where is your water meter and shut-off valve?



It is often easier to find your water shut-off valve by first locating your water meter. Usually your water meter is located near the curb or street in front of your building. If you can't find your water meter, call the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

Please do not pull out your meter lid to check if a shut-off valve is in the water meter box. The City does not want customers turning the utility-owned shut-off valve. Also, you could accidentally damage the radio-read wire connected to the meter box lid.

A customer-owned shut-off valve may be located outside the water meter box or where the service line enters the building.



If you don't find a water shut-off valve, we suggest that you call a plumber to install one before an emergency occurs.

Once you have found the water meter and shut-off, keep both areas clear. You or City utility employees may need to quickly and safely shut off the flow of water during an emergency.

Where is your sewer lateral clean-out?

Each home or business in the City of The Dalles has a sewer lateral; a pipeline between the building and the sewer main. The property owner handles installing, maintenance and replacement of the sewer lateral.

For new services, the City will install a clean-out on the sewer lateral. Typically the City installed clean-out is located between the building and the sidewalk. The City encourages property owners to install a clean-out on existing sewer laterals.

The property owner is responsible for ensuring that the clean-out remains accessible in case of a sewer back-up emergency.

The City can help you find where your sewer lateral connects to the sewer main. But if you don't find a sewer clean-out, it is advisable to call a plumber to install one before an emergency occurs.

Installation of a sewer clean-out or a water shut-off valve may require a plumbing permit. If the work impacts a sidewalk a City of The Dalles sidewalk/approach permit is required.



A typical sewer clean out is a pipe with a threaded plug. The plug may or may not be covered as shown.

Maintain Access to Water Meter, Water Shut-off Valve and Sewer Lateral Clean-Out

Once you find your water meter, water shut-off valve and sewer lateral clean-out, keep those areas clear for quick and easy access during an emergency. The last thing you will want to do as water gushes from a pipe break is hunt for the water shut-off valve.

Also, Municipal Code requires that customers provide clear access to water meters for utility serviceman at all times. The last thing the City wants to do is to knock on your door to find your meter when you are not home or in the middle of the night.

Please provide clear access in three simple steps:

Trim away plants to clear access to your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out. Give overgrown plants a “hair cut” at least once a year in late summer or early fall.

Uncover your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out to make it easy to find during an emergency. Sweep away bark or shovel dirt off of the meter lid or valve covers. Do not cover access with a mat or outdoor carpet.

Unblock access to your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out. You may have to move a boat trailer or a vehicle that overhangs the meter lid or valve covers. You may have to re-design your landscape to allow clear access.

For more information about water meter and sewer clean-out locations, contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

Springing into Season Two of Dog River Pipeline Construction

It's that time again! The City's contractors are gearing up for another busy season of Dog River Pipeline construction in Mount Hood National Forest. In the coming weeks, construction crews will be heading to the high-country to continue installing roughly 3.5 miles of new pipeline to replace the existing 110-year-old wooden pipeline.

In June, the City's contractors also expect to start work on a new fish passage and screening near the Dog River intake and to replace a failed culvert where Forest Road 1700-014 crosses Brooks Meadow Creek.

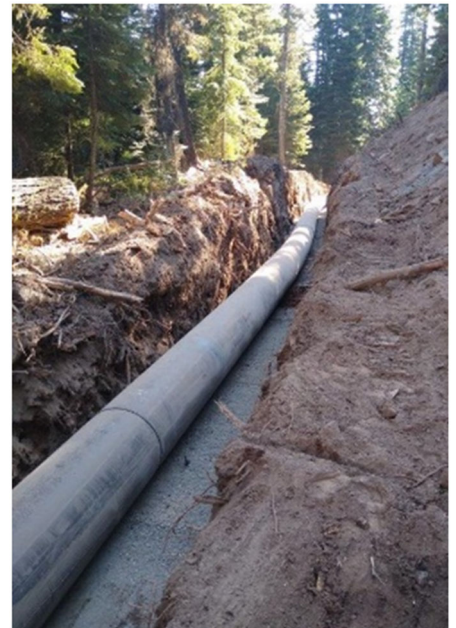
Throughout the summer, there will be temporary trail and forest road impacts where crews and equipment are active. The City is partnering with the U.S. Forest Service to coordinate work activities and trail user outreach.

There's a lot to get done, but weather permitting, the City is on track to finish construction by the end of 2023. “This project has been 25 years in the making, and we're looking forward to crossing the finish line this year,” says Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles Public Works Director.

Once complete, the new Dog River Pipeline will improve the reliability of the City's water system and continue serving The Dalles with high-quality drinking water delivered by gravity from a mountain source.

Fun Fact: The original Dog River Pipeline was built in 1913 using milled planks of Douglas fir, secured with galvanized wire and sealed with tar.

Visit the project webpage at thedalles.org/dogriverspipeline to learn more or email dogriverspipeline@ci.the-dalles.or.us to receive occasional updates and follow construction progress.



The Dalles-Wasco County Library



Adult Yoga at City Park

Mondays, June 5 – August 7 @ 10:00am

Snapdragon Yoga for Kids

Mondays @ 3:30pm

Tuesdays @ 10:00am

VR Guided Meditation for Adults

Tuesdays @ 11:30am, 12:15pm, or 1:00pm

Story Time for Kids

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays @ 10:30am

Magic the Gathering for Teens & Adults

Thursdays @ 3:30pm

Fun Fridays for School Age Kids

Fridays @ 3:15pm

Adult Writers Group

First Mondays @ 5:30pm

Teen Writers Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 4:00pm

Teen Art Club

1st Wednesday @ 3:30pm

Coffee and Coloring for Adults

1st Monday @ 12:00pm

Scrabble Club for Adults

1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 11:00am

Thread Journaling for Adults

4th Saturdays @ 10:00am

(Registration Required)

Adult Art Club

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

Sticks in the Stacks

2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Open Console Gaming for Teens

3rd Fridays @ 3:30pm

Underground Radio for Teens

4th Wednesdays @ 3:30pm

Family Lego Pizza Night for All Ages

Last Thursdays @ 5:30pm

Whodunit Mystery Club for Adults

1st Thursdays @ 5:00pm

Thursday Book Club for Adults

3rd Thursdays 4:00pm

Sci-Fi Book Club for Adults

Last Tuesdays @ 5:00pm



THE DALLES DIP

Back in 1926, one of the best places to cool off in the hot summer months was the “The Dalles Dip.” With a slide and diving board tower watched over by lifeguards, this moveable floating platform would have been a favorite spot for residents and visitors to The Dalles. It is

reported to often have been located on the beach of the pre-dammed Columbia River just at the end of today’s Court Street near where the cruise ships dock today.

NOW RECRUITING POLICE OFFICERS

The Dalles City Police Department is in a recruitment cycle. You might be wondering what it takes to be a police officer. First and foremost, we need people who are of solid moral character. This job requires a heart for service, honesty, compassion, and an ability to work both independently and as a part of our team. If this sounds like you, or someone



you know, reach out

to us or apply online at the TheDalles.org. The jobs link page will guide you through our easy and quick online application. Speed up the process by scheduling and taking the aptitude test with the National Testing Network (link on job description.) The National Testing Network scores report writing, reading and human relations, using your responses to short videos. A practice test is provided so you can ensure that you are ready to put your best foot forward.

Once the application is reviewed, the most qualified candidates are offered an interview which consists of Department members, partner agencies and a member of the community. Applicants who score highest in the panel interview are referred to a comprehensive background investigation. We examine records, talk to former coworkers, teachers, family members, anyone who can help us to get to know you better. The report is reviewed and those with a favorable background must, by state law, take a psychological examination with a certified medical provider. The city pays for this examination and your only role is to schedule, attend and answer the doctor's questions honestly and to the best of your ability. You will be in contact with the Police Department during the entire process. We know it sounds like a lot, but like any adventure, it comes one step at a time, and this adventure is not done.



Applicants that receive a positive medical report from the psychologist will be scheduled for one last hour long interview with the Chief of Police and the City Manager. By this time, we feel like we know our applicants pretty well and if this final interview goes well, you can expect a job offer. Of course, since this is just the beginning, you will attend the police academy and receive on the job training from our experienced field



training officers with routine written feedback and coaching. We want all of our new officers to get the help they need to succeed.

We give every application fair consideration and it's our hope that the selection process is a positive experience for all of our applicants. So, if you want to be a part of our Community Policing team and work at an

agency that values its employees, and cares for our community, consider applying today. If it's not for you but you know someone who might be a good fit, or who is looking for a career change, please consider sharing this with them. We would appreciate the support.





SUMMER CITY HALL CLOSURES

July 4, 2023

September 4, 2023



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 at www.thedalles.org

City Council: Council Chamber 5:30pm meets second and fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of holidays. *Generally does not meet in August.*

Planning Commission: Council Chamber 5:30pm first and third Thursday.

Urban Renewal Agency: Council Chamber 5:30pm third Tuesday of each month as needed.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board: Airport 7am third Friday of each month.

Library Board: Location varies 4pm on the third Tuesday.

Historic Landmarks Commission: Council Chamber 4pm fourth Wednesday.

Urban Renewal Budget: Council Chamber generally in April.

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

Museum Commission: Joint commission with Wasco County at The Harding House the second Tuesday at 6pm.

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

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

City Staff:

City Manager: Matthew Klebes

City Attorney: Jonathan Kara

City Clerk: Izetta Grossman

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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