

#### he Dalles SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



# ILLUMINATE THE DALLES

The Waldron Brothers Drug Store Light Capsule Project, initiated in September 2023 and completed on May 17,

2024, aimed to breathe new life into The Dalles' oldest commercial building. Through the innovative use of projectors, a technique created by artist Craig Winslow, the historic advertising signs of the Waldron Brothers Drugstore now shine brightly at night, transforming the building into a vibrant downtown landmark. This artistic installation will operate autonomously for up to ten years and was completed thanks to funding from the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency.

With a strong turnout of eighty people for the lighting ceremony. Illuminate The Dalles successfully showcased the Light Capsule installation. This project not only highlights the historical significance of the Waldron Brothers Drugstore but also reintegrates it as a visually spectacular and integral part of The Dalles' downtown.

### **UPDATE: DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT**

The City of The Dalles provides an update on the downtown tree project, aimed at enhancing the beauty and environmental health of the area. In partnership with The Davey Tree Expert Company (Davey), the City is diligently monitoring and supporting the newly planted trees.

City staff and Davey have identified some trees struggling to adapt and have increased watering and feeding efforts at no extra cost. "We understand the community's concerns," said Joshua Chandler, Community Development Director. "We are committed to improving care practices and will replace any trees that do not regain health this fall, also at no extra cost." All trees are guaranteed for three years from planting.

The City appreciates the community's patience and urges residents to keep tree wells clear of litter and properly dispose of cigarette butts to help the trees thrive.



## Welcome New Employees

Holly Getz, a resident of The Dalles is our new Evidence Technician.. Holly has broad professional experience including real estate and media.



Pedro Romero, originally from the area has recently moved back from Northern Idaho. Pedro has years of experience including construction, customer service and automotive



Bradley Newman is a long time resident of The Dalles and most recently worked at Columbia Gorge Toyota.



**Ezequiel Pitones**, a resident of Hood River started this week. Ezequiel has more than 8 years of experience in the service industry. Most recently, he worked for Windmaster Market.





## Welcome Our New Officers

We are proud to announce the swearing-in of our newest police officers, who have taken their oaths to serve and protect our community with integrity and dedication.



## **Security Camera Registration Program**

You can assist the City of The Dalles Police Department by registering your home or business surveillance system. This aids Police in promptly identifying potentially helpful camera footage when there is criminal activity in your vicinity.

For more information or to register visit www.thedalles.org/CameraRegistry





THE DALLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### **EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT**

On June 12th, the City of The Dalles came together to celebrate our hardworking employees at the Employee Appreciation Celebration. The event was a resounding success.

The festivities were held at City Hall where employees gathered to enjoy a well-deserved break and some delightful treats. One of the

highlights of the afternoon was the refreshing Italian sodas, which provided a perfect way to cool down

and unwind. Complementing the beverages were the delicious cupcakes by Cyndi. The celebration was more than just about food and drinks; it was an opportunity to express out thanks to all employees for their dedication.

The event also provided a wonderful opportunity for colleagues from different departments to connect, share stories, and strengthen the bonds that make our city workforce special.

To all the employees of the City of The Dalles: Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Your efforts are appreciated, and we look forward to celebrating many more successes together in the future.







## **Introducing Our Appreciation Task Force (ATF) Team**

Introducing our dedicated Appreciation Task Force (ATF) team, the driving force behind our quarterly gatherings, our annual Christmas parties, years of service, and more for the City of The Dalles employees. This team works tirelessly to ensure that our employees feel recognized and valued for their hard work and dedication. Starting from left to right:

- ♦ **Kirsten Wells**, Programming & Outreach Coordinator for The Dalles Public Library
- Nikki Lesich, Codes Enforcement Officer
- Jacob VanVelsor, Safety Officer
- Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary for the Public Works Department
- Abigail Jara, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

ATF is dedicated to acknowledging and rewarding the efforts of our employees. The ATF team devises and organizes various events and initiatives to celebrate our City of The Dalles employees. Through their thoughtful and creative celebrations, the ATF ensures that every employee feels valued and appreciated for their contributions to our community.



#### **Farewell to Our RARE Volunteer**

Ann Moorhead, our RARE volunteer, will be departing in July. While we are saddened to see her go, we are thankful for the time, effort, and passion she has dedicated to our cause. Since joining us, Ann has been an invaluable part of our team.

Ann Moorhead contributes significantly to The Dalles community as an AmeriCorps member through the "Resource Assistance for Rural Environments" (RARE) program. This program places graduate-level members in rural communities for 11 months to enhance economic, social, and environmental conditions. Serving as the City's Special Projects Coordinator, Ann manages pivotal initiatives including the Waldron Drug Light Capsule Project, aimed at revitalizing local heritage through innovative lighting installations. She also spearheads The Dalles Municipal Wi-Fi expansion to improve connectivity, facilitating community engagement and economic development.

In collaboration with The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, Ann also serves as

outdoor recreation and tourism. Her efforts include mapping and enhancing recreational assets across The Dalles and neighboring regions to attract visitors and boost local economies.

Ann's tenure, which began in September 2023 significant achievements. She successfully implemented on May 17th, and advanced the Municipal Wi-Fi project through a rigorous Request for Proposal process, scheduled for City Council discussion on June 24th. Additionally, Ann has compiled comprehensive data on energy-saving initiatives for city facilities and contributed to community projects like the Tony's survey, evacuation plans, and a downtown

Destination Development Specialist, focusing on and concludes in July 2024, has been marked by initiated the Waldron Drug Light Capsule Project, walking tour.

Throughout her tenure, Ann has embraced life in The Gorge with enthusiasm, enjoying its natural beauty, diverse culture, and vibrant community. She's cherished exploring the region, meeting its residents, and tackling local challenges head-on. As her term concludes, Ann eagerly anticipates applying her newfound skills and experiences to future endeavors, driven by a passion to learn more and make a positive impact with what she does next.

## You Lead Us, but Do You Really Know Us?

City Managers Matthew Klebes and Abigail Elder facilitated a session at the Oregon City/County Managements Association Summer Conference las week focused on how the chief administrator helps (and sometimes hinders) the work of various City Departments, and the advice Department representatives have for OCCMA members to be effective, connected, and responsive leaders to our most important resource: employees.





#### SUBSCRIBE TO THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



The best way to stay informed about all the exciting FREE events happening at your library.

#### THE SUN IS SHINING AND IT'S TIME FOR SUMMER READING AT YOUR LIBRARY!

We all know that reading is its own reward - but with our annual Summer Reading Challenge, patrons will get the chance to win big. We'll have some truly amazing prizes up for grabs, like camping gear, art supplies and gift cards - so make sure you Register then Read! Renew! Repeat! this summer, at The Dalles Library.

We'll spend this glorious season focusing on environmental conservation and the restorative power of reading. Patrons of all ages will find endless opportunities for fun, learning and connection this summer. Subscribe to our newsletter and stay informed about all the exciting, FREE events happening all summer long at The Dalles Library!



Magical Crafts - Prizes

Sweets from Honeydukes

Costumes strongly encouraged

Snape Escape Room







#### 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.















A simple walk through your landscape can help you save water outdoors



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 need- ed.
Poor sprinkler coverage	Poor sprinkler coverage can cause over-watering in some areas of the land-scape 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 director on 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 la- beled weather-based con- troller that automatically changes run times season- ally
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 collect- ing 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).

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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 established new ADA design standards later that year. ADA sidewalk access will be installed each year as budget allows.

In 2024, 37 ADA curb ramp improvements are planned at multiple intersections to be completed ahead of City paving projects.



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

#### 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.
- 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 2024 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvement Projects at <a href="https://www.thedalles.org/summerstreetmaintenance">www.thedalles.org/summerstreetmaintenance</a>

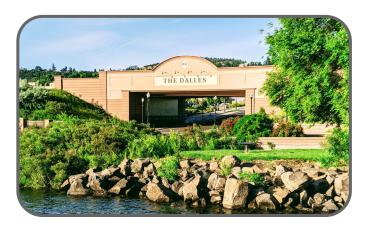
Learn more about the 2019 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan at www.thedalles.org/adatransitionplan



# CLOSED SUMMER CITY HALL CLOSURES

July 4, 2024 September 2, 2024

## City of The Dalles Meeting Dates and Locations:



We encourage community members to attend meetings. All meetings are available to view live-streamed by clicking on the appropriate links on the City website. Updates and cancellations can be found on the City's website at www.thedalles.org/agendas

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.

City Manager: Matthew Klehes

**Councilor Position #5:** Rod Runyon

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 & Tree 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.

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