



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

CITY OF THE DALLES

HOUSING PRODUCTION STRATEGY

Beginning in spring 2024, the City of The Dalles began the process of conducting a series of discussions on a Housing Production Strategy (HPS), which will outline specific tools, actions, and policies to address housing needs and affordability. Led by Cascadia Partners and funded by a grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development, this strategy builds on the 2023 Housing Needs Analysis and Residential Building Lands Inventory, as required by Oregon House Bill 2003. City staff and Cascadia Partners will hold work sessions with an Advisory Committee, City Council, and the Planning Commission throughout the year, aiming to adopt the HPS by December 31, 2024.

To learn more visit:
www.thedalles.org/openhouseHPS

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

HELP THE CITY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Your responses to this brief survey will help the City support housing development that meets your community's needs.

The City of The Dalles is preparing its Housing Production Strategy (HPS), which will guide our actions to support housing development in the coming years.

Take the survey by October 4, 2024.



thedalles.org/surveyhps



AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR A FEDERAL STREET PLAZA PLAN

At the September 9th City Council meeting, an ad-hoc committee was officially established to guide the development of a downtown plaza on Federal Street, between 1st and 2nd Streets. The committee will provide recommendations on the design, construction, and funding of the plaza, which will serve as a key feature in downtown revitalization efforts. In addition to shaping the project, the committee will collaborate with City staff to explore grant opportunities to support its funding. The plaza is part of the City's broader Vision Action Plan, focused on enhancing economic vitality and strengthening community life.

DOWNTOWN PARKING ASSESSMENT

In spring 2024, the City of The Dalles began a Downtown Parking Assessment to better understand the dynamics of our downtown parking system with help from Rick Williams Consulting, the assessment includes data collection, analysis, and recommendations for managing downtown parking. The City is reviewing its parking code and policies and held work sessions with an Advisory Committee of local stakeholders to gather input. Findings were shared at a community open house on September 30, 2024, but more discussions to follow.

For more information please visit:
www.thedalles.org/DTParking2024

RESIDENTIAL TREE GRANT PROGRAM



The City of The Dalles launched the second round of its Residential Tree Grant Program, offering grants to residents for planting trees to enhance the beauty of our community and provide beneficial shade. In 2023, The Beautification and Tree Committee awarded 27 trees through this program. In 2024, the Committee will be able to award more than 50 trees to improve our urban forest.

The number of applicants more than doubled this year, and we hope the program continues to grow. Applications are now closed, but you can apply again next summer for planting in the fall.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



PHOTO CREDIT TO JOSHUA ALBERT AT CCCNEWS

On August 6th, The Dalles Police Department enjoyed a fantastic "Night Out" with the community at The Dalles City Park. Local law enforcement agencies and first responders came together to celebrate public safety and connect with residents in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. The weather couldn't have been better, and attendees had the opportunity to explore police equipment, patrol cars, and even see live demonstrations, including drone technology and a canine performance by the Wasco County Sheriff's K-9 unit.

This year's event saw significant growth, with over 300 community members in attendance. Many left with small gifts and treats after engaging with the officers and learning more about their work. Police Chief Worthy shared, "This is one of my favorite community events. Seeing the smiling faces on all of the children was uplifting and one day I'd love to see a few of them in uniform keeping our community safe."

National Night Out is a community policing event that strengthens the relationship between first responders and the community they serve, fostering trust and unity.

FAMILY CARE ROOM

The City of The Dalles Police Department is proud to announce a valuable new amenity for our female officers and young families. With a small investment, we've created a private nursing room at the department providing a comfortable space for parents to care for their infants while continuing to serve the community.



This dedicated room offers new moms the flexibility to nurse their babies in a quiet, supportive environment, promoting a peaceful bonding experience. The design and furnishings were thoughtfully chosen in collaboration with our female officers, ensuring the space is both functional and welcoming. This initiative demonstrates the department's commitment to fostering a family-friendly workplace where all employees can thrive.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY



Congratulations to the recent graduates of our Local Government Academy. This year's participants gained valuable insights into city operations, built awareness of how local government operates, and were shown ways the public can engage in city decision-making. We appreciate their commitment to learning and civic engagement. The program has wrapped up for the year, but stay tuned for information on next year's session!

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

As the weather cools and leaves fall, help us keep streets safe by properly disposing of leaf piles. Fallen leaves can block storm drains, cause flooding and freeze, creating slip hazards. **Do not rake leaves from your yard into the street.** Compost or use yard debris containers for leaf disposal. During November The Dalles Transfer Station, located at 1317 West 1st Street, will accept yard debris at no charge.

Scan the QR code to read the full article with more details



OLLG FALL CONFERENCE

Executive Assistant Abigail Jara attended the Oregon Latinos in Local Government (OLLG) Fall Conference on September 20th. The conference focused on fostering collaboration and professional growth for all local government employees, with an emphasis on building inclusive communities and ensuring everyone feels represented and valued in the public sector. To learn more about OLLG visit: <https://www.oregonlatinosinlocalgovernment.org/>



NEW SCULPTURE AT TREVITT TRIANGLE

The City of The Dalles Beautification & Tree Committee has installed a new sculpture for the Trevitt Triangle, located at the intersection of Trevitt and 6th Street. After months of planning, design, and hard work, the sculpture was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting event on September 26th. This project was made possible with the collaboration of Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) student, Shanay Worley, under the guidance of instructors Chris Dodson and Robert Clark at the Skills Center. What a great new addition to our city's landscape!



A huge thank you also goes to David Mills and his team at Public Works for their dedication to the installation process.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS



The City of The Dalles is considering amendments to the Short-Term Rental (STR) licensing ordinance, Chapter 8.02 of the Municipal Code. Over the past year, the City Council has engaged in public discussions to enhance livability while balancing the role STRs serve in our community.

To read more about the proposed amendments, follow the link to a letter from the Community Development Director: www.thedalles.org/NewsSTR

MEETING INFORMATION

To learn more about City Committee, Commission, and Board meetings visit our website where you can view agendas, minutes, and schedules. This is also where you go to find live-streamed meeting links and recorded video.



thedalles.org/agendas

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JILL HOYENGA RECEIVES OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD

The City of The Dalles is proud to announce that Jill Hoyenga has been selected for the prestigious Outstanding Individual Award by the Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA). This award is given annually at ACWA's summer conference to recognize individuals who excel in pollution prevention and environmental leadership.

Jill's dedication and accomplishments in the field have been outstanding. She has taken an active role in promoting clean water initiatives and is committed to sharing her expertise with others. This year, she embarked on a speaking tour, presenting the Oregon ACWA Model FOG Ordinance (Fats, Oils, and Grease) at four events so far, with three more planned in the near future.

Congratulations to Jill for this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your continued leadership in protecting our environment. Great job, Jill!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING MEETING

The City Council will hold a goal-setting meeting on November 15th to discuss their priorities, set goals, and plan for their implementation in the coming year. At the City Council goal-setting retreat, staff and Council will review, adjust, and set goals based on community needs, organizational capacity, and the City's financial outlook.

You can watch it live on our website, on November 15th.

For more details on the current City Council retreat, go to: thedalles.org/CCGoals23-25

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DOWNTOWN FALL TREE PLANTING

Starting in mid-October, Davey Tree Company will be replacing downtown trees that didn't survive. This is part of our ongoing efforts to keep the area green and vibrant. For questions about the trees, please contact Josh Chandler, Community Development Director, jchandler@ci.the-dalles.or.us

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LISTEN TO CITY HALL ON THE RADIO

Tune in to listen to the City Manager on KODL radio every 1st Friday of the month, and the Mayor is on every 4th Tuesday, both at 10:07 AM on the Coffee Break show with Mark Bailey.

CITY OF THE DALLES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

CURRENT OPENINGS

Equipment Operator

Full Time | Open Until Filled
\$27.14 - \$32.41 per hour

Water Treatment Operator

Full Time | 1st Review 8/10/24
\$28.72 - \$38.70 per hour

Lateral Police Officer

Full Time | Open Until Filled
\$34.18 - \$40.81 per hour

Water Distribution Operator

Full Time | Open Until Filled
\$27.43 - \$37.21 per hour



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