



WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

CITY OF THE DALLES

NEW TRASH CANS DOWNTOWN!

We're excited to introduce the brand-new trash cans in downtown The Dalles! A huge thank you to our amazing Facilities crew for the installation, the Beautification & Tree Committee for their vision, and Optimist Printers for their outstanding work on the wrap printing and installation. Special shout-out to artist Denae Manion for her stunning designs and to The Dalles Disposal for their generous contribution to the project. Together, we're creating a cleaner, more vibrant community! More original designs will soon be added to complete the wrapping on all new trash cans downtown. Stay tuned!



THE CITY'S RECORD DIGITIZATION PROJECT

The City of The Dalles is advancing its record digitization project, funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, to preserve history and improve access to public records. The project is already underway, focusing on digitizing key documents, including City Council records from the 1800s and files from various departments. This effort will make records more accessible, enhance retrieval efficiency, and protect important historical and operational documents.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSING ORDINANCE

The City of The Dalles adopted General Ordinance No. 24-1407B on December 9th, amending the Municipal Code Chapter 8.02 to refine licensing and regulation of short-term rentals. Key updates include:

- Maximum Licensing Cap
- Vicinity Restrictions
- Operational Standards
- Special Events Regulations
- Maximum Occupancy

These changes aim to balance the growth of short-term rentals with community welfare. Full details are available on the City's website thedalles.org/GenOrd24-1407B

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CITY HALL?

Check out the pilot episodes of What's Happening at City Hall! Our City Manager highlights updates from council, committees, and boards, sharing insight on projects shaping our community. Want more? Point your phone's camera to scan the QR code to watch!



WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM!

The City of The Dalles is now on Instagram! Scan the QR code below to connect with us and stay informed!



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CITY EMPLOYEES SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER THROUGH ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

City of The Dalles employees are embracing the holiday spirit by participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. This heartwarming initiative allows staff to select gift tags from the Angel Tree and fulfill the holiday wishes of local children in need. By coming together to make the season brighter for others, city employees are showing their dedication not only to serving our community but also to sharing the joy of giving.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MERCURY!

Mercury is a naturally occurring element. But it is very toxic. Mercury resists breaking down in the environment and accumulates in the food chain. Mercury can permanently affect fetal and child development and can damage the brain, kidneys, and lungs. People are most commonly exposed by eating mercury contaminated fish. Other ways people may be exposed are from breakage of devices that contain mercury. Home devices that may contain mercury are thermometers or fluorescent tubes.



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

A NEW HOLIDAY STAR SHINES BRIGHT

The City of The Dalles is thrilled to announce the installation of a new holiday star at the Vista Reservoir! This stunning addition was made possible through a collaborative effort between Jerry Anderson, the Public Works team, and North Wasco County PUD. Thank you to everyone involved for bringing this festive symbol of community spirit to life.



TRIM TREES AND SHRUBS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

It is the owner's or occupant's responsibility to reduce the hazard when a tree or shrub on their property or on the right-of-way next to their property blocks public walkways and streets. Trimming is also important for the health of your trees and shrubs. Trimming when branches are bare results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring. It is best to wait until the coldest part of winter has passed. If you want to slow the growth of trees and shrubs, trim in mid-summer.

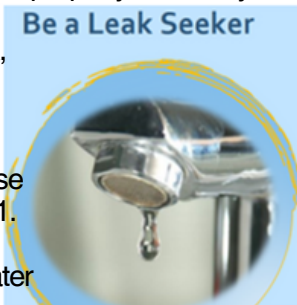


Use the QR code to learn more at thedalles.org/trimtrees

BE A LEAK SEEKER

The City owns the water service lines up to the meter but downstream of the meter is private property. The City does not locate or fix leaks on private property. If you suspect a leak, please start investigating right away. To request water shut off please call (541) 506-2031.

For emergency water shut off please call (541) 980-7703.



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

NEW QUIET PODS AT THE DALLES PUBLIC LIBRARY: YOUR SPACE FOR FOCUS AND COLLABORATION

The Dalles Public Library is excited to introduce two new quiet pods for focused work, study, or small meetings. The smaller pod seats 1-2 people, while the larger accommodates up to 6, perfect for group discussions or projects. With comfortable seating and a distraction-free environment, the pods are available to reserve at the front desk for your productivity and collaboration needs.



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THE WORD WAGON: A NEW CHAPTER IN LIBRARY SERVICES



The Dalles Public Library is excited to introduce The Word Wagon, an exciting new addition to the outreach program! This is a wheelchair-accessible bookmobile bringing DVDs, audiobooks, and a rotating collection of books to 13 stops across Wasco County each month, including Wamic, Celilo, and Antelope. Outreach Librarian Kristen Dyer ensures even remote communities can browse, borrow, and place holds on materials, with a wireless router available for exploring eBooks and online resources. Visit the library website for more information and a schedule of bookmobile stops:

www.wascocountylibrary.com

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION!

Thank you to everyone who made the 2nd Annual Día de los Muertos event at The Dalles Public Library a vibrant success! Special thanks to our incredible partners, including The Dalles High School Juntos Club, One Community Health, Chenoweth Elementary Dancers, DJ Tony, Radio Tierra, and more, for bringing joy and culture to the celebration. From stunning altars and lively performances to delicious food from Tacos Tumbras and pan de muerto from Angel's Bakery, it was a meaningful tribute to this beautiful tradition. We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!



THANK YOU COUNCILOR LONG



The City of The Dalles extends heartfelt thanks to Councilor Long for her dedicated service on the City Council since 2017. Her commitment to the community and contributions to key decisions have greatly benefited our City. We appreciate her leadership, hard work, and the positive impact she's made. Councilor Long will be leaving Council as her second term expires.

PUBLIC 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



CITY STAFF GOBBLE UP THE FUN AT THE TURKEY TROT!

City of The Dalles employees proudly represented the City at this year's Turkey Trot, showing their support for community wellness and fun! A great turnout from City staff helped contribute to the event's success, showcasing the City's commitment to staying active and involved in local happenings. Organized by Columbia Gorge Toyota, the Turkey Trot is a cherished tradition that brings together residents of all ages to celebrate the season with family-friendly fitness. We're proud of our team for showing up and giving back to our vibrant community, with all proceeds benefiting the Columbia Gorge Humane Society.

CITY OF THE DALLES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WE'RE HIRING!

Positions:

- Equipment Operator
- Children & Teen Librarian
- Network Administrator
- Wastewater Collection Cert. Operator
- Water Treatment Cert. Operator
- Lateral Police Officers



Learn More:

thedalles.applicantpro.com/jobs/

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ADOPTION OF THE WATER MASTER PLAN

A 20-year plan will guide water system upgrades and replace critical infrastructure to ensure access to safe and reliable water supplies now and in the future. Google revenues from the Strategic Investment Program will help minimize user rate increases. For more info visit: thedalles.org/WaterMasterPlan.

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FUNDING REQUESTS OPEN FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS & AGENCIES FOR FY 2025/26

The City of The Dalles is accepting funding requests for FY 2025/26. Local nonprofits and agencies are encouraged to apply for projects that enhance community life. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on January 31st. For more details, visit: thedalles.org/fundingapp

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LISTEN TO CITY HALL ON THE RADIO

Stay connected with the City of The Dalles! Tune in to hear the City Manager on KODL radio every 1st Friday of the month and the Mayor every 4th Tuesday at 10:07 AM on the Coffee Break show with Al Wynn. Plus, don't miss the Executive Assistant to the City Manager on Radio Tierra every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 AM for the latest updates and news. Stay informed and engaged!