



CITY OF THE DALLES

NEWSLETTER

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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

We have launched a new webpage to keep the community informed about upcoming projects in the downtown area! The page currently highlights:

- First Street Project
- Federal Street Project
- An interactive map of past, present, and conceptual Urban Renewal projects

More information and updates will be added as these projects progress. The goal is to keep our community informed and engaged in the exciting changes happening in the heart of our city.

Visit the Downtown Revitalization Projects page: thedalles.org/DTprojects

BEAUTIFICATION & TREE COMMITTEE TREE GRANT PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

On October 11th, the Beautification and Tree Committee distributed 37 trees to 2025 Residential Tree Grant recipients. Over the past three years, the program has provided more than 120 trees to residents, helping grow a healthier urban forest. Trees beautify neighborhoods, boost property values, provide cooling shade, and improve air, water, and soil quality. The Committee hopes to offer the program again in 2026.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES!

The City of The Dalles is proud to recognize the participants of this year's Local Government Academy who recently completed the program. Over seven weeks, participants gained a behind-the-scenes look at how their local government works and learned about City services. We thank each graduate for their commitment to civic engagement and for taking the time to better understand how our City operates.



Highlights

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2025 CITY COUNCIL GOALS
AND ACTION PLAN



City Council Goals setting

City Council adopted the 2025 Goal and Action Plan, developed with input from Council, staff, and the community through surveys and The Dalles 2040 Vision. The plan guides City priorities and operations for the year, strengthening collaboration and progress toward community goals. Council will hold its next goal-setting retreat on November 6-7 to shape priorities for 2026. Community members are invited to watch the retreat live at thedalles.org/agendas



Community Outreach Team Visits Washington, D.C.

In September, The Dalles Community Outreach Team (COT) traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with federal partners and advocate for local priorities, including discussions related to the Watershed Act legislation (H.R. 655). This bill would authorize the transfer of federal land within the Mount Hood National Forest to the City of The Dalles, helping secure and protect the community's municipal water supply.



Informational Meeting DOWNTOWN PROJECTS

Thursday 5:30pm, October 30th
City Hall, 313 Court Street

Informational Meeting

Join us on Thursday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers for updates on upcoming downtown projects. City staff will share project timelines, construction impacts, and answer questions. Can't attend? A recording of the meeting will be posted on our website at thedalles.org/DTprojects. Questions? Contact Amie Ell at amell@ci.the-dalles.or.us



Oregon Latinos in Local Government Conference

In September, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Abigail Jara attended the Oregon Latinos in Local Government (OLLG) Fall Conference in Sherwood. The event brought together local government professionals from across Oregon to share experiences, learn from state legislators, and strengthen community leadership. Sessions covered topics such as collaboration across government agencies, updates from the 2025 Legislative Session, and the importance of representation and community engagement in local government.



Ordinance Update - Mobile Food Vendors & Transient Merchants - In Effect (TDMC Ch. 8.06)

The Dalles City Council approved an ordinance that combines and updates the City's rules for mobile food vendors (food trucks, carts, etc.) and transient merchants (short-term vendors like pop-up retail stands). The old rules had not been fully updated since 1997, and the new ordinance is designed to simplify the process, reduce outdated fees, and make the system clearer for both vendors and the community.

Key highlights:

- Clear rules for how long vendors can operate in one spot (up to 12 months).
- Bigger discounts for vendors offering healthy food.
- Expanded fee waivers for nonprofits and community groups.



NEW AVIATION T-HANGARS COMING TO COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Dalles City Council has approved an agreement with HB Hansen Construction, Inc. to build two new 10-unit aviation T-hangars at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

This investment will expand hangar capacity and support aviation growth at the regional airport, strengthening its role as a key transportation hub in the Columbia Gorge.



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 W 1st Street, will accept yard debris at no charge on weekdays.



Prevent Frozen Pipes

Save yourself the hassle and cost of emergency repairs. Take a few simple steps to reduce the risk of burst pipes before freezing weather sets in.



Prepare for Winter Snow

The Dalles Public Works is preparing our response to winter storm events. But the job of snow removal is too big for City crews to tackle alone. City residents are responsible for care of adjacent sidewalks during winter weather conditions.



Don't Miss Out!

Stop by City Hall on Friday,
October 31 during the
Downtown Trick-or-Treat!
Grab some candy, say
hello, and join the fun! 🎃



City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- **November 11** – Veterans Day
- **November 27–28** – Thanksgiving Holiday
- **December 25** – Christmas Day

Regular business hours will resume the next business day following each holiday.

The Dalles Public Library's 3rd Annual

Día de Los Muertos

— Celebrate the Magic! —

Free! Everyone Welcome!

Saturday, November 1st • 12-4

Live Music • Bounce House • Face Painting
Traditional Dance Performers • Crafts
Loteria • Great Prizes • Food Truck

Sponsored By:

Juntos **Chenoweth Elementary** **Columbia Gorge Education Service District** **The Dalles Library**

One Community Health

GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED



Listen to City Hall on the Radio

Stay connected with the City of The Dalles!

- **1st Friday of the month** - Hear from the City Manager at 10:00am on KODL Coffee Break Show with Al Wynn.
- **4th Tuesday of the month** - Tune in for the Mayor's update.
- **3rd Thursday of the month** - Catch the Executive Assistant to the City Manager on Radio Tierra at 7:30 AM (en español).

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Stay informed about City Committee, Commission, and Board meetings! Visit our website to view agendas, minutes, schedules, and livestreams — or watch recorded videos anytime.



📱 Scan the QR code or visit thedalles.org to explore upcoming meetings.

What's happening at city hall?

Catch our video recap series where the City Manager breaks down recent City Council meetings — from new projects and policy updates to future plans shaping The Dalles.

📺 Watch on the City's [YouTube](#) page or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and behind-the-scenes insights!

Join the Beautification & Tree Committee!

Love helping your community shine? We're looking for volunteers to fill open seats on the Beautification & Tree Committee!

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 4 PM (Zoom available).

thedalles.org/government/boards_commissions