



CITY OF THE DALLES

NEWSLETTER | SUMMER 2026



TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW KELLY TRIANGLE!

If you're driving along 12th Street and Kelly Avenue, be sure to take a look at the beautiful transformation of Kelly Triangle. Led by the City of The Dalles Beautification & Tree Committee in partnership with the Green Team, this project has revitalized the space and enhanced the appearance of one of our community's key intersections.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to bringing this vision to life. We hope residents and visitors alike enjoy the refreshed look of Kelly Triangle as they pass through the area.

HELP NAME THE NEW DOWNTOWN PLAZA!

The City of The Dalles is inviting community members to help name the new Downtown Plaza currently under construction on Federal Street.

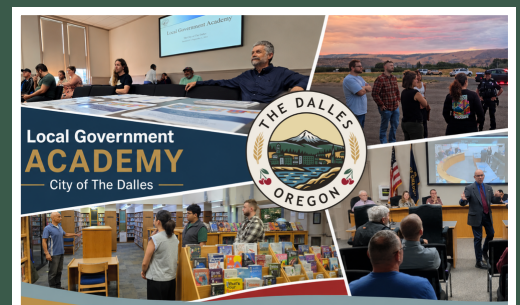
Designed as a welcoming public gathering space, the Plaza will provide a place for residents and visitors to gather, relax, attend events, and enjoy downtown. Community members are encouraged to submit names that reflect the history, character, culture, geography, or community spirit of The Dalles.

The submission period is open from June 30 through July 21, 2026. Community members may submit up to three proposed names and must include a brief explanation for each submission. After the submission period closes, eligible entries will be reviewed, and the Federal Street Plaza Ad Hoc Committee will select three finalists for a community vote. The winning name will be announced during the Plaza's grand opening celebration. To view the contest guidelines and submit a name, visit www.thedalles.gov/PlazaName

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY RETURNS IN 2026

The City of The Dalles' Local Government Academy will open applications on July 17, 2026. The Academy provides community members with an inside look at City operations, services, and programs through presentations, tours, and conversations with City staff and elected officials. The program is designed to increase civic understanding and encourage future participation in local boards, committees, commissions, or elected office.

Eligibility requirements include City of The Dalles residency, being at least 18 years of age (with exceptions for nominated high school students), an interest in local government, and availability to attend all sessions. For more information, contact City Clerk Amie Ell at amell@thedalles.gov.



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2026 RESIDENTIAL TREE GRANT PROGRAM

The City of The Dalles Beautification & Tree Committee is now accepting applications for the 2026 Residential Tree Grant Program through August 1, 2026. Now in its fourth year, the program helps residents within City limits enhance their properties with carefully selected trees that provide cooling shade, improve air quality, support wildlife habitat, and beautify neighborhoods.

Eligible residents may request up to two trees per property, subject to availability. Approved applicants will be notified by September 1, 2026, and tree distribution will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Thompson Park. To apply or learn more, visit TheDalles.org/TreeApplication or contact Executive Assistant Abigail Jara at ajara@thedalles.gov or (541) 296-5481 ext. 4408.

DOG LICENSES REQUIRED WITHIN CITY LIMITS

The City of The Dalles reminds residents that all adult dogs residing within City limits are required to be licensed. Dog licensing helps reunite lost pets with their families and includes a free personalized pet tag, 24/7 lost pet support through DocuPet, and an online pet profile to assist with identifying and returning lost pets. To license your dog, you will need a current rabies vaccination certificate and payment of the applicable license fee. All dog license fee revenue supports the Columbia Gorge Humane Society and the City's Animal Control Program.



To learn more or purchase a license, visit thedalles.docupet.com

DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM IN BLOOM

The City of The Dalles Beautification and Tree Committee is pleased to highlight several local businesses that participated in the 2026 Downtown Beautification Grant Program. The grant program provides reimbursement funding to eligible downtown business and property owners for beautification improvements, including flowers, greenery, and planters that enhance the appearance and vibrancy of downtown The Dalles. The Beautification and Tree Committee appreciates the businesses and property owners who participated this year and helped create a more welcoming and attractive downtown environment.



EXTERIOR REFRESH PILOT

Did you know The Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency is offering grants of up to \$7,500 to help improve exterior appearance of existing buildings within the Gateway Downtown Urban Renewal Area. Eligible property owners, tenants, and purchasers (with owner approval) can receive up to 100% reimbursement for qualifying street-facing



exterior improvements, including painting, staining, façade cleaning, and minor repairs. Applications must be approved before work begins. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit our website for more information.

WE ARE HIRING!

Join the City of The Dalles team and make a difference in the community you serve. The City of The Dalles offers rewarding career opportunities, competitive benefits, professional development, and the chance to help shape the future of our community.

Current Openings

- Assistant City Manager & HR Director
- Lateral Police Officer
- Equipment Operator
- Library Page
- Water Treatment Certified Operator



Learn more and apply at www.thedalles.applicantpro.com/jobs

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.



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

2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

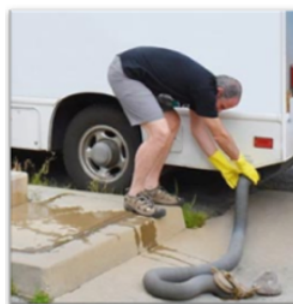
Your tap water delivers more value than any other water available to consumers, and at a bargain price. Consider the many ways that we use water: for maintaining public health, fire protection, supporting a vibrant economy and the overall quality of life we enjoy.



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

THE DALLES RV DUMP STATION

The summer recreation season is in full swing. You and your guests are invited to dump recreational vehicle graywater and black water tanks at The Dalles RV Dump Station. Please view the two-page online flyer and leave a clean dump station for the next guest.



The Port of The Dalles RV Dump Station is a courtesy service for recreational vehicles. Use the QR code to get more information or go to thedalles.org/rvdump

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The City of The Dalles Public Works Department is pleased to report that work on the Chip Seal Projects has been completed. City crews and contractors are scheduled to return on July 20, 2026, to apply the final fog seal treatment, which helps protect and extend the life of the roadway surface. We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation throughout this project and look forward to completing the final phase of work.



FIND IT, FLAG IT, FIX IT: A CHECKLIST FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE

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?



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

REMINDER: CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION IS OPEN

The City of The Dalles reminds residents that candidate filing remains open for the November 3, 2026, General Election. Positions on the ballot this year include Mayor, City Council Position #1, and City Council Position #3.

Community members interested in serving their community are encouraged to consider running for local office. Candidates must be registered voters, have resided within The Dalles city limits for at least 12 months prior to the election, and may not run for more than one City office in the same election. The filing deadline for incumbent candidates is August 18, 2026, and the filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates is August 25, 2026.

For candidate qualifications, filing procedures, current candidate filings, and additional election resources, visit the City's Elections webpage at thedalles.gov/elections or contact City Elections Official Amie Ell at amell@thedalles.gov or 541-296-5481 ext. 1119.



CURRENT STATUS – 7/7/2026

Normal Conditions:
No water restrictions
currently in place.



THE CITY CONTINUES TO MONITOR:



local water supply
conditions



seasonal weather and
snowpack conditions



water demand and
system usage

NEW: SEASONAL WATER SUPPLY MONITORING UPDATES

This summer, the City of The Dalles is launching Seasonal Water Supply Monitoring Updates to help residents stay informed about local water conditions and the performance of our community's drinking water system.

While drought conditions can vary significantly across Oregon, local water availability depends on factors such as watershed conditions, reservoir storage, groundwater availability, and community water demand. These updates will provide regular information about our local water supply conditions throughout the summer season.

The City of The Dalles water system is currently operating under normal conditions. Crow Creek Reservoir remains at normal seasonal storage levels, groundwater wells are operating normally, and no water restrictions are currently in effect.

To view the full Seasonal Water Supply Monitoring Update, including reservoir conditions, groundwater operations, water demand trends, and drought monitoring information, visit: thedalles.org/monitoringwatersupply.

STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED WITH CITY GOVERNMENT

Agendas, meeting packets, livestreams, and video recordings are available on the City's website at thedalles.gov/Agendas

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MEETING	SCHEDULE	TIME
 City Council	Second & Fourth Mondays of each month	 5:30 p.m.
 Beautification & Tree Committee	First & Third Mondays of each month	 4:00 p.m.
 Planning Commission	First & Third Thursdays of each month	 5:30 p.m.
 Traffic Safety Commission	Third Wednesdays of each month	 7:00 a.m.
 Historic Landmarks Commission	Fourth Wednesdays of each month	 4:00 p.m.
 Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board	Third Tuesdays of each month	 8:00 a.m.
 Urban Renewal Agency	Third Tuesdays of each month (as needed)	 5:30 p.m.