

The Dallas Digest

City of Dallas, Oregon



City Manager's Space

Earlier this year the Dallas City Council addressed the general fund needs after careful research and community input by implementing a public safety fee increase. Starting in July, utility customers will be charged \$12.50 per sewer account, which will be collected with the monthly City bill. The fee provides direct financial support to the Dallas Police, Fire and EMS personnel services.

Fire & EMS Chief April Wallace said, “we express our deepest gratitude to the community for your unwavering support of the public safety fee. Your commitment ensures that we can continue to provide the highest level of emergency response and maintain the safety and well-being of all residents.”

Police Chief Tom Simpson shared, “on behalf of the officers and members of your Dallas Police Department, I would like to personally, thank you. We recognize the responsibility for maintaining a safe community does not lie solely with the 27 sworn and civilian members of our department, but it is a team effort that includes the community members we serve. We simply could not continue to provide the level of service we do without the ongoing support you honor us with--and for that - we appreciate you!”

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Parks and Recreation

Have you seen the Dallas Activities Guide?

The 2024 Activities Guide is your resource for all the fun things happening in Dallas over the summer and into the fall:

- Farmers Market
- Sports Camps
- Sounds of Summer Concerts
- Nature Programs
- And MORE!

Get it digitally at

https://issuu.com/activemediapublishinggroup/docs/activities_guide_19v

Sports Camps

2024 Sports Day Camps

Give your kids the opportunity to try new sports and burn some energy as they do! Sports day camps are the perfect solution to the summer boredom blues! The first hour and a half of each day will be spent in sport instruction and practice. After lunch, campers can participate in recreational swimming at the aquatic center. Children should bring a sack lunch, water bottle, swimming suit, and towel.



Days	Monday - Friday
Time	11am-3pm
Location	Roger Jordan Park/Dallas Aquatic Center
Cost	DAC member \$120/week Non-member/resident \$130/week Non-member/non-resident \$140/week

Registration
Registration for both activities opens May 1st. Register by scanning the QR code or by calling 503-831-2830.



Sports Sampler: June 17-21 (Ages 7-10)

11am-12:30pm	Monday – Pickleball Tuesday – Tennis Wednesday – Hiking Thursday – Baseball Friday – Swimming/Water Safety Lunch
12:30-1pm 1-3pm	Recreational Swim



Tennis Camp: June 24-28 (Ages 7-10)

11am-12:30pm 12:30-1pm 1-3pm	Tennis Lunch Recreational Swim
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Pickleball Camp: July 1-3 (Ages 9-12)*

11am-12:30pm 12:30-1pm 1-3pm	Pickleball Lunch Recreational Swim
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*This is a shortened camp. Fees are reduced as follows: DAC \$72; resident \$78; non-resident \$84.

Sidewalk Chalk Art



June 8th from 10am-2pm

The World is your canvas!! Well, at least the parking lot! Let your creative juices flow freely as we decorate the parking lot of the old Bank of America building. The City will bring the chalk, you bring the artistic ideas. Join us at 791 Main St.

Summer at the Dallas Aquatic Center

Swimming lessons begin the week of June 17. Aquatic Center members can register beginning May 27, with open Registration beginning May 28.

Lifeguards are needed! Free family memberships are available to Aquatic Center staff, and if you work for us, your lifeguard certification is free. Certification classes will be Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm on the following dates:

June 17-20
July 15-18
August 12-15

Recreational swim times for the summer season will start June 17. Summer hours will be posted online at:



www.dallasor.gov/aquaticcenter

Be sure to visit the website for additional aquatic center information and to register for swimming lessons.



CANCELLED



The 2024 Community Campout event has been canceled due to not enough registrants.

DALLAS
Sounds
Summer
FREE CONCERT SERIES

JULY 11	INFAMOUS SOUL Classic Rock
JULY 18	SCHWING '90's Rock
JULY 25	SCHOWN SLADE BAND Classic Rock/County
AUG. 1	BIG RED BAND Classic Rock/County
AUG. 8	JOHNNY LIMBO & THE LUGNUTS Oldies Rock

All concerts will be performed at the Dallas Rotary Performing Arts Stage from 7 - 9 PM

PUBLIC WORKS

More Local Streets Rehabilitated and Paved

In 2022, the City began a multi-phase program to improve many of the City's worst streets. To date, the program has rehabilitated and paved about 11 miles of local streets. This mileage represents about 17 percent of the City's street network.

The latest program phase, Phase 3, was completed in May by Houck Construction Company and included sections of SW Ellis Street, SW Birch Street, SW Maple, SW Stump Street, SW Ash Street, SW Oregon Avenue and, SE Joseph Lane. The photos show a few of these streets after work was completed.

Phase 4 of the program is anticipated to take place in the summer of 2025 with current plans to include sections of Howe Street, Holman Avenue and Needham Street depending on available funding.

The City is also working with ODOT to secure funding needed to replace the Godsey Road Bridge and improve Godsey Road south of the railroad tracks.

The City is aware of the need to improve Fairview Avenue and the portion of Washington Street between Fairview Avenue and Main Street. These streets are part of State Highway 223 and under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The City has requested ODOT address the needs of these streets as soon as funding is available.



DALLAS FIRE & EMS

Fire Prevention

As the weather improves and you prepare for fun summer activities by doing yard work, many outside fires in Oregon are caused by sparks from power equipment use or improper debris burning. Lawnmowers and chainsaws are a few examples of equipment that can cause a wildfire when sparks ignite vegetation such as grass, weeds, or bark dust. In our area, backyard burning is allocated to two seasons: Spring, from March 1 to June 15, and Fall, from October 1 to December 15. Have you prepared a defensible space around your home by clearing away debris and flammable materials? These tips will help you prevent escaped fires when maintaining your landscape and protecting your home from wildfire.

Equipment Use Safety Information

- Make sure all power equipment has an approved spark arrestor.
- Use power equipment in the early morning when the humidity is higher and temperatures are lower.
- Remove any rocks or other objects that might be hit with the mower blade and cause a spark.

Defensible space

- **What is defensible space?** It's the area created between your home and the grass, trees, shrubs, or wildland area surrounding it.
- **Why is defensible space important?** Well-maintained space can: give your home an increased chance of surviving a wildfire, even if firefighters cannot reach your home. Increase the life safety of people during a wildfire. And allows for efficient evacuations.
- **How are homes lost during a wildfire?** Embers are the leading cause of home loss during a wildfire. They can travel up to three miles ahead of the main flame front.

Backyard Burning Alternatives

- Recycle paper products when possible
- Dispose of waste at a landfill
- Compost yard debris and kitchen scraps
- Reuse old lumber
- Buy or rent a chipper to create mulch and compost
- Work with neighbors to organize a neighborhood cleanup day
- Take hazardous materials, including oil-based paints, solvents, garden chemicals, and car fluids to a hazardous waste collection site. Burning these materials is illegal and extremely dangerous.

Fireworks Safety

This Fourth of July be safe and avoid common injuries. If not used properly, fireworks could land you in the emergency department. Children under 15 make up 36% of estimated firework-related injuries. If using them for your celebration, be prepared, be responsible, be safe and be aware. For assistance in disposing of your leftover or unwanted fireworks, call your local law enforcement via their non-emergency number or the Oregon State Police non-emergency number at 1-800-452-7888.

Safety Tips:

- Be aware and know the conditions where you live before using fireworks.
- Only use legal fireworks.
- Light fireworks one at a time, never relight fireworks,
- Spent fireworks should always be soaked in water. Have water on hand.
- Dispose of fireworks properly and never relight a dud.

Fireworks (Cont.)

Not sure which fireworks are legal or illegal in the state of Oregon? Legal fireworks in the State of Oregon include but are not limited to, novelty devices, wheels, flitter sparklers, fountains, smoke devices, and ground spinners. The legal sale of retail fireworks in Oregon is from June 23rd to July 6th. Illegal fireworks include any firework that flies into the air explodes or behaves uncontrollably or unpredictably. Examples of but not limited to are: sky lanterns, missiles, rockets, firecrackers, cherry bombs, m-80s, Roman candles, and bottle rockets. Should you wish to report the firing of illegal pyrotechnic devices, please contact your local law enforcement via their non-emergency phone number.

When and where can I use fireworks? There is no regulation on when consumer-legal fireworks may be used. Please be courteous of your neighbors and friends. There are restrictions as to where fireworks can be used, such as beaches and federal lands. Always check with the local jurisdictions.

What can happen if I'm caught using fireworks in prohibited areas? Under Oregon law, officials may seize fireworks, and you may be charged with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500. Some prohibited locations include Oregon State beaches, parks, campgrounds, and State and Federal forest lands.

Can I be held liable for damage and costs incurred in suppressing fires caused by fireworks used by myself or my child? Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage may be held liable and required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RENEWAL

791 Main Street (former bank property) project



The City of Dallas continues to move forward with the redevelopment of the former bank building and property at the NW corner of Mill and Main downtown. Through May, material salvage operations will continue and conclude by the end of the month. In June, several exciting things will be occurring with regard to this project:

- 1.A 12-month project design, visioning and market analysis project with a professional consultant will begin. There will be many opportunities for public engagement, including stakeholder interviews, public open houses, and other public meetings. The end result of this process will provide us with a short set of site and building design concepts and use options to attract a private-sector developer to convert the property to include an exciting new multi-story, mixed-use project that will provide economic revitalization in the downtown.

There will be more information about engagement opportunities in future editions of this newsletter and on the City's website.

2. Early in the month, City of Dallas Police and Fire/EMS crews will be using the building for training exercises. A perimeter security fence will be installed in June.
3. Beginning in mid-June and continuing for several weeks into early/mid-July, the existing building and associated structures will be demolished and removed. The contractor and the City will take appropriate measures to ensure safety and minimize disruptions to the downtown, but this area will be an active construction zone. The demolition is scheduled to end in time for the Dallas Days festival, scheduled for the last weekend of July.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Charlie Mitchell; Charlie.mitchell@dallasor.gov.





DALLAS BUSINESS INVENTORY (DBI)

- Be the first to know about **new grant opportunities** to help grow your business
- Be the first to know about **city-wide programs or events** to help promote your business
- Be the first to know about **educational opportunities for you** and your employees

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/dallasdbi>

***If you have any questions, please email
tyler.ferrari@dallasor.gov***

Spring and Summer are great times to refresh, renew, and learn something new. Sign up your business in the Dallas Business Inventory so you and your employees have access to important information to help make your business a success

BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Annual Building Fees Increase Approved

The annual budget season is here!

Per Resolution, No. 3420 automatic annual adjustments for certain fees are based on the CPI-U Pacific Cities Index. This year's CPI-U allows for a 3.8% fee increase for the 2024-2025 year. The increase was approved by the City Council on May 13, 2024. The new fees will go into effect for permit applications submitted starting July 1, 2024.

There are several steps behind the scenes taken to approve the fees and complete the process:

- ICC announces the Building Valuation Data annually in February.
- The State reminds jurisdictions in April to submit proposed changes by the deadline.
- The Building Official submits the intent to adopt fees to the City Council for consideration at least 45 days prior to the adoptive date.
- The Building Official submits the intent to adopt building inspection program fees to the Oregon Building Codes Division.
- Per Oregon Administrative Rule 918-020-0220, Oregon BDC sends public hearing notice of the City Council hearing date, time, address, and contact information.
- The Building Official updates the fee matrix and submits it to Oregon ePermitting.
- Oregon ePermitting updates the software.
- New fees go into effect July 1st You will soon find the updated Fee Schedules on the City of Dallas website at [dallasor.gov](https://www.dallasor.gov/).

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 503-831-3574

CODE SERVICES

Sidewalks



Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner to whose property the sidewalk abuts. Letting grass and weeds grow in sidewalks will over time break down the concrete. Grass or weeds growing through or on sidewalks can be hazardous and needs to be removed.

3.505 Duty To Repair

The owner of real property adjacent to or abutting on a public sidewalk, driveway, or retaining wall shall maintain the sidewalk, driveway, or retaining wall in good repair and free of hazards.

If there are hazards on your sidewalk, mark unsafe areas to alert pedestrians to the danger until you are able to repair or replace the sidewalk.

3.510 Liability For Sidewalk Injuries

The owner of real property abutting a sidewalk is liable to any person injured because of failure by the owner to maintain the sidewalk in good repair or safe condition.

Sidewalks must be replaced or repaired correctly to stay ADA compliant. Sidewalks are part of the [Right of Way](#).

There is a right and a wrong way to repair or replace your sidewalks. Always contact Public Works for information or possible assistance with sidewalk repairs.



RIGHT WAY



WRONG WAY

LIBRARY EVENTS THIS MONTH

JUNE 2024		Dallas Public Library Events					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>DALLAS LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM</p> <p>Sign-ups Start June 14th on  Beanstack</p> <p>The Storywalk and Critter Hunt will be available as an activity on Beanstack.</p>   							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	Dallas Yarn Crafters Guild 4:00pm 	Storytime 10:30am Free Medicare Class 3:00pm Friends of the Library Meeting 5:00pm	Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am	Storytime 10:30am			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
		Storytime 10:30am	Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am	Storytime 10:30am Book Discussion 12:00pm Dungeons & Dragons 3:30pm	Summer Reading Starts! 		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	Tertulia Spanish Conversation 1:00pm Dallas Yarn Crafters Guild 4:00pm	Terrific Tuesday Kids Events Red Yarn 11:30am Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	 Library Closed for Juneteenth	 Storytime 10:30am	Teen Game Night 5:00pm 		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
 30		Terrific Tuesday Kids Events Oregon Bird Man 11:30am 	Little Bitty Storytime 10:30am Teen Drawing Club 4:00pm	Storytime 10:30am Dungeons & Dragons 3:30pm Author Melody Carlson 6:30pm			
						1 Chess Club 1:00pm 	

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FARMERS MARKET

RAIN OR SHINE

**FIRST & THIRD SATURDAYS
OPEN AT 10 AM
AT THE POLK CO. COURTHOUSE SQ.**

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS

APPLICATIONS OPEN

SSCCAANN HHEERREE

10:00 am | Polk
County
Courthouse
Square

3:00 pm
(ISH)

Meet the folks who raise and make your food, Relax and picnic on the lawn & Keep your dollars local!

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