



The City Of The Dalles

FALL 2019

INTRODUCING:



Kyle Cozad

My name is Kyle Cozad. I grew up in The Dalles and graduated from The Dalles High School in 1994. During my high school years, I became interested in law enforcement through volunteer work with The Dalles City Police Department. After High School, I enlisted in the Marine Corps, and moved to San Diego CA. After the Marine Corps, I lived in Cleveland, Ohio and started my law enforcement career. In 2012, I moved back to The Dalles and was hired on as a Deputy with the Hood River County Sheriff's Office. In August of 2019, I transferred to The Dalles City Police

Department. I am incredibly excited to work for The Dalles City Police Department as this is where my initial interest in law enforcement began. I have a wonderful supportive wife, and three incredible children, and am happy to be home.

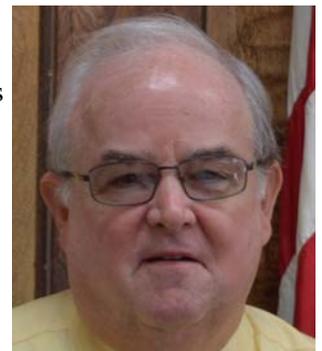


Juan Castro

My name is Juan Castro. I have lived in the Gorge area for 15 years. My wife and I along with our 2 kids moved to The Dalles in March of this year. On my free time I like to go to the mountain to snowboard. I graduated from Hood River Valley High School. Prior to working for the City I attended the community college and worked several jobs which included supervisory roles in the production industry and also worked with at risk youth in the Gorge. I'm honored to serve the community of The Dalles and I am looking forward to work for the City.

CITY ATTORNEY GENE PARKER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

City Attorney Gene Parker is retiring next March after 29 ½ years. The City has selected six candidates who were scheduled for preliminary interviews mid-September. Successful candidates will be invited for a follow-up interview in mid-October, the names of those individuals will be made public. Those candidates will receive a City tour and will be interviewed by some Department leaders and meet with members of the public. The next day they will be interviewed by City Council. It is anticipated that the City Council will make a final determination by the end of October. The selected attorney will be expected to start in January.



Thank you Gene for your years of service to our community.

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541-296-2613
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City of The Dalles
Police Department

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Library

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www.thedalles.org

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM—Washington DC Trip

The Fall 2019 Community Outreach Team traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators and Federal Departments to advocate for projects and issues in our community. These projects included the “Cascades East Interconnection Feasibility Study” which involves resiliency planning to maintain high speed internet networks in the face of a natural disaster, the “Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Economic Development funds” for loan and grant programs in Oregon and Washington, and finally, support for the “Treaty Oak Skills Center Aviation Mechanics Programming” partnership between Columbia Gorge Community College and the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

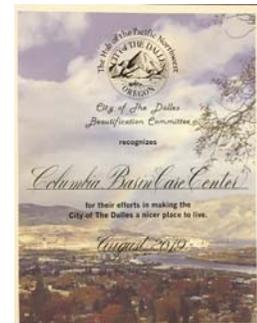
The team also discussed several policies and issues including the “Federal Forest Fire Fuels Reduction for Forest Health Improvements” to actively manage our forests, continuation of the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools” programs to help replace tax dollars forfeited due to federally owned lands as well as timber sales, a “Urban Area Expansion process for the National Scenic Area”, and continued support for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).



CITY OF THE DALLES BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

In July Mayor Mays appointed an Ad Hoc Beautification Committee. This enthusiastic, active group hit the ground running. Members are Tiffany Prince, Max Butensky, Bill Lennox, Brenda Coats, Connie Krummrich, John Nelson, and Judy Merrill.

They have created recognition certificates for businesses and postcards for home owners that are distributed to those who take extra care of their yards or store fronts.



Here are a few of the recipients.



Watch for more exciting Beautification efforts from this group of volunteers.

THE DALLES WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

Of interest to **younger children:**

Baby & Toddler Storytime: Intended for ages 0- months to 3-years, is held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30, with Wednesdays concentrating more on babies. This 20-25 minute storytime will have songs, fingerplays, a story, and a lap bounce or two. Adult participation is required.

Pre-school Storytime: for ages 3 years and up, is held on Friday mornings at 10:30. Songs, fingerplays, movement, and stories. On the first and third Friday of the month, storytime will include a craft project. Adult participation is encouraged.

Family Storytime: 10:30 the first Saturday of every month, followed by a simple craft project and a healthy snack.

Spanish Language storytime: 10:30 on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. This storytime is led by local Spanish speaking volunteers and patrons of our library.

Fun Fridays: Late Friday afternoons are busy at The Dalles Public Library. We have a series of fun programs for the elementary age kids, with something different each week. These programs take place from 3:30 to 5:00, and are held in the John and Jean Thomas Children's Wing. Fun Fridays run from October through the end of May. (Note: there is no program November 29, nor December 27)

Family Craft Night: takes place at 6:30 on the first Wednesday of every month, from October through June. During the month of December there will be craft nights on the 11th and 18th as well.

Children of all ages are invited to join Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth at **11:00 on Saturday, November 9th.** Their high energy show includes interactive musical comedy, dancing, sing-along, and ventriloquism. Their music and their personalities charm audiences of all ages.



TEEN CLUBS

Esports - The Esports Club meets on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 3:00 - 5:30.

Cosplay - The Cosplay Club meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, at 3:00.

Teen Warhammer - The Teen Warhammer Club meets on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00.

Teen Book Club – meets at 5:00 on the third Wednesday of each month

Teen LGBTQ Book Club – meets at 5:00 on the fourth Wednesday of each month

In addition to these on-going clubs, there are other programs of interest to teens held each month at the Library. Contact the library for more information.

Of interest to **adults:**

The board of the Wasco County Library Service District meets at 4:00 on the third Tuesday of most months. The meetings rotate between the three libraries, Dufur, Maupin, and The Dalles. If you have concerns that you would like shared with the Library Board, contact Jeff Wavrunek at 541-296-2815.

The Library Tea Club meets at 4:00 on the third Friday of the month, with most meetings taking place in the main part of the library.

Book Clubs:

The **Pride Book Club** is open to all persons 18 years and older interested in reading LGBTQA literature, meeting the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 in the library.

The **Third Thursday Book Club**, by odd coincidence, meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30.

CITY CLERK IZETTA GROSSMAN PRESENTED WITH RIPPLE EFFECT AWARD

The Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (OAMR) presented Izetta Grossman, CMC, with the 2019 Ripple Effect Award. Izetta received the award at the association's annual conference banquet held at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend, Oregon, on September 19, 2019.

The Ripple Effect Award is a new award. OAMR Past President Nicole Morris, MMC, hopes that this award touches not only the recipient but everyone who hears about it. Everything you do has an impact on someone somewhere. The award was inspired from an author who said "May the ripples you send forth this day be guided by the impulse of loving-kindness, selflessness, nonjudgement, compassion and joy. This is what our world needs now and you are the "perfect pebble" to make some mighty waves.

Izetta has been an active member of OAMR since February 2016. She has served on the Conference Committee, Records Management Committee, and Education Committee; and has been a Region Director since 2018. She received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation in 2018 from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.



Izetta has been with the City of The Dalles since 2006. She has served as the City Clerk since 2015 and prior to that she was the Executive Secretary to the City Manager and assistant to the City Clerk/HR Director.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Community Development Department (CDD) has been busy working on a number of projects that will be going before the City Council in the coming months. The following summarizes this work:

Short-Term Rental Ordinance: A new ordinance regulating short term rentals is being drafted that is tentatively scheduled for City Council action in November. As proposed, the ordinance would establish a permitting and inspection process that allows property owners the ability provide short term (less than 30 days) rentals, while minimizing potential neighborhood concerns.

Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance: Currently mobile food vendors (food trucks) are regulated by the City's Transient Merchant License Ordinance. Given the increasing popularity of food trucks in the community, City staff determined the existing Transient Merchant License process did not adequately address the needs of the mobile food vendors. The proposed Ordinance identifies different types or "classes" of food vendors, and provides regulations specifically for each, depending on such a factors as: length of time at a single location, connections to public utilities and if customer seating and tables are to be provided. The City Council is scheduled to review the Ordinance in December.

Housing Code Amendments: In 2017, the City completed a Residential Buildable Lands Inventory, Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Strategies Report that recommended a range of actions and strategies to address future housing development in the community. Among the recommended actions were a number of amendments to Title 10 (Land Use and Development) of the Municipal Code. City

Staff worked with a citizen's advisory committee and planning consultants to identify and prioritize specific areas of the Municipal Code for revision. As a result of this collaboration, the proposed code amendments were divided into two phases. Phase I addressed items such as removing the owner occupancy requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), reductions to the minimum lot size and minimum lot area in the RH (Residential High Density) and RM (Residential Medium Density) zones, and minor amendments to the Neighborhood Compatibility and Design standards. A Planning Commission public hearing on the Phase 1 Amendments was held in August 2018, where the Commission voted to recommend approval to City Council.

The Phase II Amendments (which include the addition of more clear & objective language, the removal of Neighborhood Compatibility and the addition of more design criteria in Site Plan Review, the addition of House Bill 2001 which requires that duplexes be allowed in all zones that allow single family dwellings, and the creation of new chapters on affordable housing and cottage clusters) were approved by the Planning Commission in September 2019. A City Council work session on both the proposed Phase I and II Code Amendments is scheduled for October 7, 2019, to be followed by a public hearing on October 28, 2019

Recreation Building: Following a storm event in August the westerly portion of the Recreation Building's roof suffered severe damage. The partial roof collapse also damaged the East 2nd Street exterior wall of the building. The building, which was recently sold by the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency to the new owners of the adjoining Last Stop Saloon, will need to undergo a controlled demolition of the damaged roof and wall sections. The demolition work is scheduled to start the beginning of October and take approximately three weeks to complete. Traffic and pedestrian safety control measures will need to remain in place during the demolition process. Future renovation plans for the easterly undamaged portions of the building are tentative at this time. Further structural and architectural assessments of the building will take place following completion of the demolition work. Updates on the building will be provided as new information becomes available.

Downtown Visioning: Following a lengthy and inclusive public engagement process, the City Council and Urban Renewal Agency Board will be presented with the results of a Downtown Visioning Exercise. The Visioning document will be presented to the City Council at their October 14, 2019 meeting, to be followed with a presentation before the Urban Renewal Agency Board meeting on October 15, 2019. The State grant funded planning effort included stakeholder interviews, small group discussions and a public meeting all focused on generating participant conversations on the downtown of yesterday and today, and the role that downtown should play in The Dalles of tomorrow. The Visioning document will include a "Vision Statement" which will provide guidance for future public policy decisions and expenditures, as well as private development actions.

Graffiti Ordinance: The City Council has adopted an ordinance addressing graffiti and graffiti abatement in the city. The ordinance will provide new tools for the enforcement and removal of graffiti throughout the community. In an effort to assist property owners, the City and Wasco County's Youth Services have partnered to provide a no cost graffiti removal program. To report graffiti or for more details on the removal program, please contact the City's Codes Enforcement Officer Nikki Lesich at nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us, or 541-296-5481 ext 1153.

Historic Walking Tour App: The City's Historic Landmarks Commission announces a new Historic Walking Tour App for select historic properties in downtown The Dalles. The App, available for both iOS and Android users, was created by locally owned Platinum Marketing. A grant from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office provided the funds for the project. The Landmarks Commission is hoping to add more walking tours at a future date.

Join the Challenge

Do you live in The Dalles? Win prizes this October by walking, biking, taking the bus, carpooling. Log your trips to win!

GetThereOregon.org OCT 7-12

Win weekly gift cards & prizes from local businesses like Kainos Coffee, Sunshine Mill Winery, Oregon E-Bikes, The Link, and Mt. Hood Meadows. Also be entered to win grand prizes like \$1,000 gift cards.

How? It's easy as 1-2-3.

1. **Sign up or log in: GetThereOregon.org**
2. Log all of your trips during Oct 7-21
3. Win great prizes!



Last year residents of The Dalles won some great local prizes. This year there are even more for you to win!



GetThereOregon.org
Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD
541-296-2266



TIPS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Prepare for Winter Snow

The Dalles Public Works is making sure equipment is in good repair and stocking up to prepare our response to winter storm events. But City resources will be stretched to capacity once the snows begin. The job of snow removal is too big for City crews to tackle alone; City residents are therefore responsible for care of adjacent sidewalks during winter weather conditions.

You can prepare to assist City crews with winter storms by making sure that the following equipment in good repair and supplies are on hand:

- Snow shovel and/or snow blower (with fresh gas)
- Cooking spray for the snow shovel, so snow won't stick to the blade
- A stiff broom to sweep snow off of porches and decks
- Waterproof gloves with a good grip; waterproof boots with good traction
- Pet-friendly, child-safe, salt-free deicer that won't harm cement surfaces

While City crews are working hard, citizens will be asked to help in priority order:

First priority: sand and/or shovel sidewalks adjacent to their homes or businesses. Safe passage is to be cleared within the first two hours of daylight each day. Shoveled snow is to be piled on private property, not in the street.

Second priority: help a neighbor clear the sidewalk in front of their home. Snow that has accumulated on cars that are parked on city streets should be removed so that City plow operators will see the parked cars.

Call a contractor or contact a volunteer organization about snow removal assistance services before the snow flies if you know you will need help.

For more snow response information and a flyer about safe sidewalks and snow shoveling safety go to thedalles.org/transportation or contact the Public Works office at (541) 296-5401.

Operation Clean Sweep

As weather cools many trees scatter leaves across lawns and streets. The Dalles Public Works mission is to promptly sweep up leaves. Fallen leaves can block storm water catch basins and cause flooding. They also create a slip hazard when they freeze onto the streets. We need your help to dispose of leaf piles and keep our streets safe.

The city-wide goal is to pick up leaves promptly so that they do not block the storm water catch basins and before they freeze onto the streets. To realize this goal we need your help. Citizens are asked to park off the street during street sweeper work hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To report abandoned autos (extended parking with flat tire, storing junk, expired tags or broken windows) call (541) 296-5481 x1153.

- **Do not rake leaves from your yard into the street.** Compost leaves at home or put them in your yard debris container for pick-up. You can also put them in compostable paper bags and take them to The Dalles Transfer Station.
- Remove large sticks or branches from the roadway so they don't jam the sweeper.
- Clear storm drains in front of your house to prevent flooding during a rainstorm.

Free Leaf Disposal in November

Thursday November 1, 2019 kicks off The Dalles Disposal autumn leaf disposal special. During November The Dalles Transfer Station, located at 1317 West First Street, will accept yard debris at no charge. Take bagged leaves to the transfer station Monday through Friday between 9 am and 4:30 pm. Free leaf disposal is for residential customers only. Landscape care companies and non-residential properties are not eligible for this special offer. Please use compostable paper bags. The Dalles Disposal will not accept yard debris in plastic garbage bags.

- For more information about free leaf disposal call The Dalles Disposal at (541) 298-5149.

City of The Dalles Meeting Dates and Locations:

We encourage citizens to attend meetings. All meetings are open to the public. Updates and cancellations can be found on the City's website: thedalles.org

City Council – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. meets second and fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of holidays. Generally does not meet in August

Urban Renewal Agency – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month; as needed

Airport Board – Airport 7 a.m. third Friday of each month

Library Board – Location varies 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday

City Budget Committee – Council Chamber as needed and generally the first week of May

Urban Renewal Budget – Council Chamber generally first week of May

Museum Commission – Joint commission with Wasco County at PUD first Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Historic Landmarks - Council Chamber 4 p.m. fourth Wednesday

Planning Commission – Council Chamber 6 p.m. first and third Thursday

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Please email or call anytime - we are happy to discuss your questions or concerns

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