



The City Of The Dalles

SUMMER 2019

State of The City

INTRODUCING:



The Dalles Police Department adopted a new uniform shoulder patch design. The intent of the new patch is to display the rich history of The Dalles. Our previous patch showed The Dalles Dam, the bridge, and Mt Hood. We have heard, this patch was developed around the completion of the dam in the late 50's. It was proudly worn until now.

Our current patch depicts Mt Hood which has been a source of The Dalles' drinking water and recreation for many years. Continuing down the mountain is the Mill Creek Valley which transports our drinking water to the citizens of The Dalles. The patch also shows the downtown area starting with the roundabout that is a replica of the old fountains that used

to line the downtown streets. On the other side of town is St. Peters landmark which has been a tourist attraction in The Dalles for over 100 years.

On the patch, the Columbia River flows under the town in white and blue. The Columbia River has been a source of trade, commerce, and recreation for well over 100 years. The blue depicts the Thin Blue Line which is a small tribute to the sacrifice police all over the country make every day. The patch is also bordered by this same thin blue line.

Below the river is the word "Oregon" to show where The Dalles is. Below the word Oregon are three cherries and a wheat husk which represents a large part of our commerce in this region.

Other news from the Police Department:

On June 4, 2019 Officer Brent Larson of The Dalles Police Department retired after 24 years of service. We want to wish Mr. Larson the very best as he enters into this next phase of life.

On June 10, 2019 The Dalles Police Department had a swearing in ceremony with our newest **Recruit Officer Juan Castro**. Recruit Officer Castro is scheduled attend the 20 week Police Academy in September for his formal training. For the next three months he will be assigned to shadow a field training officer. We are very excited to welcome Officer Castro into our police family and look forward to getting him introduced to the community.



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Police Department

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The Dalles/Wasco
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Library

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City Hall

It's that time of year!

LIFE CYCLE OF PUNCTURE VINE
ALSO KNOWN AS "GOAT HEAD"

How do I get rid of puncture vine:

For small clusters of puncture vine, it's best to dig them out. Where they are growing in the lawn, they can be pulled by hand. It is best to pull the vines while they are still small and before they've bloomed.

If the patch is too big to pull, and you are unable to burn, the final option is through applying an herbicide; several applications should be applied during the summer as new seedlings begin to develop.

The best solution to slowing down the spread of puncture vine is to prevent it from coming onto your yard. This can be done by always checking your bicycle or vehicle tires, shoes and pet paws after a walk through the neighborhood or a local park. Maintaining a healthy lawn will also help discourage the growth of puncture vine. Puncture vine does not thrive well in irrigated areas.



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE:
Title 5 OFFENSES;
Chapter 5.24 NOXIOUS VEGETATION;
5.24.010

A Note From Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

When I started my position in 2016 as Human Resources Director, I made a goal of reducing the City's Workers Compensation Experience Rating Modifier to below 1.0 and subsequently reduce the City's Workers Compensation Premiums. At the time (FY15/16), the City's Experience Rating Modifier was 1.69 with an annual premium of \$279,893. After two years that was reduced to a 1.03 Experience Rating Modifier and annual premium of \$142,610 (FY18/19). For the coming year (FY19/20) the City's Experience Rating Modifier is .98 (goal achieved) with an annual premium of \$102,164. That is a nearly 64% reduction in premiums in under four years. This tells the financial story of a personnel story that is even better.

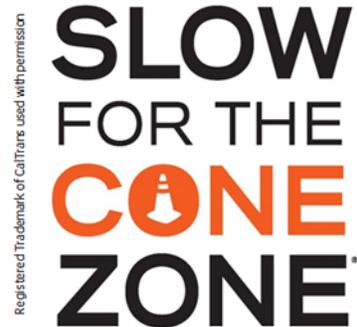
These numbers indicate that City employees are performing their work safer and smarter. Due to that, they go home safe and healthy at the end of the day. This has contributed to higher productivity and less down time. This also means more opportunity for a higher quality of life for employees and their families. While I made the goal three years ago, it is the employees of the City who made it happen. I applaud each and every one of them for their diligence while maintaining a safe workplace.

2019 Investments in Pavement Management

This summer the Transportation Division has been hard at work improving over seven miles of city streets. Annual road condition evaluations help determine best-value candidates for street maintenance projects. The City directs its limited resources to help protect and extend the life of the transportation system. Pavement preservation or replacement projects are the most labor intensive and visible work the Transportation Division performs.

This summer the City will focus on several street maintenance projects. See a few project highlights below:

- Over six miles of roadway in several areas of town were chip sealed. This type of preventative maintenance is the best use of street maintenance dollars. Chip sealing helps to reinstate oil into the oxidized pavement surfaces and provides a new, durable chip rock wearing surface.
- A 1,150 linear foot inlay project in the eastbound lane of West 6th Street from Chenoweth Loop Road to Hostetler Street.
- On East 19th Street, a total roadway reconstruction was performed from Dry Hollow Road to 1,000 feet west. In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, a seven-foot multi-use pathway was added to this segment of street.
- An overlay project restored the pavement structure of Morton Street between East 12th Street & East 18th Street.



The Transportation fund's primary sources of revenue:

- Oregon State Motor Vehicle Fund
- 3-cent City gas tax
- City Water & Sewer Impact Fees
- City General Fund

Many of the 2019 larger summer street maintenance projects are complete. Crews wish to thank citizens for traveling safely around and through the work zones as these improvements were performed.

Crews will continue to prepare roads for next year's street maintenance program. Please be on the lookout for temporary traffic control devices and work zones.

You can view the 2019 completed street maintenance projects map, the full list of streets that were improved and learn more about our community investment in the transportation system at thedalles.org/transportation

TIPS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Get Ready for a Water or Sewer Emergency

The Dalles Public Works encourages all customers to prepare to move fast when a water pipe breaks on your property or you have a sewer back-up. When water is gushing into your home, the first step to take is shutting off the flow. If sewage is bubbling up into your home, you must find the sewer lateral clean-out, if one exists, to remove a blockage as soon as possible. During an emergency every minute counts. Take a few simple steps to reduce property damage and health hazards caused by pipe breaks and sewer clogs.

Where is your water meter and shut-off valve?

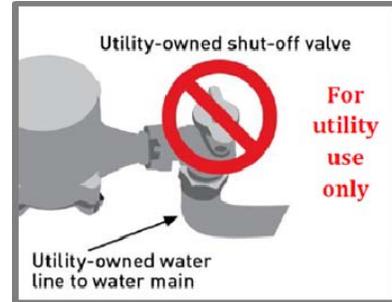
It is often easier to find your water shut-off valve by first locating your water meter. Usually your water meter is located near the curb or street in front of your building. If you can't find your water meter, call the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

Please do not pull out your meter lid to check if a shut-off valve is in the water meter box. The City does not want customers turning the utility-owned shut-off valve. Also, you could accidentally damage the radio-read wire connected to the meter box lid.

A customer-owned shut-off valve may be located outside the water meter box or where the service line enters the building.

If you don't find a water shut-off valve, we suggest that you call a plumber to install one before an emergency occurs.

Once you have found the water meter and shut-off, keep both areas clear. You or City utility employees may need to quickly and safely shut off the flow of water during an emergency.



A typical sewer clean out is a pipe with a threaded plug. The plug may or may not be covered as shown.

Where is your sewer lateral clean-out?

Each home or business in the City of The Dalles has a sewer lateral; a pipeline between the building and the sewer main. The property owner handles installing, maintenance and replacement of the sewer lateral.

For new services, the City will install a clean-out on the sewer lateral. Typically the City installed clean-out is located between the building and the sidewalk. The City encourages property owners to install a clean-out on existing sewer laterals.

The property owner is responsible for ensuring that the clean-out remains accessible in case of a sewer back-up emergency.

The City can help you find where your sewer lateral connects to the sewer main. But if you don't find a sewer clean-out, it is advisable to call a plumber to install one before an emergency occurs.

Installation of a sewer clean-out or a water shut-off valve may require a plumbing [permit](#). If the work impacts a sidewalk a City of The Dalles [sidewalk/approach](#) permit is required.

For more information, you can read the sewer lateral policy on the City website at <http://thedalles.org/publicworksdocs>

Maintain Access to Water Meter, Water Shut-off Valve and Sewer Lateral Clean-Out

Once you find your water meter, water shut-off valve and sewer lateral clean-out, keep those areas clear for quick and easy access during an emergency. The last thing you will want to do as water gushes from a pipe break is hunt for the water shut-off valve.

Also, Municipal Code requires that customers provide clear access to water meters for utility serviceman at all times. The last thing the City wants to do is to knock on your door to find your meter when you are not home or in the middle of the night.

Please provide clear access in three simple steps:

Trim away plants to clear access to your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out. Give overgrown plants a “hair cut” at least once a year in late summer or early fall.

Uncover your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out to make it easy to find during an emergency. Sweep away bark or shovel dirt off of the meter lid or valve covers. Do not cover access with a mat or outdoor carpet.

Unblock access to your water meter, your shut-off valve and your sewer clean-out. You may have to move a boat trailer or a vehicle that overhangs the meter lid or valve covers. You may have to redesign your landscape to allow clear access.

For more information about water meter and sewer clean-out locations, contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

SUMMER SPRINKLER SPRUCE UP:

A broken or missing sprinkler head could use as much as 25,000 gallons of water, and cost over \$40 over a six month watering season. Time to **Inspect** your system for clogged, or broken sprinkler heads; **Connect**—examine points where heads connect to pipes/hoses; **Direct**—make sure sprinklers are applying water only to the landscape; **Select**—your watering schedule.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Dalles Wasco County Library has many programs that run year round.

Young 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.

Family storytime: All ages welcome, held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30. Songs, fingerplays, rhymes, dance, puppets and stories. It will be followed by a simple craft project and a healthy snack.

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

Teen programs:

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

Cosplay Club meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. in either the Teen Lounge or the Maker Space.

Animanga Club

The Animanga Club is held the second Wednesday of the month at 4:00. Anyone interested in manga and anime is welcome to attend. This program takes place in the Teen Lounge, and is open to all ages.

Bring any manga you're reading and discuss it with friends. Afterwards, try Japanese snacks as we stream anime from Crunchyroll.

Adult programs:

Library Tea Club

Tea lovers, now there is a club at the library just for you! They meet at 4:00 on the third Friday of the month. The next meeting will be on **June 21st**, in the new book section. Tea will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your favorite tea.

If you have any questions, contact Ashley here at the Library, 541-296-2815, or via email at alauterbach@ci.the-dalles.or.us.

Book clubs:

Pride Book Club

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.

Non-fiction Book Club

The Non-fiction Book Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Third Thursday Book Group

This group meets in the main part of the Library on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30.

Mystery/Crime Book Group

The Mystery/Crime Book Group meets at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of most months.

Readers of all ages will explore all things space this summer as the Wasco County Library Service District presents “*A Universe of Stories*” during their summer library programs. The Dalles-Wasco County Library’s 2019 Summer Reading Program runs from June 20th through August 9th for all ages. Library programs are free of charge; however, some of the programs do require registration due to limited space and supplies.

Children and teens will have a chance to win some fantastic prizes this summer. You can see a display of possible prizes at the Library.

We made it easy for adults to participate in the Summer Reading program; they can get a raffle ticket each time they check out books or audio books. They will be eligible for some fabulous weekly prizes, such as a beautiful glass flower donated by Nichols Art Glass.

Stop by the Library for more information on these and other programs.

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Winning Water Quality Reports

The City Water Quality Report has won the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association Excellence in Communication Award for several years in a row, and the report for 2018 was no exception.

The entries are judged on clear explanation of technical information, clean design and meeting U.S. EPA reporting requirements.

The purpose of the report is to inform consumers about drinking water test results, water source protection efforts and what the City is doing to deliver safe drinking water every day.

You can view our newest report at thedalles.org/waterquality



Jill Hoyenga, Regulatory Compliance Manager (on the left), accepted the award on behalf of the City of The Dalles

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

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