



CITY OF THE DALLES

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RESIDENTIAL TREE GRANT PROGRAM CELEBRATES FOURTH YEAR

The Beautification & Tree Committee recently welcomed recipients of its Residential Tree Grant Program to Thompson Park to pick up their new trees, where they distributed 45 trees. Now in its fourth year, the program provides trees to community members to help beautify their properties and contribute to a healthy urban forest throughout The Dalles and received planting recommendations and information on how to properly care for their trees during the critical first three years. With a little care now, these new trees will provide lasting benefits to our neighborhoods for years to come. A special thank you to the Beautification & Tree Committee members, volunteers, and the City's Facilities Supervisor for their time and efforts in making this year's tree distribution possible!

HOW DO YOU FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DALLES?

When a road closes, the City Council votes, or a wildfire alert goes out, where do you turn first? University of Oregon journalism students want to know. This fall, the City of The Dalles is working with UO's Agora Journalism Center and community organizations across Wasco County to learn how residents find, share and use local news and information, and what is missing.

Take the survey by **Nov. 8**. It opens this month, takes about 10 minutes, is anonymous, and comes in English and Spanish. Watch for the link from the City and from community organizations you already know. Save the date: **Nov. 20 to 22**. Students will be in The Dalles for public listening sessions, where you can tell them in person what you need to know about your community and where you struggle to find it. Times and locations are coming soon. What you tell us will shape how local information reaches people here. It takes just ten minutes to get started.

FLAGPOLE UPDATES

Transportation staff worked with local Scout leaders to identify new locations for flagpole holes along W. 6th Street, from Chenoweth Loop Road to W. 3rd and Pentland Streets. Following recent sidewalk improvements, new holes were installed to provide safer, more secure placement of flags during our area's gusty conditions. Crews also repaired and replaced existing flagpole holes that were no longer able to securely hold flags. Anthony Pereira and local Scouts generously volunteer their time throughout the year to place flags for several community events. City crews will continue inspecting, repairing, and replacing an estimated 150–200 additional flagpole holes throughout the City in the coming months.



LICENSING YOUR DOG IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

A friendly reminder to City of The Dalles residents: adult dogs living within City limits are required to be licensed. If you still need to license your dog, the process can be completed online through the City's pet licensing partner, DocuPet.

Before you get started, have these documents ready:

- Proof of current rabies vaccination
- Proof of spay/neuter

Then follow the simple step-by-step guide to create your account.

Already licensed? Make sure your contact information and your pet's information remain up to date so you can be reached if your pet is ever lost.



License Your Pet in a Few Easy Steps

The Dalles' pet licensing partner, DocuPet, makes it easy to license your pet online. Follow these simple steps to get started. Have your pet's rabies and spay/neuter records handy so you're ready to upload them during the licensing process.

1. Sign In or Create Your Account

Visit [theDalles.docupet.com](https://dalles.docupet.com) to get started. Sign in if you already have an account, or create a new account using your email and a password.

2. Add or Select Your Pet

Select **Add a Pet** to enter your pet's information, or select a pet already in your account.

3. Confirm Your Contact Information

Enter or review your address and phone number to make sure your information is up to date.

4. License Your Pet

Select **License Now** and follow the licensing steps.

- **Important: Upload Both Proof Documents**
 - You'll need to upload proof of spay/neuter and proof of rabies vaccination
 - If both appear on the same document, upload it twice—once for each approval.

5. Choose Your Tag

Choose the standard tag at no additional cost or upgrade to a designer tag. Add your selection to your basket and check out.

6. Watch for Your Tag

You'll receive an email receipt, and your pet's tag will arrive within 10-15 business days.

Ready to Get Started?

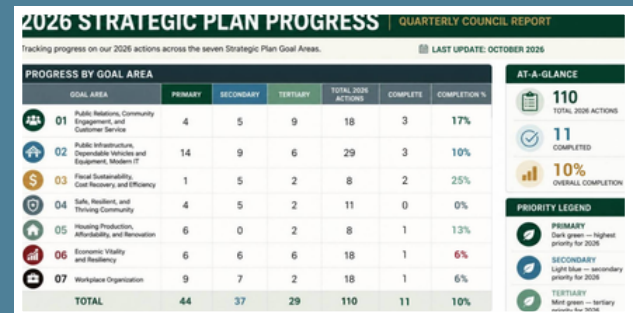
Licensing your pet is quick and easy. Get started online today by visiting [theDalles.docupet.com](https://dalles.docupet.com).

2026 STRATEGIC PLAN: QUARTERLY UPDATE

The City's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan guides priorities and projects across seven goal areas, from infrastructure and housing to public safety, economic vitality, and community engagement.

Each quarter, staff report progress to the City Council on the 110 actions identified for 2026, providing a snapshot of what has been completed, what is underway, and what comes next. This ongoing reporting provides the community with a transparent look at how the City is moving its strategic priorities forward.

See the latest progress below and explore the full update: https://www.thedalles.gov/government/city_council/council_goals.php



CELEBRATE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS AT THE LIBRARY



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

- Police Officer
- Patrol Officer - Entry Level

Learn more and apply at

https://www.thedalles.gov/departments/human_resources/index.php.



DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT 🎃

Don't forget! Downtown Trick-or-Treat is October 31 from 3–5 p.m. Bring the family downtown for some Halloween fun, and be sure to stop by **The Dalles Police Department** for a spooky good time!



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Use the QR code to learn more at thedalles.gov/operationcleansweep

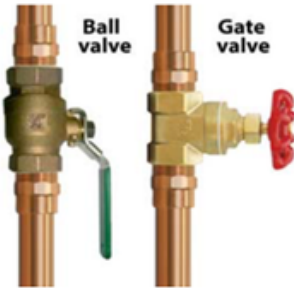


OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

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.



Use the QR code to learn more at thedalles.gov/preventfrozenpipes



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.



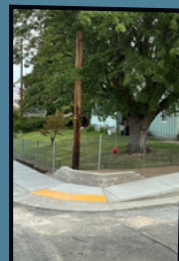
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Use the QR code to learn more at thedalles.gov/prepareforsnow



CITY CREWS AT WORK

Transportation crews continue accessibility improvements along E. 13th Street, installing new ADA-compliant curb ramps at Washington, Court, and Union Streets. The work includes removing existing ramps and constructing new sidewalk panels designed by City engineers. Completed by City crews, this work helps reduce project costs while improving accessible pedestrian connections for residents and visitors. These improvements are being completed in accordance with federal ADA requirements and will prepare E. 13th Street for full-width paving from Washington to Union Streets. Paving is anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2026, weather permitting.



A MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER MATTHEW KLEBES:

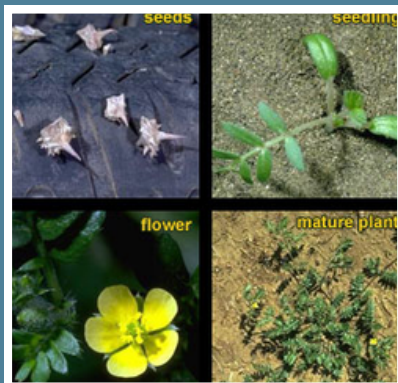
For decades, people in The Dalles have taken pride in this community and discussed the potential we have yet to realize. Reaching that potential requires us to invest in ourselves, realizing progress also brings change, difficult decisions, and requires open communication. People deserve a local government that listens, explains its decisions, and is accountable for the results.

Listening does not always mean agreeing. It does not mean every request can be granted, that the person who speaks most forcefully goes to the front of the line, or that we can waive safety requirements, disregard contracts, or spend public money differently because someone is frustrated. Listening requires accountability. When the City makes a mistake, we own it, correct it, and learn from it. People deserve honest answers, even when the answer is, "we don't know yet."

The City must make decisions. We hear competing needs from residents, businesses, workers, contractors, taxpayers and more. And they all matter. But if everything is a priority, nothing is. Nowhere is that more apparent than infrastructure. The decision is rarely disruption or no disruption. More often, it is planned work now or a potential emergency later. Maintenance put off into the future does not disappear. It comes at greater cost, more disruption, and leaves us with fewer choices. That is why we are investing now in our streets, in our utilities, in our facilities, and planning for even larger generational investments.

Our entire community depends on this critical infrastructure, from business owners, employees, visitors, school children and more. Our responsibility is to balance these interests fairly and get the work done. Key pillars of a strong business community are reliable utilities, safe streets and sidewalks, accessibility and more. The choice is whether we invest in ourselves now and work together through the disruption, or push difficult investments into the future until failure makes the decision for us. We are not asking for blind trust. Ask us hard questions. Challenge our assumptions. Engage with your local government. Tell us what we missed. Stay at the table with us in finding solutions to hard problems.

The Dalles is choosing to tackle the hard problems now and invest in our future. If we meet change with honesty, patience, and a shared commitment to the whole community, The Dalles will be stronger because we've chosen to move forward together.



WATERING TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LAWN

Puncture vine, commonly known as goat head, is a noxious weed that can quickly spread. If found on your property, pull or dig up the plant and seeds, then bag and dispose of them. Do not mow or weed trim, as this can spread the seeds.

Property owners are responsible for controlling vegetation on their property, including vegetation that extends into the public right-of-way, such as streets, alleys, sidewalks, planting strips, and curbs.

For more information, reference TDMC Chapter 5.24 or Codes Enforcement at 541-296-2613.

STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED WITH CITY GOVERNMENT

Agendas, meeting packets, livestreams, and video recordings are available on the City's Agendas & Meetings webpage 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.