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.

City Council – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, with the exception of holidays. Generally does not meet in August

Urban Renewal Agency – Council Chamber 5:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed

Airport Board – Airport 7 a.m. 3rd Friday of each month

Library Board – Location varies 4 p.m. 2nd Thursday

City Budget Committee – Council Chamber as needed and generally the 1st week of May

Urban Renewal Budget – Council Chamber generally 1st week of May

Museum Commission – Joint commission with Wasco County at PUD 1st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

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

Planning commission – Council Chamber 6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday

Please email or call anytime

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

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MacNab Promoted to Sergeant

MacNab says: I was born in The Dalles, graduated from The Dalles High School in 1996, went to Western Oregon University, Graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Corrections. Started working for The Dalles Police Department in 2003.

I love being a Police Officer because every day I come to work I never know what is going to happen. I also enjoy serving the community that I grew up in. I have volunteered for numerous organizations over the years: Next Door Inc, Home at Last, I’ve been a child specific foster care provider, The Dalles Swim Team as a volunteer coach and board member, and AYSO as a coach. I want to be a sergeant because I believe I’m at a point in my career where I have the knowledge to be able to properly guide other officers. I also want to be a part of the decision making process for the direction the police department is headed.

Jones Promoted to Sergeant

Jones says: I grew up in Milwaukie, graduated from Rex Putnam High School in 1997. Went into the US Marine Corps reserves out of high school. I worked loss prevention for several companies until I was old enough to become a police officer. I was a reserve deputy for the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office for a year in 2001, and got hired here in 2002. I deployed to Iraq with the Marine Corps in 2003 for 7 months and returned to the department. Joined the SERT team in 2004 and have been a member since then. Firearms instructor since 2006, Field Training Officer since 2010.

Jason Corey Appointed as Municipal Court Judge

The City of The Dalles is pleased to have Jason Corey serve as Municipal Court Judge.

Corey was appointed when Thomas Peachey retired earlier this year.

Corey has been an attorney with Dick, Dick and Corey in The Dalles since 1994.

Many new discoveries at the Granada Theatre A Report from Charles Gomez

Work on the Granada Theatre has finally begun in earnest. After two weeks of constant cleaning, four truckloads of trash and unwanted broken items have been removed from what many thought to be an already pretty clean Granada. That alone has already made a very noticeable difference and the Theatre has started to come alive once again. After the trash was removed the front portion of the theatre was given a thorough cleaning.

The theatre owners have meet with Dawn Hert, City staff for Historic Landmarks Commission and so far so good as to the exterior renovation plans. Presently power washer, sealer, plaster restorer, primer and painter have been hired and that work is scheduled to start in the next four weeks. With permission the old 1960s – 1970s flat metal awning has been removed. And that leads us to the first major discovery.

Google and Sherwin Williams help The Dalles Public Library brightened up their deck.

On June 19 and 20 four Google employees and a member of the public were kind enough to volunteer their time with The Dalles Public Library for the 2017 Google Service month. The library was contacted by Google employee Denise Hardwood to see if they would be interested in having volunteers from the company do any work around the library, and the idea to stain the deck was born. Working over the course of two days, in heat that approached 95 degrees, Google volunteers Rebecca Carew, Denise Hardwood, Ryan Mooney, Kevin Wycherly, and community volunteer Cindy Marasco all came together and painted a new finish on library deck. Google was kind enough to offer a small stipend that covered all of the necessary materials when combined with a generous discount provided by the local Sherwin Williams team. This kind of private, public partnership is extremely exciting to see and when combined with the opening of their amazing Teen Space there are big things happening at our local library!
New rules approved by the Oregon Legislature make it more convenient to participate in The Dalles’ downtown Vertical Housing Zone

The City of The Dalles established a Vertical Housing Zone in 2014 with the State of Oregon to support the development of upstairs housing in the downtown core. The Vertical Housing Zone provides a tax exemption of 20% per floor, to a maximum of 80%, over a 10-year term for qualifying residential projects.

Senate Bill 310, signed by Governor Kate Brown on June 14, 2017, makes several substantial changes to the program. Originally, parties interested in taking advantage of the program would submit an application to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to be reviewed and managed. Under the new bill, the sponsoring entity, City or County, will review and manage all zone applications.

Another change under the bill requires entities considering new zone sponsorship to “consider the potential for displacement of households within a proposed vertical housing development before designating the zone.” However, the City of The Dalles has already established a zone, so that provision doesn’t apply here.

If you have any questions, please contact Edward Brown, Program Analyst with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department at edward.brown@oregon.gov or at 503-986-2082. You can also contact Matthew Klebes, Assistant to the City Manager at mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us or at 541-296-5481 ext. 1150 to learn more.

Long Term Enterprise Zone Deadline Extended

Currently, the Long Term Enterprise Zone abatement deadline has been extended to December 31, 2017, to better align with the collection and analysis of data upon which the zones are based. The application eligibility for Standard and Extended abatements is due to expire on June 30, 2018. However, legislation is being considered that would allow The Dalles to qualify for continued abatement.

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There are three types of agreements; Standard, Extended, and Long-Term Abatements:

- The Standard abatement lasts 3 years and requires a $50,000 minimum investment, an increase in employment of 10% inside the zone, does not create a job loss within 30 miles, maintains 110% minimum average employment, a First Source Hiring Agreement, and annual reporting.
- The Extended abatement is for 4 to 5 years and has the same requirements as the Standard abatement but also requires wages that are 150% of the County average and requires a financial payment based on the amount of tax abated.
- The Long-Term Abatements are up to 15 years and are on negotiated terms.

Term Abatements: Deadline Extended

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If you are preparing to open or expand a qualifying business located in the Enterprise Zone, please contact Matthew Klebes, City of The Dalles Enterprise Zone Manager at mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us or at 541-296-5481 ext. 1150 to learn more.

Undertaken to support the enactment of Oregon Senate Bill 249 is the extension of the vertical housing zone deadline, which has been extended to December 31, 2017. This extension will allow qualifying projects to continue to benefit from the tax abatements provided by the vertical housing zone. The extension is designed to ensure that qualifying projects have sufficient time to complete their development and maximize their benefits.

The City of The Dalles will be working to update local Vertical Housing Zone management policies before the bill takes effect. If you have any questions, please contact Edward Brown, Program Analyst with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department at edward.brown@oregon.gov or at 503-986-2082. You can also contact Matthew Klebes, Assistant to the City Manager at mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us or at 541-296-5481 ext. 1150 to learn more.

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Neon Sign Museum

“Visitors from near and far have come to witness the progress of the National Neon Sign Museum reno-

Dayly the Museum transforms into its new purpose, while simultaneously preserving the authentic nu-

The Museum will feature a full-scale American downtown representing some of the rarest and sought after iconic symbols of bygone life. These historic glimpses of the past will provide a comprehensive overview of United States history through the lens of advertising and signage. The moments in time that are immortalized as the highs and lows of a culture only understood through the voices of past memories will come to life in a visual display like none other.

The Museum will offer a world-class experience for visitors of all ages. In addition to the Main Street gallery, the space will feature a working neon shop for demonstrations and apprenticeships, classrooms for workshops and classes, prospective artist-in-residence space, theater seating for presentations and Film Fests, and an in-depth history and research center.

Pre-purchase tours, tickets, and membership opportunities are available by visiting: Nationalneonsign-

City Hall Joins Step It Up! The Dalles

Employees at City Hall have joined the Step It Up! Program. As part of the City’s safety and wellness cam-

The City Slickers encourage everyone to join Step It Up! The Dalles. You will receive a t-shirt specifically
designed for your team, and other perks with your registrati-

Managing Vegetation and Fire Danger:

It’s that time of the year in The Dalles where grasses grow quickly and quickly turn to fuel for fires.

City General Ordinance #99-1234: Vegetation growth over 12 inches is a violation on any commercial, public or private property and must be maintained or this could result in the imposition of fines and/or liens upon the property for the costs of removing the nuisance condition.

Information received from Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue reiterates the importance of managing

The general rule for flame lengths with light fuels (grasses) is that the flame will be up to 4 times the height of the vegetation. So with 12” grass, we would expect to see up to 4 foot flame lengths.

Flame length is an important fire behavior factor we must consider. Generally fires with flame lengths greater than 4 feet are too intense for direct attack on the head of a fire by persons using hand tools. Here is the NWCG guideline:

4’ Fire can generally be attacked at the head or flanks by persons using hand tools. Fire hand lines should hold the fire.

4’-8’ Fires are too intense for direct attack on the head by persons using hand tools. Fire hand lines cannot be relied on to hold fire.

8’-11’ Fires may present serious control problems; torching out, crowning and spotting. Control ef-

>11’ Crowning, spotting and major fire runs are probable. Control efforts at the head of the fire are ineffective.

**PUNCTURE VINE AKA GOATHEAD**

Puncture vine is noxious vegetation in accordance with City Ordinance No. 99-1234.

How do I get rid of them?

For small clusters of puncture vine, it's best to just 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 property. This can be done by always checking your bicycle or vehicle tires, shoes and pet's feet after a walk through the neighborhood or a local park. Maintaining a thick and healthy lawn will also help discourage the growth of puncture vine. Puncture vine does not thrive well in irrigat-
ed areas.

For more information contact Codes Enforcement Officer Nikki Lesich at 541-296-5481 ext. 1153 or email her at nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us