



# The City Of The Dalles

WINTER 2019

## State of The City

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Wasco County  
Library

City Website:  
[www.thedalles.org](http://www.thedalles.org)

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#### **Mayor Rich Mays:**

Rich Mays and his wife Rose moved to The Dalles from the Oregon Coast in January of 2015. His 40 year career in public service includes 33 years in municipal government with 28 as a City Manager in Cannon Beach, Oregon; Jefferson City, the state capital of Missouri; and Collinsville and Sterling, Illinois. Rich also served as the Interim County Manager for Clatsop County following his retirement from Cannon Beach in July of 2014. Rich and Rose are members of the Gateway Church and moved to The Dalles to be closer to their daughter Christine and their two grandchildren, Olivia and Carter, who help with Rich's volunteering for The Dalles High School Booster Club. Mayor Mays' email is [rmays@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:rmays@ci.the-dalles.or.us)



#### **Councilor-At-Large Rod Runyon:**

Councilor Runyon retired as a small business owner representing Financial Services and Insurance. He had a previous and parallel career in Radio and TV broadcasting in Oregon, Idaho and California. Born and raised in The Dalles he went on to complete certificate studies in Broadcast Communications Engineering and later achieved licensing in securities and a Fellowship of the Life Underwriters Training Council.

Rod brings to the Council 8 years experience as a Wasco County Commissioner, 8 years on the Port of The Dalles Commission and 4 years as a City of The Dalles Planning Commissioner. He is well known for time served on National, Regional, State and local committees for economic development, Veterans issues, housing and low income community needs. He has served as a Governors appointee to Regional Solutions. Rod and Sherry have two grown children, Kelley and J. R. who live in The Dalles with their families. From each there are two exceptional grandchildren, Addison and Sadie Marie.

A primary hobby of Rod's is riding his Harley. He volunteers as the N.E. Oregon District Captain and Ride Captain of the Patriot Guard Riders. They stand flag lines for Veterans upon request. He is an Assistant Platoon Leader with the Run For The Wall National organization. A founding Board member of the Columbia Gorge Veterans Museum. Rod worked as a civilian for the Army in 1969 and 1970 at 5th Army Headquarters, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. His father was a WWII Officer and his brother a Vietnam-era Officer. Councilor Runyon brings his advocacy for Veterans and a broad community skill set to the Council.

## **LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

This quarter we are focusing on the Teen and Tween Programs available at the Library.

### **Teen Fridays**

Teen Fridays take place at 4 pm in the Athenaeum. Each Friday features a different event. It might be a movie, or crafts; but always something fun. Perfect for middle-school and high school ages.

### **Teen Library Advisory Board**

The Teen Library Advisory Board (T-Lab) will meet the first Monday of every month at 4 pm in the meeting room. T-LAB is a monthly open-forum lead by the Teen Coordinators, and teen volunteers, where teens discuss the issues related specifically to teen use of the library.

### **Teen Arts**

This program is held at 11 am on the third Saturday of each month in the Athenaeum.

### **Board Gaming**

You can come play a variety of board games on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11am in the Athenaeum.

**Teen Self Programming** *These programs are run entirely by volunteers.*

**Dungeons and Dragons**, meets from 3:30 to 5:00 two days a week. On Tuesdays they will be in the meeting room. On Thursdays they will be in the Athenaeum.

**Youth Fiber Guild** meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 4 pm in the Athenaeum.

**Yu-gi-oh** meets on the first and third Thursdays, at 3:30 pm. Location will vary; ask at the front desk.

### **Warhammer**

The Warhammer Teen Club meets once a month, at 11 am on the second Saturday of the month in the teen wing. Miniatures have been provided by the sponsor. The club will be led by a local teen volunteer with the help of library staff and adult volunteers from the community.

If you or your child loves to play board games, loves to play roleplaying games, or simply loves science fiction and fantasy this may be the club you're looking for! Swing by and check it out. Snacks will be provided. Ages 12 – 18.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY

On January 8, the City of The Dalles kicked off its first Local Government Academy session. Twelve participants heard from the Mayor Elect, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk. The Academy is designed to help community members learn about our local government and ways to be involved. Following the Academy, the hope is for participants to then volunteer on different commissions or committees and possibly even run for an elected position! A big thank you to The Next Door Inc. who provided Spanish translation services. If you are interested in learning more, and potentially signing up for next year's Academy, please contact Matthew Klebes at [mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:mklebes@ci.the-dalles.or.us)



City Attorney Gene Parker reviews the many tasks handled by the City Attorney's office, including Public Meeting Law, Ethics, Ordinances, Resolutions and Public Records.

City of The Dalles/Wasco County Librarian Jeff Wavrunek talks about the many events, services, and fun happening at our local library.



## Fun Facts about Leaks

Almost everyone has had a leaky toilet, sink or bathtub faucet. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, if we add up all of the water leaking in homes right now it would fill a trillion one-gallon milk jugs per year. That's more than enough water to supply all of the people living in the entire state of Oregon for a whole year!

A leaking faucet that drips at a rate of one drip per second can use more than 3,000 gallons in a year; nearly the amount of water used by a two-person household in one month.

Toilet leaks are the most common leak found in homes and the easiest to fix. A leaky toilet can use up to 200 gallons per day; enough water for five loads of laundry.



## Fixing Leaks

Worn washers are usually the cause of sink and bathtub faucet leaks. If someone in your household is handy, these parts are easy to replace and cost less than five dollars.

Most toilet leaks are caused because the “flapper” is worn. Sometimes the flush valve needs to be replaced. Toilet repair parts cost less than \$10 dollars. Replacing worn toilet parts takes only a few minutes and only one tool, an adjustable wrench.

Your local hardware store is a good place to find how-to fix-it guides for toilets, sinks and bathtub faucets.

Questions about conserving water can be directed to the Public Works Department at (541)

## Halloween at City Hall—Participating in the Downtown Trick or Treat Event



## New Opportunity Zone Program

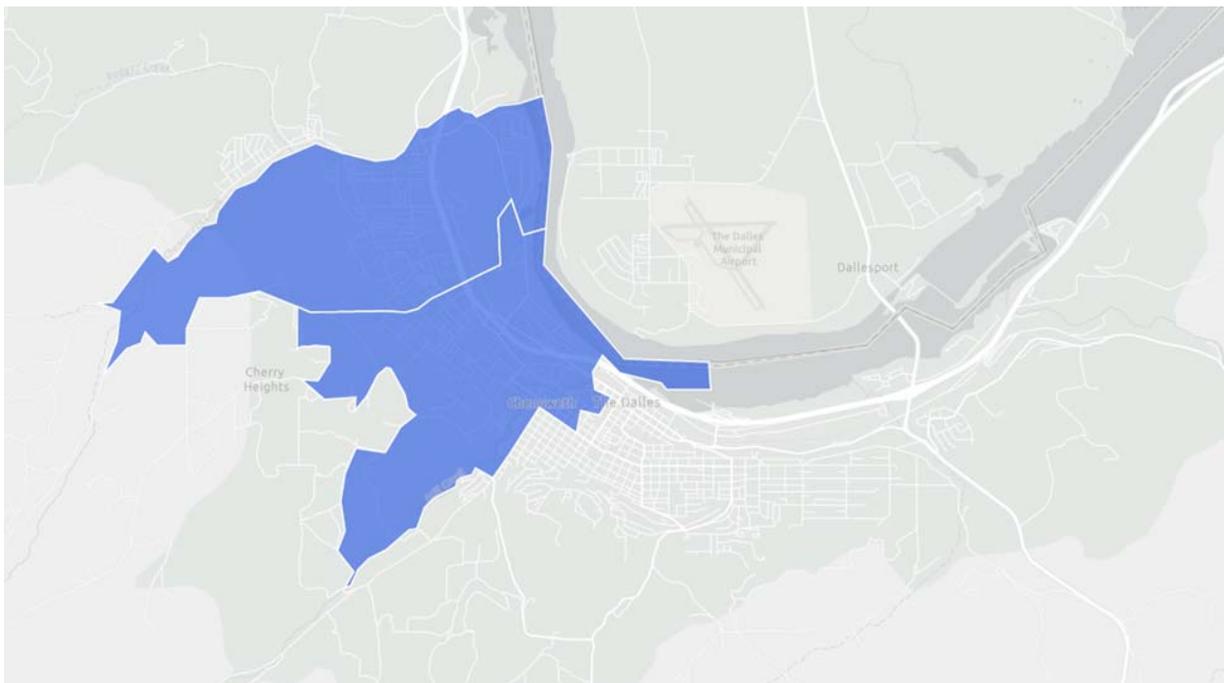
In 2018, the U.S. Treasury made opportunity zone designations across the country to encourage long-term investments through a **federal** tax incentive. Governor Brown’s nominations resulted in 86 qualified opportunity zones in Oregon.

“Opportunity Zones can deliver significant tax savings on medium- to long-term investments in economically disadvantaged communities. This new tax incentive pertains to both the capital gains invested initially through a qualified opportunity fund, as well as capital gains earned for the investor from businesses or projects in a zone.” (Business Oregon)

Opportunity Zones follow census tracts and the designations are in effect until December 31, 2028.

The areas highlighted in blue in the below map denote the Opportunity Zones for The Dalles/Wasco County.

To learn more please visit: <https://www.oregon4biz.com/Opportunity-Zones/>



## We Love Our Trees

Trees in the city provide many benefits. According to the Oregon Department of Forestry, trees lower levels of noise and dust, reduce temperature, provide shade and increase property value. A healthy urban tree canopy provides measurable economic benefits and makes our city a beautiful place to live. But sometimes, trees near streets and sidewalks can grow into too much of a good thing and create a safety hazard.

Trees in The Dalles are cared for by citizens, not City staff, except in the Downtown Area. It is the owner's or occupant's responsibility to reduce the hazard when a tree on their property or on the right-of-way next to their property blocks public walkways and streets.

### Plan Proper Pruning for Safe Streets

Proper pruning or trimming is important for the health of your trees and shrubs. The best time to plan your late-winter pruning strategy is while branches are bare.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers a series of "Ask an Arborist" how-to videos to show you the ABCs of pruning.

Other resources can be found on the internet or by consulting professionals.

### Safe Trimming Tips

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration the most common tree trimming accidents are electrocution, falling from a tree or being struck by trees or limbs. Take control of your own safety. Learn all you can. Then purchase pruning and safety equipment before trimming trees or large shrubs.

If your trees or shrubs are growing into powerlines, do not attempt to prune or remove them yourself. Report the hazard tree to North Wasco County PUD. Fill out the tree trimming permit form available on their website. Trees can conduct electricity; so wait until the upper branches of the tree have been trimmed away from overhead power lines before pruning low branches.

When in doubt about trimming trees, hire a professional arborist.

For more information about trimming trees for traffic safety visit the City website [thedalles.org/streets](http://thedalles.org/streets) or contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

Arbor Day Foundation. (2017, December 5). *When to Prune*. Retrieved from Arbor Day Foundation:



City of The Dalles Municipal Code 11.20.020 regulating street trees requires all trees growing near a sidewalk street or alley to be trimmed so that the limbs and branches are not less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk and not less than fourteen (14) feet above the street. These trim requirements allow safe passage for pedestrians on sidewalks as well as garbage trucks and school buses traveling on streets and alleys.

City of The Dalles Municipal Code 5.24.020 requires vegetation that impairs the view of a public street or impairs the view of any traffic control device to be controlled or removed. These trim requirements allow vehicles to see oncoming traffic and obey traffic signs.

## Tour Boat Coordinator Report - by Bunny Henningsen

*A lot happens behind the scenes, we thought you might like a glimpse*



The cruise season for this year was a busy one! September 20<sup>th</sup> The Dalles had 4 riverboats here all at the same time! What a great sight to see in our river.

Each boat is greeted by The Dalles Tour Boat Coordinator and the Floozies. The passengers love that they are made to feel welcome and comment up and down the river at other stops about how friendly The Dalles is.

The Dalles saw over 14,000 passengers disembark between the City dock and the Port Marina. Passengers enjoyed our museums, hiking and biking trails, and wineries along with strolling downtown.

The American Empress has a hop-on-hop-off bus that goes from the Discovery Center to other museums here in town. After a year of marketing to another boat company that stops here, they too will be doing a hop-on-hop-off bus for both of their boats. This is a big plus for our local museums.

I continue to let the boat companies know about all great places they are missing with hopes they will add them to their schedules. The hop-on-hop-off busses make it easy for passengers to get to places they might not be able to walk to, like the Fort Dalles Museum. Typical age of their passengers is 60 to 90 years-old.

The Dalles is one of the boat's favorite places to dock as we offer many services to the boats as well. Most boats get fuel and other supplies here. The S. S. Legacy fills up with about \$20,000 worth of fuel when they are here and they are one of the smaller ships.

The Dalles offers personal services to the boats as well. Onboard chefs have needed a grocery trip almost every time they dock. The National Geographic Quest need 12 boxes of 5 dozen eggs this season. Amazingly enough the crew gets tired of meals on board and love a junk food trip as well. Trips to the hardware store, pharmacy, and lots of trips for coffee are common. I don't think there has been a morning at the City Dock we didn't see crew members coming back with coffee and donuts.

It really becomes obvious after a year helping them here in town how much money goes into our community.

One boat this year had a large amount of excess unopened food on their last pass through and asked if there was anywhere that could use it. Thanks to a wonderful chain of ladies (Corliss Marsh, Klea Espy and Janeal Booren) in the know, and my truck filled to capacity, food was delivered to the Saint Vincent De Paul kitchens. Donated were muffin mixes, various fruit juices, dry cereal, and yeast for baking, along with 25 lbs. of sugar and flour, plus so much more.



## 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](http://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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