



# Grapevine

Fall 2015

## A Word From the Mayor

Bids have gone out, and our downtown streetscape revitalization should get started soon! I am really looking forward to adding a sparkle to our downtown area and bringing more commerce and visitors to our great city. The new sidewalks and driveways in the inner downtown core should be completed by April 2016. The new sidewalks will also have the new Dundee logo scattered in various places, breaking up the dull grey of cement along the roadway. Your City Council is hoping that these improvements, combined with other infrastructure plans in the works, will attract new businesses to Dundee.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is telling us that the bypass is on schedule for completion in the winter of 2017. This should coincide with their portion of the downtown streetscape enhancement, also scheduled to be completed by March 2017.

All these things should add up to better livability in Dundee, and increased property values.

Are you looking for ways to connect with other citizens of this great community? Two events have been scheduled that you are invited to attend. First, there is a Multi-Vendor Community Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday 10/17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Dundee Woman's Club located at 1026 Highway 99 W. Table space benefits Dundee Community Center.

Second is a Gift Boutique at Dundee Woman's Club. It will feature consigned art, See's Candies, Your Northwest, and local food products, vintage collectibles and fashion accessories. Funds raised will go toward restoration of the Women's Club building. The event takes place Thanksgiving weekend, Friday and Saturday the 27th and 28th at 1026 N. Highway 99 W.

Both events are a great way to get out and meet your neighbors and to learn more of what this community offers.

*David Russ*

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## Tenth Street/Highway 99 Improvements

The Tenth Street/Highway 99W Improvements project is expected to start in October. Work includes water line and sidewalk replacement on the west side of the highway in the vicinity of Tenth Street. New storm water facilities will be installed, including water treatment, in Tenth Street next to the Dundee Community Center. Also, the project will include night work to remove the railroad tracks crossing the highway at Tenth Street, install a new sewer line and conduits, and asphalt patching.

Contech Engineered Solutions is providing the water quality system at no cost to the City (valued at \$59,000) in order to use the facility as a test site for their new technology. Their filters are designed to remove fine particulates, oil, debris, metals, and nutrients, from storm water. The Contech water treatment system will be easier to retrofit into the existing storm water system than other options. Contech will maintain the water quality facility for a five year period and monitor its performance. The date for substantial completion of this project is December 11, 2015.

## 8th Street Bridge Now Open!



The bypass construction from the 8th Street bridge looking toward Newberg.



From the top of the completed 8th Street Bridge.



View of the completed 8th Street Bridge.



From the 8th Street Bridge looking toward the river.

## Dundee Fire Department New Apparatus in Service

The new Brush Rig is a 2015 Ford F-350 4x4 that was put into service in July. The chassis was built to our specs which took 8 weeks and was purchased through Newberg Ford. After the chassis was received it went to Pacific Service Center in Portland to have the service body added. Following that, one of our Firefighters drove it to Medford OR to have the 300 gallon water tank, 150gpm pump and plumbing (the slip-in) installed. Upon returning the Brush Rig went to Star Cars (a Dundee company) to have the emergency lights, siren and fire radios added. Captain Stock (one of our Volunteers) added the finishing touches by applying the lettering and striping that was made by Chehalem Sign Company of Newberg. Just days after being completed Brush-39 began responding to local emergencies and has traveled to Baker City Oregon to assist the State with a large wildland Fire.



Fire

## Dundee Fire Fighters Battle Two Large State Fires



No sooner than our new Brush Rig-39 was put into service it was deployed as part of a five apparatus Task Force to the Cornet Windy Ridge Fire near Baker City Oregon. Hundreds of homes and other structures were threatened, and despite efforts 43 were destroyed and 50 homes and/or other structures were damaged. At one point this summer this fire was the #1 priority fire in the US. Dundee spent a total 132 hours at the fire.

A crew of three Dundee Firefighters responded in Brush Rig-37 to the Canyon Creek Complex Fire near John Day Oregon, with four other apparatus from Yamhill County.

This fire threatened over 700 structures, 4 home and 21 other structures were destroyed.



Our crews spent 62 hours at this fire.

Our assistance on both fires was a result of Governor Kate Brown invoking the Emergency Conflagration Act which authorizes the Oregon State Fire Marshal to mobilize structural firefighters and equipment from around the state to assist local resources battling the fires.

Fire

## Dundee Fire Department Welcomes 6 New Volunteers

We are proud and thankful to have six new Volunteer Firefighters enrolled in the Yamhill County Recruit Fire Academy. Bradley Donahoe, Nathen Gray, Ellen Pitts, Brenton Camac are all local Dundee residents. John Breza and Michael Wasson are from out of the area and will serve as shift Volunteers.

The Fire Academy spans over 8 weeks providing the new recruits with the skills they need to serve and protect our community.

If you are interested in volunteering and you live or work in the City of Dundee Fire District, please call Chief John Stock at 503-554-8442.

Public Safety

## NDPD Plane Pull

On September 19, 2015 Newberg-Dundee Police Department employees: Gwen Johns, Ken Howell, Kevin Cox, Scott Liston & Jessica Howell from Tigard High School participated in the Special Olympics Plane Pull at the Evergreen Aviation Museum. The team pulled the NASA Gulfstream II Shuttle Simulator, weighing about 35,000 lbs 50 feet in 25.25 seconds! NDPD brought home a medal in the Blue Division. Way to go NDPD!!!



## Fall Holiday Safety Tips



### Halloween Safety Tips

Cross the street using signals and crosswalks.

Look left, right and left again before crossing.

Always use sidewalks when available. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to left as possible.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

#### **Keep Costumes both Creative and Safe**

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers. If possible choose light colors for costumes.

Choose face paint or makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights.

#### **Driving on Halloween**

Avoid driving during trick or treating hours if possible.

If you must drive, be extra cautious.

Drive slowly and expect heavy pedestrian traffic.

Leave extra early to allow for slower driving.

Remember popular trick or treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

#### **Holiday shopping safety**

Don't set your purse down or leave it unattended.

Keep your purse close to your body and don't let it dangle by its straps.

Keep an eye on your purchases. Shopping bags are often taken from shopping carts, benches and restrooms, if left unattended.

Keep receipts in wallet or purse. A thief who snatches a shopping bag can quickly return it for cash, if the receipt has been left in the bag.

Don't carry large amount of cash or credit cards. Carry only what you need.

If you store purchases in your vehicle place them in the trunk or out of view.

#### **ATM Safety**

Use ATMs during daylight hours

Use ATMs in populated areas

Use drive up ATMs\

Be aware of people attempting to scan over your shoulder to obtain PIN numbers

#### **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**

#### **Shipped Package Delivery**

If you are having packages delivered to your house make sure you track them. Know when they are going to be delivered. If you will not be home, make arrangements with a trusted neighbor or friend to pick up the package(s) so it is not left sitting front porch.

#### **Fall/Winter Driving**

With the arrival of fall weather there are a few driving tips to remember when dealing with inclement weather:

If needed replace your windshield wipers.

A good general safety rule to remember; If your windshield wipers are on, your headlights should be on.

Defrost your windows completely before driving.

Check your anti-freeze.

Check tires for tread and proper inflation.

Be aware of increased stopping distances due to wet, icy or snowy roads.

## Recycle Often. Recycle Right



### A Call to Action from Waste Management

## Recycle Often. Recycle Right.

Every day we encounter hundreds of recyclable items. By recycling properly, you help materials get to their next best use, which in turn saves tons upon tons of raw materials, time, energy and expense. With every piece of paper, cardboard, metal can, drink carton, aluminum foil, plastic bottle, bucket or tub placed into the recycling, you are making a difference.

Join us in taking the pledge to Recycle Often. Recycle Right. Doing these three things will make a huge difference in helping us maximize recycling.



Recycle all my empty bottles, cans and paper.



Keep food and liquids out of my recycling.



Keep plastic bags out of my recycling.

Visit [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com) to make the pledge to follow these three simple rules and become a Recycling Ambassador. Whether you're a homeowner, teacher, city official, business, kid, or a recycling enthusiast, all the information you need to help others do their part can be found at [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com).

For updated recycling information and to learn more about what can be included in your curbside recycling bin, visit [wmnorthwest.com/Dundee](http://wmnorthwest.com/Dundee). Thanks for doing your part to make Dundee a greener place to live and work.

## WaterSense Showerhead Give Away

The City of Dundee has partnered with the Energy Trust of Oregon to provide free WaterSense showerheads to Dundee households. The showerheads feature a 9-jet adjustable turbo massage that easily rotates from a gentle needle spray to a forceful jet. As the stream is non-aerated, the showerhead experiences less temperature loss – translating into energy savings. The chrome finish showerhead has a 1.75 GPM (gallons per minute) flow rate and has earned EPA's WaterSense label for both water savings and reduce demand on water heaters. Each showerhead comes with installation instructions, plumber's tape and tips on energy savings. To pick up your free WaterSense showerheads, bring a copy of your recent PGE, NW Natural or Dundee water bill to Dundee City Hall, 620 SW Fifth Street; open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Other incentives offered by Energy Trust of Oregon:

- \$35 to \$75 Cash Back for Energy Star refrigerators, freezers, and clothes washers. Apply online at [www.energytrust.or/appliances](http://www.energytrust.or/appliances)
- \$125 to \$500 Cash Back for gas tank water heaters and heat pump water heaters. For incentive eligibility and equipment guidelines, visit [www.energytrust.org/waterheater](http://www.energytrust.org/waterheater)
- \$20 or \$40 Cash Back for refrigerator and freezer recycling, based on the age of the unit. Unit must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet and in working condition (the unit must run, but not necessarily cool). To schedule your free pickup, call 1.844.368.4545 or visit [www.energytrust.org/fridgerecycling](http://www.energytrust.org/fridgerecycling)

## Local Area Food Banks

Recent USDA policy changes now allow Oregon Food Bank partner agencies, Promise Pantry and Newberg FISH, to jointly serve the community of Dundee. Promise Church will continue its regular Promise Pantry hours: every Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the church location, 23330 Fulquartz Landing Road, Dundee. For more information, please visit [www.promisecenter.org](http://www.promisecenter.org)

Newberg FISH now welcomes Dundee residents (and all residents within the Newberg School District) for food box service at 125-A South Elliott Road, Newberg, at these times:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.newbergfish.org](http://www.newbergfish.org)

## Dundee Community Supper

The Community Supper in Dundee provides free dinners the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to anyone who may enjoy a nice meal and community. The next Supper is October 27th, 5:40 p.m. at the Dundee Covenant Church (the white church with the steeple on Highway 99 W).

If you have a knack for meal planning, preparation, dining service, or enjoy visiting with guests, volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

You may also call [503 899-2324](tel:503-899-2324) for information about getting involved.

## Promise Pantry Needs You!

Coming up on Sunday, October 18 is the Feed the Need Food Drive. We are collecting non-perishable food donations. Watch for your neighbors as they go door-to-door on Sunday afternoon to collect offerings. All drop-off donations are gratefully accepted at the Promise Church and Pantry Property. If you would like to help distribute fliers and pick up donations join us Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. at the Promise Pantry. All helpers are appreciated! Directions to the Pantry can be found on the Promise church website - [www.promisecenter.org](http://www.promisecenter.org).

If you would like to give a financial donation checks may be made out to Promise Pantry. Mail to: Promise Church PO Box 70, Dundee, OR 97115. All your donations are tax deductible and are used to fill the Pantry with food. All workers are volunteers and 100% of your gifts are given to the community.

Please consider donating to this great cause. Let's work together to feed the hungry in our community! Thank you!

## Radon: The Silent Killer - Part 1 by Melody Osborne

You may have seen it. The big headline declaring that Dundee was ranked highest, Number 1, for radon levels in the State of Oregon. Sounds scary, right? Published in January, it listed the top cities at risk for radon gases but unfortunately there wasn't much other information. As with many of you, it left me with a whole list of questions. The first of which was... What exactly *is* radon and why is it bad for me? Never one to dismiss a sensational apocalyptic headline, I set out to answer this question and many more.

What is radon? Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas created by the breakdown of uranium in soil, and the second highest cause of lung cancer after smoking. In other words, it's pretty bad stuff. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, making it undetectable. A silent predator. It can enter your home via cracks in solid floors, construction joints, cracks in walls, gaps around pipes, and the water supply.

My next question, after learning the above, was how in the world am I supposed to know if I or my family is at risk if I can't detect it? The answer was a simple one—purchase a test kit. For the purpose of this article, I purchased two and placed them in my home and the home of a friend. I wanted to see if the difference in variety and location would provide contrasting results. While both kits use activated charcoal, one was two vials; the other a flat, square tub with a thin fabric cover. For my part, I was more comfortable with the flat tub than the vials. Personal opinion, but I felt that the wider exposed area would test more air than the 1-½ inch opening of the containers.



The best time to test your home for radon is during the winter when the doors stay mostly closed and the heat is on. We tested in early spring. The test takes approximately four days to complete—or 96 hours. The most difficult part of the test may very well be trying to find the perfect location. Depending upon your house, finding a flat surface two feet above the floor and three feet from any outside wall might prove challenging. In our instance, the test kit wound up on a small table in the hallway. In the other house, on a small table in the living room.

Prices can vary on the test kits. Before you dismiss the more expensive one, look to see if it includes the lab fee. Sending the test kit back that already had the lab fee paid proved to be much easier than the one that required me to fill out a check and pay the lab fee when I returned it. When the tests are sent back, there is already a number of things to complete on the registration form that goes back with it. I'm not sure why filling out a check for the lab fee on the one that was not prepaid proved to be a stumbling block, but it was. Unfortunately, my procrastination led to my sending the test in too late to generate an accurate test result. We had to take it again.

Once the appropriate amount of time had passed, we gathered it up and followed the instructions for mailing. Although the completion of the form, which asks questions of where it was placed and exact times of testing (day and hour), needed to be completed by hand and mailed the results are emailed back after testing. Overall, it took two weeks from the beginning of the test to the end.

(Part II will appear in the January 2016 newsletter and include our test results and an interview with Jim Bittner, Sales & Marketing Manager for Cascade Radon, who answered questions regarding electronic testing and mitigation.)

# October

- 6 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 7 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 13 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 20 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 21 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 26 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 27 – Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 31 – Halloween, PLEASE DRIVE SAFE!

# November

- 3 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 4 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 10 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 11 – Veteran’s Day, City Offices Closed
- 17 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 23 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 24 – Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed

# December

- 1 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 2 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 8 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 16 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 28 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 29 – Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm

\*\*COMING SOON: Please check the city’s website at [www.dundecity.org](http://www.dundecity.org) for Holiday Event dates.

## Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

During the fall season we see the colors change and the trees shedding their leaves. That leads to clogged storm drains, polluted water making its way to the river, and flooding when the rain starts falling.

The City of Dundee asks all residents to help do their part in keeping the storm drains in their neighborhoods free of leaves, lawn clippings, sediment, and trash. The water that goes into the storm drains eventually makes its way to local rivers— untreated! By everyone helping out to ensure storm drains remain free of pollutants we are helping our waterways stay clean as well.



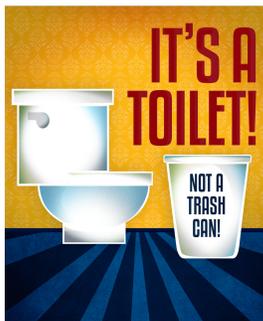
Simple practices that can be done to help keep storm drains clean:

- Keep the lid closed on trash cans and recycling bins
- Do not blow lawn clippings into the street
- Limit the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides
- Pick up your dog and/or cats waste
- Never pour anything down the storm drain

For more tips or additional education about why keeping storm drains clear is important, visit <http://www.onlyraindownthedrain.com/>

## Your Toilet and You - Don't Flush This

Let's face it, a backed up sewer pipe is not the best way to celebrate the holidays. Cinnamon, pine, cookies baking, and hot chocolate are all scents of the season that most of us look forward to-- sewer gases would likely be last on the list for what you'd want to smell. With that unpleasant thought in mind, we thought it might be time for reminders of what not to flush. As we do those mass "Yikes! The relatives are coming!" holiday cleanings let's review.



### Don't Flush This

Basically, the only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper. Even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't. Here is a list of some things to keep out of the toilet.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * Disposable diapers             | * Feminine products           |
| * Cotton balls and swabs         | * Birth control products      |
| * Cleaning wipes of any kind     | * Facial tissue               |
| * Bandages and bandage wrappings | * Grease                      |
| * Pet poop                       | * Poisons and hazardous waste |

Curious about what may happen to your sewer pipes when these things are sent down the toilet? Visit <https://youtu.be/-3XX-QmmPY> for a video. After all, seeing is believing!

**Cloudy Water got you worried? Don't fret! It's just air.**

A dry winter, coupled with the the fact that it`s late in the year, has led to our wells being pushed into overtime to produce water. Oxygen gets dissolve into water at a faster rate, which means the water pumps cavitate and make tiny bubbles in the water. This makes your water appear cloudy. Give it a couple minutes and it should clear up!

## Tips to Prepare Your Home for this Winter by Mayor Russ

Remember, as winter approaches there are a few things you should do to prepare your home for the wet and cold. Keeping up with these items will also help you to maintain your property value. Now is the perfect time to get your home in shape before winter starts to take its toll, and while the weather is still pleasant enough to spend time outdoors.

Seal it up: Caulk and seal around exterior door and window frames. Look for gaps where pipes or wiring enter the home and caulk those as well. Not only does heat escape from these openings, but water can enter and may eventually cause structural damage and mold problems.

Look up: Check the roof for missing or damaged shingles. Upcoming winter weather can cause serious damage to a vulnerable roof, leading to a greater chance of further damage inside the home. It's best to have a qualified professional inspect and repair the roof, but you can do a preliminary survey from the ground using binoculars.

Clear it out: Clear gutters and eaves troughs of leaves, sticks, and other debris. Consider installing leaf guards if your gutters can accommodate them – they are real time savers and can prevent damage from clogged gutters. Check the joints between sections of gutter, as well as between the gutter and downspouts, and make any necessary adjustments to tighten them.

No hose: In climates with freezing weather, drain garden hoses and store indoors to protect them from the elements. Shut off outdoor faucets and make sure exterior pipes are drained of water. Faucets and pipes can easily freeze and burst, causing leaks and water damage.

Warm up time: Have the furnace inspected to ensure it is safe and in good working order. Most utility companies will provide no-cost inspections, but there can often be a long waiting list come fall and winter. Replace disposable furnace air filters or clean the permanent type according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using a clean filter will help the furnace run more efficiently, saving you money and energy.

Light that fire: If you enjoy the crackle of the fireplace on a chilly fall evening, have the firebox and chimney cleaned before using it this season. Creosote, a byproduct of wood burning, can build up to dangerous levels and cause a serious chimney fire if not removed.

Buying local is always a great idea for the holidays! There are lots of great vendors in the area including a costume shop right here in Dundee. Save time and gas, and stay out of traffic, by supporting local businesses this holiday season.

## Living with Wildlife

Skunks, rats, deer, racoons, coyotes, bears... Dundee seems to attract a wide variety of wildlife. Although many are getting ready to bed down for the winter and sleep the cold, dark days away a few will hang around and make the best of a chilly and wet season. If you'd rather that these critters did not make your home theirs as well, there are a few simple things you can do to make your dwelling less appealing to them such as making sure you don't leave your pet's food outside overnight and keeping the lid closed on your garbage can. Although we share the world, many of us prefer not to share our crawl space, vents, or attics. Depending on the variety of animals that visit your yard, you may wish to visit [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living\\_with/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/) for some more specific ideas on keeping those unwanted visitors from taking up permanent residency.

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## IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

[www.dundeeity.org](http://www.dundeeity.org)

### Phone Numbers:

503/ 538-3922 City Hall  
503/ 538-3922 Complaints  
503/ 538-6700 Public Works  
503/ 538-8321 Public Works (after hours emergency)  
503/ 554-8442 Fire Department Business  
503/ 538-4182 Burn Information  
503/ 538-8321 Police Department Business  
503/ 538-1958 fax (for all departments)

**911** Fire Department **EMERGENCY**  
**911** Police Department **EMERGENCY**

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