



CITY of DUNDEE Oregon

Viewmont Greenway Park

The City completed improvements to the Viewmont Greenway Park with assistance from a \$32,800 grant from Oregon State Parks and a \$2,500 grant from Newberg Rotary. Viewmont Greenway Park is a linear park located in the old Viewmont Drive right-of-way between Lone Street and Laurel Street on the north edge of the city. The main components of the project include paving of the main walking trail and construction of a nature play area. With permission from State Parks, we will be using the savings from the grant to purchase and plant native Oregon white oak trees in the park. Public Works crews were very helpful in the construction of the nature play area, including excavation, retaining wall construction, installation of the play structures, and placement of the soft fall material.

The Dundee Parks Advisory Committee will be discussing the 2020 State Parks grant application process for a new project at their February 5 meeting. The proposed project involves the construction of a pedestrian path with a viewpoint improvement along the 3rd Street right-of-way between Dogwood Drive and Hawthorne Court.



Madeleine says it's very fun. "We like to climb and hide in the bear cave."

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Budget Committee Volunteers Needed

The City of Dundee has openings for the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is an advisory group established by statute. The committee is made up of the governing body of the local government and an equal number of appointed members. The appointed members must be registered voters and cannot be employees, officers, or agents of the local government. They are appointed for staggered, three-year terms.

The Budget Committee has several purposes. It conducts public meetings to hear the budget message and review the budget proposed by the officer. One of its most important purposes is to listen to comments and questions from interested citizens. It considers this public input as it deliberates on the budget. It can revise the proposed budget to reflect changes it wants to make in the local government's fiscal policy. When it is satisfied, the committee approves the budget.

Meetings for the Budget Committee begin in April. If you would like to be considered, complete an application and return it to City Hall by February 26, 2020. Applications may be obtained at Dundee City Hall, located at 620 SW 5th Street, Dundee, by calling 503-538-3922, or by downloading it from the City's website www.dundee.org

Sweeping Change

During the months November and December, the City was going to try something new with regard to street sweeping. We were going to provide an additional sweeping in the 1st week of those months in order to help with the fall leaves. Unfortunately, after we had it arranged, our sweeper decided to quit the business. This left us scrambling to replace our street sweeping contractor, and luckily we found a local company from McMinnville that was happy to clean our streets. So, if you see Dana from City Sweepers out cleaning our streets please give her a wave! She likes doing what she does.

As a reminder, please do not blow yard clippings into the street as they find their way into the storm drains, then into our streams and rivers polluting them.

If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department 503.538.6700.

Niederberger Ditch Removal

The City will be completing storm water improvements that will lead to the filling of and closure of the drainage ditch on the north side of Niederberger Road between Charles Street and Alder Street. These improvements are partially funded with a Small City Allotment grant from ODOT and will provide safer pedestrian access from the area neighborhoods to Highway 99W along Niederberger Road.

Spirit Mountain Grant



Dundee Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Nearly \$20,000 was received to help purchase new Automotive Extrication Equipment, also known as the Jaws of Life. The total Extrication Equipment replacement project was roughly \$41,000.

The additional funds needed to complete the project were made possible thanks to a donation made by the Dundee Fire/Rescue Volunteer Firefighters, Community Citizens and City of Dundee Equipment Reserve Funds.

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Join us on April 5, 2020 at the Dundee Fire Station for our

59th Annual Pancake Feed.

All you can eat Pancakes, Home Smoked Ham, Farm Fresh Eggs, served with Orange Juice and fresh brewed coffee.



Toy and Joy

Thank you to all who contributed to the Dundee Fire/Rescue Volunteer Firefighters 2019 Toy and Joy Program. With the generous donations from the community and the Fox 12 Drive, we were able to deliver presents to 24 families—which brought smiles to over 70 children.

Fire Service Appreciation Day

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 25. The measure designated every January 27 as Fire Service Appreciation Day in Oregon.

Fire Service Appreciation Day annually provides the opportunity to honor the men and women who unselfishly serve their communities and who strive to maintain the highest level of skill and professionalism.

Thanks to our dedicated, compassionate, and professional Dundee Fire Personnel for their personal sacrifice to help keep our Community safe.



Dundee Car Prowler

The City of Dundee has had a rash of car prowls in Dundee. All of the cars were left unlocked. The Newberg-Dundee Police Department has some video footage of a young man getting in one of the cars, sitting in it, and rummaging through it. This is a good reminder to lock your vehicles and lock your residence!

Remember to take your valuables out of your vehicle. Never leave your purse or wallet unattended in your vehicle. If you have valuables in your vehicles make sure you put them out of sight. GPS units, radar detectors, mp3 players, and similar items, should be removed from the dash and also put out of sight. Items that look like they contain valuables should also be put out of sight. You might know the backpack only has some old books in it but the car prowler may very well bust your window to see if the backpack has a laptop computer in it.

Keep your vehicle locked. Most car prowls happen to unlocked vehicles. If your vehicle is locked and nothing of value is in view, the prowler is likely to just move on.

Winter Travel Safety Tips

- "Know Before You Go" by going to www.tripcheck.com to see travel conditions and chain requirements.
- Take your time and slow down when poor driving conditions are present. Please know chain/traction tire requirements when traveling.
- Be prepared in the event you become stuck during your travels- Carry water, food, and blankets in the event you are stuck in your vehicle during your trip.
- Put the distractions away. Pull over to use that handheld electronic device, ask as passenger to help or wait to arrive at your destination to use them.
- Get rested before you travel. Fatigued drivers are more frequent during holiday weekends because of increased travel and activity. Be patient and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Wear your safety belt. Ensure your passengers and children are properly restrained too. We see too many crashes were people would have walked away with minor, if any, injuries if they had only been wearing their seatbelts.

These simple tips are your way to support our mission of transportation safety during the winter months.

Fats, Oils and Grease

Cooking fat, oil, and grease (FOG) can clog the sewer pipes in your home and in our wastewater collection system and cause sewage to back up into your home and backup in the collection system damaging pumps at the wastewater treatment facility which can cost \$10,000+ to repair or replace.

DID YOU KNOW?

Running hot water and turning on your garbage disposal while you pour grease down the drain does not work! The grease will still clog your pipes!

How to Properly Dispose of Fats, Oil and Grease

- Pour cooking grease into a used can.
- Wipe out excess grease before washing pots and pans.
- Seal the can in a plastic bag.
- Put the plastic bag in the trash or recycle it for Bio-fuel. There are several companies in (PDX) that collect grease for Bio-fuel.

In the near future, the City of Dundee will be instituting a mandatory FOG program that will track the maintenance of restaurant grease traps and cooking hood cleaning schedules. We will start with a voluntary program to work out the bugs then implement the full program.

Questions about FOG please call the city's wastewater treatment facility 503.538.6700

Flushed Away!

Many of us go about our daily tasks without much thought. We get up, take a shower, use the bathroom, and brush our teeth. The majority of people never give that water a second thought after it goes down the drain. Where does this water go after we use it?

Whether the water is used for dishes, laundry, bathing, or the toilet it all goes down the drain. All the water that is used in the City is collected by a network of underground pipes, called the wastewater collection system. When the water leaves the home it enters a lateral pipe from your home that is connected to a main line located near the street. The City of Dundee collects all the wastewater and uses gravity to convey it to the wastewater treatment plant.

Once the wastewater gets to the Wastewater Treatment Plant it is screened to remove the majority of the solids coming into the plant. This is done to protect all downstream equipment in the treatment process. Large debris can plug pumps and take up valuable space in the treatment tanks. The wastewater is then treated using a biological process.

The treated waste is then disinfected and discharged to the Willamette River. The City of Dundee is regulated by Oregon DEQ. These regulations are in place to protect wildlife, recreational users, and downstream users of the river.

Only 3% of all the water on the planet is fresh water, and only 1% of that is available for use. The rest is stored in the polar ice caps. With fresh water being such a limited supply, it's important that we all do our part in preserving this resource. There are some things we can all do to help out!

Here's a list of some items that shouldn't be flushed. These items can contaminate the environment and make our jobs a lot harder.

What NOT to Flush Down the Toilet

To help you save embarrassment, thousands of dollars in expensive plumbing repairs, and avoid polluting the environment, pay attention to this list of things that you must never, EVER, flush down the toilet:

1. Feminine Products

Tampons and other feminine hygiene products are not supposed to be flushed down the toilet.

2. Cooking Grease/Food

Grease should never be poured down any drain, period. It may look like a liquid that can easily be dumped down a drain, but when it cools, it will congeal and clog up your pipes. Collect your grease in a glass jar and throw it in the trash, or save the grease and reuse it, especially bacon grease... yum!

3. Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes/Cleaning Pads/"Flushable" Wipes

These "adult baby wipes" are becoming increasingly popular. They are also causing clogs and backups in sewage pipes across the country. Although some of these brands might say they are flushable on the box, there are groups that are revising the guidelines so soon all wet wipes will have a noticeable DO NOT FLUSH symbol on the packaging. If you must use these, throw them away in the trash can. Keep one close to the toilet. Flushing wet wipes can easily turn into an expensive mistake when you have to call a plumber to snake your toilet, or sewer water backs up into your house.

4. Dental Floss

You wouldn't think so because it is so small, but dental floss is not biodegradable and can cause serious clogs and environmental damage.

5. Q-tips/Cotton Balls

You might think that cotton will break down, since some toilet paper is made from cotton linnen (Cottonelle/Cottonsoft), but they don't! They will clump together, causing stoppages at bends in the pipes.

6. Diapers

Just because there is human waste inside does not mean that they are OK to flush. Diapers are made to expand in water. In the unlikely case you actually get the diaper to flush, it will likely get caught in the U-bend of the pipe.

7. Pills

You may think it is a good idea to put pills out of harm's way, but you are probably doing more harm than good by flushing them. They have toxic effects on groundwater supplies and wildlife. There are community-based "take back your meds programs" that you can participate in, or a drop off facility in Newberg.

8. Paper Towels/Tissues

If you really want to save money and help the environment, use washable cloths and rags, but if you have to use paper towels, throw them in the trash, not the toilet. Tissues and paper towels are not made to dissolve like toilet paper.

9. Cigarette Butts

What a waste of water! Each flush uses up to three gallons. They look gross floating in the water and they are full of toxic chemicals that end up going straight into the groundwater supply. If you have to smoke, throw the butts away properly.

What does that leave? Not much! Human excrement and regular toilet paper are the only things you should flush down your toilet.



February

- 4 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 5 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 11 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 17 – President’s Day, City Offices Closed
- 18 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 19 - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 26 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 8:30am

March

- 3 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 4 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 10 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 17 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 25 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 8:30am

April

- 1 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 5 – Dundee Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 7:00am-1:00pm
- 7 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 14 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 15 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 21 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 22 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 8:30am
- 23 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station
- 30 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm

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503/ 538-8321 Police Department Business
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