



# The Dallesport News

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## Dallesport Residents Slam High-Density Housing Plan

August 14, 2016 By Jesse Burkhardt The Dalles Chronicle

A plan by a California developer to bring high-density, multi-family housing to a Dallesport neighborhood has brought the community together in virtually unanimous opposition.

Developer Bill Maley, a former resident The Dalles, is asking the Klickitat County Planning Department to approve a zoning change on "Block C" in Dallesport. Maley wants the parcel to be reclassified from SR (suburban residential), which is single-family residential with 20,000 square foot minimum lot sizes, to R2, which is multi-family, high-density subdivision zoning that would allow for 6,000 square foot (for single family residences) or 7,000 square foot (two-family structures) lots.

The rezoning "will facilitate the consideration of a long subdivision of Mr. Maley's 8.46 acres into 6,000 to 7,000 square foot lots," according to the proposal.

If fully developed over a proposed two phases, there would be 42 new lots on the parcel. Phase one would see 20 new lots, and phase two would create 22 new lots.

Don McDermott, president of the council, said the community does not want the rezoning.

In July, approximately 20

community members came to the monthly meeting of the Dallesport Community Council and voted unanimously to oppose the rezoning application. Immediately afterward, the six members of the community council present that evening unanimously voted to also oppose the rezoning proposal.

"The unanimous vote by the community council and by all attendees has launched this particular campaign," McDermott said.

On August 11, the community council again met, and Dallesport residents and council members reiterated strong opposition to the rezoning idea for the Block C property, which is bordered by Sixth Avenue to the north, Third Avenue to the south, and Central Boulevard to the west.

McDermott said he recently attended a Klickitat County Planning Commission in Goldendale and presented a petition with 70 signatures opposing the Dallesport rezoning plan, but he expressed skepticism the community is being heard.

"There was a presentation by the developers explaining why it (the rezoning) is necessary and how good it was going to be," McDermott said during the Aug. 11 council meeting. "I made a rebuttal, and they rebutted my rebuttal. After that I raised my hand to bring up some more points and I wasn't recognized. I was told it was too late; the meeting was over. I think the

decision has already been made."

The Planning Commission is expected to issue its recommendation on Monday, Aug. 15. This is not the first time Maley has applied for rezoning in Dallesport. In 2007 Maley proposed to rezone 10.74 acres from suburban residential to residential and initiate a comprehensive plan amendment that would rezone the acreage from residential-medium density to residential-high density.

Tennessee Engineering Corp., an engineering company that does land division work for developers, is representing Maley in his bid to have Block C rezoned.

Ben Beseda, project engineer for The Dalles based firm, said Tennessee did the initial work for Maley back in 2007, and started on it again last year. Beseda explained that forces beyond Maley's control led to the demise of Maley's earlier development plans in Dallesport.

"It was the economy," Beseda said. "The Great Recession occurred, and it was not feasible to develop when it was originally approved. His approval expired."

Beseda said the hearing on the rezoning question has been closed, and no more public testimony will be taken. "The planning commission took testimony from proponents and opponents and then closed the hearing," Beseda said. "They will consider and discuss it at the next meeting. There is no more public testimony."

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*Dallesport resident Bill Clark looks out at the field, located between Third Avenue and Sixth*

*Avenue in Dallesport, that is being considered for rezoning from 20,000 square foot minimum lot sizes to 6,000 to 7,000 square foot lots. "You don't know what kind of can of worms this could open up," Clark said.*

## Book Report

By Judy Bane

### "Moments: the Pulitzer Prize Winning Photographs" - by Hal Buell

This beautiful coffee table book is a heart warming, heart wrenching journey through our nation's history since photography became less cumbersome and more portable. Momentous events with tremendous world impact are featured along with small, everyday scenes that were captured at just that right moment for magic to happen.

Each picture is accompanied by its history and an explanation of how it came to be, along with the technical information about how it was photographed and what equipment was used.

Some of these pictures are hard to view. War and crime, disaster and sorrow, joy and celebration. It's all covered here.

This is a book that will not leave you unmoved.

## True West Magazine

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum Honored as a "Top 10 True Western Museum of 2016" by *True West Magazine*

Hundreds of museums celebrate the American West (including more than a few east of the Mississippi). But which ones stand out?

True West magazine's September 2016 issue has the answer in the feature "The Top 10 Western Museums," on newsstands August 09, 2016.

For a dozen years, True West magazine has recognized the best Western museums in America for their dedication to their mission of keeping the Old West alive in our communities and nation.

True West magazine is proud to announce that one of the top ten *True West* Western Museums for 2016 is the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum in The Dalles, Oregon, in recognition of their superior exhibitions and ability to reach all generations through their creativity in interpreting the West while fulfilling their institution's mission.

"Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum's dedication to their mission of preserving and interpreting our great Western history for all generations, is inspiring," says *True West* Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell. "They keep the Old West vibrant and relevant for 21st century audiences."

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum is honored for its extraordinary exhibitions and dedication to local and regional history. The museum has partnered with Nevada State Museum to display the traveling exhibit "John C. Frémont: Pathfinder of the West."

Spur Award-winning writer Candy Moulton and the editors of *True West* picked the winners for this annual award based on the extraordinary efforts of the museums over the past year to create and host new temporary exhibits, as well as maintain dynamic permanent exhibitions.

The Top 10 *True West* Western Museums for 2016 include:

10. Autry National Center of the American West, Los Angeles, California
9. Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan, Oklahoma
8. Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, The Dalles, Oregon
7. Yakama Nation Museum and Cultural Heritage Center, Toppenish, Washington
6. Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Days of '76 Museum, Deadwood, South Dakota
4. Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Houston, Texas
3. Cody Firearms Museum, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Cody, Wyoming
2. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas
1. Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City, Kansas

*True West* magazine is in its 63rd year of leading the way in presenting the true stories of Old West adventure, history, culture and preservation. For subscriptions and more information, visit <http://www.twmag.com> or call 888-687-1881.

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum is located at 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. For more information call 541-296-8600 or visit [www.gorgediscovery.org](http://www.gorgediscovery.org).

## Farmer's Market

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<http://maryhillwinery.com/>

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Maryhill Winery 9774 Highway 14, Goldendale, WA Doors open: 5 PM / Show: 7 PM Fees/Admission: \$55.00 - \$200.00

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**Lyle Market -9:45am-10:05am**

**Lyle High School 10:25am-12:30pm**

**Dallesport School- 1:45pm - 3:00pm**

## Community Council Corner

By PJ Sisseck

Speaker Rita Pinchot from the Klickitat-Lyle Coalition Against Substance Abuse spoke about their three-year effort to reduce drug use among our community's youth. Rita's position is funded by the State, and she oversees a number of volunteers who are involved in meeting students face-to-face. The Coalition is rather visible in the schools, providing information on mental health, suicide prevention, leadership training, and "Class Action" (mock arrests and court cases).

Rita Pinchot wishes to stress that parents are the best source of information on drug abuse prevention, or, in far too many cases, the best source of drugs to abuse. Keep track of your prescriptions, tobacco, and alcohol, Parents! Some prescriptions are considered "gateway" drugs into heroin abuse. State-wide estimates are that 20-25% of teens use marijuana, 30% use alcohol, and many more use tobacco (although smoking is on the decline, chewable forms are just as dangerous).

The Community Council is seeking volunteers and input into an update of the Community Comprehensive Plan. Please contact Don McDermott if you are interested in serving in this capacity. Also, there is an open position on the Council. Would you be interested in filling it?

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

### Thank You To All Scoopers

We would like to thank all the people who helped with the Dallesport-Murdock Community Council ice cream sales this summer.

**The Dallesport Fly-In:** Angela Krueger, her husband, son and friend; Barclay and Alanna, Krissy, and Becky Woods, Alana Woods, Maryann Pauline, and Ron Sisseck

**Lyle Community Night Out:** Destiny Stohler and the Lyle High School summer work crew.

**Show in the Shade:** Nancy Moon, Lynne Kadlec, Becky Woods, and Alana Woods

**Dallesport Drag Races:** Alana Woods

We would also like to extend a big thank you to the Dallesport Volunteer Fire Department who assisted with setting up the ice cream trailer at the Fly in and were especially helpful at the Drag Races when they helped pack up and hook up the trailer. They are a

well-trained group and are always willing to lend a hand. Please support them at any opportunity that you can.

We appreciate the volunteers that helped this year and will be looking for more volunteers for next year. Funds raised from selling ice cream will be used for community projects. If you want to know how you can help or have ideas for projects/events, please come to the monthly Community Council meetings and let the council know what you think.

Kim McCartney  
Cathy McCartney

## Response to Rezone

By William Morris

William Maley's original application was capricious. The application was stopped by WA Dept., of Health, Office of Drinking Water, "there was not sufficient storage, flow or pressure to supply water to Dallesport Fire District." during imminent fire event. 2007, Klickitat County restricts building permits in Dallesport. The Dept. of Health, Office of Drinking Water said, "Property requiring a new water main to serve it is not eligible for a building permit until a Water Service Plan is approved. The Dallesport Water Assoc., was notified Aug. 1, 2007.

Notice went to Kevin Barry, Director of Health Dept. Klickitat County from the WA ODW, WA Dept. of Health, Director Denise Addotta Clifford.

The Dallesport Water Assoc. changed the nature of their operation by becoming a Water District.

Construction of a tank, filtration plant, lab and office, was granted CUP2012-09, on December 1, 2012 by the KC Board of Adjust. In this permit, item 4, clearly states, Block C has " 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot sizes." It also states the size could be "reconsidered". Nowhere in this permit does it allow FORCED HIGHER TAXATION of Block C land owners or Dallesport Water District.

2005, major changes were made to Block C. KC Planning Dept., as requested by Maley, uses administrative rule to convert commercial lots in Block C, to residential lots, then move the lots to the perimeter. Maley accepted the SR zoning conversion placed on the new lots, again affirming the SR zoning in Block C. Maley then sold the lots to a builder and the lots had single family homes built on them. This action took the Maley property from the original 10.74 acres used in the original application with 77 possible homes, to the 8.46 acres and 41 lots possible today. Maley's application Boundary Line Adjustment

2005-6 was for lot conversions. WA Law is clear. "Under no circumstances can a BLA change the size of a lot." Original lots, 120 X 25 ft., Dallesport plat 1946, revised 1991 during short plat of 6th Ave properties. The issue is addressed by WA Atty. General Ken Eikenberry, published as " AGO 1986 No. 6 - Mar 21, 1986." This BLA application conflicts with the AGO decision. The application in 2016, is for the 8.46 acres zoned SR to be rezoned high-density R2, multi-family, into 41 lots, 19 lots 1st phase and 22 lots 2nd phase. Previous noted actions have significantly changed the nature of Block C requiring a new SEPA certification. **NO REZONING TO ALLOW URBAN DENSITY IN UNINCORPORATED KLICKITAT COUNTY.**

## Dallesport Water Dist.

If you have any questions regarding your water system, please feel free to contact us: Dave Griffin, DWD Manager 541-980-6756,

or [dwdmanager@qnect.net](mailto:dwdmanager@qnect.net)

Lyn Stevens DWD Clerk 541-980-6514,

or [dallesportwater@gmail.com](mailto:dallesportwater@gmail.com)

**Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm at the Dallesport Community Center.**

**K.C.F.D. #6**

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**Department**

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Wahtonka Football Field 3601 West 10th Street The Dalles Admission: Single: \$3 Family: \$10

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The Planning Commission will make a recommendation for the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners to approve, deny, or push it forward without a recommendation."

Bill Morris, a Dallesport resident who strongly opposes the rezoning proposal, said high-density housing would present the community with a serious fire danger.

"They're putting our safety at risk," Morris said. "RCW's say a subdivision requires a 24-hour, paid fire department. When you have that high-level density housing you need fire protection. We are in a fire alley here. We've lost buildings here before." Morris added that Maley is trying to use the previous old SEPA review for his current rezoning plan.

"He let his application lapse. It expired," Morris said. "The reason we're harping on this SEPA review is

this new plan is significantly different than the earlier one. He's now jumping to higher densities. The minute his application expired, that SEPA should have expired as well. His current application should be null and void."

"The county did not require a new SEPA," Beseda said. "This proposal is actually smaller and in two phases, and the county figured it fits underneath the previous SEPA because it's smaller."

Beseda pointed out that Klickitat County is the lead agency on the decision because Dallesport is not an incorporated city.

"The county is the review agency," Beseda said. "It kind of feels like the city of Dallesport should handle this, but there is no city of Dallesport, so the county is the lead agency on the proposal."

Morris said the community wants to maintain its existing suburban residential zoning.

"We're not anti-growth. We realize there is a housing shortage," Morris said. "But people need to play by the rules. This is an expired application and SEPA review, and it doesn't cover half of what they're doing."

Les Donaldson, a Dallesport homeowner who would be directly impacted by the rezoning would set a bad precedent for Klickitat County.

"Neighbors are not happy about it," Donaldson said. "We've got to stop this. It would set a precedent for all over Klickitat County. I could see 17 or 18 lots. We need some development. But we don't need that density."

Joe Sheridan, senior planner with Klickitat County Planning Department, did not respond to a request for comment as of press time.

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## Rezoning Plan Goes To County Commission

By Jesse Burkhardt August 18, 016 The Dalles Chronicle

The decision on whether to rezone to allow 20 additional housing lots in the heart of Dallesport will now be considered by the Klickitat County Commission, with no official recommendation from the county planning commission.

On Monday the Klickitat County Planning Commission voted 4-3 to reject a rezoning proposal for Block C in Dallesport.

However, planning commission rules requires at least five members to make a recommendation for or against a zoning change. That means the rezoning proposal will be forwarded to the county commissioners without an official recommendation either way.

Developer Bill Maley, a former resident of The Dalles, wants the county to approve a zoning change for the parcel that would switch it from single-family 20,000-square-foot minimum lot sizes to multi-family zoning, with 6,000-square-foot lot sizes for single family homes or 7,000 square feet for multi-family lots.

Planning Commissioners Craig Schuster, Mat Spalding, Dennis Hill and James Dean voted against the rezone, while Lori Zoller, Keith Arndt and Howard Kreps voted for.

Both a motion to approve the rezone and a motion to deny each fell short of the needed five affirmative votes, said Joe Sheridan, senior planner for Klickitat County.

Two commissioners — Tony Riley and Rick Graves — were not present at the meeting.

According to Dean, the county commissioners have several options going forward.

"They may or may not elect to have another public hearing," Dean said. "They have three choices: Send it back to us for re-evaluation; hold their own hearing; or evaluate it themselves and make a judgment."

On Tuesday afternoon, Maley said he did not put too much stock in the 4-3 decision.

"They didn't want to make the decision because the county commissioners have to make the final decision anyway," Maley said. "It'll go to them."

Les Donaldson, a Dallesport resident who opposes the rezoning, said the planning commission ruling left him more optimistic the plan can be halted.

"They pushed it off to the county commissioners," said Donaldson. "I think that's good news for us."

Maley downplayed the opposition to the proposed rezoning.

"Every time you do anything, there's a group going to oppose it," Maley said. "They're more vocal. It just happens."

Rezoning opponent Raymond Clough said the county should prepare a new State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review of the rezoning plan and not try

to use a previous one from an earlier plan for the Dallesport parcel that dates back to 2007.

"They should follow state law with the requirement to do a SEPA review," Clough said. "I'm not against development — just do it right."

In a July 15 letter to the Klickitat County Planning Department, Clough requested a new SEPA for the proposed rezone.

His letter said a new checklist must address the higher density and the fact that the new proposal covers more than 17 acres, up from the 10.7 acres in the 2007 proposal.

Clough said a new environmental review would take at least two months, and he believes the county wants to avoid that delay.

Maley said a new SEPA is unnecessary, and pointed out the issue would be moot if the economic downturn had not hit in 2008.

"It's exactly the same thing as in '07," Maley said. "We had two years to do (the construction), but things started to go bad."

Sheridan said the planning department issued a mitigated determination of non-significance (MDNS) for Maley's 2007 proposal, and no appeals were received.

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# Zoning Sparks New Dispute

By Jesse Burkhardt August 26, 2016  
The Dalles Chronicle

A group of Dallesport citizens have expressed concerns about public records access because Klickitat County recently claimed it does not have enough computer memory to post meeting information on its website.

The issue comes at a time when zoning issues in Dallesport are becoming increasingly controversial.

“They’re violating public information laws,” said Dallesport resident Bill Morris. “We are filing complaints about this with the secretary of state and the attorney general.”

Nancy Krier, Washington’s assistant attorney general for open government, said there is no strict legal requirement for all notices, minutes and agendas to be posted on the county website.

“Some meetings are not subject to the Open Public Meeting Act,” explained Krier. “Proceedings that are quasi-judicial, such as rezones, are generally not subject to the act. There is no requirement for posting on-line. If it’s quasi-judicial, it’s not a meeting, it’s a hearing, and the only requirement with those is that the notices have to go to the named parties involved.”

County officials dismissed the suspicions raised by the Dallesport residents.

“The county’s technical services department has been working on a new county website for months, and the change-over occurred last Thursday, Aug. 18,” explained Mochi Lindblad, director of the planning department.

“The planning department is now working on updating/improving the content of our web page.”

Lindblad added that her department has been posting the agendas for the board of adjustment and planning commission meetings on its website for several years.

“All public notices are published in the Goldendale Sentinel, the Enterprise (in White Salmon) and are posted online,” she said.

“Additionally, all notices for public hearings are required to be posted on site, and a copy is sent to adjacent landowners within 300 feet of the project site.”

Morris is one of the leaders of an effort to block a rezoning proposal in Dallesport — the Maley application for rezoning from suburban residential (single-family with 20,000 minimum square foot lots) to R2 (multi-family, 6,000 or 7,000 square foot lots) — that would allow an additional 20 lots to be built.

A decision on whether the rezoning will be approved is going before the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners soon, and Morris said the inability of local residents to track information about the rezoning process is worrisome.

“Any time in the past when there was going to be a hearing, those notices have appeared on the home page,” Morris said.

“Now they cannot appear because, according to Lindblad, there is no longer sufficient memory space to post current activities on the county website.”

According to Morris, even the minutes and agenda items of the county board are missing from the website. Morris said the last press release on the county’s home website under “public information” was dated March 23 and the last posted planning commission agenda is from April 18.

“They say the computers are blocked up and they can’t get information out,” said Les Donaldson of Dallesport. “That’s the problem — they haven’t posted the meetings. This is a mess.”

An email thread obtained by the Chronicle shows that Don McDermott, president of the Dallesport Community Council, is concerned about the way Klickitat

County is handling the public process related to the rezoning proposal. In July, the council voted unanimously to oppose the rezone.

On July 19, McDermott wrote to Lindblad about the lack of information about the rezoning proposal on the county’s official website.

“I am looking through the county website and I cannot access the Planning Commission meeting minutes — is there no archive?” McDermott asked in an email.

“I also cannot see who has been elected as officers or even who the Planning Commission appointees are and where they are from.”

Lindblad responded to McDermott via email the next day. “The current county website has very limited space, which limits the amount of information available online,” she wrote.

“We do have the archived minutes available in hard copy ... if you would like to review them.”

“We need to get that website fixed,” McDermott replied by email later that day. “It does not take that much space to access text documents. The public should be able to see the complete minutes from any public meeting more easily than to have to drive to Goldendale to review hard copies...”

Despite Lindblad’s explanation, Morris said he was not convinced.

“We’re all flying blind in the dark ages of information. This has been engineered,” Morris charged. “All notices, agendas, minutes, have always been on line. But on Aug. 16 it all stopped — including planning commission minutes.”

In his emails, McDermott wrote that regardless of what the county was or was not putting on the website for the public to see, he did not think the county’s hearing process on the Dallesport rezoning was adequate. *Reprinted with permission from The Dalles Chronicle*

## Seems like a small vote, but it has a huge impact

August 10, 2016 By Connor B. McDermott  
Guest Commentary

On Monday, August 15, the Klickitat County Planning Board will be having a vote on whether to approve a re-zoning of roughly 8.5 acres in Dallesport. If this seems boring and isolated, please pay attention to the particulars. This vote has the potential to seriously impact the public good of our county.

The subject property is a parcel of land in a small town in rural unincorporated Klickitat County. The smallness of the parcel is part of the problem. The proposed subdivision of land owned by Bill Maley constitutes a spot zone and a blatant instance of special interests winning out over public good. The area in question is currently zoned to allow half-acre lots, the re-zone would allow for 6 to 7,000 square foot lots and multiple families.

Maley and his development team claim that this re-zone is in the interest of affordable housing, but there is no guarantee or mechanism for enforcing this promise. It allows Maley to sell the property for a hefty profit: this is real estate 101. However, there is no demand for this type of housing in Dallesport. This is a decidedly rural town. This re-zone is going to decrease

the quality of life for those living nearby and, if anything, it will discourage potential new members of the community from moving to Dallesport. Dallesport's rural nature is one of its most attractive features. Furthermore, the cost of this supposedly affordable housing will, in fact, be shifted onto the taxpayers. Recently, we voted down a levy which had the effect of closing the Dallesport Elementary School. Although I sincerely hope that the money can be found to re-open Dallesport Elementary soon, the fact is that the children raised in the proposed subdivision will have a reduced access to an already strained education system. Although the waste and water effects will not overly tax Dallesport's existing system, who will police this new neighborhood? Dallesport has no department with which to provide such services.

Another public service which would be stretched thin by the proposed subdivision is Dallesport's volunteer-only Fire Department. In a fire-prone community like ours, we cannot afford the risk that this high density zoning presents. At the most recent Dallesport-Murdock Community Council meeting,

the Fire Department spoke out against the proposed building set backs in the Maley subdivision as unsafe in a known wild fire path. A group of concerned citizens from Dallesport appeared last month before the Planning Board to air these and other concerns. However, the vote was tabled until the next meeting. Public comment was then cut off even though hands were up to rebut Developer claims that were controversial. This course of action shocked me. One can only assume that the Planning Board decided to table the vote so that they could vote for the proposed subdivision rather than against it with less unwanted public attention. I plead with the citizens of Klickitat County to stand with Dallesport against this re-zone application. It would create a precedent which would open up rural Klickitat County to countless re-zones of a similar nature. In fact, one is already planned in Husum. The Maley re-zone is reckless in regard to fire and civic safety, it will put added strain on tax payers and elementary school children, and it threatens the livability of all of rural Klickitat County.

## Letter to the editor: Against subdivision

August 23, 2016 The Dalles Chronicle  
To the editor:

When I bought my property in unincorporated Dallesport, it was with the intent that I could retire in a community with peace and quiet. I purposely bought a property of one-third acre in size so I would have some space between me and my neighbors. I bought and paid for my property in full at time of purchase in 2005.

I will not stand quietly by while Mr. Maley attempts to force me into R2 zoning, so that he will not violate spot zoning rules in the state of Washington. Furthermore, I should not be forced to pay higher taxes because an out of state developer does not want to follow the rules laid out in the zoning laws of the state of Washington.

Mr. Maley is attempting a second bite at the development apple. He had an approved plan that he let expire. Mr. Maley knew that this property was

zoned SR — suburban residential — when he bought it, just like I knew my property was suburban residential when I bought mine.

Mr. Maley has been far from a good neighbor, nor have the following Klickitat County departments: The Planning Department, Building Department, Road Department, and the inspectors have failed miserably in the execution of their prescribed duties and responsibilities.

There are CC&Rs that have yet to be met on the properties Mr. Maley has already sold out of Block C. Now he wants even those sold properties to be forced into R2 zoning.

In the past, I have voted for Klickitat County Commissioners whom I thought represented Klickitat County residents, rather than an out of state developer.

Finally, I wish to point out that on Sixth Avenue there is a commercial

concern that was built for the sole purpose of being leased to the U.S. Postal Service, yet Klickitat County never required a zone change to commercial zoning like all other post offices in Klickitat County. Also, the Dallesport Water District has water tanks, a lab, filtration plant and offices on a suburban residential zoned property also in Block C. The water district went to the Planning Commission and got a conditional use permit to cover the activities performed on the site.

Subdivisions have no place in rural unincorporated Klickitat County, as they cannot be protected by volunteer fire departments.

Is your safety and welfare going to be put to the test next? Please help me stop these subdivisions.

Leslie Donaldson, Dallesport

# LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

For the latest information on Lyle School District, visit the website for the school district.

<http://www.lyleschools.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=1>



The Lyle School District continues to improve, not only their academic success, but also in adding dynamic programs to enrich the learning of their kids! The mantra of the Lyle School District #ALLmeansALL will now extend to band and choir offerings for all students in grades 3-12, delivered by an exceptional music teacher with Lyle roots.

Mark Kendrick, Lyle Class of 1979, is passionate about building relationships with kids and exposing them to the magic of music. Mark has been a teacher for over 30 years, is a professional pianist, and knows the Lyle campus well...growing up in a home bordering the campus boundaries that his parents moved to in 1957. Mark believes that "performances are for everybody, not just the elite," and will seek to be as inclusive as possible as he comes back across the river, having

taught the last 19 years in The Dalles, OR.

The Lyle Board of Directors has taken aggressive action to increase the fiscal efficiency within the district and ensure that Lyle kids have access to a high quality education fueled by effective and dynamic teachers and classified personnel. This addition is another key piece to ensuring that Lyle is the kind of district that we'd all want our kids to attend.

Lyle Superintendent/Principal Andy Kelly (a former music teacher), knows firsthand the value that music plays in the overall education of kids. Superintendent Kelly shared, "We're excited to have such a quality teacher to join our team and open musical doors for each of our kids!" "We'll continue to strengthen our academic programs for ALL kids and build/add programs that allow kids to diversify their learning and explore their hearts' interests."

The entire Lyle Community looks forward to hearing music "rising from the ashes" of the past and becoming a vital part of our kids' tomorrows!

The Lyle School District is eagerly anticipating the beginning of the 2016-17 school year. Focused school improvement efforts yielded tremendous academic gains during 2015-16 and a summer unification

effort (consolidating all students under a common roof in Lyle) will not only save the district approximately \$300,000. annually, but also allow the district to organize their academic programs more efficiently and look for ways to leverage all our assets for the benefit of our children.

On Friday, 9/16 the Lyle-Wishram-Klickitat Football team will host Goldendale in our first home football game! Certainly the 7pm kickoff time is reason enough to venture to the Lyle Campus and support the Cougars. We'll also be featuring the "Little Cougar Cheer Squad" made up of K-5 boys and girls who will be coming together to cheer and learn dance moves to celebrate our school. We'll also be welcoming music back to Lyle and can expect a special treat as our 3rd and 4th grade choir will open the game by performing our National Anthem.

We'd like to offer a special welcome to new staff within the district:

Eva Knowles-teaching	7-12
English/Language Arts	
Joshua Farris-teaching	7-12 Social Studies/Leadership
Marlene Perez-teaching	2nd Grade
Lynn Rassussen-serving	Lyle as Business Manager
Don Smith-Transportation	
Rettai Reppy-Prevention/Intervention	

**The Library Bookmobile will now be located in Lyle as well as Dallesport.**

**Wednesdays Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>., & 21<sup>st</sup>. Lyle Market -9:45am-10:05am**

**Lyle High School 10:25am-12:30pm Dallesport School- 1:45pm – 3:00pm**

**Dallesport PTO Meeting Tue, Sept. 6<sup>nd</sup>. 2:45pm – 3:45pm**

**Monthly on the first Tuesday**

**Next school board meeting will be held on Sept. 22, 2016**

**Support your school and attend a meeting.**



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to partner with Oregon Soap Box Derby Club and present the first annual Route 30 Soap Box Derby.

The "Acorn" qualifier race will take place September 10th and 11th on Court Street between 3rd and 6th streets in The Dalles. This race will bring families from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho into The Dalles for the weekend.

There will be numerous family activities adjacent to the race.

Have a child interested in participating in the event? Oregon Soap Box Derby Club has Loaner Cars. They loan them out via contract on a first come, first served basis. Please note that cars are assigned based on weight and overall size of the participant. For more information, please contact Race Director Jim Youngers 503-798-8140 salemsoapboxderby@gmail.com

## Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society September 10, 2016.

Sandy Bisset will present a program on Non-Population Schedules. A lesser known research area but important!

Sandy's program will begin at 1:00 pm in the downstairs conference room at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. As far as we know, the Cafe will not be open. The board meeting is at 10:30 and the regular meeting and program is at 1:00pm.

## Discover More About Your Ancestors Sept. 7, 1-3pm

Share your knowledge about genealogy research and learn from others in this open forum.

Bring your laptops or other devices. Beginners and seasoned researchers are all welcome to this FREE session. Sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Genealogy Society-----Lyle Activity Center 308 third St. Lyle, WA

## Gorge Art Group 9:30 am Every Monday

Bring your own project (or coloring book) to work on and \$1 for OLESS. Occasionally one of the attendees will teach us a skill! Lyle Activity Center (Old Lyle Elementary School)

## Flea Markets

The Civic is now accepting reservations for the 2016-2017 Fall/Winter Flea Markets. Dates this year are: Oct 9, Nov, 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, and Feb. 12. Tables are \$20. Tables and chairs are included. For information, please call 541-298-8533 or email [TheDallesCivic@gmail.com](mailto:TheDallesCivic@gmail.com) Trish Neal, Program Manager - The Dalles Civic Auditorium.

## Discovery Center Program

Robert Hadlow presents "Remember, Restore, Reconnect: The Historic Columbia River Highway," **Friday, September 9**, at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. A pre-program dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. program. The \$15 dinner and program includes: Chicken Parmesan w/cheese tortellini, antipasto salad, garlic bread. Cost for the program only is \$5. Reservations are required by September 7. For more information call 541-296-8600 ext. 201 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm daily or online at [www.gorgediscovery.org](http://www.gorgediscovery.org).

## Northwest Author Festival

**September 10, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
<http://www.klindtsbooks.com>

It is time for the 2016 Northwest Author Festival! This annual regional author fest is a great way to get a head start on your holiday shopping list. This year's festival is scheduled in conjunction with the local Bones, Brews, and BBQ celebration hosted by our friends at Route 30! The Northwest Author Festival features ten regional authors with books representing diverse genres. All ten authors will be here to talk with readers and sign books. Signed books make great holiday gifts!

Klindt's Booksellers 315 E. 2nd Street  
The Dalles Contact Information:  
Klindt's 541-296-3355 Free and open to the public

## Kiwanis Steak Feed

The Dalles Kiwanis Club hosts its 61st annual Steak Feed Thursday after Labor Day, this year Sept. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sorosis Park. The Steak Feed is the club's major fund-raiser for community projects serving children and youth. Adult meals include a eight ounce sirloin steak, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, dessert and drink for \$15. Free meal for children 12 and under features a hot dog, baked potato, drink and ice cream. There will be activities for children and country music by the Dufur Boys for everyone. Tickets are available from Kiwanis members or may be purchased in the park Sept.8.

## National Parks Roads

Tim Davis, historian with the U.S. National Park Service, presents *National Park Roads: An American Landscape Legacy*, Friday, September 23, at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. A pre-program dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. program. Cost for the dinner and program is \$22, the program only is \$5. Tickets may be purchased by calling 541-296-8600 ext. 201 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Reservations are required by September 21. For more information, visit [www.gorgediscovery.org](http://www.gorgediscovery.org).

## Music At The Fort

**September 25, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

The first FREE Summer Concert at [Fort Dalles Museum](http://www.fortdallesmuseum.org)/Anderson Homestead will feature: 3 Trade Three guys trading songs with Guitars, Bass, Ukulele, Harmonica, Lap Steel, Drums and a Sense of Humor!!

Join Rob Neuberger, Dan Ross and John Donovan with their "Eclectic - Bossa Nova to Hank Williams - kind of music"

The Dalles Farmers' Market will be providing the food! Please join us for 2 hours of music, food and fun

Dallesport-Murdock Fire Dept. KCFD#6  
 630 Central Ave. P.O. Box 215. 767-4252

# September 2016

Dallesport-Murdock Community Center  
 136 6th. Ave. P.O. Box 8  
 Community Center Rental Contact Jess 503-440-5941

## Dallesport- Murdock Community Calendar

Post Office hours are 8am - 2pm M-F 7:30am - 11:00am for package pick up only. Phone 767-1577

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**Cruise Ship Schedule**

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Thursday, September 1, 2016 Legacy^ 6:30am	September 1, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Monday, September 5, 2016 American Pride 8:30am	September 6, 2016 @ 6:00am
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 American Empress 12 Noon	September 7, 2016 @ 3:00am
Wednesday, September 7, 2016 Queen of the West 12 Noon	September 7, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Thursday, September 8, 2016 Legacy 6:30am	September 8, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Monday, September 12, 2017 Queen of the West 8:30am	September 13, 2016 @ 7:00am
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 American Pride 12 Noon	September 14, 2016 @ 6:00pm
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Thursday, September 15, 2016 Legacy^ 6:30am	September 15, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Monday, September 19, 2016 American Pride 8:30am	September 20, 2016 @ 6:00am
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 American Empress 12 Noon	September 21, 2016 @ 3:00am

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**Dallesport-Murdock Community Council**  
**Meetings on the second Thursday, 7pm**  
**At Community Center on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Dallesport**

**Chairman:**

Don McDermott 509-767-2308 [nod@gorge.net](mailto:nod@gorge.net)

**Vice-Chairman:** Jack Kincheloe 509-767-0699

**Secretary:** Kim McCartney 509-594-6195

**Treasurer:** L. Renee Briggs 509-767-2316

**Ways & Means:** Elaine Kincheloe 509-767-0699

**Other Members:**

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**Newsletter/Public Relations:**

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***Community Center***

If you are interested in renting the Dallesport Community Center for your meeting, family reunion, memorial service, birthday party or other function, please contact **Jess Jones at 503-440-5941**. Rental fees are \$25.00 to \$50.00 a day.