

Community Pages

North Douglas Fair 2024

Drain City Wide Yard Sale August 10th?

Story by Rusty Savage

By all appearances the Drain City wide Yard Sale is a go for August 10th 2024. This was announced by Drain's Mayor Erin Sparhawk last month. At the Drain city council meeting on June 10th, it was determined that the Anna Drain Park would be opened up for yard sale spaces and some plans were to be made later for the logistics and oversight for the setting up and monitoring of the yard sale and for locating the personnel who could facilitate and help make it happen safely and without liability to the city of Drain.

Mayor Sparhawk was approached a couple of days after that council meeting and then stated that she was no longer in charge of the Yard sale and the council person Katie Decker would take the helm from that point.

Since the initial announcements there have been no further word on the status and searching the usual online groups for the area and bulletin boards, has not yielded any additional information. Questions directed to the Herald regarding information and status have been left hanging at this point. It appears that a point person is needed to communicate and inform the public of any details, plans or intentions for those who wish to be involved with this traditional city wide event.

In past years the City Wide Yard Sale was planned, setup and organized by a few dedicated citizens who ran the event for many years. It was unfortunate that those few hard working folks were unable to continue year after year without some

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new blood to share their workload on this worthwhile event. It has, at times, been a great and a really positive event and benefit to the local community.

The announcement that it was back on created a renewed anticipation that the event would be revived with a new vigor. Hopefully there is some planning and effort going on, albeit there isn't much sign of that at this point. If there is, it would be ideal if that information would be passed onto the public.

Editor's note: At the end of the June council meeting I offered to assist in any way that I can, on the Herald's behalf, especially to inform and invite the public regarding the rules and arrangements of the yard sale and any other help I can offer. After Erin informed me that Katie Decker was taking over, I again offered my help and gave her my contact info to pass on to Katie and she informed me that she did. Still having had no contact or otherwise getting any more information, the Herald recently reached out to Katie's official email and there is still no word. It would be great news to find out that much is being done behind the scenes in preparation and that we are soon to be surprised with a well organized event being revealed. There certainly has been enough time to gather volunteers and figure out the needed details. It would be a shame to have been given the impression of the revival of this event, only to see it peter out. Please, let's see some initiative and communication from the planners.

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contests, Cornhole games, a Gospel hour with Shawna, Music by Joe Ross and Friends and the Cebastion Layne band and even Karaoke of the Stars. Performances also include 2 Magic shows and art classes and an Art Car competition and a pie eating contest. Of course there are exhibitor competitions for folks to show off their Food, Baking, Craft and lots of categories of entry. Check out all of the classes and consider your own entry. All of the many classes are listed on Pages 3 and 7.

There is still time to make your preparations for the Fair and there are still many volunteer and coordinator positions to fill so please consider helping out. According to Myndee Ferrill, Fair Board Vice President, "Our volunteers are amazing! So much done by so few and we are beyond grateful for their dedication and hard work. We still have a need. Openings at current positions and some coming up in the next year. We will need a Secretary, Coordinator Director, and Outdoor Director, for the Fair to Continue another year. We also need a Car Show Coordinator, Fair booth Coordinator, Ad Sales/Merchant Raffle Coordinator, Media Coordinator, Premium Book Coordinator, and Animal Coordinator. Please Visit our Fair Board Booth to Sign Up or Get Further Information on Volunteering."

Myndee went on to say, "Thanks to all of our Fair Sponsors, we cant do this without them."

Check out the North Douglas Herald centerfold for the list of Fair Sponsors, and below are the dedicated hard working folks behind this wonderful event.

Event Coordinators

- Pie Auction Coordinator: Dolores Booher
 - Ice Cream Parlor: Trinity Atkins
 - Entertainment Coordinator: Shon Beer
 - Cornhole Tournament Coordinator: LaNae Nelson
 - Gospel Hour Coordinator: Shawna Dicks
 - Logging Museum: Lumberjack Games Coordinator: Blomberg Logging
 - Art Car & Fire Show Coordinator: Ame Beard
 - Vendor Coordinator: Ame Beard
 - Ad Sales Coordinator: Merchant Raffle Coordinator: Jenny Duke
 - Archery Coordinator: Kim Cooper
 - Resident Clown: Reese Kersteter
 - Other Regular Volunteers: Dominic Bradford & Family, Carrie Davis, Katie Fitzpatrick, Shawn, Erin and Jaydin Sparhawk, George Dicks
- ### Director Board
- Indoor Director: Dorothy Cooper
 - Assisted by Sue LaGrander
 - Outdoor Director: Marvin Atkins
 - Coordinator Director: Executive Board
 - President: Nathan Smith
 - Vice President: Myndee Ferrill
 - Secretary: Trinity Atkins
 - Treasurer: Jim Beard

Douglas County Public Works to Begin Summer Road Work

Douglas County, OR – With summer season officially underway, the Douglas County Public Water (DCPW), Operations and Maintenance Division wanted to remind residents that they have begun work on our annual paving, striping and chip sealing programs on roadways throughout Douglas County. The work is scheduled to continue through mid-September. As with any road project, unforeseen delays due to weather, equipment and material availability could possibly extend the anticipated project timelines.

2026 Tax Kicker at Risk

Oregon economists offered caution recently that a financial rough patch could be on the horizon, but that might not be enough to hold off yet another "kicker" tax refund in two years.

Less than a year after lawmakers passed a two-year budget, state economists once again say they might have underestimated how much the state would collect in personal income taxes and other revenues.

State Economist Mark McMullen told lawmakers that could mean Oregon will send \$582 million back to taxpayers in 2026, in what would be the state's sixth consecutive kicker refund. The unique law refunds income tax payments that come in at least 2% higher than what lawmakers budgeted for.

"It's far from a sure thing, because we have another tax season to go," McMullen said.

When general fund and lottery revenues are combined, economists predict Oregon will reap \$1.7 billion more in the current two-year budget cycle than expected when lawmakers set their budget last year.

McMullen told lawmakers that high interest rates meant to cool inflation could lead to the "soft landing" federal policymakers have hoped for. But the longer that interest rates remain high, he noted, the larger the possibility they trigger a downturn.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE ND COUNTY FAIR

The North Douglas County Fair is approaching fast and there is still a need for volunteers of every persuasion. From coordinators, help staff and all sorts of positions to facilitate a safe, efficient and eventful time will be held by the large audience expected for this traditional gathering of local and visitors from far and wide. C'mon and be an important part of this North County celebration of entertainment, games contests and exhibits. If you are inclined to be part of something big, contact the North Douglas Fair via Facebook or email to northdougla.scountyfair@gmail.com. Even if you wait until fair time, all you have to do is go to the Fair Booth and volunteer your time, you will be directed to a needed position. The Fair looks forward and appreciates your participation.

NORTH DOUGLAS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM				
JULY LUNCH MENU				
Mondays through Thursdays 12pm-1pm				
Located at the North Douglas Elementary Middle School Cafeteria				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Hot Dog Uncrustable	2 Chicken Patty Uncrustable	3 Cheese Pizza Uncrustable	4 4th of July (Closed)	5 Closed
8 Bean & Cheese Burrito Uncrustable	9 Pizza Stick Uncrustable	10 Corn Dog Uncrustable	11 BBQ Rib Sandwich Uncrustable	12 Closed
15 Hot Dog Uncrustable	16 Chicken Patty Sandwich Uncrustable	17 Cheese Pizza Uncrustable	18 Hamburger Uncrustable	19 Closed
22 Pizza Stick Uncrustable	23 BBQ Rib Sandwich Uncrustable	24 Popcorn Chicken Uncrustable	25 Corn Dog Uncrustable	26 Closed
29 Summer break	30	31		

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