

# Taxes: Sales showed higher values

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 In response to accusations that he was singling the park out, Schmidt said it wasn't a choice, but his legal responsibility to apply 100 percent real market value to properties when such an upward — or downward — trend is occurring.

The changes at Meadow Creek were included in the county's report of new values completed this summer and sent to the state for approval. The state OK'd the report in late August, and because the change in property taxes would be so dramatic, Schmidt's office sent Meadow Creek residents advance notice of what was coming.

Early notice or not, Cronin and those in attendance at the meeting pointed out that most people living in the park are retired and on fixed incomes. The increase would be tough for many to absorb without making other sacrifices.

Cronin said she paid about \$450 in property taxes last year. That will increase by 56 percent, with payments starting in November.

"The taxes will be eating my lunch for the next 6 to 8 months," Cronin said. "Politicians have no clue what the real world is like. We are on Social Security. We don't need any more expenses."

At Thursday's meeting, residents asked if the increase could be spread out over a number of years instead of paid all at once. Schmidt said there's no legal



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**Polk County Assessor Doug Schmidt explains to about 60 senior citizens why they may see a 56 percent increase in property tax in November.**

## Meadow Creek Village 2015 tax year sales

Sales date	Sales Price	Previous RMV
March 3, 2015	\$52,900	\$25,130
Dec. 29, 2014	\$55,000	\$26,340
Oct. 1, 2014	\$55,000	\$33,590
July 18, 2014	\$50,000	\$25,220
July 9, 2014	\$46,500	\$36,140
May 2, 2014	\$32,500	\$30,130
April 3, 2014	\$47,000	\$34,130

mechanism for that to happen.

He added that he's not unaware or insensitive to the situations these increases will cause for those living in Meadow Creek.

"I don't like doing this because I know there are people out there (who will have) a real hardship," Schmidt said. He said those questioning the value can have his office

reassess their properties.

If they are still unsatisfied, they can appeal to the Board of Property Tax Appeals and the magistrate division of the state's tax court after that.

All indications are that homeowners in Meadow Creek will take advantage of those opportunities.

"We are not done," Cronin said

Schmidt noted retired res-

## Did you know?

It's a common misconception that property taxes can't grow by more than 3 percent per year. That is only true if real market value (RMV) on a property is higher than what is called the property's maximum assessed value (MAV).

Enacted after Oregon voters passed by Measure 50, the MAV on a property was initially calculated in 1997 using the 1995 RMV (the amount the county assessor's office believes a property would sell for if put on the market). That value is limited by statute to grow at no more than 3 percent annually. But the assessed value, what property taxes are based on, can be MAV or RMV, whichever is lower.

In many cases, such as Meadow Creek, the real market value fell below MAV during the recession. In that case, taxes are based on RMV, which can grow — or fall — by more than 3 percent in a year. Thus taxes grow or decline faster than 3 percent so long as the market value remains lower than MAV.

idents may qualify for a senior deferral, under which the state could pay some or all of the property taxes.

But those amounts would have to be paid once the home sold or the resident moved out.

# Vigil: Schools, police prepare

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In K-12 schools throughout the county, plans for emergencies, including an active shooter scenario, are being practiced and refined.

"We adopted, as a district, and are updating all our safety policies and procedures throughout the district," said Buzz Brazeau, superintendent for Central School District. "In that update, we are adopting (the practices on) I Love YouGuys.org."

The district continues to work with local law enforcement and first responders, Brazeau added.

One of the difficulties in getting and staying prepared for tragic events is new of students and staff, said Independence Police Sgt. Tino Banuelos.

"As we hear this more and more closer to home, it creates a sense of urgency," Banuelos said. "It never feels like you're completely ready for something like that. We continue to practice with the school district, running drills, educating and informing our students and staff. With new staff, new students every year, we have to educate new people every year. It's a never-ending thing."

Michelle Johnstone, Dallas School District superintendent, said she is work-

## In memory of:

- Treven Anspach, 20, of Sutherlin
- Larry Levine, 67, of Glide
- Lucas Eibel, 18, of Roseburg
- Quinn Glen Cooper, 18, of Roseburg
- Rebecka Ann Carnes, 18, of Myrtle Creek
- Lucero Alcaraz, 19, of Roseburg
- Jason Johnson, 33, of Winston
- Kim Dietz, 59, of Roseburg
- Sarena Dawn Moore, 44, of Myrtle Creek

ing to practice drills for all emergencies, including an active-shooter scenario.

Doing drills gives her and her employees insight into what they can do better, Johnstone said.

"In the event something like that happened — I would pray it wouldn't happen — everyone will know what to do, from kids to parents to teachers," she said.

The shooter at Umpqua Community College was Christopher Harper-Mercer, 26, of Winchester. He shot and killed nine people, injuring another seven. The Douglas County Medical Examiner ruled his death a suicide.

# POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## DALLAS

**Calvary Chapel Dallas** [www.calvarydallas.com](http://www.calvarydallas.com)  
 Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. Last Sunday of the month Jubilee Service, old time hymns and bluegrass music, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Community invited. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Raul Lopez, 971-209-0452. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. (bi-lingual) Bible Study 6:00 p.m. presently studying the book of Ezekiel. We welcome all. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

**Church of Christ** - North Kings Valley Hwy, Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are a Bible Based Church. Visitors welcome. For information call 503-420-4010. If no answer, please leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as possible.

**Dallas Alliance Church** - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265. Email [office@dallasalliance.org](mailto:office@dallasalliance.org). Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; and Youth/Children's Pastor Lance Baker; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: [dallasalliance.org](http://dallasalliance.org).

**Dallas Church** - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. [www.dallaschurch.org](http://www.dallaschurch.org)

**Dallas Foursquare Church**—Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hauser. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at [dallasfour.com](http://dallasfour.com).

**Dallas Presbyterian Church** invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer "chain" and a loving spirit—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men's breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women's groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 [dalpreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:dalpreschurch@gmail.com).

**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ensz. Sunday: Worship \*8:00 a.m.; \*10:45 a.m.; \*6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS \*9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies \*9:00 a.m. & \*7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. \*Nursery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Senior

Pastor Al Perkins, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. [www.faithfreechurch.org](http://www.faithfreechurch.org)

**First Baptist Church** - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; [www.gofbc.org](http://www.gofbc.org); Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 2:30 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

**First Christian Church** - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

**Grace Community Church** - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Pottloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at [www.graceindallas.org](http://www.graceindallas.org). All are welcome!

**Living Hope City Church** - 1156 SE Holman, Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. [www.livinghopecitychurch.org](http://www.livinghopecitychurch.org) Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

**Living Word Faith Fellowship** - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: [www.proclaimhim.org](http://www.proclaimhim.org)

**Salt Creek Baptist Church** - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at [www.saltcreekchurch.org](http://www.saltcreekchurch.org).

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: [stthomasdallas@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallas@gmail.com) 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Eucharist. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. Sundays 1:30-3:00 all ages FREE singing lessons. St. Thomas Episcopal Church 1486 SW Levens Dallas. Call Rebecca 503-559-5205 with questions. The Episcopal Church and St Thomas Welcomes you — please join us.

**Trinity Lutheran Church** - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each

month. [www.dallastlc.org](http://www.dallastlc.org). Catch us on Facebook.

**United Methodist Church** - A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: [dallasumc@questofnet.com](mailto:dallasumc@questofnet.com) Website: [www.sites.umcdallas.com](http://www.sites.umcdallas.com)

**Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God)** - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at [www.valleylifecenter.com](http://www.valleylifecenter.com)

## FALLS CITY

**Falls City Christian Church** 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; Website: [www.falls-citycc.com](http://www.falls-citycc.com)

**Falls City United Methodist Church** - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. [www.falls-cityumc.org](http://www.falls-cityumc.org)

**Mountain Gospel Fellowship** - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church** - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

## INDEPENDENCE

**Buena Vista Community Church** - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista, Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10 a.m.

**Cornerstone Church of God** - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Nursery available.

**First Baptist Church** - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. **Sundays:** Worship Service 11 am **Wednesdays:** AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). **Thursdays:** Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. *First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at [www.independencfirstbaptist.com](http://www.independencfirstbaptist.com)*

**Life Center Foursquare Church** - 437 D Street, Independence, OR Phone: 503-838-6507. Pastor Larry Gratrek. Worship Service and Sunday School starts at 10:30 a.m. Various Studies, Prayer Groups and Home Fellowships available throughout the week. Call for more information. You are welcome! Find us on Facebook.

**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

## MONMOUTH

**Christ The King Christian Church** - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ The King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. [www.ctkmonmouth.com](http://www.ctkmonmouth.com)

**Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United** - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

**Church of Christ** - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Dan Brewer, Youth Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church** - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. [www.FaithLutheran-Monmouth.org](http://www.FaithLutheran-Monmouth.org); 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

**Monmouth Christian Church** - 959 Church Street W, Monmouth, OR 97361; Office: (503) 838-1145; Fax: (503) 838-1162; Email: [mcc@mymcc.cc](mailto:mcc@mymcc.cc); Website: [mymcc.cc](http://mymcc.cc); Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer; Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Mary Weinbender, & Seth Halligan; Sunday Worship Service: 10 am, English & Spanish; children's programming for birth to 6th grades also available. Momentum (7th & 8th Grades) meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm MCC; Join us this Sunday in person or live online at [www.mymcc.tv](http://www.mymcc.tv).

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**Praise Assembly** 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid's church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, [www.praiseonline.net](http://www.praiseonline.net), or call us at 503-837-0300.

**St. Hilda's Episcopal Church** 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, [stildaschurch.org](http://stildaschurch.org) Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!

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