

# FC sewer on life support

City to conduct income to determine grant eligibility

By Jolene Guzman  
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FALLS CITY — Residents of Falls City served by the city's wastewater system may soon have an "income survey" coming their way.

City officials say it is critical that they complete the survey, as it could save rate payers a lot of money.

In the census from 2010, less than 51 percent of Falls City residents qualified as low to moderate income.

Ungricht Mayor Terry Ungricht doesn't think that is true, and it matters for more than just demographic record keeping.

Falling below that threshold disqualifies the city from seeking the state's Community Development Block Grant funding for infrastructure improvements, such as for the city's aging sewer system.

Ungricht said the city is sinking a lot of money into repairs on the facility, which has served residents on the north side of city only for about three decades.

"We are Band-Aiding a system that has reached its life expectancy," he said. "We've got it on life support."



Needed repairs and expansion could cost up to \$2.5 million, a significant portion of which could be paid for with grants.

That is where the survey will come in.

If it can prove 51 percent or more customers on that system are considered moderate or low income, the city can apply for grants.

For the survey to be valid, 80 percent have to be returned to the city.

Thursday, the Falls City City Council approved having the survey completed. The city has asked for bids on the project from Oregon State University, Portland State University, Mid-Willamette Council of Governments, and Western Oregon University.

The cost of the survey would be about \$6,500, Ungricht said.

"The sooner that we get this done the sooner I can start applying for funding," Ungricht said.

Time could be running short for the facility. In a letter updating the council on

infrastructure needs, Ungricht said the city has received Department of Environment Qualify violations.

The system's drain field, under the high school football field, has leaked sewage onto the field three times since 1998 and there's a risk for it happening this year.

If the situation reaches a critical point, the state could force the city to upgrade its system, funding or no funding, Ungricht said.

If that happens, rate payers could be looking at forking over \$100 per month.

City leaders would prefer to not have that happen.

"I think we should do it under our terms and looking into future expansion to the rest of the city," Ungricht said. "This is the key to the health of our city for the next generation."

Even if the city receives grants, it still may have to implement a significant rate increase to pay for the balance of the project.

Residents pay \$46 per month. Ungricht said that could increase by \$10 to \$20.

Ungricht asked for the council's backing in explaining the need for a steep increase.

A few councilors vowed their support.

"We need to look at it. We need to be aware of what we are doing, but if it's needed it's needed," said Councilor Dennis Sickles.

# Dallas EMS answers more calls

Response to incidents may increase by 20 percent in 2016

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DALLAS — If call levels hold from the first three months of the year, Dallas' Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is on track to respond to more than 4,000 incidents in 2016.

That would be more than 20 percent growth over 2015, said Dallas Fire & EMS Chief Fred Hertel.

"Our EMS is going crazy," he said. "That's enormous. Traditionally we've been 5- to 7-percent a year increases. It's a pretty significant change for us."

Hertel said a component of the year-over-year growth is more people having insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

A recently completed fire and emergency services master plan for Dallas and Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District doesn't see that work load lessening in the future, especially given that the population in the Dallas area is trending older.

That plan outlined performance measures for Dallas and Southwest, including the city's two full-time and one backup medic units. Fire responses were far behind performance objectives for both agencies, largely due to relying almost exclusively on volunteers.

EMS response times also were longer than established goals, but had far less

ground to make up.

Goals for medic units are for "turnout" time, or getting out of the station, within 90 seconds, 90 percent of the time. Response times (including travel) within the city should be within 6 minutes, 30 seconds and 11:30 for responses in Southwest's coverage area.

Actual performance has turnout times at about three minutes. Response time in the city is within 8:09, 90 percent of the time and within 16:04, 90 percent of for incidents in Southwest Polk.

EMS has two staffed medic units available 24 hour per day.

"There's some work to do there," said Joe Parrott, a consultant with Emergency Services Consulting International, with completed the study and plan.

Parrott recommended a number measures that could improve turnout times, which are now three times longer than national standards and twice as long as Dallas' own performance goals.

"I'm recommending you look at the station, its configuration," he said.

Parrott noted simple fixes like adding doors, rearranging furniture and installing alert system speakers could cut important seconds off response times. The report said survival rates decrease by 10 percent for each minute that passes between collapse and medical intervention.

He said another time saver is the use of technology to find incident locations instead of paper maps. He said the agency should ensure the technology used is reliable and that staff members are willing to use it.

Parrott also recommended that officials consider the use of a single-paramedic unit for calls that are not life-threatening. That would reduce the work load on the two-person medic units. He said the concept is being used in a number of places, including in Oregon by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

"It's being successfully used in a number of locations," he said. "This is a cheap way to offload some of the work from the existing two medic units to make their capacity greater."

Hertel said the idea is an option, but he would need to study it carefully before implementing it in Dallas.

He said while it noted a number of areas that need to be improved, Hertel is happy with the quality and comprehensiveness of the report, which included not just data, but interviews with city leaders, volunteers and fire and EMS staff.

"It tells us how we should be moving forward in the future," he said. "It's not going to be accomplished in six months, but we are going to take pieces of it and start working our way toward those."

# POLK COUNTY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

## DALLAS

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**Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings** - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash & Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

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**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)

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**Evangelical Bible Church** - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ens. 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. \*Nurs-

ery care provided.

**Faith Evangelical Free Church** - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Interim Pastor Dennis Beatty, Associate Pastor Ed Suter, 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!

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**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 Potloff. 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** - 180 SE Mill St., 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.org@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdallas.org@gmail.com) [www.stthomasdallas.org](http://www.stthomasdallas.org) 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church's longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Wel-

comes you—please join us.

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## FALLS CITY

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**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.fallsctcityumc.org](http://www.fallsctcityumc.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 10:00 a.m.

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**St. Patrick Parish, Catholic** - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guilleen 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.

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