

Aquatic center, funding discussed at Dallas council

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — The city of Dallas' administrative committee will investigate other ways of paying for general fund support to the Dallas Aquatic Center.

The center and fears of its possible closure were a major topic at Monday's Dallas City Council meeting, which was moved to the Dallas Civic Center because a crowd of nearly 100 attended.

Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton explained that there is no plan before the council to close the facility. He said the center has a membership of about 1,600 people and visits are increasing.

Dalton said the council approved a motion to look into other ways to pay for the infusion of general fund money used to balance the center's budget — about \$388,000 in the 2016-17 budget.

"I anticipate that the committee will study the situation in considerable detail and produce a well-considered recommendation for city action," he said.

Still, users of the aquatic center asked why the question was posed now, pointing out that the center has never covered all of its expenses without help from the city.

Many users stated they would be willing help find solutions and testified to the benefits of the center for older adults and those who are rehabilitating from

medical procedures.

"We are interested; we want to help," said center user Laurel Woodworth. "We want to be part of the solution."

Others who testified at the meeting said they would like police, fire and streets be a priority over the aquatic center and urged the city to find other sources to pay for it. One Dallas resident said he didn't want to see the center closed, but said user fees should cover expenses.

"Why aren't we charging what it costs?" he asked.

Center user and former city councilor Wes Scroggin, who was on the council when the facility was built, noted citizens voted to pay for its construction, but not its operation.

"There has never been a pool made that pays for itself. They are expensive to heat and staff," he said. "If you can get the money out of someplace else, that's great. That's your job. But if you can't, you can't cut the pool. It's well run."

Dallas resident Gary Weis disagreed, saying the center shouldn't have been built if police, fire and streets weren't adequately funded.

"Then if there is money left over, fine, do whatever you want with the rest of it," he said.

Woodworth noted there are other city functions that add to the livability of the community that don't turn a profit either, such as parks and placing flowers in the downtown during the

spring and summer months.

"I guess I'm wondering, why this, why now?" she asked.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a motion to have a resolution for adoption of the 2016-17 budget prepared for its June 20 meeting.

The budget totals \$37 million, \$10.9 million of which is in the general fund, the source for day-to-day operations in a number of city departments, including police, fire and EMS, community development, parks and the library.

The motion passed on a 6-2 vote with councilors Micky Garus and Jackie Lawson voting against it. Both councilors wanted to postpone approval to review the budget for any funding that could be transferred to street maintenance in the wake of failure of a bond for street repair on May 17.

"I don't think we are ready to make this decision," Garus said.

Council President Jim Fairchild said finding a solution to street maintenance will take time and meanwhile the city's budget has to be approved before the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

"We aren't going to solve this immediately," he said. "We don't have to do all this tomorrow. But we do have, if we are going to operate a city, a bunch of timelines we have (to meet)."



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A group of new "CASAs" (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) graduated on May 23. They will join CASA of Polk County to advocate for children.

CASA graduates 12

Court-Appointed Special Advocates ready to serve foster children who are in the court system

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DALLAS — CASA of Polk County has 12 brand new "CASAs" (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) following a May 23 graduation ceremony that marked the end of their training.

CASAs are trained volunteers who work with abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes.

They are assigned cases

and advocate on behalf of children as they move through the court system.

With 12 CASAs joining, the growing program met its goal for the class.

The recruits are: Shannon Baker, Linda Cox, Carla Cudmore, Stephanie Greer, Bonnie Groza, Billie Kay Herrell, Annie Mata, Tammy Noon, Katie Rose, Ruth Schneider, Jake Stai, and Dave Tisler.

CASA's next orientation class is Aug. 26 from 5 to 6

p.m. at the Polk County Courthouse conference room, 850 Main St.

The class introduces possible CASAs-in-training to the program and what would be expected of them.

The next 10-week training class begins Sept. 16.

For more information or to register for the fall class: email casaofpolkcounty@outlook.com, call 503-623-8473, or visit www.casaofpolk.com.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four graduate from Dept of Public Safety Standards

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is pleased to announce the graduation of its 357th Basic Police Class.

The Basic Police Class is 16-weeks in length and includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition, and dozens of other subjects.

The following local deputies will graduate and join the Polk County Sheriff's Department: Thomas Hutchison, Jacob LaCombe, Kelly Lorence and Mike Stevenson.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training would like to invite you to join in observing the ceremony and congratulating members of Basic Police No. BP357 on their successful completion of basic training.

The graduation will be held at the Oregon

Public Safety Academy at 4190 Aumsville Highway SE in Salem, on Friday at 11 a.m. with a reception immediately following the graduation. Sheriff Mark Garton, of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, will be the guest speaker.

The graduating students appreciate the family, friends and guests who make graduation an appropriate conclusion to their basic training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

Dallas water quality report available now

DALLAS — The city of Dallas Engineering and Environmental Services Department has released the 2015 Water Quality Report.

A copy of the report was mailed in every customer's utility bill.

It is available on line at www.ci.dallas.us, and posted at City Hall, the Dallas Library, and the Dallas Aquatic Center.

If you have any questions about the 2015 report, or would like to request a copy, please contact the city of Dallas at 503-831-3562.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These Polk County groups would welcome individuals who have time or expertise to volunteer. Organizations that would like to be added to this list should call 503-623-2373 or email IONews@polkio.com.

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- Dallas School District — 503-623-5594
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- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
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- Heron Pointe Assisted Living — 503-838-6850
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- Luckiamute Valley Charter School — 503-623-4837
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- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce — 503-838-4268
- Monmouth-Independence YMCA — 503-838-4042
- Monmouth Public Library — 503-838-1932
- Northwest Human Services — 503-588-5828
- Oregon Child Development Coalition — 503-838-2745
- OSU Extension Service - Polk County — 503-623-8395
- Perrydale School District — 503-623-2040
- Polk County Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) — 503-623-9268, ext. 1301
- Polk Community Development Corporation — 503-831-3173
- Polk County Community Emergency Response Team — 503-623-9396
- Polk County Museum — 503-623-6251
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- Polk County Resource Center — 503-623-8429
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- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) — 503-391-8423
- West Valley Hospital — 503-623-8301
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600

Use care when visiting places where bats make their homes

Itemizer-Observer staff report
PORTLAND — Visitors using public lands are encouraged to

help fight the spread of white-nose syndrome and save bats in the Pacific Northwest, according to a press release from the Bureau of Land Management.

White-nose syndrome (WNS) is a fungal disease that has devastated bat populations in eastern North America, killing an estimated six million bats since 2006.

Sudoku solution

8	3	2	1	6	9	7	5	4
5	4	9	8	3	7	2	6	1
6	1	7	5	2	4	9	3	8
4	7	8	6	9	2	5	1	3
2	6	5	7	1	3	4	8	9
1	9	3	4	5	8	6	2	7
9	8	1	2	4	6	3	7	5
7	2	4	3	8	5	1	9	6
3	5	6	9	7	1	8	4	2

WNS is primarily spread by bat-to-bat contact. Pets, other animals, and humans and their equipment — including clothing, footwear, and gear — can transfer spores of the fungus to new locations. The disease is not known to pose a threat to humans, pets, or other animal species.

- Whenever possible, avoid disturbing bats
- Do not handle bats, as they have reduced energy and fat stores in the spring following a lengthy hibernation.
- Report sick, injured, and dead bats, or groups of bats to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health_program/WNS/reporting.asp or call the ODFW toll free line at 866-968-2600.

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