

DDA welcomes RARE volunteer

Guida focuses on revitalizing downtown Dallas area, businesses

By Emily Mentzer
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DALLAS — She's only been in Dallas for about a month, but Emma Guida is already a familiar face in downtown.

Guida, 23, is a volunteer with Americorps Resource Assistance for Rural Environments, a program run by the University of Oregon. She will work as the program manager for the Dallas Downtown Association until August — 11 months — focusing on revitalizing the downtown core.

"Historical preservation and revitalization are big aspects, because you guys obviously have so many beautiful buildings here, and that's a big tenant of main street, too," she said.

One of the things that attracted Guida to the RARE program — and to Dallas, specifically — is the diverse agriculture surrounding the area.

"I'm really interested in food and agriculture, and you guys are in the middle of wine country here, and hazelnuts, and all this agriculture," she said. "I would love to see more of that presence in downtown and in Dallas."

Guida has a big job ahead of her — including gathering ideas and talking with business owners, and then putting together a plan of action



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Emma Guida has all but made Pressed Wine and Coffee Bar her office.

that will be sustainable after she leaves next year.

To get started, Guida will work on a website for DDA, as well as Facebook.

"There are a lot of signs from old businesses who are gone that we're trying to work on getting those down," she said. "Starting out with specific things like that, and then I just came from a focus group for the economic vitality roadmap." One of the biggest challenges will be when it comes to building owners.

"One thing I've been hearing from everyone is that rent prices are almost pro-

hibitively high, and the landlords are absentee landlords, so they don't have a stake in getting renters," Guida said.

It's a sentiment throughout Oregon, brought up at the Oregon Main Street Conference in Astoria last month, Guida said.

Attracting new businesses while helping existing ones keep their doors open is a big part of revitalizing downtown.

"The business downtown is tricky, and it's something that seems to be a universal concern," Guida said. "How do you stay in business and

attract new businesses? Dallas isn't right off a major highway, you have to put in a little more effort to get here. I think that's a major obstacle. I've heard from business owners that even drawing customers from Dallas is an issue."

The community can get involved through volunteering at events, but perhaps the biggest way the community can make an impact takes less commitment than that.

"Just come out and participate," Guida said. "That's probably the biggest way the community can be supportive. And don't litter."

Dallas talks plans for 2017 eclipse

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — The city of Dallas is joining the conversation about how to accommodate the throngs of people expected to sweep into the area for the Aug. 21, 2017, solar eclipse.

City officials said Dallas will be one of the prime viewing spots for the eclipse, and needs to prepare for what could be thousands of guests wanting to see the rare sight.

City Manager Ron Fogglin said the city doesn't plan on hosting events, but wants to know what other groups are planning and how it can help.

He said the eclipse itself will last less than two minutes, but people may be in the area the days before and after eclipse. Fogglin said the city and area organizations should make sure people have plenty of entertainment while they are here.

"You know, putting Dallas on the map one event at a time isn't such a bad idea," Fogglin said. "This is one of those, because we are right in track of the

solar eclipse, we get an opportunity to shine — in the dark."

He said the city will begin meeting with groups that are working on events.

"It would really be terrible if we had three groups working on the same idea, when in fact we could pool our resources and have a one really great event," he said. "That's really the idea. Not to tell them what to do, but understand what they are doing and where there are gaps, so we can fill them in."

Fogglin acknowledged with the eclipse less than a year away, the city is working with a shortened timeline.

"I feel like we are a little bit late in having the discussion, but don't feel like we can't catch up," he said.

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Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email 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.

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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. *Nursery 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

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; www.gofbc.org; Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 11:30 am; 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.

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Living Hope City Church - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. 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

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.

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: stthomasdallasor@gmail.com www.stthomasdallasor.com 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

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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. Catch us on Facebook.

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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

FALLS CITY

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; www.fallscitycc.org

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.fallscityumc.org

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

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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

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Church of Christ - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 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 Classes 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. 503-838-3459. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.mymcc.cc. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Sunday Service: 10am in Monmouth (959 Church St.), 11am in Independence (301 S. Main St.); Children's programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email info@mymcc.cc. Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at www.mymcc.cc.

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St. Hilda's Episcopal Church 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildas.church.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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