

# Dufur News

October 2025

## **Wastewater Project**

The City of Dufur completed phase one of the wastewater project in December of 2023. This portion of the project update the existing wastewater effluent center pivot irrigation system and to remove sewage sludge from the wastewater treatment lagoon, Cell No. 1.

Phase two of the wastewater system improvements project started back in the Summer of 2024 and is set for completion in the next couple months.

The Cities Wastewater Treatment Facility located East of Hogans Alley just beyond the pool. The old wastewater system had the city irrigating in the summer months and discharged in to Fifteen Mile Creek in the winter months. With the new improvements to the wastewater system, the city will now have two new treatment cells, a large holding pond, new chlorination building, and the city purchased new land to create a second pivot for irrigation. With the purchase of the new land the city will no longer discharge in the winter months to Fifteen Mile Creek

On behalf of the City of Dufur, I would like to thank you for your patience during the construction of the Wastewater Facility. The improvements that we are making will serve the city for many years to come.



*Before*



After taken October 24, 2025

## **Dufur Fire and EMS: New Ambulance Coming Soon**

Dufur Fire and EMS is preparing to take delivery of a new ambulance that will soon serve our community and surrounding rural areas. This much-needed replacement will help ensure reliable emergency response across 648 square miles, in all weather conditions.

The department responds to about 130 calls each year and has been working hard to update aging equipment to keep pace with the needs of our residents. The State of Oregon awarded a \$200,000 grant to support this project, and the new ambulance is nearly ready for delivery.

However, the total cost of the vehicle exceeds the grant funding, and about \$92,000 remains unpaid. The city is asking for community support to help close that gap so the new ambulance can be fully paid for and placed into service as soon as possible.

If you'd like to contribute to the Ambulance Replacement Project or learn more about how you can help, please contact Dufur City Hall. Every dollar helps us keep our community safe and ready when emergencies happen. Donation can be sent to City of Dufur, PO BOX 145. Dufur OR 97021 or brought to Dufur City Hall



## **Burn Permits**

Permits are required for all open burn piles and burn barrels. All previously issued burn permits have expired. You will need to obtain a new burn permit this year at Dufur City Hall.

Burn permits are only valid for the date issued to the following June 15 of the next year or when the burn ban goes into effect.

Cost for new burn permit is \$5.00

## **It's FireMed Renewal Season!**

FireMed Memberships help cover the cost of ambulance transport, which often isn't fully paid by insurance. For just \$60 a year, your membership covers ground ambulance transportation for everyone in your household and supports Dufur's all-volunteer EMS team. Funds stay local to help maintain equipment and training. FireMed members are also covered in more than 50 partner communities across Oregon, including The Dalles, Hood River, Moro, and Maupin.

If you signed up online before, you may already be enrolled in automatic renewal. To check, log into your Zeffy account or search your email for "Zeffy" and look for a "Yearly" status. Not sure? Contact Kathy at City Hall or email [dufurmedic31@gmail.com](mailto:dufurmedic31@gmail.com) for help.

Automatic renewals will process on **December 30, 2025**, so please either confirm your auto-renewal status **or sign up for your 2026 membership by January 1, 2026** to ensure continuous coverage. New members and renewals can sign up anytime at [dufurfiremed.com](http://dufurfiremed.com). Memberships purchased now are valid January through December 2026.

## Ordinance: Parking

At the Dufur City Council meeting on September 9th the Council voted to pass the amended chapter 72 regarding parking on city Right-of-Way. Parking on a city's right-of-way is generally governed by rules that include requiring vehicles to park parallel to the curb, within 12 inches of the edge, and facing the direction of traffic, unless otherwise posted. Common prohibitions include unregistered vehicles, expired tags, parking on sidewalks, in front of driveways, near fire hydrants or crosswalks, and double parking. The ordinance also amends the parking regulations to allow for the towing of abandoned, discarded and inoperable vehicles in conformance with the Oregon Vehicle Code. North and south running streets are 60-foot right-of-way while east and west running streets are 40 feet right-of-way; 1st street and 5th street are exceptions, with 60-foot rights-of-way. Copy of the full ordinance is available upon request.

## Accepting Sealed Bids: Joy Air – Compressor

The City of Dufur is accepting sealed bids for a pull-behind Joy Air Compressor. The compressor is being sold as-is, and the buyer is responsible for transportation. Please note that it does not run, and the issue is unknown.

Submit your sealed bids by Friday, November 7th, at 12:00 PM, to Kathy at Dufur City Hall, or place them in the drop box.



## FOR SALE: 1972 John Deere Backhoe

The City of Dufur is accepting sealed bids for a 1972 John Deere Open Cab Backhoe. The backhoe is being sold as-is, and the buyer is responsible for transportation. Please note that no title is included with the sale.

Submit your sealed bids by Friday, November 7th, at 12:00 PM to Kathy at Dufur City Hall, or place them in the drop box



## **Dufur Recreation District Receives Oregon State Parks & Recreation Grant**

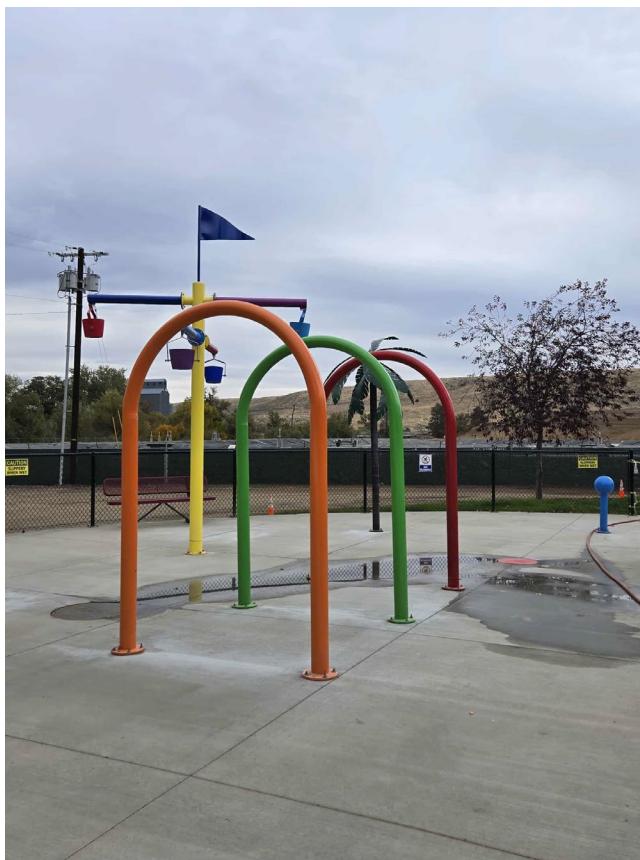
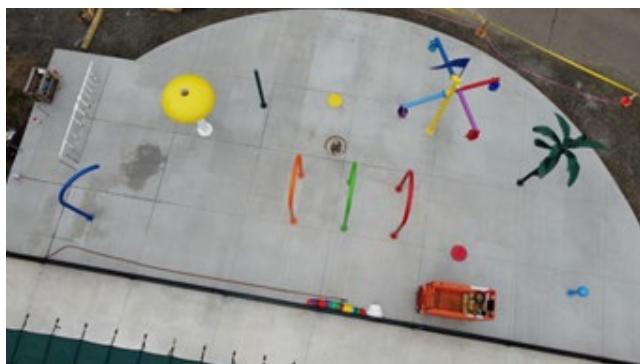
Dufur City Park is happy to announce the opening of our new Splash Pad, completed halfway through the 2025 swim season – it was very well enjoyed this summer! With projected opening as early May running through most of September – it gives the children of Dufur and beyond a fun way to beat the heat and make the most out of our summer weather. Splash Pads provide fun, free, exciting play for kids of all ages. Access to imaginative free play leads to smarter, happier and healthier children and families.

Dufur Recreation District received a \$440,979 grant award from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program. The district coupled the \$200,000 from Wasco County ARPA Funds with the grant funds to install the splash pad and make ADA improvements to the bathhouse and parking area to allow for greater access for all.

Dufur Pool has been frequented for generations by the community's residents and visitors. The Pool brings community members from the area together to play and exercise. With many families located in the area, the Dufur Recreation District is happy to be able to continue to provide this service to the community.

OPRD currently awards about \$15 million annually to Oregon communities for outdoor recreation projects, and has awarded over \$100 million in grants across the state since 1999. The grants are funded from voter-approved Lottery money. In the 2025 grant cycle, OPRD awarded over \$15,000,000 in large grants to 22 entities; the cycle includes matching funds of \$19,720,900 for projects totaling \$34,720,900!

Dufur Recreation District's mission is to enrich the quality of life for the Dufur community by preserving and enhancing recreational opportunities and open space. This grant project improves the recreational water facilities for today, and helps preserve it for future generations.



## Dufur School & Community Library

Did you know that our library, which is located on the Dufur School campus, is a community library open to the public?

Come browse our wide selection which includes audiobooks & DVDs. If you don't find the book or item you're looking for, ask at the front desk and we may be able to order it in for you. We have internet access and computers available for use, as well as a copy machine. New books come in a few times a year. Come check it out!

### Need something Notarized?

Come see Kathy at Dufur City Hall during normal business hours.



## DUFUR FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS  
4 - 6 P.M.

LOCATED AT:  
DUFUR SCHOOL  
802 NE 5TH ST.



For more info please call 541-467-2509

## Dufur School / Community Library

### COMMUNITY HOURS:

MON - THURS  
8:30 - 4:00

TUES & THURS EVE  
6:00 - 8:00

FRI  
8:30 - 3:30

NO CARD?  
NO PROBLEM,  
WE CAN SIGN  
YOU UP!

YOU CAN  
EVEN DROP  
OFF RETURNS  
FOR THE  
DALLES!

Located on the Dufur School Campus  
802 NE 5th St. (541) 467-2509

The hours posted here reflect open hours during the school year. Summer hours are Tues & Thurs 10-2 and 6-8 p.m.

## Dufur Potlach -community meal-



Wednesdays  
12:00-1:00 p.m.

\$5 suggested donation  
Take-out option is available

Located in the Parish Hall at  
St. Alphonsus  
425 NE Second Street, Dufur, OR



## Dufur FireMed Annual Enrollment Form (Offline Version)

Online Enrollment is Available at [www.dufurfiremed.com](http://www.dufurfiremed.com)

Even with medical insurance, the average \$2,164+ expense of ambulance rides is rarely covered in full. By becoming a Dufur FireMed Member, you don't need to worry about the cost of ambulance rides and what your medical insurance will or will not cover. Also, if you work or play outside of Dufur, you will receive the same benefits in 50 other regions throughout Oregon, including in 111e Dalles, Hood River, Moro, Maupin and more.

**Your \$60 annual membership fee stays in Dufur.** All funds received go toward training and equipment for the local service. This helps the all-volunteer Dufur EMS team provide quality pre-hospital care and transportation.

**Your membership provides coverage for all persons who are permanent residents of the same single-occupancy, non-commercial residence.** All memberships expire at the end of the calendar year, at which time all members will be invited to renew their membership for the next year.

**NOTE:** This Dufur FireMed membership DOES NOT include LifeFlight Air transportation. You must purchase LifeFlight Air transportation membership separately by calling 1-800-982-9299.

Return this application with the membership cost of \$60 (check made out to Dufur Volunteer Fire & Ambulance or cash) to Dufur City Hall or mail to: Dufur Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, PO Box 145, Dufur, OR 97021.

Perm. Resident 1 Name (you):	Perm. Resident 1 DOB (you):
Mailing Address:	Physical Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Primary Phone:	Email:
Perm. Resident 2 Name:	Perm Resident 2 DOB:
Perm. Resident 3 Name:	Perm Resident 3 DOB:
Perm. Resident 4 Name:	Perm Resident 4 DOB:
Perm. Resident 5 Name:	Perm Resident 5 DOB:
Perm. Resident 6 Name:	Perm Resident 6 DOB:
List the full names and DOB of any additional permanent resident that live in your household:	

## **Calendar**

### **City Council Meeting**

Dufur City Hall

Second Tuesday of Every Month at 6:00 PM

### **Dufur Park Board Meeting**

Dufur City Hall

Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

### **Home Town Christmas**

Second Tuesday in December

### **City Hall Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday

8:30 – 3:00 p.m. Closed from 12 -1 for lunch

Friday

8:30 – 12:00 PM

Phone number: 541-467-2349

Email: dufurcity@ortelco.net

## **Dufur City Council**

Dufur City Council's regularly scheduled meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at Dufur City Hall. Agendas are posted online at [cityofdufur.org](http://cityofdufur.org) and posted at the Dufur Post Office & Dufur Market bulletin board and in front of Dufur City Hall.

<b>2025 Council Date:</b>	<b>2026 Council Dates:</b>
Thursday, November 13	January 13
December 9	February 11

## **Dufur Park and Recreation Board Meetings**

Dufur Park and Recreation meetings are regularly scheduled at 7:00 pm on the Second Wednesday of every month at Dufur City Hall.

Agenda are posted online at [dufurcitypark.org](http://dufurcitypark.org) and posted at the Dufur Post Office & Dufur Market bulletin board

<b>2025 Board Meetings</b>	<b>2026 Board Meetings</b>
November 12	January 14
December 10	February 11



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