

# New Beginnings

## A glance into the history of The Dalles Civic Auditorium

The Dalles Civic Auditorium has been a part of the community's fabric for almost 90 years. The Dough Boys of Wasco County had barely returned home from Flanders Field in France when the City of The Dalles decided to honor their sacrifices. The Dalles Civic Auditorium is a memorial to these veterans.

The Great Fire of The Dalles on September 2, 1891 had cleared the land. Every structure from First to Fifth Streets and from Monroe to Union streets was in ashes.

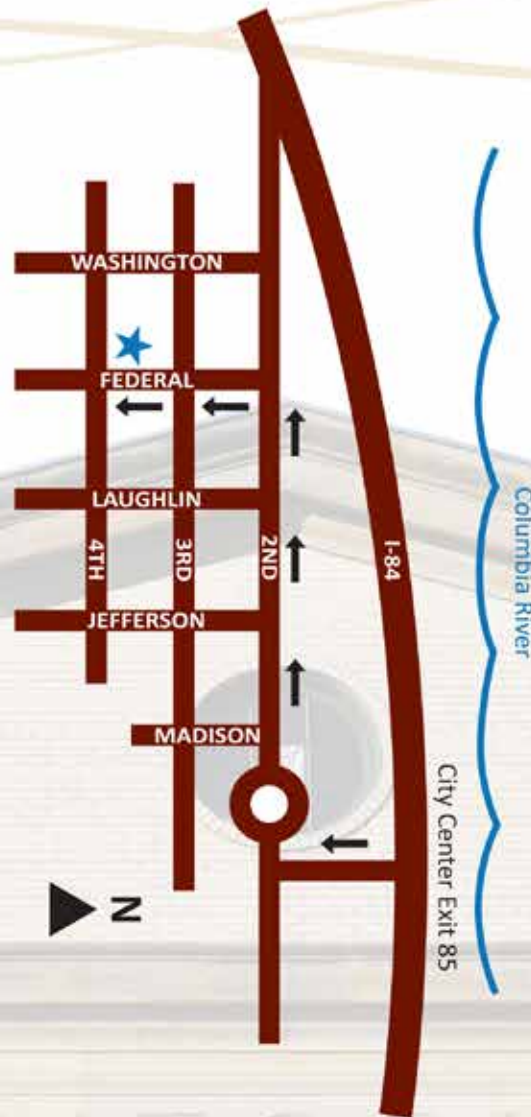
The Sunset Division, 41st Division, had regiments from Oregon and South Carolina. Soldiers from The Dalles portion of the Oregon National Guard marched through France with the distinctive patch of the bright yellow sun setting against a bright red sky that inspired the Civic Auditorium.

The Civic served as a gathering place for entertainment, athletics, community meetings and other events, truly becoming "where it happens" in The Dalles.

Later, local National Guard soldiers trained in the Civic gymnasium for the 41st Division's World War II mission in New Guinea.

Over time, the Civic fell into disrepair, facing the wrecking ball until a committed group of volunteers rescued the historic building and created the Civic Auditorium Historic Preservation Committee. Since 1991, the Civic has gained new life to take its rightful and original place as the community center.

We welcome Private donations, endowments, club sponsors, corporate donors, and grants from foundations and public agencies. Contact us for further details at 541-298-8533.



**Directions**  
Take Exit 85 from Interstate 84  
From the West Turn Right  
From the East Turn Left  
Proceed over the overpass  
Turn Right to City Center  
Proceed through the Round About  
Continue on 2nd Street  
Turn Left at Federal  
Cross over 3rd Street  
Park on 4th or Federal Street

# THE DALLES CIVIC AUDITORIUM



## Where It Happens

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## *Ballroom*

Memories are made in the 6,000 square foot ballroom, which can accommodate up to 400 guests. Its unique floating hardwood dance floor, elegant decor, and cheerful ambiance enhance every occasion. The balcony provides the royal view of life's great events. Plenty of room for a banquet, dancing, live entertainment, and socializing with friends and family.

*Reunions* *Holidays* *Reception*

## *Community Room*

Friends gather in the 2,900 square foot community room. It is a room that expands the horizon of possibilities. Up to 200 guests can participate in more raucous activities including intermediate size banquets, less formal gatherings, active birthday parties, reunions, quilt shows and square dances.

*Galas* *Quinceañeras*

## *Fireside Room*

The elegance of the Fireside Room is for smaller, quieter engagements. Friends needing space larger than the living room can host guests in the motif of home. A warm and inviting fire beckons people to social interaction in the style of 1921. Luncheons, dinner, parties, anniversaries, business events, and celebrations fit well in the Fireside Room.



*Where It Happens*