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THE DALLES MAIN STREET HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE DALLES, OR- THE DALLES MAIN STREET Organization is pleased to announce that Jeremiah R. Paulsen has been hired as the new Executive Director of The Dalles Main Street Program. He will begin his contract on March 1st, 2017.

Paulsen originally arrived in The Dalles as a Washington Reading Corps member serving Wishram School in 2014. After serving two consecutive years as a teaching assistant, Paulsen joined The Dalles Main Street organization as an AmeriCorps Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) volunteer for an eleven month contract beginning September 2016.

“This is an exciting transition not only for my personal and professional growth, but also because it mirrors the same transition that our past Executive Director, Matthew Klebes, embarked on when he first came to The Dalles. One of us chose to float down the Columbia while the other made the journey on the Barlow Toll Road. I will let you decide who did what, but ultimately we both reached the same destination and traded wagon parts over a beer,” said Paulsen.

“Having Jeremiah on board for several weeks before I left was very helpful, he has been able to get right up to speed as 2017 gets started,” said Matthew Klebes, former Director of Main Street.

Since his arrival to the Main Street organization, Paulsen has assisted with such activities as the Fall Pub Crawl, Main Street Uncorked, helping downtown shine bright with holiday lights, Santa in The Downtown, and The Oregon Main Street Conference where the organization accepted two awards for “Best Partnership With The City Of The Dalles” and “Best Community Education” for The Dalles Main Street’s promotional volunteer booklet.

“I have seen so much positive growth for The Dalles just in the short time I have lived here. The community has momentum and I look forward to our exciting developments as we press forward into a hopeful future,” said Paulsen.

The Dalles Main Street Office is currently located in The Mint Building. The organization works to comprehensively revitalize Downtown The Dalles using the National 4-Point Approach: Promotion, Design, Organization, and Economic Restructuring. These committees are open for anyone to join or attend.

For more information about Main Street, please visit www.thedallesmainstreet.org or visit their Facebook page. You can also contact Jeremiah Paulsen at (541) 370-2849 or staff.dallesmainstreet@gmail.com.