



City of Dallas Center Newsletter



April 2015

City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396
7:30-4:00 M-F
www.dallascenter.com



Library

1308 Walnut St., PO Box 521
Monday, Friday 9:00-5:00
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-7:00
Saturday 9:00-12:00
www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us

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City Hall will be closed on April 17th so staff can attend training.

Reminder: it is **not allowed to connect a sump pump**, roof downspout, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Open Burning is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM until May 10th. Burn only when the wind is calm and please do not burn wet debris that causes excess smoke. You may burn only yard waste, no household trash. **NO burning on the city streets** and never leave a fire unattended.

Street light outages can be reported at the following MidAmerican website:
http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx

April 2015 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 *	3	4
5	6 ♣	7 ◇	8	9 *	10	11
12	13 ♣	14	15	16 *	17	18
19	20 ♣	21 ◇	22	23 *	24	25
26	27 ♣	28	29	30 *		

* Garbage Pick-Up

♣ Yardwaste Pick-Up

◇ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Yard waste pick-up will resume on April 6th. Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs, etc.) can be placed on the curb for pick-up every Monday through November. To insure pick-up, yard waste should be:

- ♣ Out on your curb by 7:00 AM
- ♣ Placed in brown paper bags, paper grocery bags, cardboard boxes or trash cans
- ♣ Bundled brush tied securely with twine or string; weighing less than 50 lbs & no longer than 4' in length.

Code Enforcement News~

- Spring is here? Well we hope so! I thought this would be a good time for some reminders on what the city's code of ordinances say about junk, trash, litter and debris. This ordinance not only keeps the community safe but does make the quality of life in Dallas Center better. Unsightly properties can bring values down not only on themselves but other properties in the neighborhood as well. Furniture, appliances, limbs, wood and brush piles, auto parts, tires and many other items can be dangerous for children and provide harborage for pests and vermin. A good basic rule of thumb to use is: If it is not manufactured to be used outside it shouldn't be left/stored outside. If it is not in original condition it should not be stored outside. This would include "used" lumber and anything that would hold water. It takes less than a cup of water for mosquito larva to grow.
- **51.02 JUNK, JUNK VEHICLES AND REFUSE PROHIBITED.** It is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any private property within the corporate limits of the City any junk, junk vehicle or refuse.
- **51.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:**
"Junk" means all odd or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste or used lumber, or salvaged wood; broken, discarded or worthless things; old, dilapidated, obsolete inoperable or dismantled vehicles, tractors, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, tractors, machinery or appliances; iron, steel or other old or scrap ferrous materials; old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic; old or discarded household goods or hardware, used building materials, tanks, cans, barrels, boxes, drums, piping, bottles, hair, mattresses, beds or bedding; or any other kind of scrap or waste material which is stored, kept, handled or displayed for barter, resale, reuse, salvage, stripping, or trade. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or a rear yard is not considered junk.
- If you have any questions on specific items please feel free to call. Thank you

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Library News~

- April 1, 1:30 PM-early out program, movie and a snack
- April 15, 1:30 PM-early out program, gardening
- April 16, 7:00 PM- Book club- Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman
- April 29, 7:30 PM-Library Board of Trustee's meeting.

Pool News~

- Opening date will be May 29th!
- Morning public swim lessons will be held June 8th -18th (19th will be a make-up day if needed or a pool party), 30 minute classes at 9:45-10:15 AM, 10:20-10:50 AM, 10:55-11:25 AM and 11:30AM-noon.
- Evening public swim lessons will be held July 13th -23rd (24th is a make-up day or pool party) 30 minute classes at 8:00-8:30 PM and 8:30-9:00 PM.
- Swim lesson sign up will take place at the Dallas Center library on May 9th from 10:00 AM-noon and the Grimes library on May 16th from 10:00 AM-noon. Public lesson cost is \$35/two week session. Private lessons cost is \$15/each lesson

Park News~

- ◇ If you would like to maintain or continue maintaining a decorative area of the City (entrance signs, park signs, gazebo, pool entrance, etc.), or are interested in helping to keep an area weeded, please contact Mary Werch at 992-3070.
- ◇ Pet owners please remember you are required to remove and dispose of any animal waste on public property or neighbor's property. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Building Permits are required for all exterior building projects, sheds, room additions, egress windows, driveways, fences, etc., AND interior remodeling. Permits can be obtained at City Hall or the Dallas Center website.

Community News~

- 📅 **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** from 7:30-9:30 AM on Saturday, April 4th at Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 from a rotary member or at the door.
- 📅 The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 4th at Mound Park. The fun starts at 10:00 AM. After the egg hunt there will be a hula hoop contest, egg roll contest, hopscotch and the bunny hop at the skating rink! Hope you can join the fun!
- 📅 **City-Wide Garage Sales** will be held on May 9th. If you would like your address on the map, please email ksteele@dallascenter.com by April 10th.
- 📅 **Brenton Arboretum-Spring Bird Hike** on May 2nd at 7:00 AM, Vista Room. Welcome the birds back with John Bissell. Checklists available, children welcome. Members - free; Non-members - \$5. **Yoga Workshop: Promises of Spring** on May 9th from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Pavilion. All skill levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle and journal. Wear exercise clothing and walking shoes. Cost is \$35
- 📅 The First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the **Fourth Annual Service Auction** open to the public from 5:00-7:00 PM on May 3rd. The proceeds to benefit Dallas Center's Ministerial Alliance in their efforts to support families in need in our community. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, please contact Gary Wilson at glwilson@exede.net. If you or someone you know within the community has a need, please contact one of the pastors in town – confidential.
- 📅 If you are interested in participating in this year's **Farmer's Market**, please contact Donna Wagner at 992-3220. More information will follow next month.
- 📅 Yellow Swan B&B is offering a **10 day British Landscapes Tour** featuring England, Scotland and Wales. The trip is scheduled for April 7, 2016. The presentation for this trip is Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 PM at the Johnston Library. Refreshments will be served at the presentation so please RSVP to Gary and Jan Busby at 515-992-3118 or yellowswan@mchsi.com before May 21st. If you would like more details or a brochure you may contact them at the above phone number or email address.
- 📅 **If you have a locate flag in your yard or the right-of-way from last fall**, they can be removed and thrown away.

Fall Festival News~

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Dallas Center Fall Festival on August 28th & 29th. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please attend our kick-off meeting on April 2nd at 6:30PM at the Raccoon Valley Bank Community Room. If you can't attend but would like to be involved, please contact Lezlie Ellerman at lezlie.ellerman@yahoo.com or 515-240-8626 or Julie Baldner at julieabaldner@aol.com or (515)210-2603.

Do You Qualify for Housing Repairs?

- The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund has a mission to provide and expand safe and affordable housing to low income residents of Dallas County.
- Their program assists homeowners within Dallas County with housing repairs and correcting code violations.
- For applications or information, contact the Program Administrator at 515-273-0770.

Tree Trimming - trees need to be trimmed 15' over the street and 8' over the sidewalk.

"Council Corner"

- Council approved Resolution 2015-11 — appreciation to Larry Davis for more than 26 years of service to the City upon his March 27th retirement
- Council approved Resolution 2015-8 – 2015-2016 City budget

A complete copy of the March 10th minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.