



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



April 2016

## City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396  
7:30-4:00 M-F  
[www.dallascenter.com](http://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](http://www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us)

## Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725  
Police Dept-non emergency 992-3086  
Dallas County Dispatch 993-4567  
Fire Dept-non emergency 992-4292  
Library 992-3185

## City Officials

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The Dallas Center City Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

City Hall will be closed on April 22<sup>nd</sup> so staff can attend training.

**Street light outages** can be reported at the following MidAmerican website:  
[http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight\\_outage.aspx](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx)

**Interested in serving on a City Board or Commission?** Go to our website at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) and complete an application to serve.

- **Storm siren testing** will continue every first Saturday until November.

## April 2016 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 4<sup>th</sup>.** 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 (not Waste Management container)
- ♻ Bundled brush tied securely with twine or string; weighing less than 50 lbs & no longer than 4' in length

## Fall Festival News~





- Mark your calendars for the 2016 Dallas Center Fall Festival on August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- We have numerous Fall Festival committee spots that are in need of being filled: Chairperson, Co-Chair, Logistics (road signs and closures), Fireworks, Carnival, Entertainment/Schedule of events, Social Media marketing person, Kids Games. This is an abbreviated list of openings that we have open that will need to be filled in order to continue our great tradition of the Dallas Center Fall Festival!
- If you would like to help, please contact Lezie Ellerman at [lezie.ellerman@yahoo.com](mailto:lezie.ellerman@yahoo.com).

## Library of Tomorrow News~





- The Library of Tomorrow committee meets on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> (a week later than our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month). Therefore, this update does not include any new information, since the deadline for submission to the city newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month! However, be assured that we are moving forward with our study of all the potential sites brought forward.
- We are in the process of refining the criteria a site must meet, as well as ranking that criteria in the order of importance. As we investigate the suitability of each site, we will weigh each against the criteria we have developed. This will give us a consistent means of evaluating each site.
- We are also in the process of investigating details about each site such as size suitability, access to foot and auto traffic/and parking, access to water and sewer hookups, access to telephone and wifi, soil stability/suitability, etc. Each site must be vetted in these and other ways. As you can imagine, this will be a process that requires thoughtful and thorough study, and we as a committee are equal to the task!
- We thank you for your support and patience as we reflectively work through this process.
- As always, you may leave questions or concerns on cards provided at the library.

### Library News~

Story time is every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM

-  April 7, 6:30 PM-Knitting With Sylvia
-  April 13, 1:30 PM-Early Out Program
-  April 14, 3:30 PM-Book & A Bite
-  April 19, 7:00 PM-LOT Meeting
-  April 21, 7:00 PM- Book Club-Lila by Marilynne Robinson
-  April 27, 7:30 PM-Library Board of Trustee's meeting.

### Pool News~

-  Opening date – to be determined
-  Morning public swim lessons will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> (24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-noon and the Grimes library on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM-noon. Public lesson cost is \$35/two week session. Private lessons cost is \$15/each lesson

### Park News~

- ◇ We are looking for someone /family/group to maintain the flower area by the swimming pool. Please contact Mary Werch at 992-3070. A big thanks to those who keep the other city areas looking good.
- ◇ 55+ Frisbee Golf will be held every June & July date ending in a "5" at Memorial Park. Tee times are 2:00-6:00 PM, bring a team of 3 people over 55 and "golf" a Frisbee round at our 9-hole, 3000 foot course. Register at the shelter, Frisbee's will be loaned and scorecards will be provided. Team scores will be posted and laughs will be shared by all. Water will be available, no registration fees and no prizes.

### Community News~

- **City-Wide Garage Sales** will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your address on the map, please email [ksteele@dallascenter.com](mailto:ksteele@dallascenter.com) by April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Food Pantry News:** Thanks to all who donated food and money both through your "souper bowl" drives and privately. A special thanks to the Cub Scout troop for their donations and the time they took to help fill the Easter food boxes.
- **Brenton Arboretum-Volunteer Day** April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Vista Room. Spend the morning cleaning out garden beds, raking leaves, spreading mulch, and other jobs in preparation for our busy season. This is a great way to learn about horticulture, landscape architecture, and the history of the Brenton Arboretum while doing something positive for future generations. Please contact us at 992-4211 or [mail@thebrentonarboretum.org](mailto:mail@thebrentonarboretum.org). Thank you!
- All Dallas Center residents are invited to take part (by donating an auction item, bidding on items or enjoying the free-will donation meal) in the **Fifth Annual Service Auction** sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate, please contact Gary Wilson at [glwilson@exede.net](mailto:glwilson@exede.net). Deadline for items to be at auction site is noon on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact any of the pastors in town if there is a need for assistance (requests remain confidential).
- **Calling all volunteers!** The Dallas Center Grimes Softball Association is hosting a fast-pitch softball tournament for girls at the 10U level. The tournament is being held May 13-15 and volunteers are needed in the concession stand and for field prep. If interested, please contact Todd McGuire at (515)745-5635.
- 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.
- **Medicap Pharmacy** now has a \$1 Spot where all items in this section are \$1.
- **Dallas County Habitat for Humanity** will be doing Rock the Block in DC in the late summer. This is an event to make repairs for homeowners who wouldn't otherwise be able to do so. In order to accomplish Habitat's mission and repair homes for low-income homeowners, we need volunteers, sponsors, and buy-in from local partners. If you need assistance, or are interested in partnering with us, please contact JoAnne Ramaeker or Dave Sigler, or Omar Padilla (Outreach Coordinator) at 515-238-5785.
- **Seasonal Fun Committee Upcoming Event: Art in the Park** on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Vendor registration is open! Registration link on [www.facebook.com/DCSeasonalFun](http://www.facebook.com/DCSeasonalFun) or email [DC.SeasonalFun@gmail.com](mailto:DC.SeasonalFun@gmail.com).

**Open Burning** is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please burn when the wind is calm and don't burn wet debris. Only burn yard waste, no household trash. **NO burning on the city streets** and never leave a fire unattended.

### 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.

### "Council Corner"

- ❖ Council approved Ordinance 498 – revising the requirements for accessory buildings and garages in the Single-Family rural Estate District.
- ❖ Council approved Resolution 2016-5 – Memorandum of Understanding between Polk County and Dallas Center regarding Central Iowa Regional Public Safety Communications System.

A complete copy of the March 8<sup>th</sup> minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.