



City of Dallas Center Newsletter



April 2018

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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Library 992-3185

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

WANTED: Person(s) to contract with the City to run the Swimming Pool Concession Stand (must be at least 18 years old), please contact City Hall at 992-3725 or cityhall@dallascenter.com

Interested in serving on a City Board or Commission? Go to our website at www.dallascenter.com and complete an application to serve. We currently have an opening on Planning and Zoning.

Storm siren testing will continue every first Saturday until November.

Open Burning of yard waste is allowed from 8:00 am-8:00 pm until May 10th. Please burn when the wind is calm, don't burn wet debris or on a city street.

April 2018 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						

Mayor's Message ~

- On March 6th the City Council approved the Budget and Certification of City Tax for Fiscal Year 2019 (which begins on July 1st). The levy rate had a slight decrease (from 13.67/\$1000 to \$13.36/\$1000). This decrease is directly attributable to the Local Option Sales Tax revenues that were allocated for property tax relief.
- The intent of the State budget document is to authorize property taxing and spending of City funds, and provide an estimate of revenues and expenses for the upcoming year. On these forms Fiscal Year 2018 is in progress and the information used are the estimated numbers submitted to the state last year. Fiscal Year 2017 is completed and actual final numbers are posted.
- The City fund balances are posted every month with the Council agenda packets on the Dallas Center website - <http://dallascenter.com/dallascenter-council-meetings.php>. The total amounts from February are – checking - \$133,433.80, petty cash - \$100, savings - \$2,570,566.81, cd's - \$2,708,000.00, total in the bank - \$5,412,100.61.
- If you have any questions we would love to hear from you. Please contact me or your Council members.

Mayor Mike

A big thank you to volunteers Jackie Deaver, Bob King, Gary and Linda Licht, Dusty Rauschenberg, Mary Werch and Gary Wilson who removed 20 pickup truck loads of leaves and branches from around the city's underground storage tank in Mound Park Sunday, March 25th. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.









Yard waste pick-up will resume on April 2nd. 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 (this is the same as garbage and recycling)
- ♻ 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






✿ **The DC Food Pantry** is open every Tuesday 4:00-6:00 pm (excluding holidays). This is a walk-in pantry, no appointment needed and no income requirements. Located at the Dallas Center United Methodist Church-1504 Walnut. Contact us at dcfoodpantry@outlook.com or call 515-987-5523 ext.3. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dcfoodpantry.

Library News~

Story time-Wednesdays at 10:00 am

-  April 3, 7:00 pm-Intro to Modern Calligraphy (registration required)
-  April 10, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite Club
-  April 11, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
-  April 12, 7:00 pm- Adult Book Club
-  April 17, 3:30-Time Lords Book Club
-  April 19, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
-  April 19, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits
-  April 25, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustee's meeting

Pool News~

-  Opening date – to be determined
-  Morning public swim lessons will be held June 11th-22nd (22nd will be a make-up day if needed or a pool party).
-  Evening public swim lessons will be held July 9th-20th (20th is a make-up day or pool party).
-  Swim lesson sign up will take place on May 19th from 10:00 am-noon at the Dallas Center Library and from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Grimes Library.
-  Public lesson cost is \$35/two week session. Private lesson cost is \$15/each lesson.


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 appointed Ryan Coon to fill the council member vacancy due to Ryan Pearson's resignation
A complete copy of the March 20th minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.

Community News~

 **Seventh Annual Service Auction** - The DC Ministerial Alliance invites you to have fun with your friends and family as we raise money to help those who live here in our community. Come enjoy food and good times at the 7th Annual Community Fundraiser Auction to be held Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 5:00 pm with a free-will donation supper; auction to begin at 5:30 pm. Participate in the spirited bidding of a wide array of goods and services. Donations and contributions are always appreciated. Please contact Gary Wilson at glwilson@exede.net for more information. Deadline for tangible items to be at the auction site will be Saturday, May 5.

 **City-Wide Garage Sales** will be held on May 12th. If you would like your address on the map, please email cityhall@dallascenter.com by April 13th.

FREE TREES FOR ARBOR DAY

- Celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree! The City of Dallas Center is partnering with the Brenton Arboretum and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to provide free tree and shrub seedlings and planting demonstrations. The event is open to all Dallas Center area residents, and is a great educational opportunity for kids.
- The Arbor Day celebration will take place on April 28th from 9:00am to noon at the Brenton Arboretum, located at 25141 260th St., Dallas Center. There will be a brief ceremony at 9:00am, and planting demonstrations at the top of each hour. Bring your own 5-gallon bucket and take home some free mulch with your new tree.
- The varieties available are Sycamore, Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, Shagbark Hickory, Pecan, Hackberry, Arrowwood Viburnum, and Aronia/Glossy Black Chokeberry, while supplies last. The seedlings are small, so they are easy to plant. Remember that we enjoy the trees we have today because years ago someone had the vision to see the benefits they would provide and cared enough to plant them.

Code Enforcement News~

- With warm weather coming (we hope) I wanted to remind everyone 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.
- **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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