

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

August 2015

City Hall
1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396
 7:30 – 4:00 M-F
cityhall@dallascenter.com
www.dallascenter.com

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

Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725
 Police (non emergency) 992-3086
 Fire Dept (non emergency) 992-4292
 Library 992-3185
 City Pool (summer) 992-3827

City Officials

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If you are interested in serving on a City Board or Commission, please go to our website at www.dallascenter.com and complete an Application to Serve.

Do you know where the water shut off valve is inside your house? If you don't, you should find it. Then, "exercise" the valve (turn it off and on to make sure it works). City Hall has received calls from residents who have a leak or a broken pipe and their shut off valve doesn't work. SO, exercise your valve now. If it does not work, call your friendly neighborhood plumber and get it fixed. At some time you may be glad you did!

August 2015 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 ♣	11 ♦	12	13 *	14	15
16	17 ♣	18	19	20 *	21	22
23	24 ♣	25 ♦	26	27 *	28	29
30	31 ♣					

♣ Yard Waste Pick-up

♫ Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Iowa State Fair - August 13th- 23rd

School Starts - August 24th

Fall Festival - August 28th and 29th

City Elections will be held on November 3rd

- We are looking for a few good people!
- The opportunity to run for a political office is a privilege we enjoy in our society. Citizens are fortunate that so many good people offer their time and talents for public service.
- The election for three city council positions (4 year term), one city council position to fill vacancy (2 year term) and mayor position to fill vacancy (2 year term) will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd.
- Nomination papers are available at City Hall or the Dallas County Elections Office. Papers must be filed with the Dallas County Elections Office located at 910 Court Street (this is a new state law-cities cannot accept the papers anymore).
- The filing period is August 24 through September 17th at 5:00 PM.

Dallas County Emergency Notification System

- ◆ Dallas County Emergency Management has adopted a new mass notification and emergency messaging system.
- ◆ The system can be used by local authorities to quickly disseminate emergency information to residents in Dallas County.
- ◆ Dallas County residents can sign up for the alerts they would like to receive.
- ◆ Residents can choose to sign up for weather warnings and watches, law enforcement warnings, shelter in place announcements and Hazardous Material Messages.
- ◆ Residents can choose to have messages issued via landline or wireless phone, text messaging, email, FAX, TDD/TYY and social media.
- ◆ Residents of Dallas County can sign up for alerts at http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/dallas_ia/wens.cfm

"Council Corner"

- Council invites everyone to a Storm Water Management Workshop on August 18th at 7:00 PM at Memorial Hall. The City Engineer, Bob Veenstra, will be presenting a preliminary storm water concept design.
- Council approved Resolution 2015-21 – adopting plan, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the water main replacement project.
- Council approved Ordinance 492 – revising requirement for recreational and ceremonial fires and making clear that certain outdoor food preparation and indoor incinerators are permitted.

A complete copy of the July 14th minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.

Library News –

- Aug 26, 7:30 PM-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- Aug 29-Closed for Fall Festival
- Aug 29, 1:00-3:00 PM-Open house with Library of Tomorrow architect and a princess meet and greet
- No book club or story time this month; we will resume in September

Skate Park News-

- August is hot and fun at the skate park in Dallas Center!
- Aug. 14 – 80's Night.
- Aug. 21 – Country Night - come out for a fun night of country.
- Aug. 28 – Open for Fall Fest!

Pool News-

- The pool is open daily 12:30-8:00 PM (weather permitting)
- Aug. 21, 2:00-4:00 PM – Back To School Bash
- Aug. 21, 4:00 PM – pool closes for the regular season
- If you have pool related questions, please call the pool at 992-3827 or send an email to poolmanager@dallascenter.com

The Yellow Swan Bed and Breakfast is planning trips for 2016.

These trips include most meals, airfare from Des Moines, travel guides and drivers. Please call 992-3118 for further details.

- **Shades of Ireland**, April 7-19 (highlights include Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Galway, Lough Eske Castle, Derry and Belfast). The presentation for this is 6:00 PM Aug. 6th at the Johnston Library.
- **British Landscapes**, April 7-16 touring England, Scotland and Wales (highlights include London, Cambridge, York Hadrian's Wall, Edinburgh, Cotswolds, Stonehenge and many more). The presentation is 6:00 PM, Sept. 17th at the Johnston Library. A trip to the Northeastern part of the US in the fall of 2016 is also being planned.

Community News -

- ◆ **School starts August 24th.** Please be aware of the young children traveling on the sidewalks and crossing the streets.
- ◆ **Fall Festival** is August 28th and 29th. More information is available at www.dcccelebrations.com
- ◆ The **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** will be held August 29th from 7:00-9:00 AM at Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 from any member or at the door.
- ◆ The **Farmers' Market** is held every Friday from 4:00-7:00 PM in Mound Park.
- ◆ **Brenton Arboretum - Prairie Plant Discovery (Family Friendly)** on Saturday, August 1st at 10am, *Vista Room*. Learn about Iowa's prairie plants with Inger Lamb, representative from the Iowa Prairie Network, as we stroll through the fields at the arboretum. Along the way, discover what you can do to help protect and restore prairie in Iowa. *Members, free; Non-Members, \$5.*
- ◆ **Water Quality Adventure (Family Friendly)** on Saturday, August 15th at 10am, *Pavilion*. Enjoy a hands-on learning adventure in and around the water as we explore water quality issues in Iowa. Susan Heathcote, water program director at the Iowa Environmental Council, will lead a water testing exercise where we look at water chemistry using field test kits. We will also sample the aquatic insects and other macro invertebrate life in the water and talk about the importance of clean water in promoting healthy life diversity. *Members, free; Non-Members, \$5*
- ◆ Please have **yard waste** out by 7:00 AM on Monday.

Dallas Center Celebrations Inc. needs new board members. The DC Celebrations Committee needs board members to fill immediate positions, including President and Vice-President. This Committee oversees the Fall Festival committee & the Seasonal Fun committee. Please contact Chris Thomas at 515-321-5775 or cthomasfam2011@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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.

City of Dallas Center Boards and Commissions

Library Board

Dustin Rauschenberg
Kerrin Andrie
Heather Willrich
Robert Findlay
Carolyn MacConnell

Planning & Zoning

Ken Shepherd
Jill Bejarno
Matt Ostanik
Mike Burgher
Rick Wilson
Sylvia Miller

Tree Board

Greg Cagle
C.J. Lane
Gary Park
Andy Schmitz
Bob German
Brian Slaught

Board of Adjustment

Chuck Comito
CJ Lane
Gary Park
Sandy Gannon
Sean Shatava
Brian Osborne

Park & Rec/Trail Boards

Curt Pion
Mary Werch
Ken Matteson
Merle Baer
Kathy Pantzar
Mallory Brown
Shellie Pullen
Lori Trammel
Duane Heaberlin

**"Thank You" to these
citizens for their willingness
to serve the
City of Dallas Center!**

Thank you also to Brian Hood, Teena Case, Beck Wipperman and Dan Case, who recently went off the Park and Recreation Board, Library Board and Planning Zoning, for their service to the City of Dallas Center.