

# City of Dallas Center Newsletter

August 2016

## 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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**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). We have received calls from residents who have a leak or a broken pipe and their shut off valve doesn't work. If it does not work, call your friendly neighborhood plumber and get it fixed. At some time you may be glad you did!

**If you are interested in serving on a City Board or Commission,** please go to our website at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) and complete an Application to Serve. We currently have an opening on our Tree Board.

## August 2016 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      | 31        |          |        |          |

♣ Yard Waste Pick-up

\* Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

School Starts – August 24<sup>th</sup>

Fall Festival – August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## Generous Gift to City

- The Dallas County Foundation and the Grow Greene County Gaming Corporation teamed up to award our community \$18,200.
- This will help us build a restroom beside the bike trail where it crosses Walnut Street.
- Our Parks and Recreation Committee prepared the grant application.
- Final details on the building's location are still in progress, but we plan to finish construction within 12 months.

## Library of Tomorrow

- ♦ The Library of Tomorrow committee met on July 19, 2016 at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library for a final review of the criteria comparison of the sites under consideration for a new library.
- ♦ The committee shared information concerning legalities of utilizing the various city owned sites, survey information from Iowa librarians whose libraries are in or adjacent to city park areas, and information on the next steps in the process of site selection.
- ♦ After an opportunity for final comments on the criteria scoring for the sites under consideration, a motion was made to send the top two sites to the library board which will then send them to the architectural firm for further study and design analysis. The motion was unanimously adopted. Those sites are the Mound Park site and the former lumberyard site. Neither site has been designated as THE site for a new library at this point.
- ♦ After the architectural firm does their work, the library board, and ultimately the city council will examine both sites and determine the final site.
- ♦ The committee wishes to thank the community for their input and support throughout this process as we all work together to achieve our goal of a beautiful new facility for library patrons of all ages to enjoy.

## Attention All Former Sugar Grove Sunshine 4-H Members

- The Sugar Grove Sunshine 4-H Club will hold its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Robbins Ballroom with an open reception from 1-5 pm.
- Historical 4-H activities are planned throughout the afternoon (e.g., Clover Ceremony, Pageant, etc.). The club will provide refreshments.
- You may email the club at [sugargrovesunshine100year@gmail.com](mailto:sugargrovesunshine100year@gmail.com) for more information or check out their Facebook page Sugar Grove Sunshine 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.
- If you have pictures to share from when you were a Sugar Grove Sunshine member, send those to the email address above.

**Library News ~**

- The library is very fortunate to receive two game sets of Mah Jongg. The games were donated in loving memory of Virginia Howell by the members of her Wright Patterson Mah Jongg Group. The group members have generously volunteered to teach any adults interested in learning how to play. Please contact the library for more information.
- Aug 27-Closed for Fall Festival
- Aug 31, 1:30 pm-Early out program
- Aug 31, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- No book club or story time this month

**Pool News~**

- The pool is open daily 12:30-8:00 PM (weather permitting)
- Aug. 10, 6:00-8:00 pm – Luau Night, join us for a night of fun in your best luau outfit. Prizes, games and swimming
- Aug. 18, 5:00 pm – pool closes for the regular season
- Please direct pool related questions to 992-3827 or email [poolmanager@dallascenter.com](mailto:poolmanager@dallascenter.com)

**Skate Park News~**

- Aug. 5 – Costume Night
- Aug. 12 – 80's Night.
- Aug. 19 – DC-G School Spirit Night
- Aug. 26 – Open for Fall Fest!

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

**“Council Corner”**

- Council approved Ordinance No. 499 – amending Chapter 122 of the Code of Ordinances to exempt local businesses from the requirement to obtain a Peddlers License
- Council approved Resolution 2016-21 - to accept gift of real estate from Billy D. Brown

A complete copy of the July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.

**Community News ~**

- ◆ **School starts August 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please be aware of the young children traveling on the sidewalks and crossing the streets.
- ◆ **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 at the Raccoon River Valley Trailhead.
- ◆ The **Dallas Center Rotary** is looking for an individual who would be willing to play the piano for a brief time each Tuesday. If interested, please contact Michelle Leonard at 992-3785.
- ◆ **Brenton Arboretum** - Water & Mud Kitchen on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, Meet in the Pavilion and 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 and sample the aquatic insects and other macro invertebrate life in the water. Then, we'll open "Mud Kitchen" on Buckeye Bridge for the children to 'bake' their own mud pies and cakes. Please dress appropriately for this water and mud adventure! *Members, free. Non-Members, \$5*
- ◆ **Diabetes Self-Management Education classes** - Telligen, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Iowa, is working to help reduce the complications associated with diabetes in the Dallas Center area. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 10 percent of the U.S. population is estimated to have diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes. Additionally, diabetes was the country's seventh leading cause of death in 2013. Telligen has partnered with Dallas County Public Health and the City of Dallas Center to provide eligible Medicare patients in the community with diabetes self-management education (DSME) classes. The classes are offered at no cost and will cover topics such as medication, nutrition, and foot and eye care. Each class is 1.5 hours long and will be held once a week for 6 weeks. Classes are scheduled at the Raccoon Valley Bank on Wednesdays, August 10 through September 14 from 10:00-11:30 am. If interested in signing up, call Amy at 515-440-8232.
- ◆ The City of Dallas Center is seeking applications for a **school crossing guard** position. School starts August 24<sup>th</sup> and applications are due to City Hall by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications may be obtained from our website at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) or at City Hall, 1502 Walnut Street, Dallas Center.

**Fall Festival New~**

Do you know how to find information about the 2016 Fall Festival online?

- The City of Dallas Center website [dallascenter.com](http://dallascenter.com) then click on Activities / Annual events / DC Fall Festival.
- The DC Celebrations website [dallascentercelebrations.com](http://dallascentercelebrations.com) then click on Fall Festival. There are tabs for Activity Highlights, Activities Schedule and Vendors. Additional tabs will show during and after the Fall Festival.
- The DC Celebrations Facebook page [facebook.com/dccelebrations](https://www.facebook.com/dccelebrations) then click on the link inside the post about the Fall Festival.
- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Post your photos and comments via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram **#BestDayEverDCFF16**.

**Dallas County Emergency Notification System**

- ❖ Dallas County 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.
- ❖ Sign up for alerts at [http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/dallas\\_ia/wens.cfm](http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/dallas_ia/wens.cfm)