

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

August 2017

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

Dallas County Dispatch 993-4567

Fire Dept (non emergency) 992-4292

Library 992-3185

City Pool (summer) 992-3827

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August 2017 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 23rd

Fall Festival – August 25th and 26th

Mayor's Message~

Hello Residents of Dallas Center,

- ♦ You may have noticed an increase (or decrease) in your property tax recently. There can be multiple factors such as the county tax rate, the public school tax rate, your home's valuation, and the city tax rate that influence your overall taxes.
- ♦ I want to share with you that the city tax rate has gone up to \$13.68 this year from \$12.53. The main reason for this tax rate increase is to pay for the completion of the Southwest Storm Water project. You may recall the City Council has bonded (or borrowed) \$3.2 million to build the Southwest Storm Water infrastructure. This project will help alleviate long standing flooding, ponding and basement water issues within the city and bring relief to many, if not all, members of our community.
- ♦ To give this some perspective, here are tax rates of some surrounding cities: Grimes-\$12.91, Adel-\$14.30, Waukee-\$13.50, Granger-\$16.88, Minburn-\$15.96, Woodward-\$16.77, Van Meter-\$16.16.
- ♦ Also, I would like to give a shout out to all the volunteers that made the Art in the Park and Jazz in July such a great occasion for our community. Congratulations on a successful event and a big thank you for all of your efforts!

Mike Kidd, Mayor Dallas Center

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

Do you want to get more involved with your City? The Application to Serve is available at City Hall and also on the website www.dallascenter.com. We currently have an opening on Planning and Zoning.

Storm siren testing will continue the first Saturday of each month until November

Payment Options

- ♦ **On-Line Payment Reminder** - for those of you that use your bank's online bill pay for paying your water bill, please allow **7-10 business days** for the check to reach us through mail. So, if you pay online a couple of days before the 15th of the month, but we don't receive it until after the 15th, you will be assessed a penalty.
- ♦ **Automatic bill pay** is available for your City bill. If you are interested, contact City Hall at 992-3725 or cityhall@dallascenter.com.

Garbage stickers

- ♦ If you have additional garbage or bulk rubbish (furniture, etc.), garbage stickers may be purchased at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library as well as City Hall.
- ♦ The cost per sticker is \$1.50 (this does not cover appliances).

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.

To report a Street light outage:

http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx

Library News ~

- Aug 2, 7:00 pm-July Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- Aug 17, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits Book Club
- Aug 26-Closed for Fall Festival
- Aug 30, 1:30 pm-Early out program
- Aug 30, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- No story time this month. Adult coloring will resume in September.

Pool News~

- The pool is open daily 12:30-8:00 pm (weather permitting)
- Aug. 12, 8:00 pm – pool closes for the regular season
- Please direct pool related questions to 992-3827 or email poolmanager@dallascenter.com

Skate Park News~

- Aug. 4 – Beach Party Night
- Aug. 8 – Hover Board Night
- Aug. 11 – 80's Night
- Aug. 18 – School Spirit Night
- Aug. 25 – Open for Fall Fest!

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). If it does not work, call your friendly neighborhood plumber and get it fixed. At some time you may be glad you did!

"Council Corner"

- Council approved Resolution 2017-29- acknowledging Ken Shepherd's service to the City as a member and Chair of the Plan and Zoning Commission since 1990.
- Council approved Ordinance No. 511-eliminating run-off elections, and providing that the person(s) who receive the greatest number of votes is/are elected
- Council discussed the recent fireworks law that was passed by state legislators. Council will hold a town hall meeting in September to get input from the public on this topic before making a decision.

A complete copy of the July 11th minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website.

Community News ~

- ◆ **School starts August 23rd.** Please be aware of the young children traveling on the sidewalks and crossing the streets.
- ◆ **Mosquito spraying** will continue weekly Wednesday or Thursday as needed (weather permitting).
- ◆ **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** will be held August 26th from 7:00-9:00 am at Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 from any member or at the door.
- ◆ The **Farmer's Market** is held every Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Raccoon River Valley Trailhead.
- ◆ **Our Town Clean-Up Day** will be held August 5th from 9:00 am-noon at Mound Park. Get rid of your household hazardous wastes and your appliances for **FREE** (there is a charge for TVs based on size). There will also be a **FREE** scrap metal dumpster. This is a great opportunity to clean things up around your home and yard!
- ◆ The City of Dallas Center is seeking applications for a **school crossing guard** position. School starts August 23rd and applications are due to City Hall by August 1st. Applications may be obtained from our website at www.dallascenter.com or at City Hall, 1502 Walnut Street, Dallas Center.

Fall Festival News~

- Volunteers are needed for the kids games on Saturday, August 26th from 12:00-1:00 pm. If you can help with this event, please contact Kylie at (515) 979-9006.
- Do you know how to find information about the Fall Festival online?
- The City of Dallas Center website dallascenter.com, click on Activities / Annual events / DC Fall Festival.
- The DC Celebrations website dallascentercelebrations.com, 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, click on the link inside the post about the Fall Festival.

Teen Challenge of the Midlands Vehicle Donation Program is a fundraising tool that enables us to reach out to people with life controlling addictions.

- ❖ Any vehicle, running or not is a tax-deductible donation!
- ❖ We will arrange for the removal of your vehicle (free of charge) and issue you a tax-deductible receipt.
- ❖ The minimum tax deduction is **\$500.00**.
- ❖ You may contact us at 888-344-4673 or online at www.tcmid.org and follow the link "End of the Road" Donation.

Do you know who CIRHA is?

- ◇ Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) is a Housing Authority that helps low income families with rental assistance in Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion and Story counties.
- ◇ Families pay 30% of their gross adjusted income for the rent and the Housing Authority pays the difference directly to the landlord on the first of each month.
- ◇ Check out the website at www.cirhahome.org for an application and more information for families and landlords.

Dallas Center in conjunction with Dallas County is updating the comprehensive Dallas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. As part of this effort, we are seeking public input for the plan update. A questionnaire to capture public opinion and comments is available online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/dallas-co-ia. The survey will be available until August 18th. Feedback from the public will be incorporated in the draft plan, which will be available for public review and comment later this fall. For more information on this project, contact Barry Halling, at 515-993-2134 or via email at barry.halling@dallascountyiowa.gov.