

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

August 2018

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

City Officials

Michael Kidd, Mayor

mayor@dallascenter.com

David Bagby

Danny Beyer

Ryan Kluss

Curtis Pion

Council members can be emailed at:

council@dallascenter.com

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.

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

If you are **interested in receiving emails from the City** updating citizens on things that are happening, please send your name and email address to City Hall at cityhall@dallascenter.com. Also like City of Dallas Center on Facebook!

August 2018 Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 | 6 ♣ | 7 ♦ | 8 | 9 * | 10 | 11 |
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| 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 24th and 25th

Utility news~

What's new in utilities? Effective July 16th water rates increased from \$8.82 to \$9.26 per 1000 gallons (see Ordinance 92.02). This increase will appear on your bill dated August 31, 2018 and will be due September 15, 2018. The new **minimum** residential monthly utility bill will be \$73.95. The minimum bill is for 3000 gallons of water and sewer, garbage and storm discharge. So if your monthly consumption is 3000 gallons or less your bill will be \$73.95. If your monthly water consumption is over 3000 gallons your bill will be higher.

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.

Law Enforcement Reminders:

- If you have a police matter that is not an emergency, please call Dallas County Dispatch at 993-4567. They will dispatch a law enforcement officer.
- If you have an emergency, please call 911.
- Complaints should be called in to dispatch
- After-hours city emergencies (water main breaks) should be called in to dispatch
- Always lock vehicles and don't leave valuables in your vehicle
- Put toys, bikes, etc. away at night

Library News ~

- Aug. 16, 7:00 pm-Adult Swing Dance Class – Memorial Hall
- Aug. 23, 7:00 pm-Adult Swing Dance Class part 2 – Memorial Hall
- Aug. 23, after first day of school morning drop off-Muffins with Mom
- Aug. 25-Closed for Fall Festival
- Aug. 29, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- No story time in August, 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. 3 – Princess/Super Hero Night
- Aug. 10 – 50's night
- Aug. 17 – School Spirit Night
- Aug. 25 (Saturday) – Open for Fall Fest

Yard waste reminders: 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

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!

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).
- ◆ **Our Town Clean-Up Day** will be held August 4th 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!
- ◆ **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** will be held August 25th 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.

Fall Festival News~

- 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.

Do you have a vehicle you need to get rid of? We have a few options for you...

- **Teen Challenge of the Midlands Vehicle Donation Program** - 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 them at 888-344-4673 or online at www.tcmid.org and follow the link "End of the Road" Donation.
- **Wheels for Wishes** - a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish Iowa. They offer a free and easy way to recycle or donate unwanted vehicles, by turning them into a wish for a local child. To donate, you can call 1-855-369-9474 or fill out their online vehicle donation form at <http://iowa.wheelsforwishes.org>. They will contact you within 24 hours to schedule your free vehicle pick-up.

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.

Memorial Hall Rental Reminder

If you are looking for a place to hold a baby shower, bridal shower, birthday party, family reunion, etc., look no further than our own Memorial Hall! If you are a resident of Dallas Center (you must live within our City limits) you can rent the space for \$50 (also requires a \$50 refundable deposit). The cost is \$250 (with a \$250 refundable deposit) if you live outside our city limits. To check availability, please call City Hall at 515-992-3725.

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.