



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



February 2015

## City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday

[www.dallascenter.com](http://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](http://www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us)

## Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725

Police Dept non emergency 992-3086

Fire Dept non emergency 992-4292

Library 992-3185

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## Swimming Pool

### Pre-Season Family Pass Sale

We will again be offering special pricing for the month of March. Family passes for \$75 if bought at one of the local libraries (Dallas Center or Grimes) or at Dallas Center City Hall by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## The Friends of the Library annual board meeting

will be Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to elect new officers. If you or someone you know is interested, please join us to help support our local library.

## Interested in serving on a City

Board or Commission? Go to our website at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) and complete an application to serve.

## February 2015 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

\* Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Groundhog Day

February 18<sup>th</sup> – President's Day (*City offices will be open*)

## "Council Corner"

- ♥ Council appointed Daniel Willrich as Mayor to fill the vacancy created by Mitch Hambleton's resignation
- ♥ Council approved Resolution 2015-1 – appreciation for Mitch Hambleton's service on the council and as Mayor

A complete copy of the minutes is on file at City Hall and on the website

## The City of Dallas Center is accepting applications for the following temporary positions:

- ♥ Summer Mowers: Approximately 15-20 hrs/wk. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Applications due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ Summer Lifeguards: f/t, p/t, substitute. Min. certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR (updated w/in past year). Applications due March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Summer Skating Rink Manager: a couple or family to manager the skating rink two nights a week in June-August. Applications due March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Applications may be obtained at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) or from City Hall. If you would like more information, please call 992-3725

- ♥ **Friends of the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library** would like to thank the following businesses, groups and patrons for their generous basket donation: Tammy Hickman-Fay, Fay Sullivan (Hilton Garden Inn), Mary Anne Grieve, Dallas Center Womens Club, Brandts Funeral Home, Roy R. Estle Memorial Library, Daniel and Heather Willrich, Lee Kopper, American Legion Auxiliary, Retha Masengill, Moss Brothers Inc, Raccoon Valley Bank, Charles and Judy Rhinehart, James and Carolyn MacConnell, Pullen Hair & Co, Sugar Grove Sunshine 4H, Spurgeon Manor, Fox Insurance, Trudy's Beauty Salon, Mike and Darci Kidd, Guy McLaughlin, Diane Hawbaker, Judy Dunn, Grove and Platt Dental Assoc, Dallas County Orchard, Mary Werch, Wells Fargo Bank, Dallas Center Celebrations, William Wagner Questers, The Baker's Pantry, Beta Sigma Phi, Shank Family, Four Corners Feed, Greiman Family, Julie Baldner, Reading Between the Wines bookclub, Wilma York, Dallas Center Financial and Insurance, Brenton Arboretum.
- ♥ Thanks to all that purchased a basket this year.
- ♥ Special thanks goes to Guy McLaughlin for donating his wood art pieces. They brought in over \$1400 alone!!
- ♥ The Friends of the Library fundraiser received over \$4200. The Friends group has provided technology, books and financial support for the summer reading programs.

### Library News~

- ♥ Preschool story time is every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.
- ♥ Feb. 11, 1:30 PM-Early out program, Dallas County Conservation
- ♥ Feb. 19, 7:00 PM-Book club Pomegranate Soup by Marsha Mehran
- ♥ Feb. 25, 7:30 PM-Library Board of Trustees meeting

### Code Enforcement New~

- ♥ The City has contracted with Ed Leedom effective January 1, 2015
- ♥ Ed has worked in code enforcement for 17 years and finds that code enforcement is essential to a safe, healthy and growing community.
- ♥ The idea of code enforcement is to deter properties from being unsightly to neighbors, to keeping the community safe from objects that may cause danger to people (i.e. children especially). To help property owners maintain their homes, vehicles and yards in a clean, safe manner, and in accordance with city ordinances.
- ♥ It is surprising how many items outside can become harborage for pests, rodents, mosquitos...How many items may be fire hazards...How many items can be dangerous for children to play around...And how litter, debris, inoperable and illegally parked vehicles can lower property values.
- ♥ Ed hopes to work with the residents and council of Dallas Center to help eliminate these types of public nuisances. To help make Dallas Center a cleaner, healthier and safer place to live.
- ♥ Feel free to contact Ed at [eleedom@dallascenter.com](mailto:eleedom@dallascenter.com) or 515-208-0299.

- ♥ If you haven't done so yet, please get your **animal(s) registered for 2015**. This is an annual registration. Thank you.

### Community News~

- ♥ The City Council will approve **tax abatement applications** at their February meeting. If your new home qualifies, please get your application turned in to City Hall before February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ **Softball Registration-** you can sign up for the 2015 DCG rec softball season online at [www.dcgsoftball.com](http://www.dcgsoftball.com) until February 28<sup>th</sup> or you can attend the walk-in registration on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-12:00 PM at The Meadows.
- ♥ **DC-G Baseball Information and Registration:** we wanted to thank you for supporting the DC-G Little League over the years and inform you of some exciting changes that are occurring for the upcoming season and beyond. These changes are the beginning of a new chapter for our baseball youth in Dallas Center-Grimes. We are changing our affiliation with Little League International and will be re-organizing our league. Our new affiliation will be with United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). This change will allow us to expand our offerings and provide a richer, more personalized baseball experience with a choice of baseball options for kids in the DC-G community. We want to assure you that our mission is to provide a safe, fun and productive environment for kids of all ages and all skill levels to play baseball in our community. This mission continues to drive us as we proactively prepare for the future of DC-G baseball. Again, we stress that baseball will continue to be available for all kids who wish to play. That will not change! The baseball programs will operate in much the same way as our league has in previous years with a few updates to modernize the game and continue to build interest among young players. We feel this is essential so that kids continue to build a love for the game and develop at a rate that is appropriate for each individual. More information will be made available in the coming weeks as we finalize this transition and prepare for open registration which is targeted for January, 2015. At this time, the DC-G Baseball Club board of directors is looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know would like to get involved and help to shape the future of DC-G youth baseball, please send an email to [DCGBaseballclub@gmail.com](mailto:DCGBaseballclub@gmail.com). For more information on DC-G Baseball Club, please visit us online at [www.dcgbaseballclub.com](http://www.dcgbaseballclub.com).
- ♥ Are You Due? **The CDC recommends the Tdap vaccine** for all adults who have never received the vaccine. Tdap is a combination vaccine that protects against three potentially life-threatening bacterial diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Tdap can be given any time of the year and only one shot is needed. Please call Dallas County Public Health Nursing Services at 993-3750 or 465-2483 if you are due for a Tdap vaccine. We can bill most insurances.

### Park News~

- ♥ Pruning workshop on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ Meet at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library at 10:00 AM
- ♥ Learn: proper cuts, what to prune and when to prune
- ♥ Some of the workshop will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly

### Snow Reminders

- ♥ **Snow Parking Ban** - please remember you must park your car off the street when the parking ban is in effect. The ban continues from the beginning of the snowfall to 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased.
- ♥ **Sidewalks** - residents are required to clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow storm. Please pile or blow the snow on your yard, **not in the street**.
- ♥ **Fire Hydrants** - please remove the snow around the hydrant and keep it clear all winter. Those precious minutes the DCFD save not having to dig it out, might save your house!