



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



February 2018

## 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

Dallas County Dispatch 993-4567

Fire Dept-non emergency 992-4292

Library 992-3185

## City Officials

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## The Dallas Center City Council

meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
at 7:00 pm at the Legion Hall.

There are currently openings on the  
**Parks and Recreation Board and  
Planning and Zoning.** The  
Application to Serve is available at City  
Hall and also on the city website at:  
[http://dallascenter.com/forms/application\\_to\\_serve.pdf](http://dallascenter.com/forms/application_to_serve.pdf)

If you haven't done so yet, please get  
your animal(s) registered for 2018.  
This is an annual registration. Thank  
you

**Automatic bill pay** is available for  
your City bill, please call 992-3725 or  
email [cityhall@dallascenter.com](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com).

## February 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 19 <sup>th</sup> – President's Day (City offices will be open)						

## Water Hardness Update:

- Per the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, we are required to perform multiple tests daily and weekly on our water. There has been an increase in the water hardness over the past few years but we would like to assure you that our water quality not only meets but exceeds all regulations. Every customer is mailed a water quality report each year in June with your city bill/newsletter (we will also have these posted to our website in the near future under government, dallas center, water quality reports). Also, our monthly water reports are included in the council agenda packets each month and posted on our website under agendas/minutes, city council.
- As our water softener has aged, it is not softening with the previous efficiency it has in the past (80-90 mg/L). We are making adjustments to our water treatment plant to lower the water hardness but the current hardness of approximately 114 mg/L is absolutely safe.
- Another factor that may be affecting some residents is the fact that phosphates have been removed from dishwashing and laundry detergents, which in turn causes some of the white film that you may be noticing.
- We will keep monitoring the process to determine if additional adjustments are necessary. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## City Audits:

- The State Auditor's Office conducted a full audit of the City's records and this audit should be released in the next few weeks.
- The City of Dallas Center prides ourselves on the controls we have in place to handle and protect the public's funds. We choose to hire the Iowa State Auditor's office for a thorough examination and audit. We also elected to continue to have a full audit every four years (in addition to the required annual examination) which exceeds the state audit and examination requirements.
- Due to the fact that we are a small office, we have implemented internal controls to safeguard public funds. Some of those safeguards include invoice review by two different council members each month, dual check signature, bank statement reconciliation review by a council member, general ledger posting review by another council member, mayor's sign off of timesheets and payroll, to name a few.
- All city audits can be found on the State Auditor's website:  
<https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>

**Library News~**

- ♥ Story time-every Wednesday at 10:00 am
- ♥ Feb. 7, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
- ♥ Feb. 13, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite
- ♥ Feb. 15, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits Book Club
- ♥ Feb. 15, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
- ♥ Feb. 20, 3:30 pm-Time Lords Book Club
- ♥ Feb. 28, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
- ♥ Feb. 28, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting

On behalf of the **Friends of the Library basket auction**, we thank these businesses and patrons for donating a basket:

- ♥ Brandts Funeral Home, Girl Scout Troop 42, Wells Fargo, Melvin Beavers, Racoon Valley Bank, Luellen Enterprises Inc., Tammy Fay, Mia Gibson, Meg Dickinson, Noah & Landen Hansen, Digital Stew Services, Inc., Dallas County Orchard, Anne Winter, Susan Mack-Overla, Mike & Darci Kidd, MacConnell Families, Lincoln Harris, Beta Sigma Phi, Julie Baldner, Trudy's Beauty Salon, Yellow Swan Bed & Breakfast, Heather Willrich, William Wagner Questers, Retha Masengill, Waste Management, Reading Between the Wines, Mike & Cheryl Buckalew, The Baker's Pantry, Pam Perkins, The Brenton Arboretum, DeAnna Sturtevant, Bret VanDePol-Big Athletics, Cross Construction, Alison VanDePol-Shaklee Corp., Tina Greiman, Estle Memorial Library, Scott & Kar Gustafson, Mary Werch; Brown, Fagen & Rouse Law; Jackie & Scott Deaver
- ♥ We would also like to thank those that support our library by buying a basket, monetary and book donations, Friend memberships and those that visit our library! We can't do this without 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 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ **Troop 116 will be having a can drive** on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00 pm. If you will not be home and would like to donate, please leave the cans/bottles at the curb and we will pick them up. Or, you may call Lisa Howell at (515) 314-9129 if you are missed. Thank you for supporting Scouting
- ♥ **Brenton Arboretum: Nature Club**-Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 am – great for ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome! The theme this month is Shadows. Free to members, non-members \$5 per child. **Field-tested Tips for Better Wildlife Photograph**-Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am – join Marlen Kemmet for this class featuring dozens of proven tips and techniques aimed at making you a better wildlife photographer. Registration deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup> (515-992-4221, [education@thebrentonarboretum.org](mailto:education@thebrentonarboretum.org)) . \$5 members, \$15 non-members.

**Code Enforcement News~**

- ♥ The final counts for 2017 are in. There were 136 cases opened, 126 cases complied, 10 cases remain open, and 117 notices were sent out. Many "door hangers" handed out, several followed up by notices. We had 9 property maintenance cases opened with 6 property maintenance cases complying, leaving 3 still open property maintenance. Property maintenance cases consisted of repainting house/garage, new roof house/garage, re-siding-new windows house/garage.
- ♥ The property owners in Dallas Center take pride in their community and want to make it a safe environment with a high quality of living.
- ♥ If you have any questions, contact me. Thank you!

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**Pool News~**

- **Swimming Pool Pre-Season Family Pass Sale (\$85).** Special pricing on family passes during the month of March only. Please look for more information in the March newsletter.
- **Regular Price Family Pass** will be \$100 after March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Applications for assistant pool manager and summer lifeguards** are being taken until March 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at City Hall or the website.
- If you are interested in contracting with the City to run the **Swimming Pool Concession Stand**, please contact City Hall at 992-3725.

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

- ♥ **Summer Public Works Assistants:** 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 Assistant Pool Manager:** Min.certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR (updated w/in past year). Applications due March 31<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 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Summer Skating Rink Manager(s):** manage the skating rink two nights a week in June-August. Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ Applications may be obtained at City Hall or <http://dallascenter.com/forms/applicationforemployment.pdf>