



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



February 2019

## 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

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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. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

We currently have an opening on the **Parks and Recreation Board**. The Application to Serve is available at City Hall and also on the city website at: <http://dallascenter.com/forms/application-to-serve.pdf>

If you haven't done so yet, please get your animal(s) registered for 2019. 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 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 ♦	6	7 *	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 *	15	16
17	18	19 ♦	21	21 *	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 *		
* Garbage Pick-Up						
♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up						
February 18 <sup>th</sup> – President's Day ( <i>City offices will be open</i> )						

## Water Hardness Information:

- State regulations require us to perform multiple tests daily and weekly on our water. 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. 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 have made adjustments to our water treatment plant to lower the water hardness but the current hardness of approximately 100 mg/L is absolutely safe.
- Another factor to consider 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 continue to monitor the process to determine if additional adjustments are necessary. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Public Works Information:

- During the Fall season public works could be found in the street sweeper clearing leaves and debris from the streets, flushing fire hydrants in different sections of the City and preparing the pool for winter. They made repairs to the storm water along Percival north of Linden and went through a DNR inspection at the water treatment plant. This inspection happens every 3 years and includes lead and copper samples from DNR preapproved locations. Thank you to all that participated in this process!
- Winter started off quietly but has recently picked up speed. Public Works has (at the time of this update) had 5 snow/rain events and 3 water main breaks. Of course, these things always happen at the end of a work day or after hours so their days and work weeks can be very long at times. During business hours and after the morning tasks are completed at the sewer and water plants, they have managed to get many other tasks done as well. To date they have upgraded the radio communications at the wells, updated 35 signs for 911 purposes in the city's agricultural areas, oversaw a storm water project at 10<sup>th</sup> & Walnut which should alleviate issues along 11<sup>th</sup> St., cleaned well #9 which was next on the well cleaning rotation schedule and are currently in the process of upgrading the restrooms at the Burnett Complex. Not bad for a department of three!
- Last but definitely not least, filling pot holes is a year-round job and public works would like to ask for your help in reporting them. You can email [cityhall@dallascenter.com](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com) to report a pothole.

**Library News~**

- ♥ Story time-Wednesdays at 10:00 am
- ♥ Winter Reading Program- BINGO  
Grand prize=\$100 Barnes & Noble gift card
- ♥ Feb. 6, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program with Dallas County Conservation
- ♥ Feb. 12, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite
- ♥ Feb. 21-Teddy Bear Sleepover
- ♥ Feb. 27, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program with Therapy Pets
- ♥ Feb. 27, 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:

- ♥ Pat Stammerman, Mary Grieve, David & Judy Dunn, Linda Stevens, Brandt Funeral Home, Judy Dunn, Mia Gibson, The Brenton Arboretum, Hersh Family, Beta Sigma Phi, Mary Werch, Trudy's Beauty Salon, Grove & Platt Dental Assoc, Mike & Cheryl Buckalew, William J. Wagner Questers, Dallas Center Seasonal Fun Committee, Brown, Fagen & Rouse Law Firm, DeAnna Sturtevant, Constance Fisher, Cross Construction, Reading Between the Wine Book Club, Studio S, Raccoon Valley Bank, Melvin Beavers, Joanna Hersch, Myers Craft Barn & Baker's Pantry, Chloe Bennett Bircher, Digital Stew Service, Inc., Holcomb Family, Michael & Darci Kidd, Mike & Anne Wemhoff, Anne & Ajay Winter, Julie Baldner, Kevin, Lori & Dani Deaton, Jackie Deaver, Girl Scout Troop 42, Alison Van de Pol, Bret Van de Pol, Curtain Call Kids, GIT Insurance
- ♥ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am-12:00 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.

**Pool News~**

- **Swimming Pool Pre-Season Family Pass Sale (\$85).** Special pricing on family passes from March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please look for more information in the March newsletter.
- **Regular Price Family Pass** will be \$100 after April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- If you are interested in contracting with the City to run the **Swimming Pool Concession Stand**, please contact City Hall at 992-3725.

**Code Enforcement News~**

- ♥ The final counts for 2018 are in. There were 160 cases opened plus 11 carry over. 161 cases complied, 10 cases remain open, and 140 notices were sent out. Many "door hangers" were handed out, several followed up by notices.
- ♥ 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 or concerns, please contact me. Thank you!  
Ed Leedom, City Code Enforcement, 515-238-4485, [eleedom@dallascenter.com](mailto:eleedom@dallascenter.com)

**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>

**City Audits:**

- The State Auditor's Office conducted an annual examination of the City's records and this information 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>