

Happy New Year City of Dallas Center Newsletter



January 2017

City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday

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

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up

- Undecorated trees will be picked up on Jan. 2nd and 9th.
- Everything must be removed including plastic bags.
- Wreaths and garland should be put out with the regular garbage.

The Dallas Center Public Library

Foundation will hold their annual meeting on January 26th at 7:00 pm at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library

Interested in serving on a City Board or Commission?

Go to our website at www.dallascenter.com and complete an application to serve.

January 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				

January 2nd – Happy New Year (City Offices Closed)

* Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

* Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Mayor's Message ~

Hello all! 2016 has been a busy year in Dallas Center. I would like to share a list of a few things going on around town:

- Trees – out with the Ash trees and in with new trees
 - The 13th street sidewalk extension was completed
 - Grants were submitted and monies awarded for a restroom at the trail head
 - A good year at the pool as Friends of the Pool continue their fundraising effort.
 - Burnett Complex - field drainage tiling was installed and concrete was poured for four bleacher pads
 - The Economic Development Committee was revived by two of your City Councilmembers
 - The Library of Tomorrow Committee continues to evaluate two sites for a new library
 - The City Council held planning and goal setting meetings
 - The Council and Mayor all attended the League of Cities training for elected officials
 - The City Council approved the Southwest Storm Water Project, and work has now begun
 - We have great city staff and many volunteers that make our town a great place to live
- I thank you for all your support and look forward to another busy and fruitful year in 2017!

Mayor Mike

Library of Tomorrow Committee

- ❖ The Library of Tomorrow Committee will NOT meet on January 17th as originally planned. Our OPN architectural team has had to reschedule due to several scheduling conflicts on their end.
- ❖ We will hold our meeting at the regular third Tuesday time in February (February 21st) from 6:00-8:00 pm at Memorial Hall.
- ❖ As always, the public is encouraged to attend and we appreciate all feedback we have received and will continue to receive.

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.

City offices are closed on January 2nd for the New Year's Holiday.

Library News-

Story time is every Wednesday and at 10:00 am

- ✿ Jan. 2, Library closed
- ✿ Jan. 4, 7:00 pm-December Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- ✿ Jan. 10, 3:30 pm-Book & a Bite Club
- ✿ Jan. 11, 1:30 PM-Early out program
- ✿ Jan. 12, 7:00 pm-Adult coloring
- ✿ Jan. 17, 3:30 pm-Time Lords Book Club
- ✿ Jan. 19, 7:00 pm-Book Club—Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey by Fiona Camarvon
- ✿ Jan. 24, 3:30 pm-Lego Club 3rd-5th grades
- ✿ Jan. 25, 1:30 pm-Early out program
- ✿ Jan. 25, 7:00 pm-January Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- ✿ Jan. 31, 3:30 pm-Lego Club 6th-7th grades

Pet Licenses Are Required Annually

- Purpose—for identification if pet is lost, to prevent pets from being destroyed as stray.
- Registration—every dog or cat shall be registered with the City Clerk prior to February 1st of each year.
- Application Requirements—provide proof of current vaccination against rabies, state breed, sex, age, color, name of dog or cat, address, telephone and signature of owner.
- Registration Fees—\$5.00. If the animal is not spayed/neutered, the fee for each is \$20.00. \$5.00 late fee on each dog/cat not registered by February 1st.
- Impoundment—animals found at large are subject to a municipal infraction of \$100 -1st offense, \$200 - 2nd offense, \$400- 3rd offense. Registered animals found at large on more than three (3) occasions shall be seized and impounded. If an animal does not have the tag on, it is considered unregistered. Impounding costs are \$200.00.
- Registration applications are now being accepted for 2017.
- **Tags will not be mailed unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.**

Community News~

- **SAILDC (Sustaining Active Independent Living in Dallas Center)** is a non-profit organization supported by nearly every religious and social organization in Dallas Center. Our primary goal is to provide free transportation to area citizens who need help getting to medical specialists, shopping facilities, social events and so on. Our mission is to help people stay healthy, in their homes, and in touch with their friends as long as possible. We also help people order food and other supplies through Hy-Vee and hope to expand our services to things like snow removal in the future whenever the budget can cover the additional liability insurance. If you would like to use our services, please call (515) 344-2074 and let us know of your interest. If we don't answer, leave your phone number and name. We'll get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like to become one of our volunteer drivers, please call or write to SAILDC, Box 123, Dallas Center 50063-0123. If you would like to support us with a tax deductible donation, please send it to the address above. We are an entirely volunteer organization – but we do need money for our insurance, phones, signs, first aid kits, and printer costs.
- **Brenton Arboretum** - 2017 is the 20th Anniversary year at The Brenton Arboretum, and we'll be celebrating with many new programs all year long! In January, we'll kick off our Quiet Contemplation series on the 15th. Enjoy open social coloring or crafting time from 1:00-3:00 pm on the third Sunday of the winter months - January, February, and March. Nature-themed coloring pages, colored pencils, and the inspirational views of the Vista Room will be provided, but you may bring any project you are working on! Two more new programs in January include a family-friendly snow globe crafting workshop and an informational presentation on the past, present, and future of the Brenton Arboretum. See our website, www.thebrentonarboretum.org, for more details and many more class offerings!
- 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 6th.

Dallas Center Food Pantry:

- ◆ A note of thanks for all the food, gift and monetary donations throughout the past Holiday Season. 25 families were assisted with your help!
- ◆ It's been my privilege to be the chairman of the DC Food Pantry for the past 20 years and now I am pleased to announce that Melissa Stimple will be taking over that role at the beginning of January 2017. Please call her at 515-987-5523 for all your Pantry needs or questions.

Jackie Deaver

Winter Reminders ~

- ❖ **Snow Parking Ban** - It is unlawful to park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or city-owned off street parking area during any snow removal period. The ban shall continue from the beginning of the snowfall to 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased. To help our operators perform their plowing duties in a safe and efficient manner, we ask that residents park elsewhere when the snow begins to accumulate.
- ❖ **Sidewalks** - Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. Residents are required by ordinance to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a storm. Please pile the snow on your yard, not in the street. If your sidewalk is icy, you may correct the hazard by applying a heavy coat of sand or de-icer. A helpful hint for residents – clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have cleared to the curb.
- ❖ **Fire Hydrants** - The Fire Department requests property owners who have a hydrant on their parking area to clear the snow away for easier access in case of fire.