

# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



July 2018

## City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30 – 4:00 M-F

[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.tx.us](http://www.dallascenter.lib.tx.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

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## July 2018 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				

July 4<sup>th</sup> - City Offices Closed

♣ Yard Waste Pick-up

\* Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

## City closes fiscal year with surplus

Our fiscal year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> and we ended with a surplus. Your elected officials take their responsibility of managing the city's finances seriously. The city's major expense during the last two fiscal years was the SW Stormwater Improvement Project, at a total cost of \$2,918,945. The financing for the project (sale of bonds) was received in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017 (FY17), but much of the cost was paid in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 (FY18). In the two fiscal years from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, the City's total Revenue (including the bond proceeds, but excluding the donation from the Burnett Charitable Trust) was \$8,509,603. The total expenses for that two year period were \$7,898,611. We have set aside \$73,850 to finish up some of the storm water project. This leaves an actual surplus of \$537,142 over the two year period.

The \$537,142 surplus is composed of:

### FY17

\$2,518,968 Revenue w/o SW Storm  
\$2,105,187 Expenses w/o SW Storm  
\$ 413,781 (more revenue than expenses)

### FY18 (preliminary)

\$2,997,840 Revenue w/o Burnett gift  
\$2,874,479 Expenses without SW Storm  
\$ 123,361 (more revenue than expenses)

**Mowing Season!** Please be a courteous citizen and neighbor and keep your lawn mowed. When mowing, please **do not blow your grass in the streets** as the clippings can clog storm drainage grates and could lead to flooding and damage. Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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.
- Always lock vehicles and don't leave valuables in your vehicle
- Fireworks complaints should be called in to dispatch
- Put toys, bikes, etc. away at night

## Storm Water Project Update~

Did you know that there are 4 rain gardens built into the SW Storm Water Project? A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a small depression. It is designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns. Rain gardens are effective in removing up to 90% of nutrients and chemicals, and up to 80% of sediments from the rainwater runoff. Compared to a conventional lawn, rain gardens allow for 30% more water to soak into the ground.

A rain garden is not a water garden, nor is it a pond or a wetland. Conversely, a rain garden is dry most of the time. It typically holds water only during and following a rainfall event. Because rain gardens will drain within 12-48 hours, they prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. The rain gardens have just been seeded, and over time will grow up to filter the rain water runoff. They are located along Hatton in the 700 and 800 blocks. Next time you are out for a stroll keep an eye out for these new additions to our SW Storm Water Project!

**City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Library News~**

Story Time-Wednesdays at 10:00 am

- July 4-Closed
- July 10, 10:00 am to noon-Read with Therapy Pets
- July 12, 10:00 am-Science Center program @ middle school
- July 12, 7:00 pm-Canvas Painting with Art Happy
- July 19, 10:00 am-Blank Park Zoo @ middle school
- July 19, 7:00 pm-Adult Pinterest Party
- July 25, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- July 26, 10:00 am-Keith West @ middle school
- July 26, 8:00 pm-End of Summer Reading Pool Party

**Pool News~**

- The pool is open daily 12:30- 8:00 pm (weather permitting)
- July 4-closed for the holiday
- July 6-Under the Sea Pool Party
- July 22-Shark Week Pool Party
- July 25-Christmas in July Pool Party

**Skate Rink News~**

- ◇ The Skate Rink is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- ◇ Free skating and skate rental!
- ◇ July 6-Red, White & Blue Parade Night (decorate your wheels or yourself)
- ◇ July 13-Backwards Night (dress backwards~skate backwards)
- ◇ July 20-Water!! (be prepared to get wet!)
- ◇ July 27-Safari Night (wear your animal prints)

**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).

**Community News~**

- ◆ **Dallas Center Farmer's Market** is held at the Raccoon River Valley Trailhead on Fridays from 4:00-7:00 pm through September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **Supper and Ice Cream Social** will be held at the Church of the Brethren on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm. Beef burgers, homemade ice cream and dessert. Free will offering.
- ◆ **If you get a new dog or cat**, please license it at City Hall. A current rabies vaccination is also required. The purpose of the licensing is so we can return your pet to you if it gets lost. Unlicensed animals are brought to the Animal Rescue League in Des Moines and there is a \$200 fee before you can go claim your animal.

**Fall Festival News~**

**Do you know how to find information about the 2018 Fall Festival online?**

- ❖ The **City of Dallas Center** website [dallascenter.com](http://dallascenter.com) then click on **Activities / Annual events / DC Fall Festival**.
- ❖ The **DC Celebrations** website [dallascentercelebrations.com](http://dallascentercelebrations.com) then click on **Fall Festival**.
- ❖ The **DC Celebrations Facebook** page [facebook.com/dccelebrations](https://facebook.com/dccelebrations) then click on the link inside the post about the Fall Festival.

Once you get to the Fall Festival website there are tabs for **Activity Highlights, Activities Schedule and Vendors**. Additional tabs will show during and after the Fall Festival. **DON'T FORGET** to post your photos and comments via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram **#dcffest18**.

**SAILDC News~**

Many of the trips that SAILDC makes are in the fall, when people see their doctors before winter sets in. Flu shots, eye exams, physicals, dental work and general "tune-ups" prepare us for the coming winter. If you want to ride with a safe and well-insured driver (at no charge to you), please call 515-344-2074. Give us your name and phone number. We'll get back to you with our application and prepare to begin taking you when and where needed. We take riders to Des Moines, Grimes, Adel and Perry as requested. This is just one of the many services our town's volunteers use to support our friends and neighbors.

SAILDC also needs more volunteer drivers – especially drivers with sedans and smaller SUVs. Many of our elderly riders have trouble climbing into higher SUVs and trucks. If you could give a community member a ride occasionally, please call 515-344-2074 for more information. SAILDC provides additional liability coverage for all of its drivers. One advantage of becoming a driver is that if you need a ride yourself someday (broken limbs, eye exams, and even cars being repaired), you are already "in the system" and just a call away from getting help.

**To report a Street light outage:**

[http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight\\_outage.aspx](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, but we don't receive it until after the 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com).