

# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



March 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

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Fire Dept non-emergency 992-4292

Library 992-3185

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**Open Burning** is allowed March 15<sup>th</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (*the fire must be out by 8:00 PM!*). Please burn only when the wind is calm and do not burn wet debris that causes excess smoke. You may burn only yard waste, no household trash. **Absolutely NO burning on the city streets** and never leave a fire unattended.

## Time to trim those trees!

Overhanging trees must be at least 15' above the street and 8' above the sidewalk, thank you.

**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. We currently have a position open on Planning and Zoning.

## March 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
29	30	31				

\* Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day

March 20<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Spring!!

**Got a Spring Building Project?** Don't forget to obtain your **building permit** before you start! Permits are required for additions, sheds, decks, sidewalks, drive-ways, fences, remodeling – *just about anything that requires tools and sweat!* Be sure to allow approximately five days for processing the permit. If you have any questions as to whether or not you need a building permit, call City Hall at 992-3725.

- Don't forget Iowa One Call at 811 or (1-800-292-8989) before you dig!

**Do you have a vehicle you need to get rid of? We have a few options for you...**



**Teen Challenge of the Midlands Vehicle Donation Program** is a fundraising tool that enables us to reach out to people with life controlling addictions. Any vehicle, running or not is a tax-deductible donation! They will arrange for the removal of your vehicle (free of charge) and issue you a tax-deductible receipt. The minimum tax deduction is **\$500.00**. You may contact them at 888-344-4673 or online at [www.tcmid.org](http://www.tcmid.org) and follow the link "End of the Road" Donation.



**Wheels for Wishes** - a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish Iowa. They offer a free and easy way to recycle or donate unwanted cars, trucks, motorcycles, SUVs, RVs, or even boats, by turning them into a wish for a local child. They pick-up or tow away cars free of charge, anywhere in Iowa, whether they run or not. Vehicles are either recycled or auctioned off and 100% of the net proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Iowa. They are a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, so you receive the maximum possible tax deduction for your charity vehicle donation. To donate, you can give us a call at 1-855-369-9474 or fill out our easy online vehicle donation form at <http://iowa.wheelsforwishes.org>. Next, we will contact you within 24 hours to schedule your vehicle pick-up, which is completely free of charge. Lastly, we will mail out your tax deductible receipt, which you can save and deduct from your taxes at the end of the year.



**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, please call 992-3725 or email [cityhall@dallascenter.com](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com).

### Library News~

- 🍀 Preschool story time is every Wednesday at 10:00 AM
- 🍀 March 4, 1:30 PM-early out program
- 🍀 March 19, 7:00 PM – Book Club, Step Ball Change by Jeanne Ray
- 🍀 March 25, 7:30 PM – Board of Trustees meeting

### Park News~

- 🍀 **Tree Pruning Class** on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30AM.
- 🍀 Learn proper pruning tools, techniques and tips from Brenton Arboretum's director of horticulture, Andy Schmitz. Andy will explain the 'why, what and where' of proper pruning and tips on the best practices to yield the desired result.
- 🍀 Hands-on learning is supported as you learn these practices on trees along the bike trail.
- 🍀 Meet at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library.
- 🍀 No cost for this class.

**City-Wide Garage Sale ~** It's spring cleaning time and that means **city-wide garage sale!** The date this year is May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will put together a map of the garage sale addresses at no charge. If you want your address on the map, please fill out the form below and return it to City Hall by April 10<sup>th</sup>. **Big Garbage Day** will be held on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. No regular garbage will be collected on Saturday.



**Swimming Pool Pre-Season Family Pass Sale.** 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 City Hall by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Family passes are for immediate family living at the same address.



Applications for a **Temporary Summer Pool Manager Position** are being taken until the position is filled. Required minimum qualifications: Responsible adult with excellent leadership and communication skills, American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR for the professional rescuer certification (must be updated within the past year). Job description: Responsible for managing aquatic facility operations including, but not limited to, supervising the assistant managers and lifeguard team, maintaining the facility, and planning and conducting in-service training.



**Applications for summer lifeguards** are being taken until March 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at City Hall and on 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 for details.

### **Council Corner**

Notes from February 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

- 🍀 Council set March 10<sup>th</sup> as the public hearing date on the 2015/2016 budget.
- 🍀 Council appointed Neal Kunzman to fill the vacancy in the office of council member
- 🍀 Council approved Ordinance 491-increasing the fees for the commercial solid waste removal rate to a minimum of \$20.30/month
- 🍀 Council established a policy prohibiting separate inserts with the newsletter for commercial businesses but allowing inserts for community events and functions. It is permissible to announce or provide information on new businesses in the newsletter

Complete copies of these minutes are on file at City Hall and on the website.

### Public Works News~

- The Public Works Department will be working on grading and leveling out areas in the parking (city right-of-way) around town. This may include removing gravel, dirt and sod or grass from these areas to allow the water to drain off the streets.
- Per our City Engineer, Bob Veenstra, the worst thing for our streets is to have water pooled on them. The water needs to be off the streets as quickly as possible to prevent damage.

### City-Wide Garage Sale Application May 09, 2015

Name:  
Address:  
Brief List of Sale Items:

Please return to City Hall by April 10<sup>th</sup>