

City of Dallas Center Newsletter



March 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, Friday 9:00-5:00

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-7:00

Saturday 9:00-12:00

www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us

Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725

Police Dept non-emergency 992-3086

Dallas County Dispatch 993-4567

Fire Dept non-emergency 992-4292

Library 992-3185

City Officials

Michael Kidd, Mayor 992-3648

mayor@dallascenter.com

David Bagby

Danny Beyer

Ryan Kluss

Ryan Pearson

Curtis Pion

Council members can be emailed at:

council@dallascenter.com

Open Burning is March 15th-May 10th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (fire must be out by 8:00 pm!). Please burn only when the wind is calm and don't burn wet debris. Burn only yard waste, no household trash. **Absolutely NO burning on the City streets or sidewalks** and never leave a fire unattended.

Interested in serving on a City Board or Commission? Go to our website at www.dallascenter.com and complete an Application to Serve. We currently have openings on Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment.

Time to trim those trees!

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

March 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 12th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 20th - First Day of Spring!!

Mayor's Message ~

At the February 14th City Council meeting, the City Council approved contracting with the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for Dallas Center's Law Enforcement. The Safety Committee's next steps will be to negotiate the terms of the contract. Dallas Center would like to have two full time deputies dedicated to our community. We would like one Deputy assigned to the day shift and one in the evenings and weekends. This would be very similar coverage as we have today. The Safety Committee would like to have a final contract for the March 14th City Council meeting. Chief Leonard will retire in early April and we wish her well in retirement.

Library of Tomorrow Committee~

The Library of Tomorrow committee met at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21st at Memorial Hall. The OPN architects presented their final design drafts to the committee and others present in the audience. A time of public comment was held, after which the committee held their session with the architects. Committee members suggested a few minor changes to the designs, which the architects will work with before the committee's next meeting. Both site designs are exciting and would be assets to our community. The Library of Tomorrow committee will meet at Memorial Hall again on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm to discuss and finalize their recommendation to the library board on the site designs. Public comments and questions are welcome and may be submitted either by email to or in writing at the library.









Wanted: Garden Land

Can you offer 1/10th of an acre (1/2 a city lot) or more of sunny, well drained, good quality soil for use as a community garden? The land should be in or very near Dallas Center and offer access to water. SAILDC volunteers will help build and maintain a deer, rabbit, and raccoon proof fence around the lot, will coordinate its usage, and will help assure that vegetable plants (not weeds) are the vast majority of the plants growing in the garden. We would like to sign a multi-year contract in order to justify the time and cost of erecting a quality fence. If interested in offering land for this usage, please contact Bob King at (515) 478-5599 as soon as possible.





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!



Library News~

-  Story time is 10:00 am every Wednesday (no story time on March 15th due to Spring Break)
-  Mar. 1, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
-  Mar. 8, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
-  Mar. 16, 7:00 pm-Adult Book Club - Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend by Matthew Dicks
-  Mar. 23, 7:00 pm-The Stiletto Girls Writing/Publishing program
-  Mar. 28, 3:30 pm-Legos Club grades 3-5 & 6-7
-  Mar. 29, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
-  Mar. 29, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting





Pool News~

-  **Swimming Pool Pre-Season Family Pass Sale (\$85).** Special pricing on family passes during the month of March only. Passes can be purchased at DC or Grimes libraries or at DC City Hall.
-  **Regular Price Family Pass** will be \$100 after March 31st.
-  **Applications for assistant pool manager and summer lifeguards** are being taken until March 28th. 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.






City-Wide Garage Sale ~ May 13th

-  We will put together a map of the 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 14th.


Community News~

-  **Tornado siren testing** will resume on the first Saturday morning of each month beginning in March.
-  **Brenton Arboretum**-Plan your Spring Break at The Brenton Arboretum. March 13th from 2:00-4:30 pm **PoeTree (poetry) Slam** for teens on. Join guest speaker **Patrice Petersen**-**Keys of Polk County Conservation** on March 14th as she teaches about owls and lead folks on a hike to hear some owls from 6:30-8:00 pm. **Family Camp program** March 15-17 - one-day camps designed to be experienced as a family, each day features a unique theme and activities. Camp goes from 9:30 am-3:00 pm each day (lunch provided). Register for one or all three days! To register call 515-992-4211 ext. 5. or go to www.thebrentonarboretum.org.
-  **Dallas Center Food Pantry**-Starting March 28th the food pantry will be open every Tuesday 4:00-6:00 pm (no holidays). They provide non-perishable groceries and hygiene items to individuals and families in need. They are located in the United Methodist Church at 1504 Walnut (enter the doors west of the main entrance, no appointment needed). **Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry** at the Presbyterian Church on March 2, May 4, and July 6 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Free groceries for anyone in need. If you need help outside these hours, or you are interested in volunteering, please don't hesitate to call 515-987-5523 ext. 3, email dcfoodpantry@outlook.com, or go to www.facebook.com/dcfoodpantry.
-  **Big Garbage Day** will be held on **Saturday, May 20th**. No regular garbage will be collected on this day

Tree Board News~

-  **FREE TREES.** The City of Dallas Center is partnering with the Brenton Arboretum and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to provide tree seedlings to Dallas Center residents at no cost.
-  The trees will be available for pickup at the Brenton Arboretum on Saturday, April 29th between 9:00 am-noon on a first come first serve basis.
-  The arboretum will also offer a brief planting demonstration at the top of each hour and answer any questions you may have about how to care for your new trees.
-  The varieties available are: Northern Pecan, Shagbark Hickory, Swamp White Oak and White Oak, all suitable for residential plantings given adequate space. These seedlings are 1 to 2 feet high, so they are easy to plant.
-  In time they will grow into large storm resistant shade trees that will add beauty to your yard and our town for many years to come.

Wanted: Riders for our Volunteers to Transport

-  SAILDC (Sustaining Active Independent Living in Dallas Center) has more people signed up as volunteer drivers than we have signed up as riders! If you, or a friend, could use a FREE ride to church, shop, or medical appointments please call (515) 344-2074. Give us your name and phone number and we'll sign you up for rides. Our drivers are all good citizens with excellent driving records, carry good car insurance and SAILDC provides extra insurance for both the drivers and the riders. SAILDC's goal is to help everyone live independently in their own homes and apartments as long as possible.

City-Wide Garage Sale Application
May 13, 2017

Name:
Address:
Brief List of Sale Items:

Please return to City Hall by April 14th