

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

November 2017



City Hall
1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396
7:30-4:00 M-F
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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Open Burning is allowed from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm (the fire must be out by 8:00 pm!) until November 30th. Please burn only when the wind is calm and do not burn wet debris that causes excess smoke. There is no burning on the city streets or sidewalks and never leave a fire unattended. Thank you.

Last call for Yard waste!

The last day for yard waste pick-up will be Monday, November 28th. Yard waste pick up will resume the first Monday in April 2018.

If you are interested in receiving emails from the City updating citizens on things that are happening, please send your name and email address to City Hall at cityhall@dallascenter.com. Also like City of Dallas Center on Facebook!

November 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 *		

* Garbage Pick-Up

♣ Yardwaste Pick-Up

◇ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 5th

Election Day – November 7th

Veteran's Day – November 11th

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 23rd and 24th (City Offices Closed)

Mayor's Message~

The One-Cent Local Option Sales Tax and What it Means

- Dallas Center residents, along with the rest of Dallas County, will have the opportunity to vote on November 7 as part of the Regular City Election on a countywide referendum for a one-cent local option sales tax. The tax would be collected (in the cities that approved it) on a countywide basis and distributed to communities (only the cities that approved it) through a formula based on population and prior taxable valuations. Dallas Center would receive a projected \$287,000 annually from the local option sales tax.
- Here's what will appear on the ballot: "SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED? Summary: To authorize imposition of a local sales and services tax in the City of Dallas Center at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on July 1, 2018. Revenues from the sales and service tax shall be allocated as follows: 25% of such revenue to be allocated for property tax relief. The specific purpose for which the revenues shall otherwise be expended is 75% for additional local property tax relief and utility services relief through city expenditures for the construction of capital improvements, and the construction and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, water and sewer and storm water facilities, infrastructure, and parks and other recreational facilities in the City of Dallas Center to be effective on July 1, 2018.

City Tax Levy Information

- Some citizens have contacted City Hall asking about increases shown on property tax statements, the 20% references the **total revenues** (tax dollars) collected by the City through property taxes. **That does not mean that the individual taxes of residents increased by that amount**, because there are other components of the total tax dollars collected – such as increased property valuations made by the County, changes in the state-mandated “roll-back”, and the addition of new properties to the tax rolls that were not taxed last year, all of which are out of the Council's control. Additional information about the City budget is shown on the enclosed insert. **In short, new houses and businesses = more tax dollars to the city.**
- The City Council voted to approve a budget that set the city tax levy at \$13.67722 per \$1000 of taxable valuation (previous city tax rate was \$12.53504/\$1,000). This happened to be an increase of \$1.14218 per \$1,000. **This increase was specifically collected to pay this year's debt service on the SW Stormwater Project, Phase 1, in the amount of \$196,040, an important and necessary project the City has been planning the past five years.**

Library News-

Story Time-Wednesdays at 10:00 am

- Nov. 1, Story time with Critter Cindy
- Nov. 2, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits Book Club
- Nov. 8, 1:30 pm-Early Out Program
- Nov. 14, 3:30 pm-Book N A Bite Club
- Nov. 16, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
- Nov. 20-Accepting Baskets for FOL Basket Auction
- Nov. 21, 3:30 pm-Time Lords Book Club
- Nov. 22-No Story Time
- Nov. 23-24-Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 29, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Trailhead Restroom Grand Opening

was held on Oct. 17th. The restrooms were designed to be attractive, open in all seasons, provide weather protection for walkers and bikers, resist vandalism, and to be very water efficient. We believe they will offer a "Dallas Center Welcome" to the thousands of friends who bike through town and attend our festivals, farmer's markets, and other events. Based on the water usage so far, at least 2,000 people have used the restrooms since they opened in late August. At least 1/3 of those visits came during Fall Festival. During the Grand Opening, the following organizations and charities were thanked for their generous contributions: Iowa REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection), the Burnett Charitable Trust through the DC Parks and Recreation Board, Grow Greene County and the Dallas County Foundations, The Wellmark Foundation, the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation, and MidAmerican Energy Company. We also thanked the Public Works Department for all of the work connecting and burying the sewer, water, and electrical lines and Concrete and More for laying the concrete and preparing the site. Thanks to Hullinger Signs for the sign and Lori's Blooming Flowers donated the ceremonial ribbon and recognition flowers.

Pet Licenses Reminder

- ◆ Don't forget to license your pets annually (before February 1, 2018). Renewals for 2018 are now being accepted at City Hall. Be sure to bring current rabies vaccination (we will not issue a license without this).

CommunityNews~

- ✦ **Girl Scout Troop 42 will be selling apple pies.** The cost is \$12.00 each and they can be ordered by contacting Fay Sullivan at 515-249-7555. The pies have double crusted or streusel topping and can be ordered baked or frozen and will be available for pick up on Saturday, November 18th. The proceeds are used to help with community activities such as: Halloween events, Easter activities and other activities around town. The girls recently purchased a bike rack that is currently at the skate park from past fundraising efforts.
- ✦ **News From The Friends of the Dallas Center Pool** - Exciting news...we are thrilled to announce a generous donation has been made by a patron of our community to go toward the building of our new pool. This leading donation, along with future donations received, will help with efforts for construction and matching grants for the project. For those who would like to contribute to this important community project, please note the donation/pledge envelope was inadvertently omitted last month but will be included in a future mailer. Your generous contribution will be put to good use. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors: Amy Lawton, Dusty Rauschenberg, Lisa Howell, Jason Harris, Shellie Flockhart, Kacy Webster. You may also email dallascenterpoolcommittee@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page. We can accept your tax deductible donations via check or credit card.
- ✦ This year's **Beta Sigma Phi Holiday Home Tour** will be held Sunday, December 3rd from 11:30 am-4:00 pm. Advance tickets are \$10 (\$12 the day of the tour). Tickets will be available at City Hall, the library, or by contacting Pam German at 993-2004.
- ✦ **Holiday Extravaganza** – will be held on December 9th. Join us for the Girl Scouts Annual Cookie Walk, Boy Scout Holiday Store, Pictures with Santa, Friends of the Library's Annual Silent Auction and make reindeer food with the library elves. Look for times and more details in the December Newsletter as well as on Facebook (Seasonal Fun Committee)
- ✦ **SAILDC News:** Winter is just around the corner. SAILDC (Sustaining Active Independent Lives in Dallas Center) provides volunteer drivers for needed trips at no cost to the rider. If you need rides for medical appointments, shopping, or getting to other events such as church, now is a great time to join us. Your application now will have you ready to go when the snow and ice hit our area. Now is also a good time to apply to become a volunteer. You can select the time of week, the number of trips per month, and the distance you will offer to drive. Winter is usually our busiest time of the year, so it would be great to have more volunteers lined up. On a related note, please thank any friends you know who contributed to the annual Community Service Auction of the Presbyterian Church. They donated \$800 to help us get new signs for our drivers' cars. Please write to SAILDC, Box 123, Dallas Center 50063 or call (515) 344-2074 to join our group as a rider or a volunteer.
- ✦ **DC Food Pantry:** The Dallas Center Food Pantry and Dallas Co Sheriff's Dept. "Shop with a Cop" would like to **thank the DC Brew Fest Committee** and participants for their generous time and monetary donations!

Garbage Stickers - If you have extra garbage or large items (chairs, couches, mattresses, etc.) to dispose of, you can purchase **garbage stickers** at City Hall or the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library. The cost per sticker is \$1.50 (this does not cover appliances).

Winter Reminders~

Streets-During snow events when plowing will be necessary, please remove all vehicles from City streets, alleys or City owned off-street parking areas. Vehicles parked in the street may be fined, towed or both. The parking ban will continue from the beginning of a snowfall to 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased.

Sidewalks-you have 24 hours after the snowfall to clear your sidewalk or the City may do so and bill the property owner.

Fire Hydrants-it is property owners' responsibility to clear the snow away from hydrants.