



City of Dallas Center Newsletter

October 2015

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

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Fire Dept non emergency 992-4292

Library 992-3185

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Open Burning is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM until November 30th. Please burn only when the wind is calm and do not burn wet debris that causes excess smoke. NO burning on the city streets and never leave a fire unattended.

Please remember there is no burning the entire day on October 31st due to the Beggar's Night activities.

City Hall will be closed on Friday, October 23rd for employee training.

Thank you to Donna and Dan Wagner for running the Farmers' Market again this year. Your many hours of service are greatly appreciated!

October 2015 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25	26 ♣	27	28	29 *	30	31

* Garbage Pick-Up

♣ Yardwaste Pick-Up

◇ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Fire Prevention Week – October 4th-10th

Beggar's Night – October 31st

Beggar's Night Festivities on October 31st ~

- 🔥 The Seasonal Fun Committee will be holding festivities on Walnut Street from 4:30 - 6:30 PM.
- 🔥 Some of the events being planned are: pet costume contest, hay maze and Trunk or Treat.
- 🔥 Trick or treating will run from 6:00-8:00 PM.
- 🔥 The 4th grade Girl Scouts of Dallas Center, Troop 42, will have a costume judging contest, games, cookies/ bars & drinks in conjunction with the town activities.
- 🔥 Girl Scout activities will run from 4:30pm-6:30pm with costume judging at 5:30pm. Ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13 and over- prizes will be given to the best costumes in each age category.
- 🔥 There will be cookies & bars and drinks available for purchase as the girls are raising money to add a new bike rack at the skating park in Dallas Center.
- 🔥 Come bring your family out for some Halloween FUN!



Candidate Forum~

- Come meet your candidates on October 5th at 7:00 PM at Memorial Hall. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your Mayor and city council candidates and ask them questions.
- Your candidates are: Mayor – Mike Kidd and Bill Stammerman (1 seat available); 4 year council member – Ryan Kluss, Ryan Pearson, Danny Beyer and Gordon Malone (three seats available); 2 year council member (to fill vacancy) – Neal Kunzman and David Bagby (1 seat available).
- This forum will be facilitated by current Mayor Daniel Willrich and past Mayor Mitch Hambleton.
- We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing everyone on October 5th!

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** - 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 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 vehicles, by turning them into a wish for a local child. To donate, you can call 1-855-369-9474 or fill out their online vehicle donation form at <http://iowa.wheelsforwishes.org>. They will contact you within 24 hours to schedule your free vehicle pick-up.

Library News~

- October 8, 7:00 PM – The Ghost Towns of Dallas County with Rod Stanley
 - October 14, 1:00 PM-Early out program
 - Oct. 15, 7:00 PM-Book Club – The Road From Coorain by Jill Ker Conway
 - Oct. 28, 7:30 PM-Library Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Oct. 31, 4:30 -6:30 PM-Beggar's Night at the library
- Story Time is every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM

Park News~

We had another great year at the skating rink but we can always use donations of new or used roller blades or roller skates. Thank you.

Fire Department News~

- Fire Prevention Week is October 4th-10th.
- The theme this year is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"
- Please check the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- For more information on fire prevention, please contact Amy Hofland at 992-4292.

Tree Board News~

- The Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in Dallas County. This means that all untreated ash trees in Dallas Center are expected to sicken and die over the next several years.
- If you have an ash tree in your yard that you would like to save, you should start treatment soon to maximize your tree's chance of survival. Prices are typically around \$15 per inch of trunk diameter.
- We recommend contacting a qualified tree care professional to do this work.

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).

Community News~

- 🍎 **It's time to Join Scouting!!** We have a great group of over 30 youth engaged in fun, educational, and exciting programs this year. Anyone interested is invited to JOIN our Pack meetings throughout the year. We meet the third Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the United Methodist Church in Dallas Center. Call Cubmaster Ben Chiochon at 515-802-5579 or email bchiochon@gmail.com with questions.
- 🍎 **Cub Scout Popcorn Time!!** This year there is more chocolate than ever!! If you want to support the Scouts who do so much for this community and have not been asked to buy yet, please contact me and I will make sure a Scout takes your order! Call Cubmaster Ben Chiochon 515-802-5579 or email bchiochon@gmail.com.
- 🍎 **Girl Scout leaders are needed in Dallas Center and Grimes!** Please contact them if you are willing to help lead or co-lead a troop. Want to join Girl Scouts? It's not too late. Contact Sheila at 515- 250-1453 or sheilac@mchsi.com.
- 🍎 **Brenton Arboretum - Fall Bird Hike**, October 3rd at 7:00 AM in the Vista Room. Enjoy an early morning bird hike with John Bissell! Veteran and beginning birders are invited to join as they search for some of the 184 bird species observed at the arboretum. Children are welcome! *Members, free; Non-Members, \$5.* **A Walk with Buz and Shannon**, October 3rd at 10:00 AM in the Vista Room -join the Brenton Arboretum founder, Buz Brenton, and Trees Forever founder, Shannon Ramsay, on our annual Founder's Walk. Enjoy the beauty of the landscape as you hear Buz and Shannon share their favorites and explain why trees are so important for our future. *Members, free; Non-members, \$5.* **Family Photos**, October 11th from 2:00-6:00 PM in the Vista Room. Professional photographer, Katie Lindgren, will stage you and your family in the beautiful outdoors of the arboretum to capture the perfect family photograph. You will receive a 25 minute session with the photographer and 10-15 edited, high-resolution digital image files and a link to an online gallery with the option to download all files. Prints available through the online gallery. Register by emailing Katie at katie@katielindgren.com www.katielindgren.com. Cost is \$125 per session.
- 🍎 The holidays are just around the corner and don't forget adding the library to your list! Friends of the Estle Memorial Library will again be hosting their **annual silent basket auction** during the Dallas Center Holiday Celebration. More details will be available in the November newsletter.
- 🍎 **Merry Christmas!** Children's Christmas Store is in need of donations! Anything that can be used as a gift for mom, dad, grandparents, etc., would be appreciated. Call Lisa Howell at 992-3728 or 992-3041 (evenings) to schedule a pick-up or drop-off.

3rd ANNUAL DALLAS CENTER HOMEBREWERS' FEST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015 FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 PM AT MEMORIAL HALL To Benefit the Dallas Center Food Pantry

- Enjoy some great home brewed beer and help out a great cause.
- Again this year, several home brewers in Dallas Center want to share some of their beer with you and help out our local Food Pantry with some cash donations for the up-coming holiday season.
- No fee to join the fun, but monetary donations to the Food Pantry are greatly encouraged. There will be silent auction items and drawings for free stuff, so bring your check-book or cash and be ready for a great time!
- Call Mitch at 992-3159 or Jackie at 992-4206 with any questions.

Council Corner

Notes from September 8th meeting

- ◇ Council appointed Danny Beyer to fill the council vacancy.
- ◇ Council approved Resolutions 2015-30 and 2015-31 – Biker's Haven site plan and architectural plan.
- ◇ Council approved layout drawings of the Walnut Street Five-Way Intersection Project.
- ◇ Council approved Ordinance 494-adding a stop sign on Elm Court at the entrance to Fairview Drive.

Complete copies of the minutes are available on our website at www.dallascenter.com or City Hall