



City of Dallas Center Newsletter



April 2020

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Phone Numbers

City Hall	992-3725
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WANTED: Person(s) to contract with the City to run the **Swimming Pool Concession Stand** (must be at least 18 years old), please contact City Hall at 992-3725 or cityhall@dallascenter.com

Interested in serving on the Raccoon River Valley Trail Association (RRVTA) board? Email a simple resume with a letter of why you are interested to the Dallas County Conservation Board at mike.wallace@dallascountyiowa.gov

Storm siren testing will continue every first Saturday until November. Work is being done to update and add additional storm sirens. Thank you to Bob King as he is currently working on a grant for these enhancements!

April 2020 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

♣ Yard waste Pick-Up

◇ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Mayor's Message – April 2020

Hello all! The 2020-2021 Budget is complete. You can access the full budget information on the City's website. Here are a few highlights:






- Levy rate will stay the same at \$12.68, which will provide \$1,153,619 in property tax revenue as compared to \$1,126,076 in 2019-2020 (2.4% increase in revenues).
- \$109,000 LOST revenue will be used to reduce property taxes (30% versus 25% that is required per the election ballot).
- Street improvements made to Laurel, Ash, Sycamore and 9th at a cost of approximately \$250,000 (paid from Road Use Tax collected by the state).
- Hatton Avenue storm water extension from Walnut to Ash at a cost of approximately \$230,000 (paid from remaining bond funds and storm district fees).
- Sewer treatment plant upgrade \$4.4 million over two budget years (this project is mandated by the DNR).
- Improvements to dugouts, bathrooms, etc. in city parks.

FREE TREES FOR ARBOR DAY

- The City of Dallas Center is partnering with the Brenton Arboretum to celebrate Arbor Day by providing free tree and shrub seedlings. These items are available to all Dallas Center area residents.
- This year's featured tree is the Wisconsin Red Musclewood, a small tree with a height of 15-20 feet and a spread of 10-15 feet. This tree can be grown in full sun to light shade and will have vibrant fall colors, red and orange with some yellow.
- In addition to the Wisconsin Red, we will have bur oak, red oak, shagbark hickory, sycamore, white pine, bald cypress, and two shrubs: serviceberry and arrowwood viburnum. The seedlings are small, so they are easy to plant. First come, first served at **Mound Park** on **April 25th**.
- **Social distancing will be established for tree pick up as the trees have already been ordered and will need to find good homes.**
- This year there will be no Arbor Day ceremony or tree planting demonstration.

*****Subject to change due to COVID-19 emergency proclamation declarations.**

Library News~

-  April 1, 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting (this will be an electronic meeting, please refer to the agenda that will be posted on the website for instructions on how to join this meeting)
-  April 14, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite Club
-  April 16, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
-  April 16, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits Book Club
-  April 29, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting

*****The above are subject to change or cancellation due to COVID-19.**

Pool News~










- Opening date- May 30th (12:30-8:00 pm)
- June 1st -June 4th (modified times 4:00-8:00 pm)
- Morning public swim lessons will be held June 8th-18th (19th will be a make-up day if needed or a pool party).
- Evening public swim lessons will be held July 6th-16th (17th is a make-up day or pool party).
- Swim lesson sign up will take place on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 am-noon at the Dallas Center Library and from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Grimes Library.
- Public lesson cost is \$35/two-week session. Private lesson cost is \$15/each lesson.

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MOSQUITO SPRAYING~




- The City will be contracting with **Mosquito Control of Iowa**. They will be monitoring and spraying for mosquitos in the City.
- They have over 50 years of experience of spraying for mosquitoes with over 95% renewal of contracts.
- Any questions can be directed to: 712-848-3295 or email mosquito@iowatelecom.net
- For more details their web site: www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.net

Community News~

-  **COVID-19** as of the printing of this newsletter, all City buildings/offices are closed to the public until further notice. Business with City Hall can be done via phone, email or the website. For more information on COVID-19 please visit the Iowa Department of Public Health website: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>. The City (including all boards) plans to conduct electronic meetings per the State's guidelines. Instructions to join these meetings will be listed on the corresponding agendas for each meeting.
-  **Community Fundraiser Auction - Canceled**
-  **Swimming Pool Pass Sale**-Family Pool passes are on sale through April 15th for \$85. Military price (with proof) is \$76.50. Nanny Pass \$20. (has to be in conjunction with a family pass). Regular price family pass will be \$100 after April 15th. Nanny pass will be \$25. Find the application on our website at www.dallascenter.com. The applications and payment can be dropped in our payment box at City Hall.
-  **City-Wide Garage Sales** are currently scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. If you would like your address on the map, please email cityhall@dallascenter.com by April 10th. Watch the City website, email or Facebook page for updates.
-  **Annual Easter Egg Hunt-canceled**
-  **Rotary Pancake Breakfast-canceled**
-  **Big Garbage Day**-suspended at this time but this could change before the regularly scheduled day of May 16th (check our website, email and FB for updates).
-  **Troop 116 Can Drive**-April 25, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. For your safety and that of our Scouts, please leave any donations at the curb by 9:00am and we will pick them up. If you need assistance, please email "dcscouts116@gmail.com" for special arrangements. If you are missed, please call Lisa Howell at (515) 314-9129 or you can leave donations at the deposit bin located in the Middle School parking lot by the football field. Thank you for supporting Scouting.
-  During the past few months, **the Dallas Center Food Pantry** has been blessed by your generosity. Whether you donated through a food drive, dropped off items at the food barrel located at the Library, stopped by to visit us at the Pantry, or mailed a check, each donation is helping us serve the people of Dallas Center and surrounding communities. As we move into the busy spring and summer seasons, please keep us in mind. **Hunger Has No Season**. Also, we would welcome new volunteers. Feel free to contact us at 515-478-6744 or stop by the pantry located in the Methodist Church at 1504 Walnut on Tuesday evenings 4:00-6:00 pm. Thank you for your continued support.

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 an opening on the Board of Adjustment (this needs to be filled by a female to meet gender equality laws). We will also have an opening soon on the Park and Recreation Board (this can be filled by a male or female).

At the time of printing this newsletter, yard waste pick-up is scheduled to resume on Monday, April 6th (this is subject to change). Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs, etc.) can be placed on the curb for pick-up every Monday through November. To insure pick-up, yard waste should be:

-  Out on your curb by 7:00 am (this is the same as garbage and recycling)
-  Placed in brown paper bags, paper grocery bags, cardboard boxes or trash cans (not Waste Management container)
-  Bundled brush tied securely with twine or string; weighing less than 50 lbs & no longer than 4' in length