



City of Dallas Center Newsletter



April 2021

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We currently have an opening on the Parks and Recreation Board.

This vacancy can be filled by a male or female. The board meets the first Tuesday of each month. The Application to Serve can be found on our website and needs to be turned in to City Hall on or before **April 8th**. Applications can be emailed to cityhall@dallascenter.com or put in the secured drop box located in the front door of City Hall at 1502 Walnut St.

Street light outages can be reported at the following MidAmerican website: http://www.midamericanenergy.com/streetlight_outage.aspx

Storm siren testing will continue at noon the first Saturday of each month until November.

April 2021 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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* Garbage Pick-Up

♣ Yard waste Pick-Up

◇ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up

Mayor's Message

Hello all! The 2021-2022 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 \$1,187,499 in property tax revenue as compared to \$1,153,619 in 2020-2021 (2.9% increase in total tax revenues).
- \$93,781 of Local Option Sales Tax will be used to reduce property taxes.
- Street improvements planned for Hatton, Sycamore and Walnut at a cost of over \$200,000 (paid from Road Use Tax collected by the state and the general fund). See street projects on city's website for full details.
- Storm Siren upgrades.
- Parks and Recreation Board has plans for a basketball court, Ash tree removals, Burnett shelter and walking trail improvements.
- The Council is also planning Water Treatment plant and distribution improvements.





Dallas Center continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mayor Mike

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. The event is open to all Dallas Center area residents, and is a great educational opportunity for kids.
- This year's featured tree is the Seven Son Flower, a small tree/large shrub with a height of 15-20 feet and a spread of 10-15 feet. It can be grown in full sun to light shade and will have white flowers in late summer followed by a display of pink sepals. The whiteish-tan exfoliating bark is very interesting during the winter.
- In addition to the Seven Son Flower, we will have six trees: common hackberry, shellbark hickory, sugar maple, red oak, swamp white oak and white pine, and two shrubs: serviceberry and aronia berry. The seedlings are small, so they are easy to plant. First come, first served at the **Gazebo in Mound Park on Saturday, May 1st** from 9:00 am until 11:00 am.
- The format will be drive-through with social distancing precautions again this year due to the pandemic.

Library News~





-  April 13, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite Club
-  April 28, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
-  Date TBD-Adult Pinterest take-home kits
-  Wednesday, 10:00 am-Take home Story Time Craft kits.

Pool News~

- Opening date-TBD
- Pool hours are 12:00-6:30 pm
- The pool will run three, two-hour sessions each day with a 40-person occupancy. (Similar to last year)
- Patrons will need to make a reservation.
- Walk-ups will be admitted after those with reservations to fill any remaining spots (up to 40).
- We are offering private swim lessons only this year. Watch the city's website for more details.
- Private lesson cost is \$15/each lesson.

*****The above are subject to change due to COVID-19**

Community News~

-  **Swimming Pool Passes** will not be sold this year due to operating while adhering to COVID protocols.
-  **Rotary Pancake Breakfast**-will be held as a drive through service from 7:30-9:30 am Saturday, April 3rd on the north side of Spurgeon Manor.
-  **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at Heritage Park on Saturday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am. See enclosure for details.
-  **Dallas Center Boy Scout Troop 116 and Cub Scout Pack 116 Can Drive**-April 17th from 10:00 am-noon. Please have your cans and bottles set out and they will be picked up. The proceeds will be donated to the college funds for Cael & Brycen Wineland who recently lost their Father, Tim Wineland, who was an instrumental leader in the Troop and Pack. Please contact Joe Christensen (515-664-6186) to arrange pick-up outside of this time. Thank you for supporting Scouting.
-  **City-Wide Garage Sales** are currently being scheduled for Saturday, May 8th. If you would like your address on the map, please email cityhall@dallascenter.com by April 11th. Watch the City website, email or Facebook page for updates.
-  **Big Garbage Day**-will be held on Saturday, May 15th. No regular garbage will be collected on this day. Watch next month's newsletter for additional details.
-  **Memorial Day Observance** will be held at Mound Park. Watch next month's newsletter for more details from the American Legion.
-  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 Baker's Pantry, stopped by to visit us at the Food 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.

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




To sign up for E-Bills please email cityhall@dallascenter.com with your name, address(s), account number(s) (City Hall can assist you with this) and the email you would like to use to receive your bill. For commercial/business customers we recommend two email addresses if possible, in the event of employment changes.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING~

- The City will again 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 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, visit their website: www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.net

Open Burning is March 15th-May 10th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Mayor's last COVID-19 proclamation still encourages all residents to refrain from open burning of yard waste throughout this time in order to protect the health of all of the residents of our community. If you find you must burn, please 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.

Waste Management yard waste pick-up is scheduled to resume on Monday, April 5th.

- Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs, etc.) can be placed on the curb for pick-up every Monday through November. To ensure 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