

City of Dallas Center Newsletter



August 2020

City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30 – 4:00 M-F

cityhall@dallascenter.com

www.dallascenter.com

Library

1308 Walnut St, PO Box 521

See Library or City website for curbside service hours.

www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us

Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725

Dallas County Dispatch 993-4567

Fire Dept (non-emergency) 992-4292

Library 992-3185

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Ed Leedom (compliance) 238-4485

City Officials

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Council members can be emailed at:

council@dallascenter.com

August 2020 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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♣ Yard Waste Pick-up						
* Garbage Pick-Up						
♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up						
School Starts – August 27 th						
Big Garbage Day – August 29 th						

Library Project Update

Phase 1 of our remodel plan is wrapping up! We now have a beautifully updated circulation, staff and computer area. We are happy to say that we received very low bids from 13 construction companies who were interested in the job. Because we were able to accomplish the first part of our project significantly lower than we had estimated, we hope to move forward with Phase 2! This will include an addition to the south end of the building and complete remodel of our remaining space. All donations to **The Dallas Center Library Foundation** are tax deductible with 100% of proceeds used for our project. Please contact the library with any questions about the project or for information on donating towards our financial goal. We will continue to post updates on our website and social media outlets. Stay tuned...

Shelly Cory- Director, Roy R Estle Memorial Library

Regular council meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Due to COVID-19, the meetings are being held via Zoom. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The sign on information is listed on the agenda each month.



Responding to the 2020 Census is so important! Data collected from the Census is used to draw legislative boundaries; to determine federal funding for schools, hospitals, roads and vital programs; to guide business and real estate development; and much more. It's easy, quick and confidential. Visit www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 today!

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

Memorial Hall Rental: At this time, due to COVID 19, the Memorial Hall is not being rented out.

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 Parks and Recreation Board. This needs to be filled by a male to meet gender equality laws.

Utility Bill Payment Options

- **Automatic bill-pay** – to enroll, download the “Automatic Bill Pay” form from our website and return to City Hall at least 2 weeks before the 15th. There is no charge for this service and any questions should be directed to City Hall at 992-3725 or email cityhall@dallascenter.com.
- **Online payments** - can be made from our website at www.dallascenter.com through GovPayNet. Click on the “Online Payments” tab located on the home page. There is a 2.65% (with a minimum of \$1.00) processing fee added to your payment.
- **Bill Pay Reminder** - for those of you that use your bank's online bill pay for paying your water bill, please allow **7-10 business days** for the check to reach us through mail.

Library News~

Watch the library's website for the details and updates on the building project.

- Aug 26, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting (this may be an electronic meeting)

Pool News~

- The pool is open daily 12:30-7:30 pm (weather permitting)
- Session times: 12:30-2:30, 3:00-5:00 and 5:30-7:30
- Session capacity: 30 people
- Cost: \$2.00 per person per session
- Please call the pool to make your reservations at 515-992-3827
- Email pool related questions to: poolmanager@dallascenter.com
- Aug 16, 7:30 pm: closed for the season.

Skate Park News~

- The Skate Rink is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Free skating and skate rental!
- Remember to social distance!

Yard waste reminders: 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

The next open burning period is October 1 – November 30. Please do not burn any yard waste at this time. Thank you.

Do you know where the water shut off valve is inside your house? If you don't, you should find it. Then, "exercise" the valve (turn it off and on). If it does not work, call your friendly neighborhood plumber and get it fixed. At some time, you may be glad you did.

Community News ~

- ◆ **School starts August 27th.** Please be aware of the young children traveling on the sidewalks and crossing the streets.
- ◆ **Crossing Guard Needed** - We are seeking a crossing guard before school starts. An application can be obtained at www.dallascenter.com or at city hall. Please call 515-992-3725 with questions regarding this position.
- ◆ **Mosquito Control** will continue to monitor and spray for mosquitos in the City. Any questions can be directed to: 712-848-3295 or email: mosquito@iowatelecom.net. You can also visit their website at www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.net
- ◆ The **Farmer's Market** is held every Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm at Heritage Park. The NEW email address for the Farmer's Market is: dallascenterfarmersmarket@gmail.com If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Nadine via email or phone 515-468-5720. Support local farmers and local businesses!
- ◆ **Pop- Up Produce update:** We are glad to report that the Pop-Up produce program will continue through August! Every Wednesday at 4:00 until gone. Line up at the Methodist Church (1504 Walnut Street) and stay in your vehicle for curbside delivery.
- ◆ **Dallas Center Food Pantry** is open on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Methodist Church (1504 Walnut Street). Please remember donations to the pantry can be made at Bakers Pantry during business hours or at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If you need assistance with your family's food needs, please stop by to visit with us or call 515-478-6744. We would love to help.

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 1-855-278-9474 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.

Do you know who CIRHA is?

- Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) is a Housing Authority that helps low income families with rental assistance in Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion and Story counties.
- Families pay 30% of their gross adjusted income for the rent and the Housing Authority pays the difference directly to the landlord on the first of each month.
- Check out the website at www.cirhahome.org for an application and more information for families and landlords; or call them at 515-986-1882.

- ◆ **Building Permits** are required for all exterior building projects, sheds, additions, egress windows, driveways, fences, etc., AND interior remodeling. Permits can be obtained at City Hall or from the website at <https://www.dallascenter.com/files/>