



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



February 2020

## City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday

cityhall@dallascenter.com

[www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com)

## Library

1308 Walnut St., PO Box 521

Monday-Thursday 9:00-7:00

Friday 9:00-5:00

Saturday 9:00-12:00

[www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us](http://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

Ed Leedom (compliance) 238-4485

## City Officials

Michael Kidd, Mayor 992-3725

[mayor@dallascenter.com](mailto:mayor@dallascenter.com)

David Bagby 992-3725

Danny Beyer 992-3725

Ryan Coon 992-3725

Ryan Kluss 992-3725

Curtis Pion 992-3725

Council members can be emailed at:

[council@dallascenter.com](mailto:council@dallascenter.com)

## The Dallas Center City Council

meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

## 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](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com). Also, you can like *City of Dallas Center* on Facebook.

**If you haven't done so yet, please get your animal(s) registered for 2020. This is an annual registration.**

Thank you!

## February 2020 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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
* Garbage Pick-Up						
♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up						
February 17 <sup>th</sup> – President's Day ( <i>City offices will be open</i> )						

## Code Enforcement News~

- ♥ The final counts for 2019 are in. There were 195 cases opened plus 1 carry over. 180 cases complied, 16 cases non-compliant, and 165 notices were sent out. There were 79 door hangers handed out.
- ♥ The property owners in Dallas Center take pride in their community and want to make it a safe environment with a high quality of living.
- ♥ If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you!  
Ed Leedom, City Code Enforcement, 515-238-4485, [eleedom@dallascenter.com](mailto:eleedom@dallascenter.com)

At this time, we do not have anyone to run the **2020 Farmer's Market**. If you would be interested, please contact City Hall.

## Utility Payments~

- ♥ **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. So, if you pay online a couple of days before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, but we don't receive it until after the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be assessed a penalty.
- ♥ **Automatic bill pay** is available for your City bill, the form can be obtained on our website at:  
[https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/dallascenteria/files/uploads/automatic\\_bill\\_pay\\_sign\\_up.pdf](https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/dallascenteria/files/uploads/automatic_bill_pay_sign_up.pdf)
- ♥ **Online payments** for utility services can be made at [www.dallascenter.com](http://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.

## City of Dallas Center is accepting applications for the following positions:

- ♥ **Summer Public Works Assistants:** Approximately 15-20 hrs/wk. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Applications due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Summer Assistant Pool Manager:** Min. certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR (must be current). Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Summer Lifeguards:** f/t, p/t, substitute. Min. certifications: American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid, CPR (must be current). Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Summer Skating Rink Manager(s):** manage the skating rink two nights a week in June-August. Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ Applications may be obtained at City Hall or  
<http://dallascenter.com/forms/applicationforemployment.pdf>

**Library News~**

- ♥ Feb 5, 4:00-6:00 pm-Pop-Up Produce
  - ♥ Feb. 6, 7:00 pm-Adult Pinterest Party
  - ♥ Feb. 11, 3:30 pm-Book 'n a Bite
  - ♥ Feb. 20, 7:00 pm-Lit Wits Book Club
  - ♥ Feb. 20, 7:00 pm-Adult Coloring
  - ♥ Feb. 26, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- Story time-Wednesdays at 10:00 am

**Pool News~**

- ♥ **Swimming Pool Pre-Season Family Pass Sale (\$85).** Special pricing on family passes from March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 15<sup>th</sup>. Veterans discount applies. Please look for more information in the March newsletter.
- ♥ **Regular Price Family Pass** will be \$100 after April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ♥ If you are interested in contracting with the City to run the **Swimming Pool Concession Stand**, please contact City Hall at 992-3725.

**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](http://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.

**Community News~**

- ♥ The City Council will approve **tax abatement applications** at their February meeting. If your new home qualifies, please get your application turned in to City Hall before February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ♥ Spurgeon Manor is excited to announce that the new **Spurgeon Assisted Living is now open!** They offer memory care, 24-hour staffing, emergency pendant, meals, laundry, activities and so much more. Please call 515-992-3735 for additional information.
- ♥ **Annual DC-G After Prom Mother/Son Dance**  
When: Sat, Feb 29, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Where: DCG High School  
Theme: Hawaiian Luau  
Cost: \$20/Family (includes: entry, refreshments, photo & games)

**City Audits:**

- The State Auditor's Office conducted an annual examination of the City's records and this information has been released  
<https://www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/file/58786/embed>
- The City of Dallas Center prides ourselves on the controls we have in place to handle and protect the public's funds. We choose to hire the Iowa State Auditor's office for a thorough examination and audit. We also elected to continue to have a full audit every four years (in addition to the required annual examination) which exceeds the state audit and examination requirements.
- Due to the fact that we are a small office, we have implemented internal controls to safeguard public funds. Some of those safeguards include invoice review by two different council members each month, dual check signature, bank statement reconciliation review by a council member, general ledger posting review by another council member, mayor's sign off of timesheets and payroll, to name a few.
- All city audits can be found on the State Auditor's website:  
<https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>

**Do You Qualify for Housing Repairs?**

- The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund has a mission to provide and expand safe and affordable housing to low income residents of Dallas County. Their program assists homeowners within Dallas County with housing repairs and correcting code violations.
- For applications or information, contact the Program Administrator at 515-273-0770.

**Winter Reminders ~**

- ♥ **Snow Parking Ban** - It is unlawful to park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or city-owned off-street parking area during any snow removal period. The ban shall continue from the beginning of the snowfall to 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased. To help our operators perform their plowing duties in a safe and efficient manner, we ask that residents park elsewhere when the snow begins to accumulate.
- ♥ **Sidewalks** - Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. Residents are required by ordinance to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a storm. Please pile the snow on your yard, not in the street. If your sidewalk is icy, you may correct the hazard by applying a heavy coat of sand or de-icer. A helpful hint for residents-clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have cleared to the curb.
- ♥ **Fire Hydrants** - The Fire Department requests property owners who have a hydrant on their parking area to clear the snow away for easier access in case of fire.