



# City of Dallas Center Newsletter



February 2021

## 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  
See Library website for service hours.  
[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  
Danny Beyer 992-3725  
Ryan Coon 992-3725  
Ryan Kluss 992-3725  
Curtis Pion 992-3725  
Amy Strutt 992-3725  
Council members can be emailed at:  
council@dallascenter.com

## The Dallas Center City Council

meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings. Refer to the City Agenda for the information.

## If you are interested in receiving updates from the City

there are multiple options. You can go to our website [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) and sign up for notifications (agendas, news, urgent alerts, etc.), send your name and email address to City Hall at [cityhall@dallascenter.com](mailto:cityhall@dallascenter.com), or you can like *City of Dallas Center* on Facebook.

## February 2021 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						
* Garbage Pick-Up						
♦ Single Stream Recycling Pick-Up						
February 15 <sup>th</sup> – President's Day ( <i>City offices will be open</i> )						

## Code Enforcement News~

- ♥ The final counts for 2020 are in. There were 174 cases opened plus 4 carry over. 157 cases complied, 21 cases non-compliant, and 289 notices were sent out. There were 40 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)

## 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/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/automatic\\_bill\\_pay\\_sign\\_up.pdf](https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/automatic_bill_pay_sign_up.pdf)
- ♥ **Online payments** for utility services can be made at [www.dallascenter.com](http://www.dallascenter.com) through AllPaid. 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.
- ♥ **Checks or cash** may be placed in the secured drop box on the front door of City Hall. Checks may be mailed to City of Dallas Center, PO Box 396, Dallas Center, IA 50063.

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

- ♥ **Summer Public Works Assistants:** Approximately 15-20 hrs/wk. Minimum age of 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Applications due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Summer Assistant Pool Manager(s):** 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 Roller Skating Rink Manager(s):** manage the skating rink two nights a week in June-August, minimum age of 18 years old. Applications due March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Applications may be obtained at City Hall** or  
[https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/employment\\_application.pdf](https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/employment_application.pdf). EOE

**Library News~**

- ♥ Feb 9, 3:30 pm-Book ‘n A Bite Club
- ♥ Feb. 24, 7:00 pm-Library Board of Trustees meeting
- ♥ Wednesdays at 10:00 am-Story time take-home craft kits
- ♥ Adult Pinterest take-home crafts- Date TBD
- ♥ Our building addition is progressing quickly! Watch for us to move into the new part of our building in February so that the remodel of the front can be completed. Thanks for all the support and encouragement at this exciting time.

Shelly Cory, Library Director

**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. Nanny pass for \$25.
- ♥ **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 Qualify for Housing Repairs?**

- ♥ The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund has a mission “to provide and expand safe and affordable housing for low to moderate 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.

**If you haven’t done so yet, please register your animal(s) for 2021. This is an annual registration.**

**Community News~**

- ♥ The City Council will approve **tax abatement applications** at their February meeting. If your new home qualifies, please turn your application in to City Hall before February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ♥ The City would like to remind all homeowners of the importance of having your **house numbers clearly visible** on your house, in case you ever have an emergency.
- ♥ To sign up for **E-Bills** please email [cityhall@dallascenter.com](mailto: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.

**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/63413/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>

**Reminder to all pet owners:** when walking your pet through our community or in one of our beautiful parks you need to clean up after it. We have Doggie Waste Stations in Memorial and Mound Parks equipped with waste bags for your convenience. Thank you to those that already pick up after your dogs. It’s very much appreciated.

**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.