

# Happy New Year



## City of Dallas Center Newsletter

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### City Information

#### City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396

7:30 -4:00 Monday-Friday

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

#### Library

1308 Walnut St

Monday 9:00-5:00

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-7:00

Friday 9:00-5:00

Saturday 9:00-12:00

#### Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725

Police Dept non emergency 992-3086

Fire Dept (non emergency) 992-4292

Library 992-3185

#### City Officials

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### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**JANUARY 8, 2008**

**7:00 PM**

#### Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Waste Management will pick up undecorated trees on January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup>. Everything must be removed from the tree, including plastic bags. Wreaths and garland should be put out with the regular garbage.

### January 2008 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	31 ♪		

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year

January 21<sup>st</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (*city offices will be open*)

\* Christmas Tree Pick Up

♪ Garbage Pick-Up

### Message from the Mayor...

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2008 brings the City of Dallas Center many challenges and opportunities. The City has contracted with the Institute for Decision Making (IDM) for assistance in developing a strategic economic development plan. Part of the development work will include seeking out public opinion and assistance in helping shape the plan. It will be exciting to have a roadmap to follow as we guide future development opportunities for the City.

If you're like me, you may have noticed something about our City. When it rains, we get puddles, sometimes VERY large puddles. One of the unique aspects of Dallas Center is that it is quite flat. With flat, we get puddles. While puddles are quite often an inconvenience, in some areas they are much more. To help deal with our drainage issue, we're forming a Storm Water Utility District. The purpose of the district is to provide a revenue source to pay for improvements to handle our storm water. We expect to have the district in place by mid-year. You should expect an additional \$2 per month added to your water bill to provide monies for the fund.

As always, feel free to stop by City Hall on any Wednesday morning (except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM to visit.

Mitch Hambleton  
Dallas Center Mayor

#### Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?

January early-out at the library promises to be extra fun as kids solve a sweet and crumbly mystery. Police Chief Michelle Leonard will present this special program for school-age kids on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 PM in the library meeting room. Snacks and rewards will be provided. Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome, too.

**Garbage will be picked up on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Library News-**

- ✿ Jan. 5, 10:00 AM-knitting instruction for all ages
- ✿ Jan. 8, 10:00 AM-story & craft, ages 2-5
- ✿ Jan. 12, 10:00 AM-American Girls Club
- ✿ Jan. 15, 10:00 AM-story time, ages 2-5
- ✿ Jan. 16, 10:00 AM-story time, ages 2-5
- ✿ Jan. 17, 7:30 PM-book club, Paper Hearts by Debrah Williamson
- ✿ Jan. 22, 10:00 AM-story time, ages 2-5
- ✿ Jan. 23, 1:30-3:00 PM-early out special event "Who Stole the Cookies?"
- ✿ Jan. 29, 10:00 AM-story time, ages 2-5

**Note to pet owners:** It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the city limits of Dallas Center. Pets must be fenced, on a leash, or under the control of the owner. Please be a responsible pet owner and keep your dog in your yard.

**"Council Corner"**

Notes from December 11th Council Meeting

- Council approved Resolution 2007-66 – committing City contribution of \$1,000 toward Raccoon Valley Trail through Dallas Center in connection with Vision Iowa grant application.
- Council approved Ordinance 382 – to establish no parking on the west side of Hatton between Walnut and Ash.

A complete copy of the minutes of this council meeting is on file at City Hall and on the website.

**Pet Licenses are Required ANNUALLY**

- **Purpose** – for identification if pet is lost, to prevent pets from being destroyed as stray, and as a way of tracking vicious animals.
- **Registration** – every dog or cat shall be registered with the City Clerk prior to January 1 of *each year*.
- **Application Requirements** – provide proof of current vaccination against rabies, state breed, sex, age, color and name of dog or cat, and address, telephone, and signature of owner.
- **Registration Fees** – license fee is \$5.00. If the animal is not spayed or neutered, the fee for each dog or cat is \$20.00. A \$5.00 late fee will be imposed on each dog or cat not registered by February 1 of *each year*.
- **Impoundment** – registered animals found at large are subject to a municipal infraction of \$25.00 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$50.00 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, \$100.00 3<sup>rd</sup> offense. Unregistered animals and registered animals found at large on more than three (3) occasions shall be seized and impounded. **Impounding costs are \$200.00.**

Tags will not be mailed unless \$0.41, or a pre-stamped envelope, is included with the application.

**City of Dallas Center  
2008 Pet License Application  
Fee – \$5.00**

**Owner Information**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Information**

Please circle:

Dog/Cat	M/F	Spay/Neuter	Breed & Color _____	Vaccination date _____	Name _____
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Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_