

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

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City Information

City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396
7:30 – 4:00 M-F
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

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*Next City Council Meeting
February 12th at 7:00 PM*

February 2008 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14 ♪	15	16
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♪ Garbage Pick-Up						
February 2 nd – Ground Hog’s Day						
February 4 th – Anniversary of the Constitution						
February 12 th – Lincoln’s Birthday						
February 14 th – St Valentine’s Day						
February 18 th – President’s Day (<i>City offices will be open</i>)						
February 22 nd – Washington’s Birthday						

Community News...

- ♥ The Dallas Center Public Safety Committee invites all Dallas Center area residents to attend a severe weather safety program on Saturday, March 1st at 10 AM, at the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library. A meteorologist from the local National Weather Service office will give an interesting and exciting presentation on severe weather safety, including tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flooding and other hazards. Severe weather is among the highest safety threats facing our community, so the DC Public Safety committee urges you to attend this informative presentation. This free public safety talk is one of the activities the committee is doing to enable Dallas Center to become designated as a StormReady® community by the National Weather Service in the coming year.
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- ♥ Friends of the Roy R. Estle Memorial Library are proud to announce the winners of the Christmas Celebration basket auction. We want to again thank everyone who donated baskets, purchased baskets, or volunteered at our event. The proceeds are being invested in your local library!
 - Best Individual Basket – Julie Baldner
 - Best Business Basket – Fox Insurance
 - Best Group Basket – Beta Sigma Phi
 - Best Youth Basket – Courtney Fay
 - People’s Choice – William J. Wagner Questers
 - ♥ A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped check, fix, and hang the holiday lights and decorations around town.
 - ♥ The recycling bins are located at the corner of Sycamore and 11th Streets. The recycling bins are for use by Dallas Center city residents only. Please be considerate – don’t leave your recyclable trash on the ground because on a windy day it blows all over town!
 - ♥ Please do not put your garbage cans in the streets, place them by your curb.
 - ♥ Found ~ winter coats, hats, and mittens ~ please check the library lost and found rack.
 - ♥ Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Legion Hall. For your convenience, the agenda packets are now on the City website at www.dallascenter.com.

HELP WANTED. The City is accepting applications for lifeguards, pool manager, recreation director, summer mower, and sewer system superintendent. To apply, stop in City Hall or go to our website at www.dallascenter.com.

If your pet was picked up while running loose and was not wearing a city pet license, you **must** stop in City Hall to pay the fine and obtain a receipt before proceeding to the Humane Society.

If **Punxsutawney Phil** sees his shadow it means six more weeks of winter - no shadow means an early spring!

Library Activities

- ♥ Feb. 2, 10:00 AM – Knitting instruction, all ages
- ♥ Feb. 5, 10:00 AM - Story time, ages 2-5
- ♥ Feb. 9, 10:00 AM - American Girls Club
- ♥ Feb. 12, 10:00 AM – Story & craft, ages 2-5
- ♥ Feb. 12, 7:00 PM – Evening story time
- ♥ Feb. 13, 1:30 PM – Early-out story, craft, snack, movie
- ♥ Feb. 19, 10:00 AM – Story time, ages 2-5
- ♥ Feb. 21, 7:30 PM – Book club While I Was Gone by Sue Miller
- ♥ Feb. 23, 10:00 AM – Nature journaling
- ♥ Feb. 26, 10:00 AM – Story time, ages 2-5

Nature Journaling

Adults, kids and families are invited to join Kay Meyer, of the Brenton Arboretum, and her distinguished guests in a series of four classes to get started in the rewarding and fascinating hobby of nature journaling. You will learn about making and recording observations, sketching from nature, pressing plant specimens, and journals through history. Journaling is a great way to teach children about the wonderful world around them and a good excuse for a nice long walk. The first class is Saturday, February 23rd. Please contact the Arboretum at 992-4211 for more information and to register.

Mayor’s Message...

The Institute for Decision Making (IDM) has been retained by the City to guide us in developing a strategic economic development plan. The first session was presented on January 17th and covered the business climate in the City and surrounding area. You can find that report on our City website at www.dallascenter.com. Hard copies of the report are also available in City Hall. Several other sessions will be held with the final report issued in the March-April timeframe. Watch this space, our City website, and the signs in the middle of Walnut Street for more information.

You probably read about it in the newspaper, but the bike trail through town is alive and well. The Iowa Heritage Foundation recently purchased the railroad right-of-way and the City has signed a 28E agreement to help plan the trail, appointing Bill Claman as our representative in those discussions. Actual construction through town is not expected until sometime in 2009.

If you belong to a group or you individually would like to get up to speed on the City’s direction and current projects, or just wish to share your opinion, please don’t hesitate to contact me or one of your City Council representatives. We would be happy to share where we’re going.

Don’t forget the meetings to discuss the storm water district on February 19th!

Mitch Hambleton

Dallas Center Mayor

Office hours – Wednesdays (2/6, 2/13, 2/27) 7:00-8:00 AM

Happy New Year from the Harvest Moon!

If your school, church, or children’s play group would have an interest in making some creative decorations around any of the yearly holidays, we would be happy to display them. We thought it would be nice to keep a hometown touch and find a way to share our Dallas Center kids’ creativity.

Thanks for your support in 2007 and have a fantastic 2008!

“Council Corner”

Notes from January 8th Council Meeting

- Council approved the Northeast Dallas County Record as the official newspaper for the city.
- Council set the public hearing on the storm water drainage utility for February 19th at Memorial Hall.

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

The Parks and Recreation Board would like to enlist the help of Dallas Center residents. General upkeep of all park areas is done, but there isn’t enough time for City employees to do the fine tuning that makes things look really great. Would you, your organization, or neighborhood group like to “adopt” an area to maintain? If so, please fill out the form below and return it to City Hall.

Contact name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Area you are interested in:

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| Memorial Park (pick up sticks & trim suckers) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mound Park (keep tennis court clear) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mound Park (pick up sticks & trim suckers) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Burnett Complex (pick up sticks & trim suckers) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Memorial Monument (weed) | <input type="checkbox"/> | West of City Hall (weed) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Garden Club currently maintains the three City signs, the Gazebo, the park signs, and the swimming pool area. If you would like to help with any of these areas, please indicate.

Thanks for your help in making Dallas Center a great place to live and play!