

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

April 1, 2008

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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, PO Box 521

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 City Council Meeting

April 8th at 7:00 PM

FYI - City Council regular meeting dates during the summer will be:

Tuesday, May 13th, Tuesday, June

10th, Tuesday, July 15th, and

Tuesday, August 12th.

Building Permits are required for all exterior building projects, sheds, room additions, egress windows, driveways, fences, etc., AND interior remodeling. Permits can be obtained at City Hall or the Dallas Center website.

April 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			

* Yard Waste Pick-up

♪ Garbage Pick-Up

Mayor's Message

I'm excited with the progress being made on the bike trail. The railway right of way has finally been acquired by Dallas County Conservation. We're now making plans on what we want the trail to be like as it comes through town. I encourage you to give some thought to the trail and share your ideas with me through email: mayor@dallascenter.com or just stop by City Hall on any Wednesday morning between 7 and 8 a.m. I'm interested in your ideas - and don't forget about the Earth Day project being organized to work on the trail!

Several months ago, you may have seen a form in the newsletter asking for interest in adopting areas within the City. If you haven't yet taken the time to respond to the Park Board, it's not too late to do so. I don't know about you, but after the winter we've had, I'm looking forward to spending some long hours outside!

Have a great Spring!

Mitch Hambleton
Dallas Center Mayor

"Council Corner"

Notes from March 11th Council Meeting

- Council approved Ordinance 384 to increase solid waste collection fees - the minimum commercial garbage rate will increase to \$20.10 and the residential rate will increase to \$17.00.
- Council approved Ordinance 383 to increase sewer rates to \$16.50 for the first 3000 gallons and \$3.85 per 1000 gallons over 3000.
- Council approved a special use permit for Brenton House Bed and Breakfast.
- Council approved the 2008-2009 budget


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

Yard waste pick-up will resume on April 7th. 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
- ♻️ Placed in brown paper bags, paper grocery bags, cardboard boxes, or trash cans
- ♻️ Bundled brush tied securely with twine or string weighing less than 50 lbs and no longer than 4' in length.

Now that winter is over (we hope) we would like to give a ***BIG THANKS*** to our public works department for the great job they did clearing the streets this winter.


Utility Department –


 Weather permitting, fire hydrants will be flushed during April and May


Parks Department –


 Restrooms in the city parks will be open by mid-April.


Library-

 The Library staff and Board are moving forward with the relocation of the juvenile section. We hope to be completed by mid May. Stop in and see the progress. Volunteer help to paint is always welcome.


 The DC library has joined with other libraries to offer free downloadable audio books. We hope to have this service available by the first part of April. Stop at the library for more information.


 Story time is every Tuesday at 10:00 AM

 April 5, 10:00 AM – knitting instruction for all ages

 April 9, 1:30 PM – early out activities

 April 12, 10:00 AM – American Girl Club


 April 17, 7:30 PM – Future Homemakers of America by Laurie Graham


 April 23, 1:30 PM – early out activities


Animal Reminder


Impoundment – registered animals found at large are subject to a municipal infraction of \$25.00 1st offense, \$50.00 2nd offense, \$100.00 3rd 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.** *Please do not let your animal run at large.*


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 **Open Burning** is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM until April 30th. Burn only when the wind is calm and do not burn wet debris that results in excessive smoke.


 **Snowbirds.** Welcome back! Please let City Hall know when you return to Dallas Center.


 **Tree Trimming.** As the weather gets warmer, please remember that trees need to be trimmed 15 feet over the street and eight feet over the sidewalk.


 **Earth Day Trail Clean-Up** - April 26th at 9:00 AM. Volunteers should meet on the trail east of the pool (south of Vine Street). The Dallas Center Celebrations Committee will provide hot dogs and chips (no drinks) for the volunteers. Please contact Bill Claman at billc@dccelebrations.com if you are able to help. Bring your trail design ideas to share over lunch. Please bring garbage bags, shovels, hoes, gloves, etc.


 Spring is coming. The Park Board will be completing **Phase 1 of the playground area in Memorial Park.** If you would like to help, please call Mary Werch at 992-3185 (library) or 992-3070 (home). Plans are already underway for Phase 2 – playground equipment for older children.

 **Turn your clutter into playground equipment!** The Dallas Center Park Board is having a rummage sale in Memorial Park on May 17th to raise funds for new playground equipment and they need your help. If you have items to donate, or if you can help on sale day, please call Mike Baker at 992-3835.

 Be sure to mark your calendar for the **City-wide Garage Sale** on May 17th. If you want your address on the map, please fill out the form and return it to City Hall by April 18th.

 If you have a **working refrigerator** that you would like to donate to the Skating Rink, please call Rhonda Osborn at 992-3193.

 **Art in the Park!!** We are looking for artists from Dallas Center and surrounding communities to exhibit and sell their work on May 31st. We are also looking for local musicians to showcase their talent and need volunteers to assist in the day's events. If you would like to participate, contact either Denise Kelly at 992-3592 or Michelle Leonard at 992-3785.

 **Board openings:** The library board will have an opening for a term starting on July 1st. This is for a person residing within the corporate city limits. There is also an opening for the Board of Adjustment. This is for a vacant term that expires October 1, 2010. If interested, please contact City Hall.

 **Found:** a set of car keys in the 600 block of Linden. Please contact City Hall.

As spring approaches (and the rain that comes with it), please remember that it is not allowed to connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

City-Wide Garage Sale Application

May 17, 2008

Name:

Address:

Partial List of Sale Items:

Please return to City Hall by April 18th