

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

www.estlelibrary.org

Phone Numbers

City Hall 992-3725

Police Dept (non emergency) 992-3086

Fire Dept (non emergency) 992-4292

Library 992-3185

City Pool (summer) 992-3827

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*Next City Council Meeting
June 10th at 7:00 PM*

Library News -

- June 18, 7:30 PM – Book Club Big Russ and Me by Tim Russett.

Pool News-

- ◆ Thanks to Beta Sigma Phi for their donation to purchase chaise lounges for the Dallas Center Swimming Pool.
- ◆ We are working to purchase several lounges for the coming swim season. If anyone would like to donate funds, please contact Wayne Haines at 992-3705.

June 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 *					

June 14 - Flag Day

June 15 - Father's Day

June 21 - Summer Begins!!

* Yard Waste Pick-up

♪ Garbage Pick-Up

“Council Corner”

Notes from May 8th Council Meeting

- Council approved Ordinance 381 – creating a Storm Water Drainage Utility
- Council approved Ordinance 383 – increasing sewer rates to \$16.50 for the first 3000 gallons and \$3.85/1000 over 3000

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

Mayor's Message

If you've not yet taken the opportunity to stop by the Library and see the new children's section, I'd encourage you to do so. A special thanks to Teena Case, Library Staff and the Friends of the Library for creating a totally amazing, fun library experience for our youth.

We need your input. The Economic Development Committee is moving forward with a streetscape, trail and gateway project. We will need significant public input as we develop these plans.

Mitch Hambleton
Dallas Center Mayor

Guess what's swinging up ahead? It's time to go on a Rainforest Adventure June 19th-22nd at the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center. Time to be announced. Sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church. Please call Kathi Ewing at 992-4362 for more information.

Message from the Chief-

With summer coming here are a few reminders:

- ★ Skateboards, coasters or similar devices (bikes) are not allowed on any street, alley, highway, parking lot or sidewalk in the Central Business District (Walnut Street business district).
- ★ You may not operate the above devices in any building (including gazeboes) in a public park, or on any monument, planter, freestanding flower or tree box, flower bed or garden, fountain or park equipment
- ★ Remind children to obey all traffic signs and signals.

Thank you and have a safe and fun summer.

Do you run your own business in Dallas Center? If so, we are asking you to email us a small paragraph-your name/address/phone/email/website, if you have needs you would like support with, and if you would be willing to be a part of a business group being formed in Dallas Center. Email cityhall@dallascenter.com. Thank you, Dallas Center Economic Development Committee.

2007 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR DALLAS CENTER

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our groundwater is drawn from the alluvial aquifer(s). Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	8.1	6/26/06	0-8.1	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG =4.0	MRDL= 4.0	0.68	RAA	0.65-0.68	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.29	8/19/06	0-0.29	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	21	7/2007	NA	NO	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	2	7/24/06	NA	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.87	10/2007	0.29-0.87	NO	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	160	7/16/07	NA	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	10	1.466	2007	0.742-1.466	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion. ppm -- parts per million. pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable ND -- Not detected
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- RAA-Running Annual Average

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Dallas Center Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Dallas Center water supply obtains its water from the alluvial aquifer. The alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials allow contaminants to move through the aquifer fairly quickly. The wells will be most susceptible to activities such as dry cleaners, gas stations, industrial sites, and municipal wastewater dischargers. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from City Hall at 515-992-3725.

OTHER INFORMATION

Our water utility is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near the water tower, treatment plant, wells or fire hydrants, please contact us at 515-992-3725 or the local police/sheriff department. We appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information, please contact Larry Davis at 515-992-3725 during the following hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Decisions regarding the water system are made at the City council meetings held on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and are open to the public.