

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.estilelibrary.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

City Officials

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*Next City Council Meeting
July 15th at 7:00 PM*

July 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 ♪		

Have a safe and happy 4th of July

* Yard Waste Pick-up

♪ Garbage Pick-Up

Mayor's Message

It was exciting to see the potential for our downtown area after participating with Brian Clark and Associates. If you've not yet seen the plan, feel free to stop by City Hall to view the concept developed. A special thank-you to all of you who participated in the process to help develop the plan.

Please join me in thanking Kenny Keltner for his many years of service to Dallas Center. Kenny will be retiring at the end of July after 25 years of service. The next time you see Kenny out and about, be sure to thank him for all of his contributions to the City.

Also, please join me in welcoming Brian Slaughter as a City employee. Brian brings over ten years of experience with the City of Clive to Dallas Center. I'm very happy and excited to have Brian on board.

Mitch Hambleton
Dallas Center Mayor

Community Reminders

🍦 **Annual Spurgeon Manor Ice Cream Social.** Ice cream will be dished up with your choice of pie, bars or cookies on Sunday, July 13th from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Manor. Free-will donations will be accepted by the Spurgeon Manor Guild.

🛼 Summer is here and the kids are skating! The **skating rink** is open Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. We have had such a tremendous turnout this year that we are running low on candy. If you can donate, please contact Rhonda at 992-3193.

🏊 **Stop by the Lena Moser Memorial Pool** and see all the upgrades for 2008. We have new canopies, a water frog and ten new lounges! Sign up for public and private swim lessons as well as aerobics. New this year – "punch card passes" buy ten passes and get five more free! Floats and water toys – Monday and Friday from 5:00-9:00 PM.

🍁 **Fall Festival** will be held on August 22nd and 23rd. The fall festival web page is linked to the city web page (www.dallascenter.com). To view the complete schedule, go to Fall Festival, Home, Fall Festival.

🗑️ If your **96-gallon garbage tote** is full, stickers for extra garbage can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.50 each. For **appliances**, call Waste Management at 265-5267 to schedule a pick up time. The residents of Dallas Center must use the South Central Iowa Landfill in Winterset for appliances, building debris, etc.

🐾 If you have photos of kids entries in the **pet parade** in the 1940's or 1950's, please contact Wilma York at 992-3792.



Open Burning is NOT allowed.
Yardwaste is picked up on Monday.
Please have it out by 7:00 AM.

STOP THAT COSTLY DRIP – a slowly dripping spigot wastes 15 gallons of water a day!

City Offices Will Be Closed on Friday, July 4th

Library News

- 📖 **Coast Road** by Barbara Delinsky is the book for discussion on July 17th at 7:30 PM.
- 📖 Summer reading clubs and activities continue through the end of the month.
- 📖 You can now download audio books for free. Stop at the library for more information.

City Reports

Police Department (Mar/Apr/May 2008)

Dallas Center:

- 118 calls for service
- 12 warnings and citations
- 2 arrests
- 1 transport
- 12 agency assists
- 3 accidents

Fire Department (Mar/Apr/May 2008)

- 2 chemical leak
- 2 extrication
- 2 alarm – no fire
- 1 outside gas combustion
- 3 dispatched & cancelled
- 2 severe weather incidents
- 1 passenger vehicle fire
- 1 chimney fire
- 1 carbon monoxide
- 4 structure fires
- 4 illegal burning
- 3 EMT assist
- 1 hazardous material
- 1 brush/grass fire

EMS (Mar/Apr/May 2008)

- 45 calls for assistance

Park Board News

Thank you to the following groups and families for “adopting” these areas of the City for sprucing up:

- ★ Ed & Brenda Anderson Family – west City sign
- ★ Boy Scout Troop 116 – Mound Park & tennis courts and Burnett Complex
- ★ Beta Sigma Phi – Memorial Monument

Still available: west of City Hall, Memorial Park

“Council Corner”

Notes from June 10th Council Meeting

- Council approved Ordinance 386 – to require that the owners of animals shall remove excrement deposited by such animals, first reading.
- Council approved Resolution 2008-28 – approving a 28E agreement between the City and Dallas County under which the City remits \$75,000 to the County for the purchase of the trail property within the corporate limits in anticipation of transfer of title to the City pending completion of all required paperwork.

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

Public Safety

The recent brushes with severe weather and tornadoes in the Dallas Center area during the past several weeks, and the recent tornado disaster in Parkersburg, is a good reminder to review your family or business emergency plan. The city’s tornado sirens are sounded when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service for the Dallas Center area or if our city’s spotters (primarily consisting of the fire department and law enforcement) spot a tornado. Keep in mind the sirens are intended as an outdoor warning system and are not designed to be heard indoors, particularly if you live some distance away from the siren locations. In fact, during one tornado warning occurring in the middle of the night this past month (which did produce confirmed tornado damage a few miles southwest of town) some residents reported sleeping through the event because they did not hear the sirens nor had a way to warn themselves of the impending severe weather! This is why the Dallas Center Public Safety Committee urges each household to purchase a tone alert equipped NOAA weather radio to keep abreast of severe weather conditions. If you need help programming your radio, call the fire station at 992-4292 and leave a message. Someone will contact you to provide assistance.

Control your barking dog! It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise; or, by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles. This annoyance/disturbance is an offense and you can be issued a citation.

Mowing Season! Please remember all property owners (business and residential) are required by City Code to mow grass and weeds. A written notice will be sent to those property owners who do not maintain their property. If mowing still does not take place, the City will mow the property, assess the owner and/or issue the owner a citation. When mowing, **do not blow your grass in the streets**. During a rain storm the clippings flow with the water and will clog the storm drainage grates and system. This plugging could lead to flooding and damages to your property and your neighbor’s property. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sidewalk Replacement Program:

Residential and commercial property owners can install or replace their sidewalk and be reimbursed at a rate of \$4.00 per running foot. The money will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To qualify, property owners must obtain a sidewalk permit and comply with all ordinances and requirements of the City for such work. The handicap accessible portion of a sidewalk will continue to be reimbursed at \$3.75 per square foot.

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