

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

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Library

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Monday 9:00-5:00

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-7:00

Friday 9:00-5:00

Saturday 9:00-12:00

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FALL FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

Another successful Fall Festival was held this year. It brought many people to Dallas Center. They saw a wonderful parade, awesome fireworks, ate lots of goodies, and experienced some excellent entertainment! A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Kelly Broderick and the entire DC Celebrations Committee for their hours of planning, hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the many volunteers and finally, thank you to the Dallas Center public works employees for their extra hours and hard work.

September 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				

♪ Garbage Pick-Up

♦ Yardwaste Pick-Up

Labor Day - September 1st (city offices closed)

Grandparents Day - September 7th

Council Meeting - September 9th

Autumn Begins - September 22nd

From The Chief...

On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at approximately 6:00 AM, a burglary occurred at Medicap Pharmacy where pharmaceutical narcotics were taken. A person of interest would be a white male approx 5'10"-6' tall with dark hair wearing a yellow T-shirt. If you have any information, please contact Chief Leonard at 992-3086.

Community News

- ◆ The annual meeting of the DC Celebrations Committee will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 16th at the Raccoon Valley Bank Community Room. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ◆ **Merry Christmas!** Children's Christmas Store is in need of donations! Anything that can be used as a gift for mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, etc., would be appreciated. Call Lisa Howell at 992-3728 or 992-3041 (evenings) to schedule a pick-up or drop-off.
- ◆ Interested in **scouting** and want to learn more about it? The first Pack meeting is Thursday, September 18th at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.
- ◆ If you have a **US flag** that needs to be retired, let the Boy Scouts take care of that for you. Drop them off at City Hall.
- ◆ If you have **excess garbage**, stickers can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.50 each. You simply need to place the sticker on the additional container and Waste Management will pick it up on your normally scheduled garbage day. This does not include appliances. Dumping garbage in City or other dumpsters is not allowed!
- ◆ A special thanks to Korner Kone for their donation to the skating rink this year (we forgot to mention them in last month's newsletter).

Library News

✓ The book discussion title for September 18th is To Dance With The White Dog by Terry Kay. The group meets the third Thursday of each month, except December, at 7:30 PM at the library. All adults are welcome and the monthly book is available at the circulation desk.

✓ With the expansion of the youth area in the library, we have added the following new magazine titles:

- ◆ Game Pro
- ◆ Mad
- ◆ Ranger Rick
- ◆ Nick
- ◆ Zoobooks
- ◆ Twist

✓ The library subscribes to over 50 magazines and four newspapers. Magazines can be checked out and the newspapers are available to be read at the library. We also have the Dallas County News and Northeast Dallas County Record (formerly Dallas Center Times) available on microfilm back to the 1890's.

✓ Preschool story time will start September 2nd and will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

"Council's Corner"

Notes from August 12th Council Meeting

- Council approved Ordinance 386 – to require that the owner of animals shall remove excrement deposited by such animals.
- Council approved Resolution 2008-37 – approving application for REAP grant for Raccoon River Valley Trail.
- Council approved the purchase of new software for the City.
- Council set a public hearing for September 9th at 7:00 PM on the recommended updated comprehensive plan.

Complete copies of the minutes of the August council meetings are on file at City Hall and on our website www.dallascenter.com

FAQ's About Water Bills

"How can I pay my water bill when City Hall is closed on the 15th?" Water bills are always due on the 15th no matter when it falls. You can pay your bill before the 15th. But, if you need to pay exactly on the 15th, you can place your payment in the night drop box at City Hall.

"What's the easiest way to pay my water bill?" **Automatic Withdrawal!** Your payment automatically comes out of your checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. **NO MORE PENALTIES!** Call City Hall at 992-3725 for more information.

"Why does my water bill go up every year?" Our water and sewer departments are self sustaining (without the use of property taxes). Revenue must cover the expenses for these departments. Every year our costs go up (chemicals, utilities, fuel costs, personnel costs, etc). In addition to increasing costs, money is set aside each year to help pay for unforeseen repairs and future upgrades. This way our customers are not hit with a huge increase to cover the expenses.

You may have noticed the **new SD charge** on your water bills last month, that is for the new storm district – created to start saving for a future storm water discharge system and to pay for improvements to the existing system within the City.

Property Requirements - Per Dallas Center Code, **all property owners must mow and maintain all grasses, weeds, and brush on their property and trim tree branches at least 15' above the street and 8' above the sidewalk.**

Property owners will be notified in writing, if their property is in violation of these ordinances. If they do not comply with the ordinances, the City will trim the trees and/or mow the property and bill the property owner.

Yard waste – How quickly those beautiful red and golden leaves become a brown mess in our yards! Yard waste will be picked up every Monday through November. Yard waste can be placed in any container other than your Waste Management container. Bundle sticks and branches in no more than 4' lengths. Yard waste includes grass, leaves, twigs, etc. Yard waste will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2nd and garbage will be picked up on Friday, September 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST