

City of Dallas Center Newsletter

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City Information

City Hall

1502 Walnut St., PO Box 396
7:30-4:00 Monday - Friday
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
www.dallascenter.lib.ia.us

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November 2008 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 ♦	11	12	13 ♪	14	15
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♪ Garbage Pick-Up						
♦ Yardwaste Pick-Up						
Daylight Savings Time Ends - November 2 nd						
Election Day - November 4 th (Vote!!)						
Veteran's Day - November 11 th						
Thanksgiving Day - November 27 th						

Community News-

- Dallas Center United Methodist Church **Election Night Spaghetti Supper** will be held Tuesday, November 4th starting at 4:30 PM. Please see insert for more details.
- The annual **Spurgeon Manor Soup Supper** will be held Sunday, November 9th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Homemade chili and vegetable soup will be served with beverages and homemade desserts. Volunteers will be cooking and serving at this fun event that will enable the community to eat and visit with residents. Donations will be accepted by the Spurgeon Manor Guild.
- The **Harvest Moon** will have Fried Green Tomatoes, a Blue Grass Band, on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:30 PM-1:30 AM. We are taking holiday party reservations for small and large groups, and gift cards are available to purchase. We greatly appreciate everyone's support of our small business! Good food helps us relax a bit. The Merriest and Happiest of Holidays to All!
- Join Boy Scout Troup 116 for **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Sunday, November 23rd between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM at Memorial Hall. The price is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, dessert and a drink will be served. Take out will be available. If interested, call Jacque Freeland at 992-3510 or Lisa Howell at 992-3041.
- **BSA Crew 116 Holiday Pie Sales.** Homemade real pumpkin pies - \$6.50, apple pies - \$7.50 are ready for your order. All pies are fresh frozen and ready for you to take home and bake. Contact: Lisa Howell @ 992-3041 or Ruth Hambleton @ 992-3159
- **Garden Club Thank You** – all summer we have enjoyed the beautiful landscaping around the City signs, park signs, and park gazebo. We just wanted to say thank you to our members: Mike Baker, Judy Ellerman, Sylvia Miller and Jackie Deaver, as well as volunteers Ed and Brenda Anderson. As you can see we are a small but mighty group. If you are interested in helping next year, please let one of us know by April of next year. Kudos to everyone this year for the effort and results!
- **Beginning October 1, 2008**, all newly constructed residential properties in the State of Iowa must be equipped with smoke detectors that have both photoelectric and ionization sensors. Existing homes do not need to have the detectors changed out if they meet the manufacturer's recommendations for use, installation and life expectancy. However, after October 1, 2008, when it is time to replace smoke detectors in existing homes, they must be replaced with the dual sensor (photoelectric and ionization) detectors.
- **Dallas Center Christmas Celebration** – December 5th and 6th. See insert for all of the details on this great event!

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11TH

7:00 PM

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Board Openings. The City has openings on the Board of Adjustment, Economic Development and Pool Board. Anyone interested in serving can pick up an "Application to Serve" at City Hall or download the form from our website.

**DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK"
ON NOVEMBER 2ND.**

Library News-

- ◆ The library staff will deliver and pick up books for you if you are unable to visit the library yourself. Just call 992-3185.
- ◆ Nov. 3, 10:00 AM-Story time
- ◆ Nov. 5, 1:30 PM-Early out program
- ◆ Nov. 8, 10:00 AM-Knitting instruction
- ◆ Nov. 11, 10:00 AM-Story time
- ◆ Nov. 15, 10:00 AM-Disaster crew
- ◆ Nov. 18, 10:00 AM-Story time
- ◆ Nov. 19, 1:30 PM-Early out program
- ◆ Nov. 20, 7:30 PM-Book club 16000 Suspects: A RAGBRI Mystery
- ◆ Nov. 21-voting will start on Friends of the Library gift baskets. This is a silent auction and voting will end December 5th at 7:45 PM.
- ◆ Nov. 25, 10:00 AM-Story time
- ◆ Nov. 27 and 28-Library closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ◆ Check out the library website at www.dallascenter.lib.tx.us for more information on library activities.

➔ Last call for Yardwaste!

Yardwaste pickup will continue through Monday, November 24th. It will resume on the first Monday of April 2009.

- ➔ Yardwaste must be placed in yardwaste bags, paper grocery bags, cardboard boxes, or trash cans (not your 96 gal can). Leaves placed in plastic bags will not be picked up.
- ➔ Bundled brush (tied securely with twine or string) weighing less than 50 pounds and no longer than 4 feet in length may also be placed on the curb for collection.

From the Chief

All calls for the Dallas Center Police Department are logged through the Sheriff's Office. Please call 993-4567 to log a complaint or for any non-emergency police issues, for example, barking dogs, animals at large, etc. Call 911 for emergencies. Also, now that it is dark longer in the mornings, please wear light colored clothing if you are out walking. Drivers can't see you if you are wearing dark colors.

“Council’s Corner”

Notes from October Council Meeting

- Council approved colors for the new water tower – spring blue with black gloss lettering.
- Council approved pay request #2 from Maguire Iron in the amount of \$75,749.20.

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

The Dallas Center Economic Development Committee has been making progress the past couple of months towards implementing the city's Economic Development plan which was approved by the city council this past summer. Recent highlights include:

- ❖ Completing the first season of Dallas Center's Friday Evening Farmers Market, which was well accepted. The committee is currently looking for volunteers to help coordinate next season's market, which will begin again when warm weather returns in 2009.
- ❖ Hosting an open house with leaders from Pioneer Hi-Bred and Hy-Line International, two of Dallas Center's largest employers, to share details of Dallas Center's Economic Development Plan and discuss opportunities for these organizations to partner with DCEDC on various initiatives. The committee will be holding similar meetings with the rest of the city's business community in the very near future.
- ❖ Using the expertise of marketing professional and DCEDC committee member Brent Wirth, working on the development of a new city slogan and logo that will be used to promote our community. Details of the proposed slogan and logo will be shared with the community in the near future for public input.
- ❖ Working towards implementation of the streetscape design ideas that were developed this past summer. The committee will be investigating ways to implement various aspects of the design and identifying funding sources to move the design ideas forward.

The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and public participation is strongly encouraged.

The **Jack O'Lantern Jamboree was a huge success!** Everyone had a great time. The Seasonal Fun Committee would like to send a special thanks out to Judy & Charlie Rhinehart for decorating our window on Walnut; Marty Rolfes for allowing us to use the window to showcase our event; Charlie Broderick, Turner Kopecky, Cody Leonard and our Haunted House crew; Crossroads Ag for the Hay Rack Rides; our Spooks in the Park; and Mayor Hambleton and his wife for judging our pumpkin carving contest. We'd also like to thank the following businesses for participating in this year's event: Dallas Center Fire Department; Roy R. Estle Memorial Library; The Harvest Moon; Dallas Center Police Department; Whimsical Flowers; Dallas Mutual Insurance Company; Sweatshirts by LJS; Brenton Brothers, Inc.; Medicap Pharmacy; Fox Insurance; and many others. Thank you for your support!

Winter Reminders

- ❖ **Snow Parking Ban.** It is unlawful to park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or city-owned off street parking area during any snow removal period. The ban shall continue from the beginning of the snowfall to 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased.
- ❖ **Sidewalks.** Snow and ice removal from sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. You have 24 hours after the snowfall to clear your sidewalk or the City may do so and bill the property owner.
- ❖ **Fire Hydrants.** The Fire Department requests property owners who have a hydrant on their parking area to clear the snow away for easier access in case of fire.